



# Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire

## FILING UNDERWAY FOR TOWN/SCHOOL POSTS AS DEADLINE NEARS

The deadline for filing for one of the open Town or School positions is 5p.m. on Friday, February 3, at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall.

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

There are two additions to the original 18 posts open this year. The position of one selectman for two years has been added due to the resignation of David Tuttle and one School Board member for two years will be added due to the resignation of Crystal Newlin.

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

- One Selectman for Three Years (James Washburn)
- One Selectman for Two Years (David Tuttle)
- 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)
- 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)
- One School Board Member for Two Years (Crystal Newlin)

## NO ELECTION DAY REGISTERING IN MARCH

New Hampshire's election day voter registration law does not apply to town and school district elections or meetings, the Secretary of State's office reminded local officials recently.

When the state legislature enacted election day registration in 1994 to allow unregistered citizens to register and vote, it applied only to state primaries and state general elections, according to the Secretary of State.



## 1994 TUG-OF-WAR

Youngsters give it their all in the Tug-of-War contest during last year's Winter Carnival on Alton Bay.

## ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL SET FOR FEBRUARY 18-19

The Annual Alton Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department, will be held on February 18 and 19.

On Saturday, February 18, there will be an ice skating party and bonfire, from 7-9p.m. at the Route 140 Recreational Area. There is no admission and open to everyone!

On Sunday, the activities commence at one o'clock at the Alton Bay Bandstand and will continue until 4:00p.m. There will be continuous DJ music, skating and sliding. The Police Department will be sponsoring a snowmobile run, where snowmobile speed is clocked by radar. The cost will be \$10 for 2 runs, with proceeds to benefit The Gilmanton/Alton Police Cadets.

Other activities planned are: Snow Sculpture Contest; Cross-country Ski or Snowshoe Poker Run; Broomball Tournament; Tug-of-War; Snow Golf; Freestyle Snowball Throw; Limbo Contest; Snowshoe Obstacle Course and of course, the Great Alton Bay Bed Race. Participants need to bring their own equipment but keep in mind there will be prizes awarded throughout the day and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Call 875-0109 for further information.

## SALES SPACE ON VOTING DAY

The Town and School Election will take place from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station, Route 140, on Tuesday, March 14.

A limited amount of sales space (baked goods, raffle tickets, calendar sales, etc.) for community organizations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for space must be submitted to the Town Clerk to insure a reservation.



**ERIC O'BRIEN HITS 1,000 POINTS  
IN GAME AGAINST LIN-WOOD**

Eric O'Brien, a junior at Alton Central School, scores his 1,000th point in a foul shot during the game against Lin-Wood recently. O'Brien is the first Apache player to break the vaunted scoring barrier since the back court duo of Keri Pelletier and Heather Swabowicz turned the trick a week or so apart in January of 1993. The last Alton boy to break the mark was Chris Irvin in 1990.

**ART DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES NEEDED**

The Alton Central School Art Department's supply of newspapers, foam trays, plastic bowls and yogurt containers are fast becoming depleted and need to be replenished.

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**VACATION CAMP PLANNED  
DURING FEBRUARY BREAK**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring activities for students in grades 1-6 during school vacation at the Alton Bay Community Center from February 27 to March 3.

Vacation camp will be divided into two sessions with a program fee of \$2 a day per person, per session. Session I will be held from 9a.m. to noon and activities include games, sports, and arts and crafts. Session II will be held from 1 to 4p.m. and activities include a movie, cooperative games, and social activities.

Participants may register for Session I and II for \$4 a day. Supervision will be provided between sessions. Camp participation all week for both sessions is \$25 per person. Participants should bring their own lunch/snack each day.

On Tuesday, February 28, Session II will be held at the Lakes Region Bowling Center in Gilford. Bowling is \$7 per person and includes two hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental and transportation from the Community Center. There is no per session charge for the bowling trip.

Registration is required in advance for vacation camp and it will be held from January 23 to February 17 at the Parks and Recreation Department from 8a.m. to 4:30p.m. or register by phone 875-0109.

For more information or to volunteer to assist with camp activities, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

**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.

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**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.

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**MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON  
CLARK STODDARD  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

By Carol Fritz

The town of Alton has 80 miles of highway and Clark Stoddard has worked to keep these clear and in good repair since the spring of 1981. Clark began his career as a heavy equipment driver at an early age, working for a big company in Portsmouth. He drove his own tractor trailer across the country for many years and even held the same job in the military. During the winter months he operates one of the road graders which removes snow and ice. Clark assures me that the mail box fatalities are unavoidable and operators make every effort to avoid collisions. He explained that the earth moved constantly and the frost causes rocks to heave, forcing operators to make unplanned adjustments to plows and grader blades.

Clark described himself as a simple country boy, a native of New Hampshire raised in Center Ossipee. He enjoys hunting and fishing, but model railroads are his favorite hobby. For many years he had trains running in his attic, an interest shared with many residents of Alton. Today he is a computer fan and an avid Nintendo player. Zelda is his favorite game but he also enjoys role playing games.

Clark married after a tour of duty in the Marine Corps, settling in Alton. He and his wife have one son, one daughter and seven grandchildren. Clark especially enjoys the grandchildren during the Christmas season. Clark described his job as challenging, each road presenting ever changing problems. Whatever the season, we can count on Clark to keep our roads in the best possible condition.

**ICE-OUT DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28**

The annual Ice-Out Contest, sponsored by Main Street, will accept entries throughout the month. Use the entry form at the end of this article to record your prediction for the date and time when the M/S Mount Washington can reach each port of call unobstructed by ice. Can you pinpoint the official date? April 8th is the earliest date in the past ten years, April 25th is the latest. Given our lack of winter weather, what will be the right date and time for 1995??

A gift certificate for twenty-five dollars from White's Edgewood Restaurant is this year's prize, a wonderful treat after the dreary months of winter. Entries must be submitted to Main Street by February 28th. Try your hand; give it your best guess.

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.

**ENTRY FORM**

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**ALTON GIRL SCOUTS**

The Girl Scouts have gotten off to a great start this year. We have spent our first meetings learning and reviewing ourselves with the Promise and Laws. We have completed one of our community projects by making krispie treats and decorating for the American Legion Christmas party. The American Legion Women Auxiliary sponsors Girl Scouting in Alton.

We enjoyed our Investiture Ceremony in December. New girls and registered girls were recognized and received their pins. Now that the cookie sales are winding down, it is on with badge work, camaraderie and fun.

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## THE CAMP ALTON STORY

By Scott Dunn  
Town Administrator

It all began in August of 1993, when I was informed by a local real estate agent that the Camp Alton property was for sale. The asking price was \$3.2 million. Obviously the Town would not be running out to buy this land.

But what made the Camp Alton land so appealing? Four thousand feet of waterfront on Lake Winnepesaukee, baseball fields, softball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and a sandy beach. Anyone who took the time to tour this facility could not have helped but to walk away impressed.

This is not to say that Camp Alton didn't have its drawbacks. The beach is small. The road is in fair condition. Parking is limited and site development costs would have been expensive if undertaken beyond a small scale. The fate of the many camp buildings needed to be resolved as well. And most of all, a few groups of neighbors were very much opposed to public ownership.

I must admit, however, the prospect of turning Camp Alton into a State Park was an idea that seemed to have a great deal of merit. I was not alone in this belief because supporters of this concept began to instantly appear from throughout the community.

The Planning Board reacted to this almost immediately. They appointed a subcommittee to consider the potential of Camp Alton and in November 1993, they concluded their study with a recommendation in favor of Camp Alton becoming a State Park.

At this point a State agency known as the Public Water Access Advisory Board came into the picture. This agency asked for an assessment of Camp Alton by the NH Fish & Game Department and the Division of Parks and Recreation. After some brief analysis, word came down that Fish & Game wanted nothing to do with this. Shortly thereafter, the Director of Parks

and Recreation presented his proposal that Camp Alton be used as a 4-H Camp for youth. No one else in State Government wanted Camp Alton, probably because the \$3.2 million price tag was still on the table. And so, support from within the Public Water Access Advisory Board dissolved.

Nonetheless, someone contacted an organization called the Trust for Public Lands (TPL). This national, non-profit corporation specializes in acting as a "bridge" so that the long process of public ownership of unique land can take place. Typically, they either purchase lands or an option on the land to allow legislative bodies the time to deliberate and raise funds. This is the role that TPL played throughout the Camp Alton process.

In December 1993, TPL purchased an option on Camp Alton to take the property off the market and to hold it for the State to purchase upon an appropriation from the Legislature. The asking price was now \$2.5 million. Meanwhile, Senator Leo Fraser introduced a bill in the Senate for the State to buy Camp Alton. This was done after he consulted with the Board of Selectmen who were unanimous in their support of a State Park at Camp Alton.

The NH Senate voted to recommend State ownership in April of 1994. After this, the bill went to a House Committee where it also passed with great support. The next step was on to the House Appropriations Committee. By this point in time, though, there was a major change in State leadership. Both the Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) and the Director of Parks and Recreation announced their departures. Support from within seemed to diminish almost right away. Once again the key stumbling block was money.

When the House Appropriations Committee concluded its work in May of 1994, the end product was a bill to create a Legislative Study Committee with \$5,000 to help them figure things out. This piece of legislation subsequently passed both houses and was signed by the Governor after some intense campaigning by local citizens and some statewide conservation groups.

TPL immediately went to work in an attempt to put together a finance package that could be used to garner the support of State leaders. They presented a proposal to the Selectmen whereby the Town could acquire a five acre portion of Camp Alton, to include the beach, for the sum of \$500,000, provided the State would step in to buy the rest of the lot.

After two public forums and much debate, the Selectmen decided this was a matter that the residents deserved an opportunity to vote on at a Special Town Meeting. Many questions needed to be answered and TPL along with Town Hall staff and several concerned citizens began to devote time and energy to assemble answers. In addition, TPL scheduled public tours and events at Camp Alton. Many people took advantage of these opportunities to become better acquainted with Camp Alton. Town officials also attended meetings with the Legislative Committee studying the issue and frequently gave testimony affirming town support of the State Park concept.

And then ... the biggest curve ball in this entire campaign came to light. An anonymous donor had stepped forward and contacted the new Commissioner of DRED. He offered to donate \$875,000 towards the state purchase of Camp Alton on the

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conditions that the entire parcel be under State ownership and that it become a State Park with access for all, not to be set aside to be run as a youth camp.

The Selectmen were immediately apprised of this development and at this point a decision was made not to proceed with a Special Town Meeting. The hard work continued, however, because even with the \$875,000 donation, there remained a balance of \$1,625,000 at a time when the Governor was ordering across the board spending cuts in all levels of State Government.

TPL worked diligently with the Town and the Legislative Committee to develop management scenarios which might allow the State to fund the project and achieve its mandate of remaining self-supporting. The range of ideas included family camping, developing a recreational vehicle park, summer hut rentals, and a day use only park. Throughout the analysis of these ideas, my goal was to obtain some sort of guaranteed use of the facilities for Alton residents at little or no charge.

The end approached on November 18, 1994. Despite last minute attempts by TPL to convince the Commissioner of DRED that the project was financially feasible, it never happened. The last meeting of the Legislative Committee studying the issue was scheduled with the knowledge that the Camp Alton project was not going to be backed by the Governor or the Commissioner of DRED because they were not convinced the park could be self-supporting and the State did not want to spend \$1.6 million on this project.

The decision of the Legislative Committee was unanimous in favor of a motion to recommend that no legislation be introduced for Camp Alton to become a State Park. TPL announced it would not exercise its option to purchase the property. Hence, it went back on to the real estate market.

We tried very hard. It all came down to money. Camp Alton will probably be developed into a very nice community of residential homes. The search for a new Town Beach and development of additional recreational facilities goes on.

(Editor's note: Subsequent to the writing of this article, it was announced that the Camp Alton property had been sold to Robert Bahr, the owner of the International Speedway in Loudon, for \$2.284 million. His plans for use of the property were not revealed at press time.)

## PTCO NEWS

The February PTCO meeting will have two interesting speakers. The new Alton police chief, Steven I. Marshall will be there to introduce himself and talk about how the PTCO and other organizations in the town can work together to get things done in a positive way. Also at the meeting there will be representatives from the New Hampshire Head Injury Assoc. to talk about the "THINK FIRST" injury prevention program presented in December at the high school and the possibility of related programs in the middle and elementary schools. They will talk about helmets and a bicycle rodeo. Everyone is invited to the meeting on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

## ALTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANNING FRUIT SALE

Members of the Alton Middle School Student Council recently met with Council Advisor Michael Folan, to Plan the annual fruit sale scheduled for the week of February 13. Present were Andy Fuller, vice president; Kim Noyes, treasurer; Jennifer Downing, president; and Jenn Emanouil, secretary.

Students will be taking orders for boxes (2/5bushel) of grapefruit, oranges or a combination for \$11 per box. Delivery will be the week of March 6. The money raised will be used for Middle School students activities.

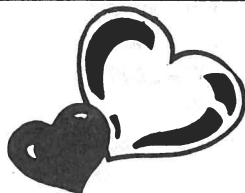
Anyone wanting to place an order may contact any middle school students or call the Alton Central School at 875-7500.

## COUNTRY LINE DANCING LESSONS

Country line dancing lessons, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Shep Spinney, are held Mondays from 7 to 8:30p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. The fee is \$5 and two new dances are presented each week.

Free line dancing lessons are offered to seniors 60 and over at the Pearson Road Community Center every Tuesday from 2:15 to 4p.m.

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- The Advocate's Devil by Alan Dershowitz
- False Conception by Stephen Greenleaf
- God's Other Son by Don Imus
- Wings by Danielle Steel
- The Scold's Bridle by Minette Walters
- The Glory by Herman Wouk

**NON-FICTION**

- Birdscaping Your Garden: A Practical Guide to Backyard Birds & the Plants That Attract Them by George Adams
- The Philby Flies by Genrikh Borovik
- A Nickle an Inch: A Memoir by Ed Fitzgerald
- The Illustrated Book of Pregnancy and Childbirth by Margaret Martin
- Winning Scholarships for College: An Insider's Guide by Marianne Ragins

**CHILDREN**

- Lucy's Christmas by Donald Hall
- Once Upon A Time by John Prater
- The Itsy Bitsy Spider by Iza Traponi
- Simon and the Snow Flake by Gladys Tibo

**CASSETTES**

- The Star of Kashmir by Laura Hayden

A person who "knows everything" has an awful lot to learn.



**LIBRARY BUILDING FUND**

Two major gifts have given the Gilman Library Building Fund campaign a head start into 1995. First, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust in Manchester made a \$15,000 contribution earmarked for the librarian's office and work area. Secondly, a \$10,000 memorial gift in memory of Dr. George Marks will ensure the inclusion of the Library Volunteer work room. A list of memorial and other special gift opportunities, together with their prices, is available at the library. A group or organization can go together in honoring an individual or an organization. Of course, individuals can do the same.

It was the hope at the time of the 1994 Annual Town Meeting, that the private phase of the campaign would be launched and that by the 1995 Town Meeting, a "match" of the \$50,000 town allocation would be realized. That appears to be a safe assumption, as the private total neared the \$45,000 at early press time.

As the second year of the 3-year campaign begins, pledges and gifts continue to come in. An earlier analysis shows this interesting breakdown:

Gifts of \$5,000 and up	2
Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,000	7
Gifts of \$500 - \$900	2
Gifts of \$300 - \$400	20
Gifts of \$100 - \$200	12
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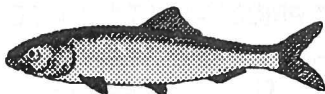
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## NEW FAMILY SUPPORT AND EDUCATION GROUP AVAILABLE

Staff members of Community Health & Hospice and the Geriatric Out-Patient Evaluation Program at Lakes Region General Hospital (LRGH) are teaming up to offer a family support and education group to caregivers of elderly loved ones.

This monthly group will assist families of patients with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other forms of dementia in dealing with the frustration, anger, anxiety, stress and depression associated with caring for an ill and elderly family member. The group will be facilitated by healthcare professionals who can answer questions about various illnesses and the diagnostic tests, medications, and community resources available.

Led by Hal McAllister, MSW, of Community Health & Hospice, and LRGH Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Steve Arvin, RNC, MSBN, MEd, the group meets the second Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30p.m. in the Dining Room of LRGH.

The group is free. For more information, call McAllister at 524-8444 or Arvin at 524-3211, ext. 3426.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT GILMAN LIBRARY

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring after school activities for students in grades 2-6 at the Gilman Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4:30p.m. from February 14 to March 23.

After school activities include movies, arts and crafts, cooperative games, exercise and more.

The program fee is \$5 per person. Register by February 8 at the Parks and Recreation Department between 8a.m. and 4:30p.m. or call 875-0109.

## HELP WANTED ON FEBRUARY 23

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, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. Join us!



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## ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

### "IS THE ICE SAFE?"

If you've been itching to go ice fishing this winter, you will just have to wait. The Meredith Rotary's Annual Ice Fishing Derby is to be held on February 4 and 5, but we had better have some mighty cold weather by then to make some safe ice.

Some of the small lakes and ponds were safe for some ice fishing, having 4-5 inches of ice, but this mid-January warm spell has made most ice unsafe. For some helpful hints on "Is the Ice Safe?", see page 83 of your 1994-95 N.H. Fresh Water Fishing Digest. If you don't have one, or want the current conditions of a specific body of water, you can try calling a local marina, sports shop, police or conservation officer.

I often see fishermen dump their left-over bait fish on the ice at the end of the day. It is illegal to dump unused bait fish down the ice hole as it would introduce foreign species where they are not wanted, but leaving them on the ice seems a waste and is also littering. Why not take them home (they carry very easily in a sandwich baggie), then you can chop them up or grind them, throw them in the freezer and use them for chum on your next fishing trip. They can be broken apart easily and dropped down each hole you use. A can of cat food with holes in it, suspended on a line under the ice, also attracts fish to your fishing area. Remember to pull it up when done.

Don't forget the Rainbow trout that was stocked in some of New Hampshire's big lakes. Cusk fishing is the easiest.....just set them and check them. Cusk makes some delicious chowder! Be sure to check regulations.

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- \*BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 1st, 2nd, 4th Monday, 7p.m., 3rd 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.
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Kenneth Gilbert, 859-2021
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES - 1st & 3rd Monday, 1p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- \*CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2nd Wednesday, 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 - 3rd 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 Ziegra, 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.
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## SCHEDULES

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- Baha'i Fireside - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road, 859-5191
- Bay Church - Sunday School, 10a.m., Church, 11a.m., Small Chapel on the Campground, Roy Ames, Pastor
- 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
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines, Pastor

## GILMAN LIBRARY

- Monday & Wednesday, 2 to 8p.m., Friday, 9a.m. to 5p.m.  
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## SENIOR MEAL SITE

- Monday-Friday, 10a.m. - 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center.

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- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 8a.m. to 3p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 3p.m., Closed Tuesday & Thursday.

## TOWN HALL

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
- Town Planner - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday, 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings by Appointment. Closed Noon to 1p.m.
- Building Inspector - Call 875-5095 for Office Hours and Appointments.

## ORGANIZATIONS

- Alcoholics Anonymous - Tuesday, 8p.m., Alton Bay Community Center.
- American Legion - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
- American Legion Auxiliary - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
- Cancer Support Group - Tuesday, 6:30p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- Country Drifters Dance Club - Thursday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center.
- 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., Alton Bay Community Center.
- Historical Society - 3rd Tuesday, April-October
- Knights of Columbus - 1st 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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- Sat. 11 ST. VALENTINE'S DANCE, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sun. 12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
- Tue. 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- Sat. 18 WINTER CARNIVAL, Route 140 Recreation Area, 7p.m.
- Sun. 19 WINTER CARNIVAL, Alton Bay, 1 to 4p.m.
- Mon. 20 PRESIDENT'S DAY
- Tue. 28 ICE-OUT CONTEST DEADLINE

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PERSONAL

A heartfelt thank you to all who offered prayers for my recovery during my recent illness. Your prayers, cards, calls, and inquiries all meant so much to me and my family. Thank you and God bless. Mary Beaulieu and family.

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Please submit any information about upcoming activities and events for publication in the Summer Activity Schedule including name of event, location, date, time, sponsor, contact person and phone number.

The information should be mailed to the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, Post Office Box 550, 03809, or dropped off at the Alton Village 5 & 10 before March 1.

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.

**BICENTENNIAL FOCUS**

By Nancy Merrill

**EDUCATION IN ALTON****1900-1945**

Education in Alton in the 1920's and 30's took a giant leap into the 20th century. School reports indicate repairs and modernization of the school plant, purchase of new text books., revision of curriculum, public speaking contests, senior plays. school fairs, clubs. the first school orchestra, a winter carnival and basketball....

Basketball was proclaimed the "chief" sport in the 1928 Headmaster's Report. This was the year the Alton Boys team won the White Mountain League Championship, defeating Kennett High School by twelve points. Members of the team included the following: Fred Perking, right forward; Irving Creteau, left forward; Ray Gassett, right guard; Kent Locke SR., left guard; Chet Buchanan, center. Also, Myron Dore, Richard Varney and Wesley Littlefield. Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Locke told me that the team traveled a wide circuit, playing Concord, Belmont, Laconia, Farmington, Dover, Conway, Meredith, Franklin, Austin Cate, Epping, Pittsfield and Raymond.

Travel was a challenge, since it might have been by car, train, truck (with a few blankets and a little hay) or sleigh. Mr. Buchanan remembers traveling to Kennett in a tractor snowmobile, loaned to the team by a local physician, Dr. Tuttle. Travel was not the only challenge confronting the team; the absence of a gym was frustrating. As a result of articles in the town warrant, voters approved the use of the second floor of the Town Hall for a basketball court. Imagine playing amid such obstacles as a balcony, stage and huge menacing radiators! In spite of the lack of dressing rooms, and little equipment they won a championship, a feat not to be accomplished again for twenty-nine years.

The enjoyment of winter sports and the nature of our location brought about the first Winter Carnival and Carnival Ball in 1935. Twenty-five events, sponsored by the Future Farmers of America, included skiing, snowshoeing and skating. Further research on the history of the ski team revealed that there are two former members of the team currently skiing black diamond trails in New Hampshire. These two "living legends" turn out to be none other than Rawland Dore of Alton and

**ALTON SCHOOL AUGUST 1901**

Richard Downing of Alton Bay. Their recollections included the cross-country trail which started at the entrance of the State Forest on Rand Hill, along an old wood road, emerging at Riverside Drive in Alton. It crossed Route 140 and continued on westerly at the edge of the river, crossing the river by Dore homestead, with the finish line at the current ball field behind the school. They remembered downhill and salmon events at Gilman Hill (now Mutzbauer Hill), ski dashes and ski jumping. Alton actually had a ski jump! It was located in a hill, now non-existent, across the river opposite the present Dr. Appleyard home. Of course, if the river wasn't iced over, jumping events were canceled. Alton competed with about fifteen schools including Raymond, Milton, Epping, Farmington, Belmont, Pittsfield and North Woodstock.

Local merchants provided merchandise prizes and Rawland remembers winning groceries, a watch, and shoes from the Raymond Shoe Factory. Wooden plaques and trophies made by the industrial arts department were awarded to individual winners. The school which accumulated the most points also won a plaque. Priscilla (Jones) Puelo of Laconia, said the team provided its own equipment, using the same skis and boots for all events and simply adjusting the bindings for cross-country. Other members of the ski team were Downing and Robert Jones, Judson Downing, Dorothy Duncan and Deborah Dodge.

Topping off the days events was the Carnival Ball, held at the Town Hall. Each queen contestant and her sponsors sold tickets and whoever sold the most, selected a king and reigned over the ski events and the Ball. For many years the Winter Carnival and the Carnival Ball were major events involving not only the school but the entire town and their proceeds were the chief source of finance for the entire sports program in the school.

The impact of World War II on our school was evident in many ways: several teachers joined the Armed Forces, subjected were dropped, correspondence courses were offered by the University of Nebraska, gas and tires for buses were in short supply and all athletic activities were discontinued. Several students elected to complete their high school education at Spaulding High School in Rochester, Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro or Laconia High School.

It became evident after World War II that we had reached a turning point. Where would advanced technology lead us?

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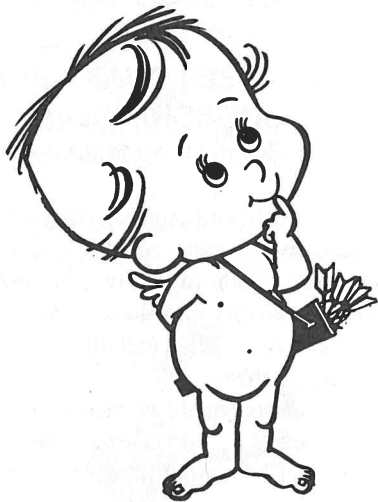
The Gilman Library is starting off the new year with, not only a fantastic assortment of books, magazines and audio/video cassettes, but also the availability of the Agnes Thompson Room to all organizations in town. We will be happy to see one and all who come through our doors.

Perhaps these winter months give us time to tackle projects. On our shelves are numerous books which will help. Or if you care to immerse yourself in good reading, new books arrive all the time and there are many wonderful "old titles" as well. Come in and browse.

As many of you are aware, the State is addressing budget issues, and one of the departments which could be affected drastically is the Department of Cultural Affairs, which is where the State Library is located. One of the important things this department does is that it allows all libraries in the state to be connected, free of charge. This enables all libraries to make use of the collections of every library in the state through this department and the cataloging they do. The State Library also provides us with free delivery service of materials requested by our patrons. Meetings are held on a regular basis, both state-wide and by region, and ideas and books are exchanged. If you feel that these services are important to you, please call:

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**ACTIVE PARENTING:** Mondays, March 6 for six weeks, at 6:30p.m. No fee. Child care is provided.

**CHALLENGE COURSE:** (Youth Service Bureau) March 20,21,22, 27,28,29 at 6p.m. Fee is \$50

**COUNTRY LINE DANCING:** Wednesdays, March 15 for eight weeks, 7-8:30p.m. Fee \$12.

**HIGH-LOW AEROBICS:** Tuesdays/Thursdays, March 7 for eight weeks, 5-6p.m.. Fee \$50

**INTERIOR DESIGN:** Wednesdays, March 22 for six weeks, 7-9p.m. Fee \$30

**OPEN WATER SCUBA CERTIFICATION:** Tuesdays/Thursdays, March 28 for six weeks, 7p.m. Pool sessions on Thursdays at Gunstock Inn. Fee \$295

**QUILTING:** Mondays, March 13 for 10 weeks, 6:30-8:30p.m. Fee \$25

**RED CROSS CPR/FIRST AID/SAFETY COURSE:** March 7,8,9, from 6-9p.m. Fee \$55. Minimum enrollment of nine is required.

**SLIMNASTICS:** Mondays/Wednesdays, March 13 for ten weeks,7-8p.m. Fee \$40

**WORD PROCESSING:** Tuesdays/Thursdays, March 14 for four weeks, 6:30-8:30p.m. Fee \$50

Two on-going athletic programs are offered as well. Men's pick-up basketball games are held on Monday nights (subject to gym availability) and Adult Advanced Volleyball meets at 7p.m. on Saturdays. Further information about the volleyball activity is available from Jay Sydow at 875-6792 or 875-2600.

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## PAUL C. MOCCIA NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Paul C. Moccia, superintendent of schools for several communities in northern Vermont, has been named new superintendent for SAU 51 covering schools in Alton, Barnstead, and Pittsfield.

Moccia has served the Vermont area for the last 10 years, initially as assistant superintendent. In 1990, he was named one of the supervisory unit's three superintendents. He served five school boards in the Newport area.

Moccia, who has family in the Rochester area, said that he is excited about using his skills in a smaller school supervisory unit.

"Despite the differences in the school districts, the one thing that they have in common is the obligation to give their kids the best education that they can. That's what I'd like to try to keep before them all the time," he said.

Moccia will replace Dr. Carl Hesse on February 6. Hesse has been serving as interim superintendent.

### 5 YEARS AGO.....

....Wendy St. Laurent and Peter Coats were elected Queen and King of the Carnival Ball at Alton Central School.... Sophomore Amelia McKinney won a Gold Key Award in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition....the Alton Fire Department "Squirters" won the Annual Bed Race.....

Election pollster to passerby: "Good day, sir. I am conducting a poll. Would you say that you were uninformed or apathetic?" Respondent: "I don't know and I don't care."



### PARIS IN FEBRUARY

George Smith, assistant treasurer of The Alton Senior Citizens, presents a check to Denise Stone, who teaches foreign language at Alton High School. The money will assist seven students who are traveling to Paris during the February school vacation.

The students are looking forward to seeing the sights of Paris as well as traveling to Rouen to experience some French countryside. Bon Voyage!!

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

Absentee ballots for the Town and School Election on Tuesday, March 14, 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 an absentee ballot will be mailed.

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

### MAIN STREET AVAILABLE BY SUBSCRIPTION

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**ST. VALENTINE DANCE**

The Woman's Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion will be sponsoring a St. Valentine Dance to raise money for their scholarship fund. This will take place at The Claude R. Batchelder Post 72 on Saturday, February 11, at 7p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ Wayne Wentworth. Tickets are \$5 per person and will include a buffet. Anyone interested in tickets can call the Dug-Out at 875-3461.

Members and guest are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING WINNERS**

The winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce are:

**RESIDENTIAL:** First Place - Ancil Family, Keewaydin Park; Second Place - Glidden Family, Pearson Road; Third Place - DiGiovanni Family, Depot Street.

**COMMERCIAL:** First Place - Shibley's at the Pier; Second Place - Dexter Brown for the Brown Block on Main Street; Third Place (tie) - Alton Bay Inn and AMS Refuse Disposal.

**ELECTION DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Town Moderator John Duffek is seeking volunteers to staff the polls for the Town and School Election on March 14.

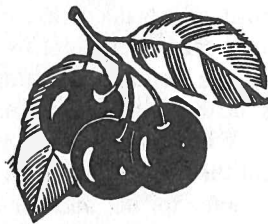
Individuals will be needed to check in voters, provide voter assistance and booth supervision, and count ballots at the close of the polls.

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

**INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Free tax help is being offered by VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) to help people with basic returns, particularly elderly, handicapped, and non-English speaking taxpayers. Participants are asked to bring a copy of last year's return.

A representative will be at the Pearson Road Community Center on Tuesdays from 10a.m. to noon beginning February 7. Call Leo Panit at 875-3287 for more information.



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**DAVID OVERALL SELECTED FOR EUROPEAN SOCCER TOUR**

Alton soccer standout David Overall has been selected as a member of the Northeast Soccer Club team that will tour Europe in April. He was selected from hundreds of soccer players throughout New York and New England for one of the 15 slots on the team.

The team will participate in matches in Germany, Holland, Belgium and England, competing against local community teams. They also will have the opportunity to do some sightseeing and attend professional soccer matches.

David has been playing organized soccer since the fourth grade as a striker or mid-fielder. His future plans include attendance at the New Hampshire Technical College in Concord where he hopes to get a general associate degree in science.

In order to participate, David needs to raise \$1,595 to pay for the trip. Since he learned of his acceptance, he has been doing various fund raising projects, including recycling cans and newspapers. Anyone wanting to assist him in his efforts by donating cans, newspapers or cash may contact David at 875-3683.

**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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### CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

#### BUDGET IS MAIN CONCERN

With the new Legislature sworn in and the Governor inaugurated, the major concern to be addressed is the budget for the next two years. Each of the twenty-one standing committees will be asked to scrutinize all money bills much more carefully this year. If the federal government cuts programs, especially in health and human services, the problem falls to the states to fund the programs, pass the costs to the counties or local governments, or discontinue programs.

There may be a melding of some programs, keeping the best segments. The federal emphasis in welfare reform seems to be an increase in job training, changing eligibility and education. We shall see if there is a follow-up or fallout here in New Hampshire.

The Governor speaks often of funding new kindergartens and helping those who already have them. There will be a great effort to accomplish this. Streamlining the administrative part of education will be pursued.

With limited funds and resources this year, we have a greater challenge to make the monies we do have give the greatest benefits to New Hampshire residents.

I will be at the Alton Town Hall in Monday, February 6, from 2:00-3:00p.m. Meanwhile, you can reach me at 875-2151.

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### MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON DIANETHA MOULTON ASSESSING CLERK

By Carol Fritz

When we enter the town hall a friendly face is always there to say hello. Dianetha Moulton, our assessing clerk, sits at the desk and often provides information to citizens new to the area. Depend on her to know which office or person in the Town Hall can answer your questions. As assessing clerk, she completes many clerical duties including property transfers, paperwork for deeds, filing, typing and answering the telephone. She assists the assessor, completing data entry of figures for the tax rate, a task which directly impacts all of us. The computer has accelerated the record the record keeping process, but attention to details requires the critical eye of the assessing clerk. Dianetha often assists real estate agents who need property maps or tax information. The appraiser also counts on her to keep the records in order.

Dianetha has lived in Alton for 28 years. Prior to becoming a resident, she was a summer person. She told all of her high school friends that she was going to marry and live in Alton. She did. She has one married daughter and a new grandson. Dianetha sparkles when she talks about Bret and looks forward to her afternoon visits with him. A devoted grandmother, she is also a devoted town employee.

She first worked for the water department as a secretary for eight years. Her next position was tax collector. During her time in office, all of the tax records were kept by hand; computers were not available. Now she works as assessing clerk which she truly enjoys. She loves the town and its citizens and she plans to work until retirement. When asked what she would do if she won the lottery, she said she would continue to work but use the money to build a new home for her and her husband and also one for her daughter. We are very lucky to have her; she is a terrific lady. When you go into the town hall, stop in to say hello.

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**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNERS**

Alton Central School senior John Herman is congratulated by Richard Derby, Voice of Democracy Chairman for the Willson Hunt Post #6806, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Second place winner Robert Boyce and Principal George Rogers look on.

**ALTON STUDENTS WIN VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST**

John Herman, a senior at Alton Central School, was the winner of the Voice of Democracy essay competition sponsored by the Willson Hunt Post #8606, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Farmington. Robert Boyce, also a senior, placed second.

The contest was open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors and students were required to submit an audio essay on the theme, "My Vision For America". The essays needed to be at least three minutes in length and not more than five minutes. All entries were judged on delivery, originality and content.

Herman will go on to represent the Post at the district level of competition. The winner there will go on to the state level and that winner will represent New Hampshire at the national level during a five-day, all-expense-paid trip to Washington DC, and an opportunity to win a \$20,000 scholarship.

The Voice of Democracy began in 1946 and was originally sponsored by the National Association of Broadcasters with assistance of the VFW. In 1960, the VFW in partnership with the Ladies Auxiliary became the sole program sponsor. Over the years more than 6,000,000 high school students have participated in this program producing such notable winners as broadcaster Charles Kuralt, Mariette Hartley, Anita Bryant, and former Missouri governor John Ashcroft.

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**ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE  
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This is being done to accommodate the growing number of children and teams involved in the program.

**UMPIRES AND COACHES NEEDED**

There is a need for coaches and umpires for the coming season. No experience is needed at either position and there will be clinics offered in the Spring for both. Anyone interested is asked to call Mike Currid at 875-5375.

**SOFTBALL CLINICS OFFERED**

Plymouth State College is offering softball clinics on pitching and catching for fast pitch softball on February 5 from noon to 4p.m., February 12 from 9a.m. to 1p.m., and March 5 from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

The cost is \$15 preregistered and \$20 at the door. For more information, call Cecile Gagnon at 364-6561.

**POTENTIAL SPONSORS**

Any business owners interested in an advertising billboard at "Little Fenway" should contact Bill Holway at 859-2242 or Currid at 875-5375.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

The Alton Youth League has accomplished a great deal in the last two years. During that time, a great deal of people have donated countless hours of their time. None more so than one individual - Jack Baggaley.

From the construction of the field we now call "Little Fenway", to participation in the B.A.N.D. League, to fund raising efforts such as the business sponsor program, incorporating signs at the field, Jack has accomplished more in two years than could have ever been imagined.

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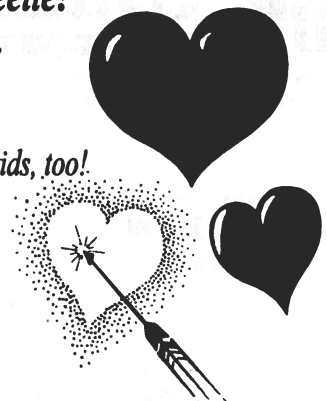
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**WORKSHOP OFFERED ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

A half-day workshop on preparing claims for workers' compensation hearings and appeals will be offered on Tuesday, February 14, by the N.H. Occupational Health Alliance.

Speakers include workers' compensation defense attorney Charles Giacobelli and Francis LaFavour, members of the N.H. Workers' Compensation Appeals Board and the N.H. Employee Labor Relations Board.

The workshop will be held February 14 from 8:30 to 11:30am at The Margate in Laconia. Cost if \$12.00. All employers are invited to attend.

The event is sponsored by the N.H. Occupational Health Alliance. Members include Huggins Hospital, Franklin Regional Hospital, Lakes Region General Hospital and Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth.

**NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK SPRING!**

It's time for landowners and groups to start thinking about spring planting for conservation and wildlife. Also Earth Day, Arbor Day, and Soil and Water Stewardship Week are all coming up in April.


Young bareroot trees, shrubs, and a variety of other "earth" and natural resource related items are being offered through the Belknap County Conservation District's 1995 Tree, Shrub and More Program.

Trees include evergreens, pears, semi-dwarf apples, dwarf apples, crabapples, plums, sugar maples, white oaks, and white birch. There are bareroot blueberry, elderberry, raspberry, and, new this year, strawberry plants.

Orders must be prepaid and received by Tuesday, February 28. The anticipated delivery date is April 29.

More information is available from the Belknap County Conservation District office at 719 North Main Street in Laconia or call 528-8713.

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