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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL BEGINS ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Alton teachers and staff have begun a process of self study in anticipation of a visit during May of 1996 by a committee from the New England Association of Secondary Schools. The purpose of the visit is to assess the school in terms of its stated educational goals and the ten Standards for Accreditation of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools. Continuing accreditation will be awarded if the standards are met and if the school is willing to both maintain those standards and improve its educational programs.

Accreditation is required of all public schools every 10 years and is a significant factor in the school's reputation among colleges and universities.

Alton's self-study involves all employees of the school and is coordinated by a Steering Committee that includes teachers Lawrice Ballentine, Sherry Brown, Carol Fuller, Mark Murphy, Donna Ray and Margot Walker.

Two important components of the self-study are the writing of the Statement of Purpose and the preparation of the School and Community Profile. The statement of Purpose will reflect the beliefs and expectation of the educators, parents, students, and community members. The School and Community Profile gives information regarding the community, school performance, and the student performance in academic and school areas.

Committees are being established to review Alton's status in regards to the Standards for Accreditation. These Standards are Statement of Purpose; Curriculum and Instruction; Student Support Services; Library Technology and Media Services; Administration, Faculty and Support Staff; School Facilities; Community Support and Involvement; Financial Support; School Climate; and Assessment of Student Learning and School Performance.

These early release days were approved to allow time for the staff to work together on the self study this year. The first was in November and the other early release dates are February 15 and March 17.

TUTTLE SUBMITS RESIGNATION AS ALTON SELECTMAN

David Tuttle, a member of the Board of Selectmen since his election in March 1993, submitted his resignation effective December 19. He was subsequently appointed to serve as selectman until the town elections in March.

The position of one selectman for one year will be added to the ballot.



THANKS, MR. GRASS!

Teachers and staff at Alton Central School gathered last month to honor Head Custodian Roland Grass upon his retirement and to say thanks for 16 years of exceptional service to the School. Grass is congratulated by Assistant Principals Kim Walen and Dorothy Bristol.

18 OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN 1995 TOWN/SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Residents of Alton will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 14, to elect candidates for the 18 town and school positions. Filing for those positions begins at the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesday, January 25 and continues through 5p.m. on Friday, February 3. The office is open daily from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Candidates must be registered voters to file. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session from 7 to 9p.m. on Tuesday, January 24 to register new voters.

The filing fee is \$1 for any office which receives compensation, no filing fee for an office which receives no compensation.

Town positions to be filled and the present office holders are:

- One Selectman for Three Years (James Washburn)
- One Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (Joseph Houle)
- One Library Trustee for Three Years (David Countway)
- One Fire Ward for Three Years (David Jensen)
- One Cemetery Trustee for three Years (Jane Porter)
- One Water Commissioner for Three Years (Carl "Lee" Ciampo)
- Three Budget Committee Members for Three Years (Donald Mitchell, Gregory Fuller, Philip Laurion)

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HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Alton Central School Concert Band under the direction of Anne Stevens was among the performers at the Holiday Concert last month. About 40 students belong to the band.

SUPPORT MAIN STREET ADVERTISERS

The publication of Main Street is made possible by the Alton businesses who advertise each month. Support these business 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.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Debbie Burton sponsored a Holiday Crafts for Kids program last month at the Pearson Road Community Center.

Over 20 children attended and made holiday ornaments and grapevine wreaths.

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WHO'S ON FIRST?

Someone, with tongue-in-cheek, has likened the classical Abbott and Costello "Who's on First" routine to the latest name change of that "town facility" off Hurd Hill Road in East Alton.

This guy says that he used to go to "the dump", and later he found that he was going to the "landfill". More recently he was told that he was visiting the "recycling center" and/or "transfer station". And now, he goes to the "Alton Solid Waste Center". That's the latest name change as per "New Waste Rules" issued by town government. As far as he's concerned, this confused guy still goes to the dump, but he readily admits that he has acquired one heckuva vocabulary over the years!

The important things to remember are four-fold:

1. It's simply the "Alton Solid Waste Center".
2. The Wednesday-Thursday (back to back) closing has now changed so that it closes on Tuesday and Thursday and is open on Wednesday.
3. There are new hours and despite what you have read in local newspapers, the official times are 8a.m. to 3p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and noon to 3p.m. on Sunday.
4. Stumps, brush and clean fill will be accepted at the Rines Road Pit in East Alton only on Saturdays from 8a.m. to 3p.m. weather permitting. Permits are required and permitted commercial haulers will be charged a fee.

WISH UPON A STAR PROGRAM RECEIVES GENEROUS RESPONSE

The staff at the Farmington National Bank, Alton Office, would like to say thank you to the wonderful townspeople and merchants of Alton for their tremendous response to the "Wish Upon a Star" program.

Over 50 children in Alton will receive gifts that would not have been possible without your generosity. We at the Bank think you are great!

HELP WANTED ON JANUARY 26

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 collators and staplers to help put it all together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

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HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

The following students have been named to the Honor Roll for the first quarter at Alton Central School:

GRADE 12 - High Honors: Juleigh Everson; **Honors:** Robert Boyce, Matthew Christy, Sara Elliott, Jessica Emanouil, Erika Fenton, Rachel Irvin, Jesse McKinney, Brendon Mitchell, Thomas Quindley, and Michael Racine.

GRADE 11 - Honors: Laura Coots, Kelly Lord, and Stephanie Osborn.

GRADE 10 - High Honors: Matthew Fenton; **Honors:** Duane Carr, Kara Damon, Diana Daniels, Jessica Donahue, Paula Hufschmid, Elizabeth Knowlton, and Rebecca Miller.

GRADE 9 - Honors: Jebediah Christy, Blake Kellar, and Tarsia Kenny.

GRADE 8 - High Honors: Jennifer Downing; **Honors:** Rebecca Blair, Shawn Blair, Jennifer Emanouil, Andrew Fuller, Andrea Guttormsen, Amanda Lambert, and Amber Locke.

GRADE 7 - High Honors: Melanie Makila; **Honors:** Jessica Benedetto, Amanda Coughlin, Joshua Dewey, Jocelyn Downing, Frederick LaCrosse, Mary Marren, Jenny Martin, Danielle Moore, Nicholas Moulton, Katherine O'Meara, Elizabeth Quindley, Victor Stone, Bridgette Temple, and Korin Todd.

GRADE 6 - High Honors: William Bristol, Sara Dore, Julie Downing, Katie Morrill, David Osborn, and Meghan St. Cyr; **Honors:** Debra Beaupre, Zachary Christy, Loretta Helie, Joseph Hillsgrove, Shawn Hillsgrove, Ryan Loynd, Bridgette McGovern, Vincent Paolo, Shawn Sanders, Ashley Southwell, Emily Sydow, Amanda Talmadge, May Varney, and Ryan Yelle.

GRADE 5 - High Honors: Katie Bristol and Marissa Peterson; **Honors:** Josh Albair, Kayla Ballentine, Krystal Cornelissen, Matt Currid, Courtney Dewey, Morgan Fuller, Taylor Gunn, Serry Hayward, Joanna Kimionakis, Dana Lang, John McAuliffe, Jillian Moulton, Katie Moulton, Ames Oickle, Jane Varney, and Steven Wood.

GRADE 4 - High Honors: Scott Baumgartner and Nick Hallin; **Honors:** Jeremy Albair, Adam Ames, Megan Audette, Hillary Ballentine, Heath Berthiaume, Dennis Callahan, Jamie Coigley, Ashley Coughlin, Patty Currid, Chris Duffy, Terese Hopper, Daniel Laurion, Tyler Lowthian, Kristen Murray, Patrick Quann, Erin Wood, and Jennifer Zirpolo.

SANTA'S HELPERS EXPRESS THANKS

We would like to thank all the wonderful people who made donations to the Mrs. Santa Fund. Everything was wonderful! The children were very happy.

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WHAT AM I BID?

The surplus property auction last month that featured property, vehicles, office equipment, jewelry, bicycles, and other items brought in over \$60,000.

SAU #51 ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF BUSINESS MANAGER

The SAU #51 Board, at its meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 1994, voted to accept with regret, the resignation of Scott D. Isabelle, business administrator, effective January 13, 1995.

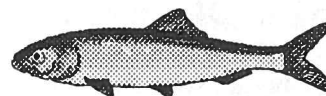
Isabelle came to the SAU #51 office August 1994 from the Nashua School District and has been offered a position as Business Administrator in the Merrimack School District, SAU #26



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PLANNING BOARD SETS PUBLIC HEARING DATES

The Alton Planning Board has set dates for public hearings on the proposed zoning changes which will be presented to the voters at Town Meeting this coming March.

The first hearing at which the public was able to view these amendments and provide input and ideas for the Planning Board to consider was in December. The second hearing is set for Tuesday, January 10.

An additional date of Tuesday, January 24, has also been set aside for an additional public hearing date if needed. All meetings will start at 7 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m.

Some of the items the planning board has been dealing with include a comprehensive shoreline protection district, an aquifer protection regulations, amendments to the floodplain regulations, and other changes to the Town's zoning regulations. If you have any interest in these or any other items, please come to the hearings. Call or stop by the planning office if you want any information on any of the proposed changes.

ALTON SENIORS NEWS

The Alton Seniors received a very nice thank you letter from the Gilman Library thanking them for the first \$100 of their \$300 pledge for the building fund.

Another donation was \$100 to the High School French Club for their trip to France.

A Spaghetti Supper is planned for Saturday, January 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

The following winners in the 120 Club were announced: 5th - Helen Stanford, 6th - Bob Ouellette, 7th - Maureen Parker, 8th - Kay Lang, 9th - Monica Grecco, 10th - Doris Sawyer, 11th - Jean Irving, 12th - Marion Bartlett.

ARE YOU ON OUR MAILING LIST?

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MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON ANDY SHAGOURY POLICE DEPARTMENT CORPORAL

By Carol Fritz

We would like the residents of Alton to get to know the fine men and women who serve our community as municipal employees. Corporal Andy Shagoury of the Police Department graciously agreed to the first interview.

Andy and his wife, Debi, live in Wolfeboro with their four children: Nicole, 10; Kevin, eight; Cheree, seven; and Amanda, two. An area resident since he was 15, he genuinely enjoys the varied outdoor activities. He graduated from Kingswood Regional High School in 1982 and from the Thompson School at the University of New Hampshire in 1984 where he majored in forest technology.

Andy's education did not end there. He attended the Police Standards and Training Academy to become a certified police officer. Since his certification, he has completed further training in finger printing and crime scene investigation. Andy is an instructor for special defensive training and is knowledgeable in the identification of drug- and alcohol-impaired drivers. He is patrol supervisor and willingly takes on new responsibilities. He is serving as president of the Alton Police Association for a second term. The Association provides Thanksgiving baskets, prepares Christmas dinners, collects donations for victims of house fires, and made the purchase of volleyball jerseys possible.

He decided to become a police officer while volunteering as a firefighter in New Durham. He has many friends who are officers and they encouraged his entry into law enforcement. Andy has served the community of Alton for five and a half years. He is serious about his work and hopes that his efforts help people. "Through my actions, I hope I have improved someone's life."

When time allows, Andy enjoys hunting and fishing. No deer this year, but his dog did flush several birds. Fly fishing is his real love and he shares this activity with all of his children. When asked what he would do if he won the lottery; look out Alaska, here he comes for some serious fishing. Next stop, New Brunswick to fish for salmon.

The town would lose a fine officer, but for now he works for us. Thanks, Andy, for all of your efforts.



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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING TIPS

The coldest month brings in the New Year. Since we live in New Hampshire, we must learn to love it or deal with it. The best way to deal with the cold when trying to enjoy the outdoors this month, is to make sure you are dressed in layers. A turtle neck is one undergarment I am never without. It keeps my own warmth from escaping around my neck.

For spending a long time outdoors, pack boots with felt liners are the only boots that keep my feet warm. For the hands, mittens work much better than gloves for warmth but not for dexterity. Good double thick rag wool mittens with thin glove liners should do the trick. For gloves, the outdoor person must find what suits them best as everyone's cold tolerance is different. I've tried down filled gloves and found them warm but expensive. Neoprene gloves with liners did not keep my hands warm while salmon fishing in April, but they work well for many people. I usually carry an extra pair of Thinsulate insulated gloves inside my clothes, staying warm, and if my hands get cold, I simply switch into my warm pair. Works great!

A lot of heat escapes through the head. A good double knit wool or synthetic material hat will keep you warm. The best kinds are ones that can be rolled up or pulled down to cover the ears.

Ice fishing should begin this month. It will be enjoyable if you are dressed properly and stay warm. Make sure to double check the safety of the ice.

For an interesting indoor event this month, try the Manchester Gun Show, Saturday and Sunday, January 14-15, at the Manchester State Armory. This is a good time to buy, sell, trade or simply view firearms and related equipment.

Have a happy and enjoyable New Year in Alton's great outdoors!

ALTON STUDENTS TOUR THE WORLD THROUGH "SEMESTER AT SEA" PROGRAM

Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Vietnam, and India are just a few of the places students in grades four and six at Alton Central School have visited this fall. Yes, they have traveled half way around the world.

The eyes and ears of these pupils are college students aboard the SS Universe participating in "Semester at Sea", a program coordinated by the University of Pittsburgh.

Through letters, pictures, postcards, and souvenirs sent from various ports, the world is made just a little smaller. Alton students study each country that is visited as a part of the social studies curricular and the trip is tracked on a large map of the world. The program is also incorporated into the English classes as students learn letter writing and creative writing.

Several guest speakers from foreign countries "visited" have come into the classrooms to share information, personal experiences, and samples of native foods. They even have learned Chinese picture writing!

The program has been extremely rewarding for students and Alton Central School has been selected to participate in the spring voyage that departs from Nassua in the Bahamas on January 27. Ports to be visited include La Guaira, Venezuela; Salvador, Brazil; Cape Town, South Africa; Mombassa, Kenya; Madras, India; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Hong Kong; Keelung, Taiwan; and Kobe, Japan.

The Alton Students hope to keep in contact with their new shipmate pen pals for years to come; especially to see how the voyage effects their lives when they return to college.

Coordinators for the program at Alton are Lawrice Ballentine, fourth grade teacher; and Melissa Guldbrandsen, sixth grade teacher.

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LIBRARY CAMPAIGN RECEIVES MAJOR FOUNDATION GIFT

The Gilman Library has moved into the second year of its three-year "run", and as of early December over \$18,000 in cash and pledges were recorded from the private sector phase of the campaign, according to Librarian Pat Merrill.

Several major gifts were under consideration, and at least one foundation was considering a major contribution. In all, 22 foundations are being approached. It is hoped to reach the \$50,000 figure by Town Meeting time in March, which when added to the 1993 and 1994 Town Meeting allocations and hopefully the 1995 town allocation, would put the overall campaign well over the 40% mark.

Were you one of the many who started guessing early on about the unique "four legged" structure taking shape on the Library lawn near the sidewalk? Everything has been suggested from a manger to a luxurious "dog house" in case our talented librarian ever goofed! We have been assured that by the time this January issue hits the streets, the mystery will have been solved. "It's simple", said Campaign Chairman Dave Countway; "It's a unique tote board to proclaim henceforth to one and all the current status of the campaign!"

And, he suggests, if you want to see the board in action frequently, make that pledge or gift soon and watch the total mount. Have you made your pledge yet? It would make a nice and easily realizable New Year's resolution.

Flash! Stop the presses! Late-breaking news at press time.... a major gift of \$15,000 from a foundation has just been received, bringing the private sector total well past the \$33,000 mark. More news on this will appear in next month's issue of Main Street.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All town offices and the Solid Waste Center will be closed on Monday, January 2.

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PAST ICE-OUT WINNERS SHARE THEIR "SECRETS"

By Carol Fritz

The annual "Ice-Out" Contest sponsored by Main Street is underway and entries can be submitted until February 28.

How do you decide the right date? Past winners shared their special techniques for picking the winning date and time. Perhaps their systems will work for you.

Richard Jones who won last year reviews the dates for the past 20 years. He checks the historical information on the contest and picks his date. Jones picked the right date for 1993 as well, but Frank Metcalfe chose a more accurate time. Frank used random selection, a good guess for 1993.

1991 winner, Pam Falzone, takes this matter very seriously. She keeps ice-out dates from 1887 posted on her wall and studies the facts. She monitors the weather at the beginning of the season, important data she uses in her decision making process. Pam is a tough competitor and sure to be challenging all the contestants for the winner's circle.

In '89, Kris Sandhage just picked a number out of the blue. She says that is the way to do it, but the team approach was used by Cindy and Ricky Finethy. Cindy picked the month and Ricky picked the day; it worked for a wedding date and proved successful for ice-out in 1988.

This year's winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to White's Edgewood, so get those entries to the Main Street office by the deadline. Good luck and may your system pick the winning date and time.

The contest is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street. All entries become the property of Voice of Alton, Inc., and the judge's decision is final.

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RUSSIAN EXCHANGE TEACHER

Tatyana Afanasyeva, an English teacher in Russia, recently visited Alton Central School as part of an exchange program. Here she is welcomed by Principal George Rogers.

RUSSIAN EXCHANGE TEACHER VISITS ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

By Paula Hufschmid, Grade 10

The students at Alton Central School have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to have a guest speaker for seven days from Russia. Tatyana Afanasyeva comes from the province of Karelia. Her home town is Petrozavodsk, a city of about 290,000 people and about 50 schools. Tatyana is an English teacher and she received the opportunity to travel to America for an educational and cultural trip. Last year, one of Alton's teachers, Anne Hoopes of the Enrichment Department, traveled to Russia as part of the Project Harmony Exchange teaching group and Tatyana was her host. Now Tatyana stayed with Hoopes, attending classes and giving lectures about Russia, sharing information, and answering questions.

Tatyana explained to me that schools in Russia are very similar to those in the United States except in Russia there are only 11 grades. The instability of the economic situation in Russia has forced more people to begin paying for their education. There is much more competition in Russia to enter college than in the United States. When asked about Americans, Tatyana answered, "I like the country. The people are so open and friendly." She also commented that the people here drive and drink coffee a lot more than in Russia. She thought the students here were very smart and very curious, as were the children in Russia.

Tatyana was in New Hampshire for seven days as part of the educational part of her journey and then traveled to Washington, D.C. There she stayed at Trinity College for five days. She toured Washington and visited the famous sites such as the White House. Next Tatyana traveled to New York to see more of the American culture. She hopes that through her travels she will be able to bring ideas, new methods, and new information for the people of Russia.

Tatyana was extremely happy that she had such an exciting trip and stay at the school. She was thankful to the staff and students. She said "I became friends with them and talked to them. I am thankful to those who shared my life."

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS CITED AS GOOD CITIZENS

An awards ceremony was held recently at Alton Central School to recognize those Middle School students who were named to the first quarter honor role and had no referrals for inappropriate behavior. They include:

GRADE 8 - Rebecca Blair, Shawn Blair, Jennifer Downing, Jennifer Emanouil, Andrew Fuller, Andrea Guttormsen, Amanda Lambert, and Amber Locke.

GRADE 7 - Jessica Benedetto, Amanda Coughlin, Joshua Dewey, Jocelyn Downing, Frederick LaCrosse, Melanie Makila, Mary Marren, Jenny Martin, Danielle Moore, Nicholas Moulton, Katherine O'Meara, Elizabeth Quindley, Victor Stone, Bridgette Temple, and Korin Todd.

GRADE 6 - Debra Beaupre, Sara Dore, Julie Downing, Loretta Helie, Ryan Loynd, Bridgette McGovern, Katie Morrill, David Osborn, Vincent Paolo, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St. Cyr, Emily Sydow, Amanda Talmadge, May Varney, and Ryan Yelle.

MAIN STREET SALUTE TO.....

.....all who made the Holiday Season so enjoyable and festive: the residents and business owners who decorated so beautifully, the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion and Knights of Columbus for the Children's Christmas Party, the Alton-New Durham Lions Club for the Bandstand decorations, the Alton Police Association and the many volunteers who made sure no one was forgotten, the Fireflies for remembering children in need, the Parks and Recreation Department for its many seasonal activities, the School Music Department for its Holiday Concerts, Farmington National Bank for its Wish Upon a Star Program, the Community Church for its special programs and services, and the Chamber of Commerce for its Decorating Contest.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public. Color or black and white photos of your organization's events are also welcome.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 1st, 3rd, 4th Monday, 7p.m., 2nd Monday, 9a.m., Chairman James Washburn. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3rd Thursday, 7p.m., Chairman Thomas Mynczywor, 875-2065.

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Robert Boudreau, 875-6368.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2nd Thursday, 7p.m., Chairman Tom Hoopes, 875-3400.

FIRE WARDS - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.

GILMAN MUSEUM TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.

HEALTH COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Denise Merritt, MD, 875-6151.

LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on Call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.

LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Jonathan Downing, 875-7243.

OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-5188.

*PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Chairman Jay Sydow, 875-6792.

PLANNING BOARD - 1st Tuesday, 7p.m., Chairman Rick Mongeon. Call 875-5095 for Appointment.

SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6p.m., Chairman Albert Burbank, 875-2222.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on Call. Chairman Alice Ziegler, 875-2151.

TOWN BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.

TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - 3rd Monday, 3:30p.m., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.

WATER COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8a.m., Chairman George Jones, 364-6870. Office 875-4200.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 2nd Thursday, 7p.m., Chairman Milton Jensen, 875-5990.

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Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October-April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June-August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor

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, James Nason, Pastor

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ORGANIZATIONS

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American Legion - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall

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Eastern Star - 2nd Tuesday

Garden Club - 4th Tuesday

Flying Club - 2nd Wednesday

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Knights of Columbus - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall.

Lions Club - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Mama Rina's Restaurant.

Masonic Lodge - 2nd Tuesday

Parent Teacher Community Organization - 3rd Wednesday, 7p.m., Alton Central School.

St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall.

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JANUARY EVENTS

- Sun. 1 NEW YEARS DAY
- Wed. 4 STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu. 5 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, Bicentennial Committee, 7p.m.
- Wed. 11 STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Mon. 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- Wed. 18 STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Sat. 21 SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5 to 7p.m.
- Tue. 24 VOTER REGISTRATION, Town Hall 7 to 9p.m.
- Wed. 25 FILING BEGINS for Town and School Offices
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.

1995 ICE RINK SCHEDULE

- MONDAY: Hockey - 8-9a.m., Noon-2p.m., 4-7p.m.; General - 9a.m.-Noon, 2-4p.m., 7-9p.m.
- TUESDAY: Hockey - 8-11a.m., 2-4:30p.m., 7-9p.m.; General - 11a.m.-2p.m., 4:30-7p.m.
- WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: Hockey - 8-11a.m., 4-6p.m., 7-9p.m.; General - 11a.m.-4p.m., 6-7p.m.
- FRIDAY: Hockey - 8-9a.m., 1-3p.m., 4-7p.m.; General - 9a.m.-1p.m., 3-4p.m., 7-9p.m.
- SATURDAY: General - 7-9a.m., Noon-3p.m., 5-7p.m.; Hockey- 9a.m.-Noon, 3-5p.m., 7-9p.m.
- SUNDAY: Hockey - 7-9a.m., 4-7p.m.; General - 9a.m.- 4p.m., 7-9p.m.

General skating is for ice skating recreational purposes only. Hockey is prohibited during general skating time. The rink will be closed for the "Sticks and Pucks" Hockey Clinic on dates to be announced. The rink schedule is subject to change and all changes will be posted at the rink.

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5 YEARS AGO.....

.....the late Marion MacDonald was honored as one of ten statewide winners of the Municipal Volunteer Award.....the American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the 39th Army Band Christmas Concert.....the Parks and Playgrounds Committee began construction of the ice skating rink on Route 140.....Assistant Fire Chief Robert Reinholz retired after 30 years of service.....The Gilman Concert Series presented the Philomel Piano and Voice Ensemble.....The Alton-New Durham Lions Club celebrated its 35th Anniversary.....Chris Irvin scored his 1,000th point during the Alton Apaches victory over Calvary Christian.....the Alton Bay Flying Club attracted over 40 planes to its Fly-In.....the Alton Lioness Club celebrated its 5th Anniversary.....the late Bernie Murphy was the guest of honor at an Appreciation Night sponsored by the Lions Club for his many years of service to local service organizations and the community of Alton.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB ANNOUNCES OFFICERS

The Annual Holiday Luncheon of the Alton Garden Club was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford. The meal was delicious and the room was very festive thanks to the hard work of Grace Genova, Catherine Calvert, and Muriel Miller.

A short business meeting followed and the officers for the coming year are: Daryl Czech and Shirley Barnes, co-presidents; Margaret "Polly" Finch, recording secretary; Muriel Greene, corresponding secretary; Phyllis Chaffee, treasurer; Anna Haase, assistant treasurer; Laura Whittemore, auditor; and Elizabeth Locke, director.

Committee members are: Elizabeth MacKay and Tess Smith, Program; Elsie Trull, Horticulture; Kay Connelly and Shirley Feery, Beautification; Muriel Greene and Jeanette Leach, Good Cheer; Margaret Favreau, Year Book; Shirley Copeland and Madeline Griffin, Hospitality; Daryl Czech and Shirley Barnes, Flea Market; and Dorothy Woughter, Publicity.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Budget Committee has announced the following schedule of meetings with department heads and public hearings:

January 5 - Patriotic Purposes, Conservation Commission, Long Term Principal, Long Term Interest, Interest-TAN, Revenues, Capital Improvements.

January 12 and 19 - School Budget

All meetings are at the Town Hall and begin at 7p.m.

A public hearing on the town budget will be held on February 9 at 7p.m. at the School and a public hearing on the school budget will be held February 11 at 10a.m. at the School.



HAVE YOU BEEN A GOOD LITTLE GIRL?

Santa Claus asks the inevitable question at the Children's Christmas Party last month sponsored by the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus.

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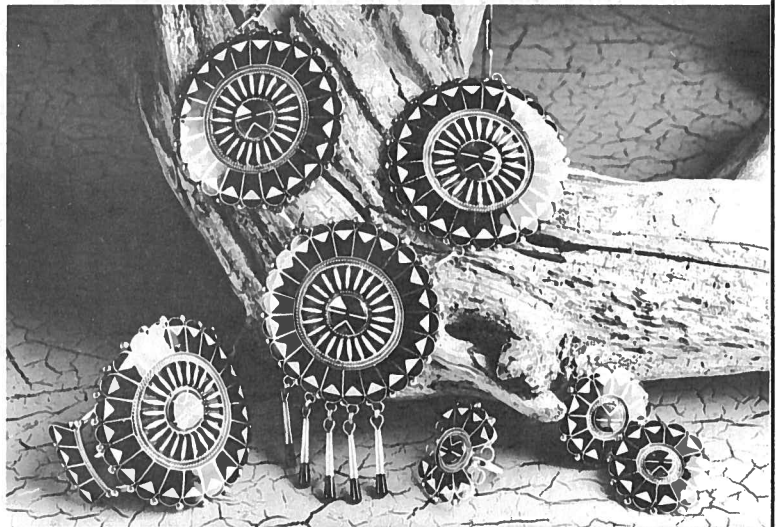
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CUB SCOUT PACK HAS A BUSY FALL

By Shirley Ford

Cub Scout Pack #53 has been very busy the past few months. In October, it sold Tom-Watt as a fund raiser. On October 18, the Alton Police Department visited the Pack and went over Halloween safety and demonstrated the equipment in their cars and bullet proof vests which are part of their uniforms.

We also did our annual good turn by Scouting for Food. After picking up the bags of food on October 29, William



ON THE HOBO TRAIN



AT LACONIA AIRPORT

Holway's Webelos Den went to the Laconia Airport. Seth Brady of Emerson Aviation took the boys for rides to Alton and back in a plane owned by John and Mary Cheshire of Alton Bay. Many thanks to them for a wonderful time.

Several of the Scouts and leaders were involved in the Haunted House and Hayride. We had a lot of fun and wish to thank the Alton Parks and Recreation Department for including us in this annual event.

In November, we went on a train ride at the Hobo Railroad in Lincoln, NH. A few of us ventured to the Old Man in the Mountain and then visited the Basin on our journey home.

Our Annual Pack Christmas Party for Scouts and their families was held at the Lakes Region Family Bowling Center in Gilford on December 17. After bowling a string, Cubmaster Debbie Burton past out presents to all the Scouts, leaders and their brothers and sisters. Our special event ended with refreshments. After, we went on the Alton Hayride and caroling to round out 1994.

A special thank you to the community of Alton who have supported our organization throughout the year.

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POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORTS SUCCESSFUL THANKSGIVING ACTIVITIES

The members of the Alton Police Association wish to thank everyone who donated money and food and their time in preparing and delivering the Thanksgiving fruit and food baskets.

Special thanks to Paulette Wentworth and Elizabeth Chicoine who co-chaired the Thanksgiving food baskets.

Pat Pellowe, general chairman of the Thanksgiving Project, reports that 100 fruit baskets and 34 food baskets complete with a turkey were delivered.

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SNOWMOBILE CLUB PREPARES NEW TRAIL, SEEKS MEMBERS

Alton's Mount Major Snowmobile Club, Inc., is looking for more members to help with and enjoy its trails.

This fall members cleared brush and fallen trees from their



section of a new NH Corridor Trail #22. The club has been working with the Gilmanton Snowmobile Club and the new Powder Mill Snowmobile Club in New Durham to blaze this link from Wakefield to Gilmanton.

The local portion of the trail now heads south from

LUANNE DADURA NAMED MAIN STREET ADVERTISING MANAGER

Luanne Dadura has been named Advertising Manager for Main Street. Dadura replaces Arthur "Skip" Thomits who served since July 1993.

Dadura is a former recreation director for the town and a physical education teacher at Alton Central School. She and her husband, Ed, have two children, Erika, a professional modern dance performer in Manhattan, and Ryan, a civil engineering student at the University of New Hampshire.

Anyone who wants to place a display ad in Main Street should call Dadura at 875-3216. Classified ads should be sent to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810.

Merrymeeting Lake, crossing Route 11 at Mama Rina's Restaurant. From there the path runs just south of Coffin Brook across Route 28 where a small snowmobile bridge will ford the stream. The trail then meanders northwest to cross Route 140 on Oak Hill. Then it travels over the Bergeron's lot and dam to a steep trail up Alton Mountain and down to the Sunset Lake area. Finally it heads north near Hills Pond and into the Alton end of Gilmanton's Hidden Valley BSA trail system.

The expanded trail system will be groomed too! Thanks to small loans from a couple of members, the club has purchased a used Grizzly trail groomer with a 4½' hydraulic drag.

To establish and maintain this much trail in a single season is a major accomplishment for the small group. They could really use more help. A one year membership costs only \$8. Interested snowmobilers can write the Mount Major Snowmobile Club, Inc., at Route 11D, Star Route West Box 370, Alton Bay, 03810, or call Trail Master Bob Bergeron at 875-6714.

The club would again like to thank the Town of Alton and many landowners who generously made this important new recreational trail possible.



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ACCREDITATION WORKSHOP HELD AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Three members of the Accreditation Steering Committee, (left to right) Lawrice Ballentine, Donna Ray and Margot Walker, spoke with Joe Daisy, the assistant director of the New England Association of Secondary Schools, prior to a workshop conducted recently by Daisy for all employees of Alton Central School.

ELECTIONS (Continued from Page 1)

- One Budget Committee Member for One Year (Stanley Czech)
- Two Planning Board Members for Three Years (Harold Bothwick, Francis Metcalfe)
- One Planning Board Member for Two Years (David Dolan)

School positions to be filled and the present office holders are:

- One School Moderator for One Year (Terri Noyes)
- One School Clerk for One Year (Jeanne Sullivan)
- One School Treasurer for One Year (Shirley Young)
- Two School Board Members for Three Years (Albert Burbank, Stephen G. Parker)

Candidates will be invited to submit a statement indicating why they are seeking the office. The statements will be printed in the March issue of Main Street.

LOWER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS GOOD CITIZENS

Fifty-five students in kindergarten through grade three were recognized as good citizens in recent ceremonies at Alton Central School. Awards were presented to the students based on their first quarter citizenship grades. Criteria included consideration of others, ability to follow school rules, polite behavior, cooperation, and self-control.

Kindergarten: Erin Brackley, Kristopher Callahan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Caila Kantar, Cassandra Moulton, Marc Roy, Jessica Roy, and Jeffrey St. Cyr.

Grade 1: Kristopher Dewey, Nicholas Divito, James Grant, Brittany Moore, Ashley Nichols, Kathryn Pellowe, Taylor Peterson, Jessica Rothwell, Jacqueline Smith, Katrina Tidd, and Caitlin Wentworth.

Grade 2: Brittany Bartlett, Joshua Button, Shaylyn Cornelissen, Yvonne Dichirico, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Erin Hannifin, Travis Hopper, Jessica Joslyn, Brian Kivlehan, Alicia Lambert, Danielle LePouttre, Tara Loprete, Brenna Quann, Stephanie Tanguay, Michael Tidd, and Ashley Waterman.

Grade 3: Lyndsey Caron, Carl Dickson, Kate Dore, Glenn Gordon, Jillian Green, Lindsay Kenerson, Sandra Falon Lambert, Kristy Lefebvre, Kyle McAuliffe, Jannel Mitchell, Jeffrey Nichols, Tonya Prescott, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, Krista Shibley, Matthew Sydow, and Isaac Tharpe.

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO BICENTENNIAL MEETING

The next Organizational Meeting with the Bicentennial Committee will be Thursday, January 5, 7p.m., at the Gilman Library. The snow date will be January 12.

Clubs, associations, churches, committees, and selectmen are urged to send representatives to these meetings and share their thoughts and ideas about Alton's 200th birthday celebration in 1996. Interested townspeople also are welcome.

Any questions about the meeting may be directed to Nancy Merrill at 875-2626 (evenings) or Judy Fry at 569-3742.

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BICENTENNIAL FOCUS

By Ella Frances Roberts

A HISTORY OF THE EAST ALTON CHURCH

East Alton was the center of the town in 1803. There were many homes around and at one time 67 cellar holes could be found near the church. The church was on a direct road from Farmington to Wolfeboro.

The opening page of the Alton Monthly Meeting Records reads as follows: "Known unto God are all his works, from the beginning of the world, but only made manifest unto us by the events of the time, did at last people this wilderness after it had laid dissolate upwards of 1760, situated between New Durham and Winnipasoggy Pond, being a part of Alton. The people who settled here were mostly brought up under the darkness and error that universally prevailed in the age and so consequently were ignorant of the power of religion."

The quotation about the beginning of the congregation forming at Gilman's Corner, taken from the meeting records continues, "About the latter end of May 1801, God began to visit the people. at which time a work of grace was begun in the hearts of some and in the latter part of the season, a general concern appeared in almost all the people in the place, the general inquiry was what can I do to be saved. At the close of this year the elderly brethren with the young converts (in the fear and love of God) thought of forming themselves into a body, and accordingly for that purpose requested Dear Elder Brother Benjamin Randall with some other brethren to visit them."

"Accordingly they met on the first day of January 1803 and formed themselves into a conference wherein a number covenanted together to hold a monthly conference bearing the name of the Alton Monthly Conference." Brother James McDuffee was to keep the minutes. The meetings were held at first at the home of Brother Jonathan Leighton and Brother Jonathan McDuffee. Later the meetings were conducted in homes of other neighbors who lived nearby.

Later their meetings were held at the school house in what is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walton. Some of the members were: David Wentwerth, Samuel Rogers, Stephen Fall, Ebenezer French, George Downing, Loas McDuffee, Mary Place, Sara Plummer, Racheal Fall, Abigail French, Nancy Wentwerth, Susannah Wilkinson, Betty McDuffee and Mary Leighton.

In 1805 forty were baptized, among them Brother John Doe.

In 1811 there were ninety-one members. Brother John Page was ordained here, November 27, 1811. It was voted that each member buy a copy of "Hymns and Psalms" printed in Dover.

In 1812 Elder Buzzel met for communion.

On Dec. 2, 1807, the Conference Meeting heard a complaint against Brother Hamons until in April Brother Hamons came out and confessed to the satisfaction of the Meeting.

On June 12, 1831 Sister Polly McDuffee received baptism, a solemn refreshing time.

On Friday afternoon, August 5, 1825, Brother Moses Glidden's wife was killed by a stream of lightning, the shock was solemn and awful, the people appeared awakened and many who had not prayed for many years began to pray. Meetings were

held almost every evening in the week and the congregation was so large that the dwelling house could not hold the people, therefore they were obliged to adjourn to the Meeting House/East Alton Church and it was filled every evening.

September 21-22-23rd 1837, extended meetings had a powerful heavenly time, saints rejoiced and sinners trembled, much good was done.

December 20, 1837. Noted that Nathaniel Jones be rejected from the fellowship of this church. Voted to abstain from the use of ardent spirits except for medicine.

In 1848 the Meeting House was repaired. Between the first of September and the close of the year, the Meeting House of the Society, which was built about A.D. 1820 with square pews, three doors in front, desk on the backside, singing seat on the floor at the left of the minister, was moved to the East about 12 feet and nearby the same distance North, repaired and painted at the expense of more than \$800.00.

The expenses were met by the sale of pews which were disposed of in one day for more than sufficient to pay the bills of repairing the building. The old pews were first sold to the corporation to build and own the new house. The House was dedicated on the first Sabbath of January 1849. Preaching by Elders N. Berry and S. Sawyer.

In 1854 there were three hundred members.

In 1858 Elder Buzzell died, stones of his grave and that of his wife were recently found in the Hurd Cemetery (near Frank Dahl's home).

June 1849, 1200 folks were here for a yearly meeting. The main address was on slavery.

Preachers over the years included E.H. Hart, Elder Preston, Richard Roberts, Silas Beane, Elder Folsom, Dr. Bakeman, Rev. Reese, Rev. Pope, Rev. C.R. Hamlin, Dr. Donovan, Rev. Yorke, Rev. Earle, Dr. W.J. and W.D. Swaffield and others.

The building was renovated again on 1953 under the direction of Shirley Chapman, who was President of the Gilman Corners Community Club. In 1953, the congregation celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the church congregation.

(The above report was written by Ella Francis Roberts in 1953/54)

The East Alton Meeting House Society became successor to the Gilman Corners Community Club in 1978. A service celebrating the listing of this building on National Register of Historic places was held September 10, 1978.

The objectives of the Society are to provide for the maintenance and care of the building, to see that the Meeting House is open to residents and visitors, and to encourage its use for various religious and community activities.

An annual pot luck supper and business meeting are held each August. A Vespers Service is conducted by a guest minister the following day and the public is invited to these activities. The Meeting House is non-denominational and activities in recent years have included wedding, memorial services, meetings and visits from Alton Central School students.

With recent repairs and interior and exterior painting completed, the building can look forward to many more years of purpose and dignity.

Judy Fry

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

TREASURERS AWAIT

Now that the holidays are behind us (and how delightful they were!), why not turn our attention to the Gilman Library? All sorts of treasures await there - any kind of book to pique our interests - mystery, adventure, love story, biography, travel, and LOTS of How-To-Do-It books! And now there is more time for browsing.

In addition to books, other treasurers abound. We subscribe to 34 magazines and two newspapers. There are videos for children and adults. Some of these belong to our permanent collection, while others are rotated on a monthly basis, and some every three months. Audio tapes for children and adults are also available. Don't forget, we have two CD-ROMs here for you to use, which includes Professional Write and Lotus.

And don't forget our Function Room that is available to residents of Alton to use. Speak to the librarians and make arrangements for meetings, gatherings, or to use our TV-VCR. But do come see us soon!



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Emily Sydow was the featured soloist in a performance of "Castle on a Cloud" during the Middle School Choir presentation at Alton Central School's Holiday Concert.



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