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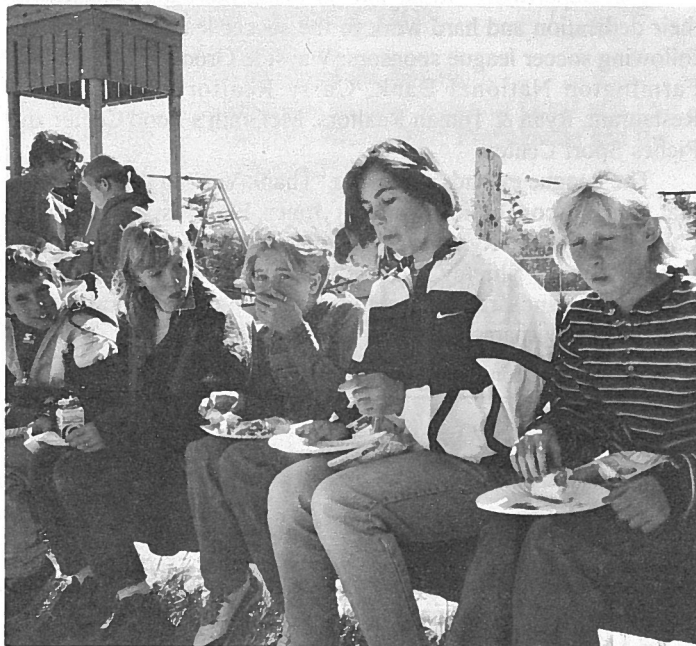
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce announce the appointment of Julie Slayton Frank as the new executive director.

Frank recently moved to New Hampshire from Bath, Maine, where her previous experience includes two years at the Bath Area Chamber of Commerce, many years in the hospitality industry and most recently as property manager of a retail/office complex in Brunswick. She now lives in Dover with her husband, Andy, and son, Gregory.

The Alton/Alton Bay business community is invited to meet Frank at a reception hosted by the Alton Harvest Grille on Wednesday, November 13, from 9 to 11a.m.

The Chamber has begun the process of identifying its short and long term goals. The most immediate goals are to increase Chamber membership and make the Chamber a self-supporting organization. The Chamber office (located in the Alton Bay Community Center) is now open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9a.m. to 12:30p.m. The phone number is 876-5777; e-mail to AltAltBayC@aol.com.



SCHOOL COOK OUT IS HUGE SUCCESS

Students Tim Waterman, Jamie Coigley, Patty Currid, Sarah Harper, and Kendra Brown recently enjoyed a cook out for students in grades 4, 5 and 6 to celebrate the start of a new school year thanks to their teachers and an enthusiastic group of parents. A menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, apples and an elaborate dessert buffet of homemade goodies received rave reviews from the youngsters. According to one of the teachers, "This wouldn't have been possible without the full support of the parents. We look forward to more cooperative events."



VOTERS APPROVE TEACHER CONTRACT

Dave Gagnon receives a ballot from Clerk Deborah Dickson during the secret ballot at the Special School District Meeting. About 300 residents gathered at the Alton School Gym on October 7 to approve a contract agreed upon by the School Board and teachers' association. On a vote of 191 to 102, the first contract in five years was approved.

LIBRARY BUILDING CAMPAIGN REACHES 87% OF THE GOAL

It has been a long and sustained effort by many dedicated people, but the Gilman Library expansion campaign has now achieved 87% of its \$600,000 goal! It becomes the most successful capital campaign in Alton's history, and the Kitchen Cabinet is firmly convinced that it will "go over the top" by March 1997.

Library Trustees Ellamarie Carr, Shirley Copeland and David Countway, while highly elated at the results to date, caution that there must be no letdown but rather extra efforts to score the campaign victory. They suggest the following:

1. If itemizing on your IRS returns, consider a gift prior to December 31, 1996.
 2. Consider the Thanksgiving season to express thanks for something personal via a special gift to the campaign.
 3. Give in time to be listed on the perpetual honor roll to be on display in the Library after the expansion is complete. Amounts will not be listed, but just the names.
 4. Stock donations are very much in order and genuinely welcomed.
 5. Some have given additional gifts to the campaign. If you can, please consider it soon.
 6. There are still memorial gift opportunities, ensuring perpetual dedication. Inquire at the Library.
 7. Support a final allocation at next March's Town Meeting.
- To date the private phase of the campaign has outdistanced the town appropriations by a wide margin...not typical in other library campaigns around the state.

8. Don't worry about over achievement of the goal! Some items have been removed earlier and could be reinstated.

A "Building Committee" has now been appointed and has started meeting to plan for the construction phase. In addition to the three trustees, it includes Carlton L. Chamberlain, Harold Bothwick Jr, Anne Hoopes, Scott Dunn, Joan High, Steve Dana, Robert Longabaugh, Pat Merrill, Larry Martin, Shelby Husak and John Schmidt.



ALL DRESSED UP FOR THE BALL

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Canuel (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Dore were recognized during the Bicentennial Ball for their outstanding costumes. The Ball was sponsored by the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce as one of the special events in the year-long celebration of Alton's 200th year.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS COORDINATED BY TOWN HALL STAFF

Coordination of the Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets has begun. Donations would be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check or money orders, made payable to "Operation Blessings", and may be dropped off at the Town Hall or mailed to Town Hall, P.O. Box 659, Alton 03809.

Canned goods donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall between 8a.m. and 4:30p.m.

The Police Association will prepare approximately 50 Fruit Baskets and also donate turkeys for the Food Baskets.

If you are interested in helping distribute baskets, or to suggest the home of a shut-in or a needy family, please contact Paulette Wentworth at 875-0204 or 875-7579.

ADVERTISING SOUGHT FOR YEARBOOKS

The Alton Central School journalism class is selling ads for the yearbooks and newspaper.

Business card size ads or of a page are available for \$35 for one insertion, two for \$55, or three for \$65. The ads can be placed in the high school yearbook, the elementary yearbook, and/or one of the three newspapers to be printed this year. Also, a 1/4 page ad for \$65, a 1/2 page for \$85, or a full page for \$125 may be placed in the high school book.

If you don't own a business to advertise, patron ads are available to parents and friends to congratulate graduating seniors. Patron ads are available for \$5 each.

Yearbook sales have begun already. If you have a child in school or if you would just like to purchase a yearbook you can contact Mary Christy at 875-7500. The cost of the high school yearbook is \$28 and the price of the elementary yearbook is \$18. A deposit of \$10 is required.

The unforgettable 1997 yearbook will only be on sale through Thanksgiving, so purchase your memories for the future now while they last.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE AWARDS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 22

The Annual Youth Soccer League Awards Presentation and ice cream sundae buffet will be held on Friday, November 22, at 6:30p.m. at the Alton Central School Gymnasium. All soccer teams in grades 1-6 will be recognized for their achievements.

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Youth Soccer League would like to thank all of the soccer players and parents for a great year. All of the Alton teams played excellent games and had a great time.

The Department would like to thank the team coaches for their dedication and hard work to the soccer league and also the following soccer league sponsors: Wayside Grocery, JP Builders, Farmington National Bank, Curry Realtors, Sandy Point Restaurant, Ryan & Toman Realtors, McGrath's Food Center and Piches Sport Center.

The League extends a very big "Thank You" to the volunteers that ran the concession stand at Jones Field especially: Lisa LaFreniere, Mrs. Ryan, Amanda Pacheco, Rachel Waterman, Sandy Currid, Shirley Holway, Lynda Clifford and Marcy Lowthian. Funds raised through concession stand sales help support the tournament fees.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By George J. Rogers, Alton Central School

SCHOOL YEAR HAS SMOOTH OPENING

The new school year has started well with a smooth opening. The school building is in good shape but space continues to be a problem. With a population of 656 students K-12 and two modular classrooms, we are juggling teaching spaces as needed. The settlement of the contract dispute has had a tremendous positive impact on our school. Thanks to the community for their support for this very important agreement.

ELEMENTARY INFORMATION

Our elementary school grades 4, 5, and 6 are using an integrated language arts series. Reading, spelling, phonics and English are taught together using Literature Works from Silver Burdett and Ginn. Our emphasis on skills development hasn't changed but our use of time and relating these subjects is being refined. Our elementary computer lab is now operational using word processing for writing stories. Volunteers staff this area through the week and we can always use more help! If you are able to volunteer, please contact Assistant Principal Dorothy Bristol (875-0377) or Volunteer Coordinator Laurie Boyce (875-7500).

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Teachers continue to work on the integration of content areas in order for students to increase their understanding and ability to apply their newly acquired skills and knowledge in a variety of situations. Throughout the year, middle school students will be taking part in a variety of activities, both inside and outside of the school to accomplish that goal. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to join their children in these activities. Please contact your child's teacher to relay your interest. Parents are reminded that teacher/parent conference day is coming up on Friday,

November 15, and this year, students in grades K-8 will participate in this event. For parents who have not yet set up a conference time, please contact your child's teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

The dates for the remaining S.A.T. exams are:

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
Dec. 7, 1996	Nov. 1, 1996	Nov. 14, 1996
Jan. 25, 1997	Dec. 20, 1996	Jan. 2, 1997
Mar. 15, 1997	Feb. 7, 1997	Feb. 19, 1997
May 3, 1997	Mar. 28, 1997	Apr. 9, 1997
June 7, 1997	May 2, 1997	May 14, 1997

K-12 INFORMATION

The NEASC Commission on Secondary Schools is processing the accreditation self study and visiting team report. We are awaiting their final recommendations for accreditation status. A follow-up committee has been formed to ensure that the recommendations of the visiting committee are being implemented. We are looking forward in this process of school improvement.

FYI

Counseling and guidance services are available to all students in grades K-12. The counselors provide a variety of support services designed to assist students in areas of personal growth, student awareness, decision making, academic support, and career exploration. The guidance department also takes responsibility in the areas of post-secondary education, scheduling, and testing programs. The counselors are available to meet with students and parents. If you have question or concerns, please contact one of the following people:

- Marilyn St. Cyr, Guidance Director, Grades 9-12 - 875-0384
- Kitty Croes, Counselor, Grades 7, 8, & Alternative - 875-0369
- John Duffek, Counselor, Grades K-6 - 875-0384
- Allison Rushbrook, Genesis Center Counselor - 875-0371

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SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Third-grader Geoffrey Jackson shows his Lego skills to his mom, Jean, and sister, Slater, during the recent Open House at Alton Central School. School Principal George J. Rogers began the program with a review of building improvements that took place over the summer, an announcement of upcoming events and activities and an introduction of the new teachers and staff. Classrooms were open from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. to allow parents and other residents an opportunity to visit with teachers and see the rooms.

SUPPORT MAIN STREET ADVERTISERS

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

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

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

GENERAL ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 5

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, at the Alton Central Fire Station between the hours of 7a.m. and 7p.m.

ALTON PTSA OFFICIALLY FORMED BY PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

By Janet Sleeper

On Thursday evening, October 17, an enthusiastic group of over fifty parents, teachers, and students gathered in the school gym. Those attending paid their dues, enrolled, and voted unanimously to form the Alton Parents, Teachers and Students Association.

Joyce Hopper, Chairman of the Planning/Steering Group, spoke to the crowd about the many people who have expressed a desire to serve the school and community in some manner. PTSA can provide a way to bring people together to work for the benefit of the community, and for the good of "the most important things in our lives, our children". PTSA will also provide an avenue for needed communication between students, parents, teachers, the school administration, and the residents of the Town of Alton.

Don Austin, of the New Hampshire PTA, addressed the group on policies and procedures, and answered questions from the floor.

Principal George Rogers, who also spoke briefly, was very pleased that the PTSA was forming and voiced strong support for the effort.

By another unanimous vote of the association, Joyce Hopper became president, Barbara Cruikshank, vice president, Becky Jensen, treasurer, and Linda Roy, secretary.

The newly formed group, whose membership has grown to 250, has already started making a difference by providing the school nurse's office with a telephone answering machine. Starting November 1 parents can call 875-0375 any time of day to leave a message when their child will be out sick.

In an effort to encourage communication, the PTSA will have suggestion boxes in the classrooms at the school. Anyone with a question, suggestion, or concern is urged to put a note in the PTSA box or write to the Alton PTSA c/o Alton Central School, P.O. Box 910, Alton, 08309. PTSA will also have a monthly newsletter.

Membership/Registration letters will be sent home with students and will be available at the post office, the library, and local stores November 1. Enrollment in the Alton PTSA is open to students in grades six through 12, and to the public. Yearly dues are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. (Dues are considered a donation.) Questions concerning membership can be directed to Margie O'Toole, enrollment chairman, at 875-5633, or Planning/Steering Group members Maryellen Kenerson, Marcy Lowthian, Sue Blair, Scott Blair, Chuck Downie, Dave Quann, Ruby Hawkins, Debby Lane, Karen Marren, Kathy Alden, Janet Sleeper, Becky Johnson, or the Association officers.

Regular meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month in the High School Library starting November 19. Free babysitting will be available.

Marriages can be made in heaven, but we humans are responsible for the maintenance work.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney

BUS TRIP PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 12

If November days are dark and gray
 They will not hold us in their sway-
 For we will count our many blessings
 While we eat our turkey and dressing!

October was a very busy month for us with trips, flu shots, our ham and bean supper and the volunteer banquet held at Pheasant Ridge Country Club. More people are joining us for cards and bingo, making these activities very lively, indeed!

November sees a little slow down, perhaps a welcome breather to help us prepare for all the parties and activities that will take place at Christmas time. Our trip coordinator, Ginny Myers, has planned a CAP bus trip to the Christmas Tree Shop in Salem, NH on the 12th of November. This is always a popular trip, so call her at 875-5713 to see if there is room on the bus. This is definitely the last trip planned until Spring 1997.

After your big meal on Thanksgiving Day, you will be relieved to get out of the kitchen and come to our spaghetti supper on Saturday, November 30, at 5p.m. at the Center on Pearson Road. Our chef, Tony Mariano, and his staff always work hard, long hours to put out a great meal at a reasonable price.

On a grateful note, the Alton Senior Building Fund Committee and the Alton Senior Citizens Association would like to thank our Town Administrator Scott Dunn for the recent paving of the parking lot. It is a tremendous help to those using walkers or wheelchairs and also a help to George, the custodian who keeps the building so clean.

The Alton Senior Citizens were very saddened by the death on October 9 of one of our long time members, Myron Lamper, who was well known and loved by many in Alton. We will miss his wonderful stories of the "old days." He was a veritable storehouse of interesting and delightful anecdotes about his varied experiences. Our sincere condolences to his family.


Art Saulnier continues his history of "the barn on the hill" in this next to last installment that recognizes the donations of so many who helped make a meeting place for the seniors a reality:

Things were picking up as three more volunteers came to help: Aubert Giles, John Brooks, and Dick Collins. People began to donate items when they saw the progress we were making. Mrs. McKlone donated the glass insert back door. Mrs. Laurion gave us the refrigerator from the old flower shop and Reuben Wentworth delivered it for the seniors. The Stanfords donated a

beautiful stereo, and their two daughters donated 12 bridge tables and a VCR. Jessie Bakeman gave us a TV in memory of her sister. The Gileses gave us a clock for the dining area, and the Majors let us have one for the kitchen. We have a nice sofa and an Afghan, thanks to the Tanguays, and rugs from Evelyn Nardo and the Collinses. Town Manager Pam Andrade let us have the piano that had been in the Town Hall and a hospital bed for the nurse's room. Mildred Lacombe donated chairs, and we are especially grateful for her donation of the beautiful organ that we all enjoy so much when Jim Obrotka is playing. Other chair givers were Tony Mariano, and Norman Fountain. The wheel chair, given by Mr. Torlucci, has been a big help. Other items are a kitchen cabinet from Gus Hogan, a range hood from Mr. Watson, and a PA system from Paul Todd. More recently, Nancy Mooney donated a wall magazine rack.

That's all for this months, folks! We seniors wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving. How can we not be thankful for the beautiful town of Alton and the wonderful people who live in it and help make our lives so rich?

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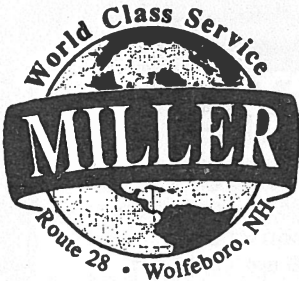
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BICENTENNIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Gwendolyn Jones

**WOMEN PLAYED MAJOR ROLES
IN ALTON'S HISTORY**

(The following article appeared in the Kansas City Star on Tuesday, August 8, 1922, with the headline, "A TOWN IS RUN BY WOMEN")

Alton, a little town up in the hills of New Hampshire, where the "feet" of the White Mountains toe, basks in the limelight of the nation.

Others may point to their women mayor and "alderman", but where else will you find a place with a woman town clerk, woman treasurer, woman deputy sheriff, woman minister, woman high school principal, woman druggist, woman school district manager, woman undertaker, women library trustees, woman hotel proprietor and a woman running the factory of the chief industry of the town?

There is no woman's club in the town, and yet the president of the federated woman's clubs of the entire state is a resident of the community.

"Nothing new", states the town in one acclaim, "that our women forge ahead. The first woman lawyer ever admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia came from Alton, N.H., thank you!"

What is the reason that Alton women folk take such an important part in running their town? "Just natural ability," say the townspeople. But who are the women who "hide their light under a bushel."

There is Mrs. Ethel W. Morrell, the town clerk. Mrs. Morrell two years ago became clerk through the death of her husband. Mr. Morrell had been clerk for ten years and was immensely popular and was also the town druggist. When he passed away it was only natural that Mrs. Morrell, who had worked on his books in the office, should take up the work where he left off. She filled his unexpired term and then came the annual election. Only one name appeared on the ballot for the position and that was the name of Mrs. Morrell whom the voters recognized as the logical candidate.

Not only is Mrs. Morrell thus the town clerk, but she is also



the school district treasurer and the town druggist, for her husband's business had to be carried on.

Mrs. Harriet F. Varney is the town treasurer. Hers is another case of taking over her husband's work. Mr. Varney was treasurer for a time and then he became postmaster. The result was that Mrs. Varney filled out his unexpired term. Mrs. Varney is a graduate of the Alton high school.

She is a member of the Grange and the Sons of Veterans' auxiliary, and is the first woman of the executive committee of the Republican Club.


Anna M. Wright, the wife of Dr. Wright, has been a member of the board of library trustees for the last eighteen years. She is a western woman of charming personality, who came to the town fresh from school teaching in Kansas. She was a homesick young woman for awhile, but the warmth of the people of the town and her western manner exerted itself and the voters of the town were not slow in electing her to a place on the town board and keeping her there.

She was educated in the State Normal School of Kansas and Campbell university. She is past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Kansas and past president of the Sons of Veterans' auxiliary.

Octavia H. Gilman is also a member of the board of library trustees. Mrs. Gilman was a teacher for a number of years.


The distinction of having the youngest woman pastor in New England is enjoyed by Alton. Miss Helen K. Wallace (told of in a previous story in The Star) presides over the First Baptist church there and has succeeded in building up a sizable congregation. Hers was another case of stepping into a breach to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a relative.

Two years ago her father was chosen to fill the pastorate of the church. He came from Cambridge, Ma. and the Memorial day following the taking up of his work he died while preparing his




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sermon. The following Sunday his brave daughter took his place in the pulpit, and, checking back her emotion, she carried out the service as if inspired. Her congregation was delighted and immediately made her their pastor for an indefinite term. But the fates have decreed otherwise. Her fame has gone beyond the borders of the town. Franklin College of Franklin, Ind. heard of her and in the fall she will be dean of that institution.

She is a native of Peabody, Mass. and was graduated from Brown University in 1920. She will be the youngest dean of any college in the United States.

The first woman deputy sheriff in New Hampshire is Mrs. Oscar Davis. She is now serving her first term. The only other deputy from the town is her husband. Mrs. Davis is a sturdy motherly woman, who takes a keen interest in the town and its affairs. She has been identified with patriotic societies and has been honored in the state by the Sons of Veterans.

The town undertaker is Mrs. Mabel Evans. Mrs. Evans took up her husband's business when he died and carried it on to success. was undertaker for many years and became skilled in the work through training.

Mrs. Katherine K. Waldron is principal of the high school. She was elected to the position four years ago and has filled it with credit since. She is a graduate of Boston University. She perhaps had contributed most to placing her school in the list of accredited high schools.

Mrs. Charles H. McDuffee for many years was a member of the town school committee. She has been a school teacher and is head of the parents' association of Alton. She is now president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Alton does not have a woman's club but Mrs. McDuffee is a member of the Farmington Club in a nearby town. She is an excellent speaker and a good organizer.

Alton is noted for one industry that has no near rival in the country. It is the home of the cork screw manufacturing industry. Strange to think in this prohibition time it is thriving. And a woman is the guiding spirit.

Mrs. William B. Clough carries on the business that made her husband's name known over the world where bottled goods of any sort are handled in quantities. Mr. Clough died two years ago. For fifty years he had worked out and perfected machinery for the making of corkscrews in quantities. When he died Mrs. Clough did not sell out the business and don widow's weeds and shut herself away from the world as was the old time idea. She gathered the workmen together and placed the business in their hands and told them to go to it.

A very efficient superintendent of the plant who had been with her husband thirty years loyally stuck by her as did the rest of the help and the machines are twirling out corkscrews by the hundreds of gross daily.

All kinds and sizes are struck off from the little gold wire perfume opener to the large beer cap and large screw for more sizable bottles. Already the machines are humming away on a big beer order from Australia.

Thus Alton, N.H. is very much on the map. It has a population of 1200, winters. Perhaps 5000 summers. There are 800 voters. About the same number of women as there is men. The town was incorporated in 1796 and set off from New Durham. The oldest house standing in the town was built in 1774.

Besides the cork screw factory there is a shoe factory and a box factory. Henry W. Savage the theater magnate maintains his home in town, and Marilla Ricker, the first woman lawyer of the Capitol, was born and lived here and went from here to take up legal practice in Washington.



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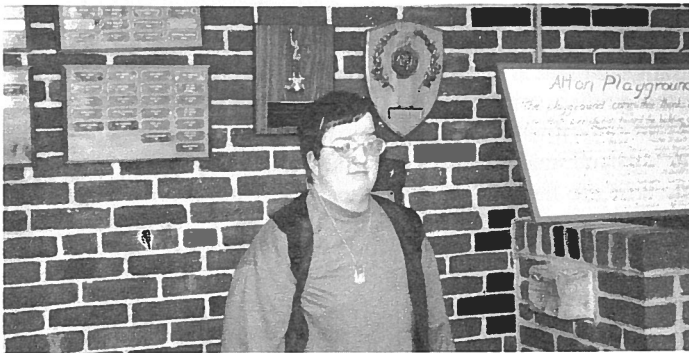
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**ALTON FRESHMAN LECTURES
AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL**

Jonathan Strickland, a freshman at Alton High School, was recently commended by Harvard Medical School for his willingness to meet with second-year students to discuss medical care from a patient's point of view. Strickland has undergone 47 operations since he was a few days old.

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THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

THOUGHTS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Now that November is here, our thoughts turn to the holiday season, and all the things we want to do - especially in the way of baking, sewing and crafts for Christmas.

Why not come to the Library and see all the books we have on those subjects! We can share with you many cookbooks with holiday recipes, craft books with plans for Christmas gifts and books about home improvements.

New books are added to our collection all the time, so come in and browse. You will be surprised at the resources here.

The New Hampshire State Laws and RSA's are here. Our collection began a number of years ago with a donation from Charles and Helene Shields. The Library has continued purchasing the necessary titles, so if you need that sort of reference, they are all here.

Another collection that is worth looking at is the MacArthur Collection. This series of books, handsomely bound and easy to hold and read, features all the classics, and is a priceless addition to any library. The Friends of the Gilman Library completed the set for us, which was started by a contribution from the Alton Women's Club.

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WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

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TOWN HALL NOTES

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

LOCAL WELFARE ENLIGHTENMENT

New Hampshire State Law (RSA 165:1) states: "Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not he has residence there."

In Alton, the Selectmen have appointed the Town Administrator to serve as the Welfare Director and they have adopted guidelines which are strictly administered.

As a welfare agency, we provide assistance to financially strapped individuals and families by paying for housing, food, electric bills, and heating. Occasionally we pay for medical expenses and child care. We are a short-term safety net. All payments go to vendors and we never make cash disbursements or payments directly to persons receiving assistance. Persons receiving assistance must actively look for work if they are physically able. We also have some people work for the Town but we must be careful to avoid any potential liabilities. Persons who are unwilling to work or look for work are declared ineligible. Local welfare is not designed to be a way of life, nor is it a support system for lazy people. Unfortunately, sometimes children suffer because of their parents' conduct which I must judge in an attempt to follow our guidelines. On a personal basis, it pains me when parental responsibilities are abridged, but we have a limited amount of tax dollars to spend and it's my job to make sure assistance is provided to the truly needy. Another thing we do is try to recover assistance whenever possible. We do this through the workfare program, by notifying relatives of their obligations and by placing liens on property in addition to seeking reimbursement from state and federal agencies.

There is also a process for individuals to appeal decisions made by me to a fair hearing officer. Volunteers are always welcome to serve in this capacity.

Although being the Welfare Director is usually not the most rewarding aspect of my job, there are times when it is extremely gratifying to know that we have helped individuals and families restore themselves to self sufficiency. We do this for about 100 people a year. Also, every now and then private citizens come to us with donations of food, Christmas gifts and other forms of assistance which we are able to distribute. My appreciation goes out to all who contribute to charities or directly aid truly needy families. And special thanks goes to Pat Rockwood, my assistant and the Welfare Officer, who provides the warmth, caring and individual attention that is part of our system which is otherwise

uncomfortable to all who participate. All services provided are confidential to the extent possible, but we still must account for the expenditure of public funds. If you have any questions about the welfare office or know someone in need of our services, don't hesitate to call us or drop by the Town Hall.

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH APRIL 1

There is no parking allowed on public streets between 10p.m. and 6a.m. or during any snow storm when plows are working.

Also, it is illegal to plow or shovel snow onto a public street. Is everybody ready for this stuff?

1997 BUDGET PREPARATION IS WELL UNDERWAY

Remember taxes are based on appropriations made at Town Meeting, School District Meeting and by the County delegation. At the local level, Town Officials only make recommendations to the voters. People who do not participate by attending meetings, making inquiries and voting have no right to complain.

REVALUATION IS FINISHED! FINALLY!

New values will appear on tax bills which will soon be mailed. Information will be printed on the bills concerning abatements and exemptions.

TOWN HOLIDAYS

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 Bay Church - Sunday School (all ages), 9:30a.m., Worship, 11a.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:30p.m., Rand Hill Road, Pastor Roy Ames
 Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October-April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June-August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussakis, 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. & 7p.m., Monday thru Saturday except Wednesday, 8:30a.m., Confessions Saturday, 4p.m. or by appointment, Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
 Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship, Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service, 10:30a.m. (Summer 10a.m.), Evening Service, 6p.m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7p.m., Route 28, Lee Button, Pastor

GILMAN LIBRARY:

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SENIOR MEAL SITE:

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

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
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 53 - Wednesdays, 6p.m., Central Fire Station
 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
 PTSA - 3rd Tuesday, School Library
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
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The Bicentennial memorabilia will be available on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, at the Central Fire Station. Committee members will be selling the medallions, sweatshirts, and decals throughout the day.

After Election Day, the medallions and other items will be available at the Alton Village 5 & 10. Town Hall and the two banks will continue to have a supply of medallions until the end of the year. All these items make great gifts, so shop early and shop often.

MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

November Events

- Tue. 5 - GENERAL ELECTION, Central Fire Station, 7a.m. to 7p.m.
- Wed. 6 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu. 7 - BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30a.m. to Noon
- Sat. 9 - MOVIE DAY, Town Hall, 9a.m.
CHRISTMAS FAIR, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10a.m. to 3p.m.
- Mon. 11 - VETERANS DAY
- Wed. 13 - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEPTION, Harvest Grille, 9 to 11a.m.
STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Wed. 20 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Fri. 22 - YOUTH SOCCER AWARDS, School Gym, 6:30p.m.
- Wed. 27 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu. 28 - THANKSGIVING
- Sat. 30 - SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5p.m.

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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

DEER HUNTING SEASON!

November means only one thing to the outdoors person—deer hunting season!!

This year the Fish & Game Department has moved the opening dates to November 2 - 12 for muzzle loader season. The firearms season in unit J2 (which is where Alton is located) is November 13-16 for any deer and November 7 - December 8 for antlered deer only. If you decide to hunt a different Wildlife Management area, be sure to check the regulations as they vary from unit to unit.

These late opening dates and the limiting of the number of female deer taken allow the Fish and Game Department to manage the herd specifically for each unit in the state. It allows more does to make it through the breeding and hunting seasons. Now all they have to do is make it through the winter where Mother Nature regulates the season!

Last year we had lots of snow but it did not sit deep on the ground for long enough to keep the deer from being able to harvest the acorns underneath. Most made it through the winter in good condition.

Bear season ended the beginning of this month but many seasons are still open. One may hunt cottontail rabbit, snow-shoe hare, crow, fox, gray squirrel, woodcock (closes November 14), pheasant, quail, raccoon, ruffed grouse and turkey (by archery only). This should keep you busy.

Enjoy the outdoors.

ONE DOWN, ONE UP

By Bob Longabaugh

What kind of sports score is that, "One Down, One Up?" None, really. It has to do with one time capsule being interred under the front lawn of Town Hall while only two blocks away another piece of the Town's heritage was being dug up and coming into the light after 150 years, plus.

The piece of Alton from generations ago was a three-foot long piece of wooden water pipe!

Picture this snapshot in time: Irving Roberts, coordinator of Alton's Time Capsule project, is shepherding a collection of 1996 future artifacts into the ground to be resurrected a hundred years from now, while Dick Quindley, Alton Water Superintendent, is unearthing a piece of Town history that was never intended to be seen again. Its only job was to deliver water to a fledgling community in early 19th century New Hampshire.

What is so remarkable is the good condition of the wood pipe. It could still be delivering water today if the 1800's Alton water system hadn't been "modernized" in mid-century with larger capacity lead pipe. (And we do know in the 1990's, don't we, about how bad lead is in water that humans drink?) The wood pipe is five inches on a side, square, with a three-inch bore through its length, which is 39 inches. Intriguing is the 3 and 3/4" inch diameter inset on the intact end, which suggests that the pieces were "mass" produced in lengths designed to interlock.

This particular one-yard piece of Alton's past was unearthed from its resting place about four and a half feet under the surface of Main Street (Route 11) in front of the Professional Center building that currently houses Boudrow Pumps and several other businesses. Most will recognize the location as being across the street from the former location of the Alton Post Office. Quindley was using modern high tech listening gear to locate a leak in the



1800's WATER PIPE

Water Superintendent Dick Quindley displays the section of wooden water pipe recently uncovered under Main Street.

present water delivery system. He not only found the leak he was looking for, but also uncovered a bit of a mystery: Just how old is the pipe and what were the circumstances of its installation?

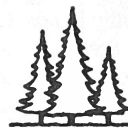
Reference to Barton Griffin's *The History of Alton* and Albert Fisher's typewritten manuscript of the same title (Book II) helps fill in a little of the circumstances, but the age of the wood pipe is likely to remain elusive.

Fisher reports that between 1858 and 1874 "at least" 21 inhabitants of Alton died of typhoid fever, mostly attributable to the proximity of wells to sources of human and animal wastes. The need for a source of purer drinking water had been identified many years earlier. Griffin wrote that an artesian well was drilled in Alton in the "early part of the century" and water was stored in a reservoir on Bay Hill. At the time, he claims, it was only the second such system "employed in the State of New Hampshire," being "identical with that of Needham, Massachusetts." He fails to be specific about a date. One has to go to Fisher's manuscript to learn from Joseph Mooney's entry in his journal for October 10, 1844, that he "put lead pipe down" at Emery's blacksmith shop. Fisher goes on to speculate in parentheses "replacing wood pipe?"

Fisher concludes this part of his history by writing (with respect to October 1844) "So the village began receiving water. Most of these houses were between the post office and the town hall." Thus, it seems, that there was a network of pipes in place in the center of the village by the Fall of 1844. What we still do not know, however, is whether Quindley's recent discovery was a piece of that network, or from some other piping endeavor.

Are there any other historians out there - amateur or otherwise - who can shed further light on this piece of wood with the hole down the middle?

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10 YEARS AGO.....

.....the dedication of Prospect View Homes, the 26-unit project of Alton Housing for the Elderly, was reported on with a special commendation to Juliet E. E. Peverley for her leadership in originating and implementing the project.....Pat Merrill, librarian at Alton's Gilman Library, reported on two workshops she attended at the State Library toward improving library services in Alton..... Joseph Mooney's diary entries from 1815 to 1858 were quoted on local doings in Alton ("Fires drove our cattle home from the (Alton) Mountain").....the Alton School Music Department reported that eight Alton instrumentalists were participating in the 140 musician northern New England band festival.. The Main Street staff was unable to find the answer to the question of who was William Charlesworth Levey and why does Alton have a park in his memory?

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....Alton's 1991 tax rate was established at \$10.06 per \$1,000, which was a 6.7% increase from the previous year with the county's portion representing a 35% increase mainly because the \$10 million debt for Gunstock was placed on the tax rolls.....Bonnie Joseph was appointed an Alton Selectman to fill the vacancy created by the death of Marion MacDonald.....Joe Ferro was assembling a GYROplane in his local engine shop.....Elaine MacDonald took over from Marilyn Dame as the organizer of the Thanksgiving Basket Fund.....Alton's Central School's Adam Johnson, Mark Penney, Matt Northridge, Michael O'Brien, Kevin Carr, and Rob Boudrow challenged a Pittsfield team on NH Public Television's "Granite State Challenge".....Alton resident Lorraine Durkee won a poetry inducted into the International Society of Poets.....the future of the Bay View award and was Pavilion was very much in doubt having been on the market for "nearly three years."

NEW WATER TREATMENT FACILITY GOES ON LINE NOVEMBER 13

The Alton Water Works will be putting its new treatment facility on line on November 13.

When this facility starts up some rust that has accumulated in the pipes may come loose and show up in some homes. To minimize this the Water Works will be flushing the system on November 6 and 7 between the hours of 10p.m. and 4a.m. During this time there will be some pressure drops in the system. Also this will disturb rust in the pipes. It is suggested that you flush the pipes in your house in the morning before doing any wash or drinking the water.

Due to some low level bacteria tests being positive in August and September chlorine is being added to the system as a precaution. This will be ongoing for the next few months.

If you have any questions on these matters please feel free to call the office at 875-4200, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 12:30p.m.

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CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS OFFERED AS OLD HOME WEEK FUND RAISER

The Old Home Week Committee announced that the Bicentennial Christmas ornaments will be on sale at the polls during the November 5 General Election. The Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the 1997 Committee and anyone interested is asked to call Kellie McGrath at 875-0109.



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Carole Billin will be presenting "Stone Age Women" as the special feature. Music will be provided by Otto Palmer of Loudon and Marjory Davis from Maine will be sharing a "Basket of Wisdom".

Christian Women's Club is an inter-denominational group with no formal membership. Reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery are necessary, and made by contacting Muriel Stinson in Alton by November 11.

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The General Election will take place from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station, Route 140, on Tuesday, November 5.

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By Kellie McGrath, Recreation Director

FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department Fall/Winter Schedule is available at the Alton Town Hall and local businesses.

Programs and special events to look for include: Saturday Fun Days, Toddler Play House, Dog Obedience Lessons, Winter Carnival, Ballet and Jazz Lessons, Hockey Lessons, Senior Citizen Bingo, Country Line Dancing, Creative Cooking, Vacation Fun Weeks, Pizza Party and more.

BALLET AND JAZZ LESSONS - AGES 6-9

Ballet and Jazz lessons will be held after school in the cafeteria on Wednesdays, November 6 - December 11, from 3 - 4p.m. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department on/before October 23, resident \$29, non-resident \$34; register after October 23, resident \$35, non-resident \$41.

MOVIE DAY

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a "Movie Day" on Saturday, November 9, for participants 8-12 years old. A new release movie will be shown at the Alton Town Hall from 9 to 11a.m. Popcorn will be served. Admission: resident \$1, non-resident \$5. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by November 8.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING FOR ADULTS

Country Line Dancing lessons will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays from 2:15 to 4p.m. Participants will learn new dances every week. Great exercise and opportunity to meet new dancers.

HARD BODIES WITH JULIE LIBBY

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HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS 6-12 YEARS

Holiday Crafts for Kids will be held at the Alton Town Hall on Saturday, December 7, from 9 to 11a.m. for ages 6-12. Participants have a choice of making three different holiday projects. Hand made crafts make great holiday gifts. Adult supervision and instruction is provided. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department on/before December 4, resident \$2 per project, non-resident \$5 per project.

For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity will hold a Blood Pressure Clinic at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, November 7, from 10:30a.m. to noon.

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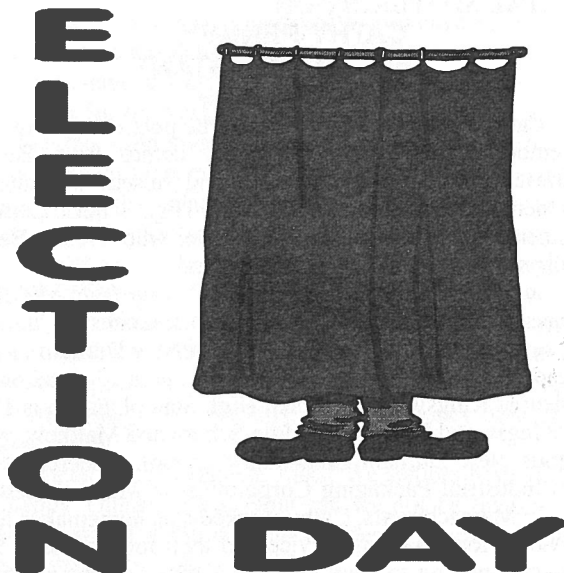
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**MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON
CATHY PENNEY
CLERICAL ASSISTANT**

By Muriel Walker

Cathy Penney began her part-time position at Town Hall in December of 1995. She originally comes from Beverly, Massachusetts, where she was born and raised. She attended schools there and graduated from Beverly High School. Cathy has two brothers who live in Texas and a sister who lives in Beverly with their mother. Their father is deceased.

In 1978, Cathy married Robert Penney from Middleton, Massachusetts. They lived in Hamilton, Massachusetts, and after moving several times, the family settled in New Durham in 1990. Cathy and Robert have three children, Laurie is 15 years old and is a student at Kingswood Regional High School. Susan is 13 and attends Kingswood Regional Middle School and Matthew, who is 10, attends New Durham Elementary School. Robert works at Danvers Industrial Packaging Corporation in Massachusetts.

In Massachusetts, Cathy worked as a homemaker for the North Shore Homemaking Service and then for the Essex Bank. Shortly after moving to New Durham, Cathy became a clerk for the New Durham Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment until coming to work in Alton. Here Cathy is a clerical Assistant for the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and assists Diantha Moulton in the Assessor's Department. In her position, Cathy deals with sub-division applications, scheduling and sending out notices for hearings, attending and taking notes at Planning Board meetings, transcribing tapes of ZBA meetings and scheduling appointments for the building inspector and planner. She assists the public with applications for building permits, variances and sub-divisions.

Besides the experience Cathy brought to Alton from her similar position in New Durham, she received training at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission in Dover. These were training sessions for planning board and ZBA members designed to familiarize those attending with new regulations and applications processes.

When I asked Cathy what she liked best about her work, she said "I like the planning part of it and getting into the regulations. It's a challenge to learn more about all of the



departments." She added "The best part is how friendly everyone is and how helpful they are to the public and to each other. It's just wonderful to work with people you enjoy!"

Cathy shared with me some of her interests and things she and the family like to do. She likes to do cross-stitching and likes to bake at home as well. Cathy is also fond of music. In fact, she and Robert met at a Christian Youth Coffee House. She said "We both sang in a contemporary Christian band which was housed in a church where Bob's father was pastor".

Cathy likes to travel and she and Bob spent time in England staying with friends. The family also likes to go to York Beach in the summer. "I love the ocean," says Cathy. Dad and son go golfing and the whole family enjoys canoeing. "Saturdays and Sundays are family days," says Cathy. She added "One day or the other we do something together. Bob and I feel it is important to have at least one day together as a family."

The family attends church together where Robert is a trustee and Cathy volunteers as a secretary responsible for the bulletin for church services.

Concerning the future, Cathy does not plan any major changes. "I like where I am and what I'm doing. The people and the job are interesting and enjoyable. I'm happy here."

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 53 HAS BUSY FALL SCHEDULE

Troop 53, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the Alton Fire Department, meets most Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30p.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140. The boys have a busy schedule of outdoor activities, merit badge work and community service projects.

On Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, the troop went to Camp Bell, a part of the Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, for a camp out which featured canoeing and hiking. Several of the boys were able to pass additional requirements toward their second and first class ranks. On the weekend of October 4 through 6 the boys spent two nights camping with about 150 scouts from other troops in the Abenaki District at a Fall Camporee in Milton. Troop 53 took top honors in two competitions: best skit and the water structure challenge. Cooks for the camp outs were: David Benedetto, Josh Dearnley, Greg Gatton, Ben Jensen and Ryan Yelle. Special thanks to Scout dad Eagle Scout Dave Jensen for attending both camp outs and assisting the boys in passing first aid requirements for second and first class ranks. His participation is greatly appreciated.

In October the boys put in many hours of work, along with Cub Scouts and other organizations, in decorating the Town Hall basement as a haunted house for the Halloween enjoyment of the children in the community. Most of the boys were in costume or behind the scenes to portray various "haunted" characters.

On Wednesday, October 30, a Court of Honor was held with Star Scout Dan Moulton preparing the program and acting as master of ceremonies for the evening. This is a special dress-up occasion when guests are invited, and Scouts receive the awards, badges and ranks which they have earned to date. Opening ceremonies included presentation of the United States and troop flags. For entertainment the boys presented a skit. Many merit badges were awarded, and several boys received second class ranks. Refreshments were served by members of the Troop Committee after the meeting.

Visitors are welcome at the troop meetings. Prospective new members should call Scoutmaster Michael Currid at 875-5375 or Assistant Scoutmaster Stanley Moulton at 875-5651. Each of the scouts: David Benedetto, Matt Currid, Josh Dearnley, Shawn Ford, Greg Gatton, Ben Jensen, Dan Moulton, Mike Murray, David Varney and Ryan Yelle would be happy to share further information about Scouting and how new members could join. Adult leaders are always needed. Merit badge counselors who are qualified to assist the boys in special subject areas are also needed. If you would like to volunteer some time to help provide a strong program for this great group of boys, contact one of the leaders or visit a regular meeting.

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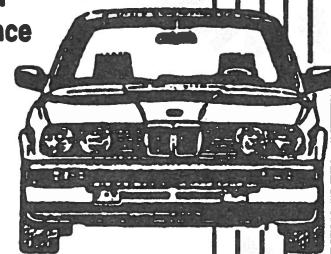
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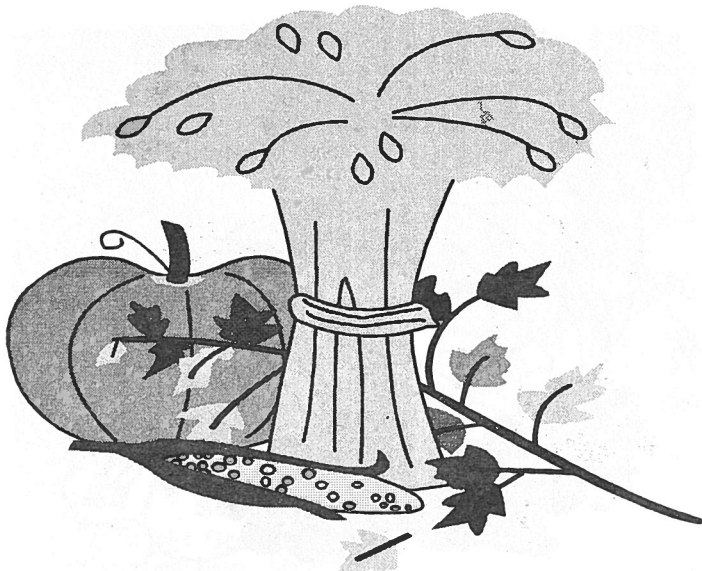
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A fund raising raffle is currently in progress for a battery operated Kawasaki Ninja ATV as first prize and \$75 cash for second prize. The raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held December 3. The ATV can be viewed and raffle tickets can be purchased at Citizens Bank from November 1 to 30.

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

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, or fax to 569-9807 by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Material may also be left in the Main Street mail box at the Farmington National Bank.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. For additional information call 569-4441.

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According to a town ordinance, motor vehicles or trailers are not permitted to be parked or stopped on any highway in Alton between 10p.m. and 6a.m. from November 15 through April 1 or at any other time during snow storms when snow removal maintenance is being performed.

The fine is \$10 and vehicles in violation of this ordinance may be towed away at the owner's expense.

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ALTON GRADUATE PAULA HUFSCHMID IS COMMENDED STUDENT

Paula Hufschmid, a 1996 graduate of Alton High School and a freshman at Wesleyan University, has been named a Commended Student in the 1997 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, has been presented by Principal George J. Rogers to this scholastically talented graduate.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Get an early start on the Christmas spirit at the St. Joan of Arc Christmas Fair. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, from 10a.m. to 3p.m. with an assortment of gift tables and ideas for the holidays. Santa Claus will be there for the children and food will be available. There will be tables available for those wishing to sell crafts or ? for \$10 each. Contact Laurie Boyce at 875-7371 and plan to be there on the 9th.

GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The annual meeting and Holiday Luncheon of the Alton Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, November 12, at 12:30p.m. at the Lake View Inn in Wolfeboro.

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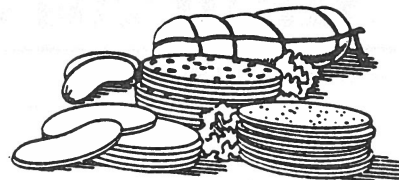
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The Alton Team would like to thank all those who sponsored them for the Tenth Annual "Walk by the Sea". The money raised is for the New Hampshire Brain Injury Association.

The Alton Team consisted of Rob, Laurie, and Jacob Boyce, (Rob & Laurie's 22 month old grandson who walked the first two miles before grandma had him get into his stroller), Becky Miller, Tammy Murtagh and Korin Todd, and raised over \$750. There were 472 walkers who raised over \$35,000 and it was a beautiful day walking along the ocean in Hampton. The team was sponsored by almost every business in town, all the teachers at the school, and several friends and relatives of the team.


FINAL BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY

During the past year, the large glass display case in Town Hall has featured a variety of memorabilia reflecting Alton's colorful history during the past 200 years. The displays have included our industries, Town records, Alton Bay and the Alton Bay Christian Campground, schools and the railroads to name a few topics covered in 1996.

The display for the remaining two months of the Bicentennial year will include a potpourri of memorabilia. It will include: newspaper clippings, photos, postcards and coverage of the Bicentennial activities this past year.

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