



# Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SETS MARCH 2 FOR ANNUAL CANDIDATES' NIGHT

The Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce will again host Alton's annual Candidates' Night on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30p.m. in the Music Recital Room at the Alton Central School.

Chamber President Chris Consentino stresses that refreshments will follow the session in which each candidate will make a very short statement explaining his or her candidacy and a general session in which the audience can ask questions of any candidate.

The March 2 event kicks off a very busy week in March. It is followed on Saturday, March 5, at 1p.m. by the Annual School District Meeting at the Alton Central School Gymnasium (sometimes referred to as the first of two annual town meetings). And then on Tuesday, March 8, from 7a.m. to 7p.m., Alton voters will visit the polling booths at the Central Fire Station on Route 140. Finally, on Wednesday, March 9, at 7p.m., it's back to the Alton Central School Gymnasium for the "second of our annual town meetings", usually called the Alton Town Meeting.

## TOWN PLANNER ORTMANN RESIGNS FOR STATE POST

Town Planner Kenneth N. Ortmann resigned his local post in January to accept an assignment with the NH Office of State Planning as principal planner for economic development planning.

Although here only since June 1, 1993, he was well respected and highly regarded by town officials, who indicate that he will be sincerely missed.

Ortmann, on leaving, indicated that he had thoroughly enjoyed the responsibility and trust that he was accorded by the Selectmen and the Planning Board. He was high in his praise of the team spirit in existence at Town Hall, and he commented forcefully on the many "delightful citizens" in Alton. "And now", commented the former town planner, "Think of it this way -- you now have a friend in Concord!"

## SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION PLAN WINTER LUAU

What? You've never been to a Winter Luau? Well, here's your chance!

The Sons of the American Legion are planning Alton's very first Winter Luau on Saturday, February 19, from noon to 3p.m. on the ice at Alton Bay (grass skirts optional).

In addition to the traditional roast pig, the menu will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate, coffee and much more - all for only \$5 per person.

The proceeds will benefit the organizations community activities.



**LIMBO CONTEST** fun at last year's Winter Carnival

## ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL OFFERS VARIETY OF EVENTS

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the Annual Winter Carnival on Saturday and Sunday, February 19 and 20.

According to Recreation Director Kellie McGrath, a variety of outdoor events are planned and she reminds everyone of the need to dress for the weather.

The event kicks off with a bonfire and ice skating party at 7p.m. at the Town Ice Rink at the Route 140 Recreation Area.

Sunday's schedule runs from 1 to 4p.m. with continuous DJ music, snow painting, ice skating, and sliding. At 1p.m., the Broom Ball Tournament begins. Bring your own broom!

At 2p.m., you have a choice of the Tug-of-War, Snow Golf (bring your own club), or the Freestyle Snowball Throw. This is followed at 3p.m. by the Limbo Contest and the now-famous Great Alton Bay Bed Race that requires a five-person team, a bed, and a \$10 entry fee that includes a tee-shirt for each team member. Team registration is required by Friday, February 18.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Call 875-0109 for more information.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB PLANS INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The Foreign Language Club at Alton Central School is planning an International Dinner on Wednesday, February 9, from 6 to 8p.m.

A variety of international dishes featuring fare from France, Germany, Mexico, Spain and Canada will be prepared.

Tickets, available at the School Main Office, must be purchased in advance. They are \$5 each.

**THE CHECKOUT DESK**

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

**A VARIETY OF SERVICES**

Internal Revenue Service income tax forms are available at the Library. We do not receive every form; please try us and we will try to help you.

Audio and video cassettes are becoming very popular in town. Remember, there is no charge for these items, and our titles are ever changing.

The model for the proposed addition to the Library, plus numerous drawings, are presently in the Meeting Room of the Library. Anyone interested in viewing them are welcome to come see us.

**THANKS FROM LEGION AUXILIARY**

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72 extends thanks for all the volunteers and donations from the American Legion Post 72, the Knights of Columbus, and the Alton Police Association that made their annual Christmas Party so successful for the 171 children that attended.

**DINNER FOR TWO AT ALTON BAY INN  
AWAITS ICE-OUT CONTEST WINNER**

After the big chill in January, many people are trying to "think spring" and are wondering when ice-out will occur.

Official ice-watchers determine the exact date and time of ice-out, that time when the M/S Mt. Washington can reach each of its ports without obstruction by ice.

You can send in your best estimate on the entry form below. The lucky person who comes closest to the actual date and time will win dinner for two at the Alton Bay Inn, compliments of the innkeepers, the Talmadge family.

Voice of Alton, Inc., sponsors this contest which is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 28, 1994. All entries become the property of Voice of Alton, Inc., and the judge's decision is final.

**ENTRY FORM**

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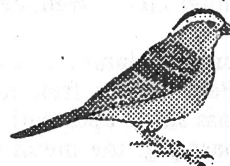
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Bushes include blueberry, elderberry, and raspberry. A wildlife packet includes five plants each of indigo silky dogwood, rem red honeysuckle, Washington Hawthorne and reselow sargent crabapple (not for jelly).

The anticipated delivery date for the plants is May 7 and because they are bareroot they will need to be planted immediately. A free workshop will be scheduled to discuss and demonstrate proper planting and care of plants.

All orders must be prepaid and received no later than February 28. For more information, call 528-8713.

### SUPPORT WELCOMED

The publication of Main Street is made possible by the Alton businesses who advertise each month. Support these businesses and mention that you saw their ad in Main Street.

Many individual residents have expressed their appreciation for Main Street and have indicated an interest in supporting this activity financially.

We welcome individual support and accept donations sent to Main Street, P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay NH 03810.

### ELECTION DAY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Town Moderator John Duffek is seeking volunteers to staff the polls for the Town/School Election on March 8. Individuals will be needed to check in voters, provide voter assistance and booth supervision, and count ballots at the close of the polls.

Any registered voter interested in helping should call Duffek at 875-7300 or 569-4441.



### MICHAEL BROWN MEETS FIRST LADY

Fifth-grader Michael Brown recently received an autograph from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton during his stay at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Looking on is former surgeon general, Everett C. Koop. Clinton and Koop were in New Hampshire for a conference on the President's health care plan.



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## AREA BUSINESSES SUPPORT ALTON PTCO FUNDRAISER

The Alton PTCO would like to thank the sponsors of the annual PTCO Christmas Raffle for helping to make the fundraiser a success. The money raised will be used to fund various educational programs in the school.

Those contributing to the raffle include Gunstock Ski Area, Innovative Hair Design, White's Edgewood Restaurant, Robert Boyce & Co., Alton True Value, Alton Village Store, Wayside Grocery, Foxy Johnny Restaurant, Village Video, Alton Bay Busy Corner Store, A-Bay Carpet, Alton Service Star, Tammy's Country Rose Florist Shop, Alton Office Services, Village 5 & 10, Tracing's Graphics, Jeff's Diner, Shibley's, Parker Marine, Alton Bay Pavilion, My Little Sewing Room, The Art Place, Karen's County Kitchen, East Alton Store, Mama Rina's Restaurant, Fern's Energy, L.D.R. Productions, McGrath's Food Center, and Rust Pond Workshop.

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## BI-CENTENNIAL FOCUS

By Nancy Merrill

### BOATING ON LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

Key events throughout the history of New Hampshire have played a major role in the development of boating on Lake Winnepesaukee and boating, in turn, has had an impact on the lake. The launching of the first Gundalow on the "Big Lake" set the stage for an era which would challenge yankee resourcefulness.

We can salute John Wentworth for opening up the Lakes Region to travel and settlement in the 1760s. With the incorporation of Wolfeboro, Alton, the Weirs, "Lake Village", and other towns around the lake, settlers needed an efficient method of transporting goods. Thus the Gundalow was born.

The Gundalow, a flat-bottomed scow, made its appearance in the late 1700s, transporting boards, flour, fish, molasses, cotton, and rum from Alton Bay to other lake villages. Due to its design, weight and dependence upon sail power, it might take two or three days to travel 25 miles. By the early 1800s, an enterprising gentleman from Manchester, with an eye to the future, foresaw a good income if he could build a boat that would transport freight and passengers without regard to the weather. His design, the "Horseboat", again a heavy scow, utilized horses for power. Since this was larger and faster it could carry more freight and an occasional passenger. The horseboat traveled the same route and carried the same freight as the Gundalow with the exception of granite. During the mid-1800s, a working granite quarry operated in East Alton and granite was transported by horseboat to Lakeport where it then boarded the train for Boston. The horseboat remained in operation until the late 1800s, an important link for goods arriving in Alton Bay for distribution around the lake.

The development of steam power brought about a faster and more reliable method of transporting goods. With the abundance of timber and numerous saw mills in the region, a group effort out of Lakeport, financed and built the first steamboat. The "Belknap", launched in 1832, was a commercial and passenger vessel with a top speed of five to six miles per hour. Unfortunately, it had a short life and met with disaster in 1841.

Further attempts to operate steamers for passenger service were not made until 1848-49, when the Winnepesaukee Steamship Company built the "Lady of the Lake". With the industrial revolution a new way of life evolved, a cash economy, an affluent middle and upper class had leisure time and wanted to spend it away from the city.



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The decade before the Civil War brought an increasingly larger number of "summer visitors" to the White Mountains and the Lakes Region. New Hampshire began to experience the rise of the grand hotel and the Lakes Region saw the railroad enters the picture now offering cheap transportation. In many instances passengers went by rail, boat and stagecoach in order to reach their destination.


With competition among the railroads becoming extremely fierce, the Concord and Montreal Railroad seized the opportunity to become unique. Around 1850 they purchased the "Lady of the Lake". This purchase enabled them to have steamer connections at the Weirs. The Cocheco Railroad launched the "Dover" to Alton Bay in 1852.

With competition between the railroads at its height, the Boston and Maine Railroad decided to build a newer and larger steamer at Alton Bay. This steamer, the Mount Washington, launched in 1872, at Alton Bay, would outlive her builders, her competitors and become a Winnepesaukee tradition. The "Mount" carried both freight and passengers, construction of summer cottages during the later 1800s. The following the Alton Bay, Wolfeboro, Long Island, Center Harbor and Meredith route. The "Mount" and the "Lady" competed for 18 years until the retirement and eventual deliberate sinking of the "Lady".

The late 1870s saw not only smaller commercial steamers, but privately owned ones appear on the lake. A few wealthy families were able to afford the luxury of a boat and summer home.

Around 1900, the open-power launch replaced the steamer as a privately owned pleasure boat. This boat was only about 20 feet long and powered by a small gasoline motor. Today, this boat, similar to a rowboat, is still used for fishing. Other pleasure boats appeared during the early 1900s. Lakers, cruisers, small runabouts and speedboats numbered about 1,000 by 1910. The early wooden boats had very narrow hulls, curving sides, v-bottoms, and attained a speed of 15 to 20 miles per hour. As the size of people's pocketbooks increased so did the variety of boats. A real luxury was to own a hydroplane for racing purposes. Racing comes to Alton Bay in part two.

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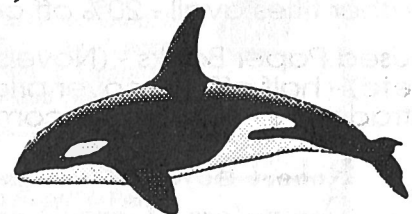
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## COMMUNITY CENTER BECOMES YOUTH CENTER ON FRIDAYS

The Alton Bay Community Center will be transformed into a Youth Center for grades 6-12 every Friday from 2:30 to 5p.m. beginning in March.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be running activities and programs at the Center including ping pong, board games, homework tutoring, and more. "REC"ing Crew volunteers are needed from grades 11 and 12 to help run programs.

For more information or to get involved call 875-0109.

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## CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

### LEGISLATURE FACES NEW CHALLENGES

New year, new session, new challenges! All of the above makes for excitement, interest and, hopefully, accomplishment!

In finishing up last year's bills, the early sessions have licensed naturopathic doctors, sent to study the ballot/budget bill, and passed House Bill 458. This last bill says that those who have received welfare and been employed may not quit their job arbitrarily knowing they are assured of instant welfare benefits. They must wait up to 90 days before receiving any help. If they leave their job for any of eight "good causes" (same ones used in federal food stamp law), they will not be denied benefits. Any family with minor children or with a mental or physical handicap would be exempt. Our legislature felt strongly (215 to 115) that this was a responsible concept which would strengthen welfare regulations.

After many years of outdated and archaic rules and regulations, cemetery laws may be recodified. A bill (HB 1228) will clean up, delete, and simplify existing laws.

HB 497, the "ballot/budget bill", which attempts to encourage more voter participation in town meetings, is a good concept. The bill as written created fiscal problems for towns as well as leaving its implementation almost impossible. After attempts to amend it failed, it was sent to "interim study" to be reworked and rewritten. You will know of hearings and updates through the media. We look for a good bill in 1995.

Health care issues will be numerous as New Hampshire tries to organize before the federal plan arrives.

We have several bills concerning cable television regulations. Belknap County representatives are actively seeking solutions to these problems.

We are off to a busy start! I will be at the Alton Town Hall from 3 to 4p.m. on Monday, February 7. Meanwhile, my number is 875-2151.

### COUNTRY DANCE LESSONS

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to participate in Country Dance Lessons sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Participants will learn the newest country line dances.

The lessons begin March 8 and end April 26 at the Alton Bay Community Center from 4 to 5p.m. on Tuesdays. The fee is \$5 and registration must be completed by March 1. Call 875-0109 for additional information.

### 5 YEARS AGO.....

.....Tammy Rogers and Stephen Burke were crowned queen and king of the Carnival Ball.....Reverend Dwight Meader and his wife, Lois, were honored on his retirement as pastor of the Community Church.

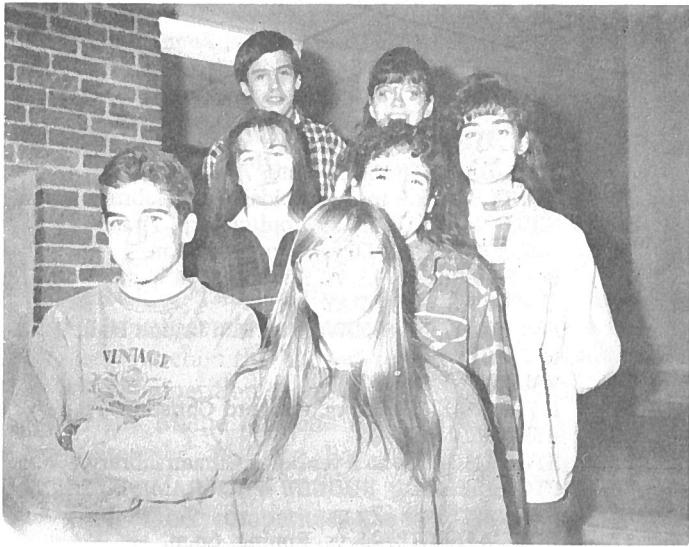
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**ALTON STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN LAKES REGION MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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**HELP WANTED**

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 875-7300.

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collaters, folders and staplers to help put it all together once a month.

**WOODSTOVE INFORMATION**

Anyone contemplating the installation of a woodstove is urged to contact Fire Department Lieutenant Jack Woodland, 875-2691, for a free consultation on guidelines and safety measures. Lt. Woodland also is available to inspect existing installations.

**ICE RINK SCHEDULE**

The Parks and Recreation Department announced the following schedule for the ice rink at the Route 140 Recreation Area.

**MONDAY** - Hockey 8-9a.m., General 9a.m.-noon, Hockey noon-2p.m., General 2-4p.m., Hockey 4-7p.m., General 7-9p.m.

**TUESDAY** - Hockey 8-11a.m., General 11a.m.-2p.m., Hockey 2-4:30p.m., General 4:30-7p.m., Reserved for Hockey League 7-9p.m.

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY** - Hockey 8-11a.m., General 11a.m.-4p.m., Hockey 4-6p.m., General 6-7p.m., Reserved for Hockey League 7-9p.m.

**FRIDAY** - Hockey 8-9a.m., General 9a.m.-1p.m., Hockey 1-3p.m., General 3-4p.m., Hockey 4-7p.m., General 7-9p.m.

**SATURDAY** - General 7-9a.m., Hockey 9a.m.-noon, General noon-3p.m., Hockey 3-5p.m., General 5-7p.m., Hockey 7-9p.m.

**SUNDAY** - Hockey 7-9a.m., General 9a.m.-4p.m., Hockey 4-7p.m., General 7-9p.m.

General skating is for recreational ice skating purposes only. Hockey is prohibited during general skating time. For more information or ice rink conditions, contact Parks and Recreation at 875-0109.

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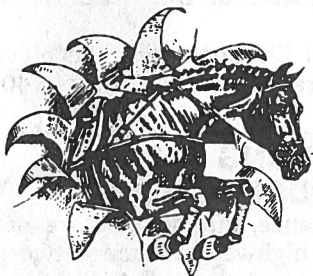
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### COOKING CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

"Creative Cooking" classes for students in Grades 5-12 will be offered by the Parks and Recreation Department from February 21 to April 3 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center.

Participants will enjoy preparing beginner dishes that are quick and easy to create. New menus will be prepared each class and participants will experience hands on training in the kitchen.

Registration is required by Wednesday, February 16. The fee is \$15. For more information, call 875-0109.

### TAX ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERLY AVAILABLE THROUGH APRIL 12

Tax counseling for the elderly and assistance with preparation of basic tax returns will be offered by VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Tuesdays, beginning February 1 through April 12. The program is offered at the Senior-Community Center on Pearson Road from 10a.m. to noon. Participants are asked to bring a copy of last year's return. Call Leo Panit, 875-3287, for additional information.

### CUB SCOUT PACK 53

#### SPONSORS SPORTS CARD SHOW

Alton Cub Scout Pack 53 is sponsoring a Sports Card Show on Sunday, February 13, at the American Legion Hall from noon to 5p.m.

The show will be run by M & M Sports Cards with proceeds benefitting the Cub Scout Pack. There will be an opportunity to buy, sell or trade all types of cards and free cards will be given to all who attend. For more information, call Mike Currid at 875-5375.

### SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPLAIN BUDGET AT PTCO MEETING FEBRUARY 16

A representative of the Alton School Board will explain the Board's proposed budget at a meeting of the PTCO at 7p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, in the Elementary Resource Room.

A question and answer session will follow and the public is invited.

### February Events

- Tue. 1 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Linwood, 5:30p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Linwood, 7p.m.
- Wed. 2 - STORY HOUR:3 to 5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu. 3 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 7p.m.
- Fri. 4 - BOYS BASKETBALL at Moultonboro, 7p.m.
- Tue. 8 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Nute, 6p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Nute, 7:45p.m.
- Wed. 9 - STORY HOUR:3 to 5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu. 10 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Moultonboro, 7p.m.
- Fri. 11 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Sunapee, 6p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Sunapee, 7:45p.m.
- Sat. 12 - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY  
SPORTS CARD SHOW, American Legion Hall, 9a.m. to 3p.m.
- Mon. 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
- Tue. 15 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 7p.m.
- Wed. 16 - ASH WEDNESDAY  
STORY HOUR:3 to 5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
PTCO SCHOOL BUDGET PROGRAM, Elementary Resource Room, 7p.m.
- Thu. 17 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Epping, 6p.m.
- Sat. 19 - WINTER LUAU, Alton Bay, Noon to 3p.m.  
WINTER CARNIVAL: Ice Skating & Bonfire, 7p.m.
- Sun. 20 - WINTER CARNIVAL: Activities at Alton Bay, 1-4p.m.
- Mon. 21 - WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY (Observed) - Town Hall and Landfill Closed
- Wed. 23 - STORY HOUR:3 to 5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.

### TRAILERS AND TRACTORS NOW TAXED AT LIST PRICE

Trailers and tractors, previously taxed at the minimum fee, will now be taxed at list price, according to Town Clerk Gwen Jones.

This is not due to a new law. RSA 261:153 states that the permit fee will be determined by list price on all vehicles. The only exemptions are farm equipment and highway building equipment.

As of November 1993, all NH towns have been collecting permit fees by list price on tractors and trailers. In many cases, the fee will still be the minimum \$6. For instance, a one-axle trailer over six years old for a 20-foot boat will be taxed \$6. The same trailer, new, will be taxed \$24.

The tax for most utility trailers, 8 to 10 feet in length, will range from \$12 for a new trailer to the \$6 minimum.

### NO ADDITIONAL SALES SPACE AVAILABLE ON VOTING DAY

Several groups have requested sales space for food sales and raffle tickets on election day. Due to space limitations, there are no more spaces available at the Central Fire Station.

Voting in Town and School Elections will take place from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station, Route 140, on Tuesday, March 8.

### ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

According to a town ordinance, automobiles are not permitted to be parked on any highway in Alton between midnight and 6a.m. from December 1 through April 1.

Vehicles in violation of this ordinance may be taken to a public garage for storage at the owner's risk and expense.

*Remove and Save*



## MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

### Schedules

#### CHURCHES:

Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Holway Residence, 859-5191  
Bay Church - Sunday School 10a.m., Worship Sunday 11a.m. and  
Wednesday 7p.m., Pastor Roy Ames  
Community Church - Worship, Congregational Meeting House,  
11a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor, 875-5561  
First Free Will Baptist Church - Sunday School 9:45a.m., Church  
11a.m., Evening Service 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
7p.m., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason  
St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo  
F. Hines

#### COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

Monday & Friday 1 to 3p.m., Wednesday 9a.m. to 3p.m., Alton  
Bay Community House, 875-7102

#### GILMAN LIBRARY:

Monday & Wednesday Noon to 8p.m., Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m.,  
Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

#### TOWN HALL:

Selectman's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town  
Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.  
Board of Selectmen - 1st and 3rd Monday, 7p.m.; 2nd and 4th  
Monday, 9a.m.  
Planning Board - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to  
3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings with Planner by  
Appointment, Closed Noon to 1p.m.  
Building Inspector - Monday - Thursday, 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.;  
Friday, Noon - 8p.m.; Walk-in Office Hours, Wednesday 1 -  
4p.m. and Friday, 4 - 8p.m. For Appointment 875-5095.

#### LANDFILL:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday - 7a.m. to 3:30p.m.  
Sunday - Noon to 3:30p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday - Closed

#### SENIOR MEAL SITE:

Monday through Friday 10a.m. to 2p.m., Pearson Road Center

#### ORGANIZATIONS:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday 8p.m., Alton Bay  
Community House  
AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion  
Hall  
COUNTRY DRIFTERS DANCE CLUB - Thursday, 7p.m., Alton Bay  
Community House  
CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall  
EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday  
GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday  
FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday  
HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community  
House  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday April through October  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., St. Joan  
of Arc Church Hall  
LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30p.m. Mama Rina's  
Restaurant, New Durham, September thru June  
MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday  
PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - 3rd  
Wednesday 7p.m. Alton Central School  
PC/IBM COMPUTER USERS - 1st Monday 7p.m. Lee Maserian  
Residence 875-2988  
ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m.  
Church Hall  
SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday 2p.m., Pearson Road Center  
VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m. American Legion Hall  
CALL 875-7300 TO UP-DATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

### Remove and Save

Someone has figured out that the peak years of mental activity  
must be between the ages of four and eighteen. At four, we know  
all the questions. At eighteen, we know all the answers.

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY

#### ADULT FICTION

The Mae West Murder Case by George Baxt  
Head Lock by Jerome Doolittle  
Sarah Camberwell Tring by Janet Edmonds  
Strange Pilgrims by Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry  
Bomber's Law by George Higgins  
Divine Inspiration by Jane Langton  
Thicker Than Blood by John Lutz  
Fortunes Favorites by McCullough  
Footsteps in the Blood by Jennie Melville  
Tackett by Nofzigerilyn  
Murder Makes a Pilgrimage by Carol Anne O'Marie  
The Body in the Cast by Katherine Hall Page  
Die For Love by Elizabeth Peters  
Chesapeake Song by Brenda Richardson  
No laughing Matter by Dorothy Simpson  
Pleading Guilty by Scott Turow  
The Hope by Herman Wouk

#### NON-FICTION

Blood, Tears & Folly by Len Deighton  
Nutrition for Women by Elizabeth Somer  
See, I Told You So by Rush Limbaugh  
The Unschooled Mind: How Children Think & How Schools  
Teach Them by Howard Gardner  
The President's Health Security Plan  
Low Fat Way To Cook  
World Almanac

#### CHILDREN

One More River by Lynn Reid Banks  
Sparrow Hawk Red by Ben Mikaelson  
Power Machine by Ken Robbins  
The Littlest Angel by Charles Tazewell

#### CASSETTES

Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now by Maya  
Angelou  
The Valley of the Horses by Jean Auel  
Terminal by Robin Cook  
Rising Sun by Michael Crichton  
Proof by Dick Francis  
The Fountain of Age by Betty Friedan  
The Old Contemptibles by Martha Grimes  
Sacred Clowns by Tony Hillerman  
Hotel Pastis by Peter Mayle  
Hill Towns by Anne Rivers Siddons

#### VIDEOS

The Butter Cream Gang  
The Rogue Stallion  
A Girl of the Limberlost





**CAPTAIN SMYLE VISITS ALTON SCHOOL**

Captain SMYLE (Save More Young Lives Everywhere), a remote-controlled, voice-activated robot that rides a tricycle and speaks to school children about bicycle, pedestrian and school bus safety, recently visited the Alton Central School. Assisted by kindergartner Donald Stafford (left) and first grader Camille Niquette, Kip Bowley, a field representative of the NH Highway Safety Agency, explains bicycle rules at the student assembly.

Wisdom comes with age, but it doesn't do you any good since humility tends to set in about the same time.

**ALTON OUTDOORS**

By Jack Miller

**WHAT DO YOU DO IN FEBRUARY?**

February is the middle of the winter months. What does the outdoor person do to keep busy until spring?

There is always ice fishing but with the amount of snow on the ground at this writing, one will need a snow machine, snow shoes or cross country skis to get to where the fish are. If you do venture out on the ice, be careful. The snow on top of the ice can act as an insulator to the formation of good, solid ice. Be sure to check local conditions for any untested ice. Be ready when you cut an ice fishing hole as the snow also weights the ice down and water will gush up through the hole. Get your cold boots wet and the snow will stick to them and weigh you down.

For the die hard hunter, fox and coyotes provide a challenge this month. Having had many sightings of fox this past deer season and family members sighting two coyotes, they both seem plentiful. Deep snow makes hunting for them hard, but in turn makes them more easily hunted. By imitating the sounds of a dying or injured rabbit, the human hunter can bring these predators within range. Watch downwind and be invisible to their sharp eyes as you can. You might even get one.

If you are not the outdoor winter sports lover, you can dream of the coming warmer sports seasons. Or you can take advantage of these indoor shows and expos:

February 3-6 - Eastern Fishing and Outdoors Expo - Expo Center - Worcester, Mass. - This is a big event so plan to spend the day.

February 18-20 - New Hampshire Fishing and Outdoor Show - Manchester - This show features local exhibits.

February 24-27 - Springfield Sportsman's Show - Springfield, Mass. - Big -- similar to the Worcester show.

Also watch for ads about the Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby on February 5 & 6 and GO NH-sponsored gun show usually held at Gilford High School this month.

Stay warm. Next month we can prepare for spring!

**NO SCHOOL TODAY?**

You wake up and find it snowed during the night and the roads are iced over! Will there be school today? How do you find out? Call the school? Your teacher? Your bus driver? NO! NO! NO!

You tune your radio to WASR(1420AM), WLNH(98.3FM), WLKZ(105FM), WKXL(102.3FM), WOKQ(97.5FM), WZNN(930AM), or SUNNY(101.5FM) for official school closing announcements.

An elevator operator grew tired of people constantly asking him for the time, so he hung a clock in the elevator. Now, all day long people ask him, "Is that clock right?"

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## ADULT EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Four classes will be offered in the Spring Session of the Adult Education Program at Alton Central School beginning in March. Registration may be done in person at the Main Office of the School between 7:30a.m. and 3:30p.m. daily until March 7. Payment for classes must accompany the registration form and registration is done on a first come, first served basis.

**QUILTING** - This quilting class covers a wide range of abilities. Students able to work on their own do so and use the instructor as a resource. There is usually more than one project started during the class. The instructor is Barbara Lemery and the fee is \$25. The class will run Monday, March 7 to May 9 between 6:30 and 8:30p.m. Materials for the class are not included in the course fee.

**WORD PROCESSING** - Using WordPerfect for Windows on an IBM-compatible computer, the course will cover the opening, correcting, formatting, editing, saving, and printing of documents. Other topics may be covered depending upon the ability of the class. Keyboarding skills a plus. Class size is limited to eight. The instructor is Sherry Brown and the fee is \$25. The class will meet on Monday evenings beginning March 7 for four weeks.

**SLIMNASTICS** - Low impact routines for all ages including mat work, jump rope routines, and exercises using western line dancing for staying slim and trim. The instructor is Elaine Conboy. This class will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8p.m. beginning March 7. The fee is \$25.

**COMMUNITY HIGH-LOW AEROBICS** - This program begins with a ten-minute warm-up and stretch, followed by a 40-minute cardiovascular work out. The instructor, Susan Bartlett, who is certified by the American Council on Exercise, individualizes programs for students. This class will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7p.m. beginning March 8 and ending April 14. The fee is \$30. Students may enroll for one night per week for \$15.

If you would like to take a course that is not offered this session, or would like to teach a course during another session, please call Kimball Walen, assistant principal, at 875-7500.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SPONSOR FRUIT SALE

Middle School students at Alton Central School will be selling fruit during the week of February 14. Containers of grapefruit, oranges or an assortment of each will be offered.

The money raised by the sale will be used to support Middle School activities and field trips. For information or to place orders, call Chuck Downie at 875-7500.

There are times when it's nice to see people with plenty of get-up-and-go, especially some who may be visiting you.



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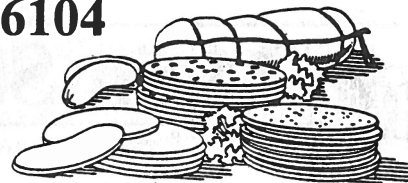
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### EXERCISE PROGRAM PLANNED FOR YOUTHS IN GRADES 3-6

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Kid Step Exercise Program for youngsters in grades 3-6. The program will run March 8 - April 14 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4p.m. at the Gilman Library.

Kid Step consists of a 60-minute routine of warm up, cardiovascular conditioning, and cool down presented in a fun and enjoyable format.

All interested participants must register by March 1. The fee is \$5. For more information, call 875-0109.

### DEADLINES MUST BE MET FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO COUNT

Absentee ballots for the town and school elections on Tuesday, March 8, are available through the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

An original application for each individual seeking an absentee ballot must be on file before the absentee ballot will be mailed.

Completed ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 5p.m. the day before the election.

### OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### U.S. SENATE

Robert C. Smith, 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, 800-922-2230.

Judd Gregg, 393 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, 202-224-3324.

#### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Zeliff, 224 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, 800-649-7290.

#### NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Ray Burton, 271-3632(w), 747-3662(h).

#### NH SENATE

Leo Fraser, 225-3664(w), 435-6626(h).

#### NH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Bartlett, 524-1220(w), 524-6536(h).

Paul Golden, 269-4071(w), 269-5511(h).

Linda Ann Smith, 293-9637.

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