



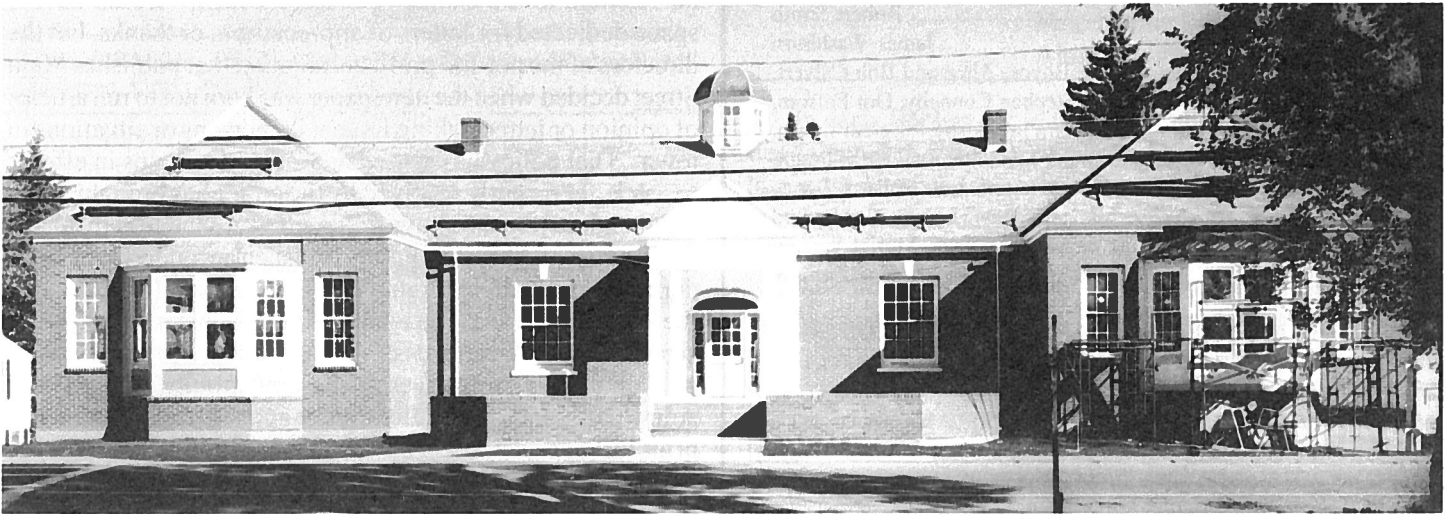
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GILMAN LIBRARY PREPARES TO REOPEN

by David Countway, Library Trustee

The month of November, 1997, marks an epic turning point in the history of Alton's Gilman Library. Very shortly the Milestone construction management people will be taking down their "shingle" and the crews under their direction will be closing their tool chests and moving out. Where last April stood a library of 3,200 square feet of usable space, now stands a greatly expanded structure of 6,700 square feet of finished space, with more that can be finished as demand warrants.

The Interior

The flurry of construction during October in the main library room and entry area necessitated an interruption of library services to Gilman Library patrons. The metamorphosis is just about complete, however, and the inner beauty of the new library matches the distinctive exterior. A unifying band of Crown molding with indirect lighting encircles the Main Room. The existing oak shelving was adapted by the Milestone craftsman to fit the new contours of the Main Room as well as serving a new function in the Archive Room and a new inter-library loan shelf in the Librarian's work area. The attention to lighting throughout the expanded Gilman Library creates a bright and inviting interior, as you will soon discover. The courtyard area with its new plaza, wood columns, and handicapped-access ramp will be finished off with attractive railings, benches, and lighting. New paint colors compliment the beauty of each room.

Where The Money Stands

There has been strong interest in the sale of bricks (\$100 each) with 30 sold to date. The original plan to place brass name plates on bricks along the outside courtyard has been revised. The name plates will be located at the chair height level along the brick wall inside the Adult Room. This more

secure location, just below Peter Ferber's Alton Bicentennial Painting, will give recognition to those who buy a brick. Bricks may be purchased in your own name or for family members and friends.

Fund raising to date has focused on construction funds. The \$3,000 already raised from the sale of bricks will be added to the \$1,765 Sunflower Garden Mum Sale proceeds and applied to the interior furnishing budget (\$30,000). The Gilman Library Building Fund just received a \$2,000 anonymous gift from an Alton family who value the new Gilman Library facility. The Gilman Library Trustees believe that this new gift will inspire others to be generous in support of our new shelving and furnishings.

The Weeks Ahead

When the library reopens, patrons will discover that the book collection has been stacked in neat piles on the floors in the Adult and Children's wings. An unexpected high demand in the library shelving market has meant that the delivery time on the new shelving is eight to ten weeks. Unfortunately this means we will go through another transition period which will again require patience and cooperation. The new tables and chairs will arrive within a four- to six-week period.

Community participation and involvement has been a theme throughout the past five years of planning and fund raising. A naming opportunity still exists for the Children's Wing. Perhaps someone reading this article will suggest an individual or foundation to contact that will result in a final major gift. Please contact Librarian Holly Brown with your ideas. A major gift would fund land acquisition of the adjacent American Legion property, the new elevator, or library automation equipment and library furnishings.

As the community becomes familiar with the newly-expanded Gilman Library, it should become an even greater source of pride for Alton.



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MAIN STREET COULD USE HELP ON NOVEMBER 28

Main Street can always use more volunteers to help in getting the newspaper out. In November we know that the day after Thanksgiving we'll be shorthanded in assembling the December issue. *Our immediate need* is for collators and staplers to help put the next issue together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Friday, November 28 at 6:30 P.M. We do hope you can lend a hand — literally!

NOTE TO OUR READERS ABOUT SUBMITTING MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION

As a "home town" newspaper Main Street not only welcomes manuscripts for publication which deal with Alton events and other items of local interest, but we are dependent upon them to fulfill our motto of being "the Voice of Alton." There are some restrictions, however, on what we allow ourselves to publish.

For one, regular readers are aware that Main Street has no "Letters to the Editor" column as such. We do have a space dedicated for letters of appreciation, or thanks, but the directors of the not-for-profit corporation that publishes Main Street decided when the newspaper was born not to run articles of opinion or letters taking issue with persons or situations in town. That policy has served us well and remains in effect.

A letter recently received by the editor has brought about an amendment to the above policy. It was a letter of thanks to the firemen of Alton for putting on "such a wonderful parade" during the September Firefighters Convention. This is exactly the kind of letter we love to print. The trouble was that it was signed "Two Alton Citizens," without any further identification or a phone number to verify the authenticity of the letter. Admittedly, such a laudatory letter appears ridiculous not to print just because we do not know who sent it. But allowing unverifiable writing to go into print will get us in trouble sooner or later.

We, therefore, have added a policy that Main Street will not publish any material that is not submitted with a name and phone number so that its author can be verified and additional details obtained as needed. If an author wishes to remain anonymous, we will withhold the name on the printed page, but we have to know to whom we are indebted for helping us be the voice of Alton.

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P.S. to the anonymous contributor of an alternative answer to the quiz on page 10 of our last issue: Your editor got a good chuckle from your submission. [The editor likes to think he has a good sense of humor — even when the joke is at his expense.]

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Main Street's Inside Front Page

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN SCHOOL VOTING FACE VOTERS

by Bob Calvert

With the advent of SB-2 and its adoption by Alton voters this past year at the School District Annual Meeting, it's not too early to prepare for the 1998 process, which will be a bit more complicated. For most of us it will start as early as January, 1998. The changes affect *only* the School District Annual Meeting and *not* the Annual Town Meeting.

Time Schedule Changes

A significant change is in the time schedule. The total process will require two important meetings (one in January and then the voting and election day activities in March). The January meeting is especially significant and is scheduled for Saturday, January 31. *Don't miss this meeting!*

The importance of the January meeting lies in the crafting of the school warrant. It is the only deliberative session. Amendments and changes can be made at this meeting, but no final action taken. It then goes onto the voting ballots in March, where voting takes place on the final warrant, as well as the election of school officers — all in the voting booths. By state statute the voting will be held on the second Tuesday in March — March 10, 1998 — the same date as the town elections.

Still More Meetings

In addition to the above two very official meetings, there are others that the voter can attend in order to become better informed on exactly what is going on. The School Board has scheduled an informational meeting for just before the balloting. This will occur on March 7, 1998. Before that the Town's Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed School budget. January 15 is the date for this.

Summing up, the dates to mark on your 1998 calendar are: January 15 and 31, March 7 and 10. If one wants to become really up on the subject, the School Board's and Budget Committee budget making and review sessions are open to the public. See the "Events" schedule on page 11 for what's happening this month. Future issues of *Main Street* will contain the finer details, meeting times, locations, and new updates as they become available.

SCHOOL BOARD UNVEILS PROPOSED BUILDING SITE

On October 23 the Alton School Board announced to the Building Committee the proposed site of the new high school proposed for construction in the near future. The property is Hale's Location Realty Trust, owned by Mr. Robert Carleton, located behind Water Industries on Route 28 South. The Board viewed several parcels of land in Alton. In the Board's view, the Carleton property has the best possibilities, taking into concern the cost for site work and accessibility.

The Building Committee continues to meet every two weeks to discuss a variety of issues under its charge. The general public is welcome to attend these meetings. Agendas are posted at the Town's two post offices and at school.



GAZEBO GIVEN AS MEMORIAL

Shown above is the gazebo that recently sprung up — almost overnight — in Ginny Douglas Park at the intersection of Old Wolfboro Road and Main Street in Alton. This new structure is given in loving memory of Walter and Virginia ("Ginny") Douglas and their son-in-law, Robert Hoagland, by their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas came to Alton in the early 1920's as summer residents. In 1960 they retired at "The Bay," where the Hoagland family still resides. Ann Douglas Hoagland was instrumental in bringing about the gift of the gazebo to the Town. She is the daughter of Walter and Ginny Douglas, and the widow of Robert Hoagland.

Recent History

Ginny Douglas was the president of the Alton Garden Club from 1971-1973. During this time the club adopted the park on Main Street, across from the Saint Joan of Arc Church. Small parks, such as this one, were known as "vest pocket" parks by the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs. The Alton Garden Club "adopted" this park in 1971 and has cared for it ever since as one of its beautification projects. Because of her love of the Alton area and its people, the park was subsequently named the "Ginny Douglas Park."

Erected on October 10, the 10-foot gazebo was built in Pennsylvania by the Amish people and shipped to Alton in 44 prefabricated pieces. It will receive a white stain when the weather permits.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Hoagland deeply appreciate the care that the Alton Garden Club gives to the park, especially the work of Kay Connolly and Ester Emerson.

NEW FIRE BOAT GOES INTO ACTION

by Bob Longbaugh

Alton's new fireboat had not even completed its fitting-out period when it was called into its first christening, under FIRE, very early on the morning of Saturday, September 27. The new day was only twenty minutes old when the scanners throughout town came to life with the tones designating an Alton fire call for a "large non-permit fire on Rattlesnake Island."

There is only one way for the Alton Fire Department to

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get to any of the eight islands within the Town's boundaries — by boat, of course. The old fireboat has not yet been retired from service while the new boat is being equipped, but the decision was to go with the new. In just over 14 minutes traveling at a speed in excess of 30 m.p.h. from Alton Bay, seven firefighters and all their equipment were at the scene. Two hose lines were run out, and the boat's 250 g.p.m. pump put enough lake water on the scene that the fire was history in very short order.

A Better Boat

Interviewed later Alton's Fire Chief, Russell Jones, expressed complete satisfaction with the new boat's performance. Not only did it deliver more personnel to the fire scene considerably faster than the previous boat, but they rode at high speed without the jarring and bouncing that the firefighters had learned to brace themselves for in marine service until now. Moreover, everything needed to fight the fire was at their fingertips once on the scene.

Subsequently, on Saturday, October 18, the new boat was called into service again for a smoke investigation on Rattlesnake Island. Returning from the call a non-permit fire was discovered, for which a warning notice is being served. Added to that, a disabled pleasure craft was encountered. The boat had experienced an engine fire and was without power. The day's mission was considered a notable success with the towing of the crippled boat to a safe haven in Alton Bay.

Immediate Benefits

Chief Jones felt he spoke for all the Department's staff involved in the two fire calls over the Town's waters when he said that the action of Alton's taxpayers at the 1997 Town Meeting of appropriating the funds for a new fireboat is already paying off in terms of better fire protection throughout the entire Town — whether landlocked or "waterlocked."

ALTON PTSA CRAFT FAIR TO SUPPORT EDUCATION

by Joyce Hopper

Holiday shoppers will have the opportunity to buy unique gifts and to help support education in our lakeside community.

Hand-crafted items and edible treats appealing to every age and taste will be displayed and sold at the 2nd Annual PTSA Holiday Craft Fair. Featured will be more than 50 crafts people from throughout the area.

Some of the items waiting to find themselves under the holiday tree include: fine stained glass lamps, jewelry, flower arrangements, hand-painted wooden toys, quilted items, tinware with tole designs, and hand knits in sizes to fit toddler or grandad.

Different grades will offer a variety of gifts and foods for sale, as well as special activities for children.

No one will go hungry with all the tasty culinary temptations: chowders, chilies, baked goods, and dishes from around the world. Teachers will serve up some fine food in the "Holiday Cafeteria."

The Craft Fair will run from 9 A.M. - 3 P.M., Saturday, November 15, at Alton Central School on School Street. All proceeds will benefit student programs. Hope to see you there!

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

The annual meeting and holiday luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 11 at 12 Noon at Shibley's at The Pier. The co-chairpersons are Dottie Woughter and Betty MacKay.

Don't forget to contribute to the Mrs. Santa Fund for the Children of Alton.



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
by Thomas D. Parker
Alton Central School

MOTIVATING TO LEARN

Do your children ever get up late on Christmas or their birthdays? Probably not, because most children leap out of bed when they are excited. Wouldn't it be nice to see them as eager to learn, as they are to have fun?

One of the keys to school success is being motivated to learn, and realizing that learning can be fun. As a parent, you are the most important influence on your child's school success — even more important than the teacher or the principal. Try the following motivational tips with your children and let us know the results:

Show Interest — Set aside a few minutes in the evening for your child to share what's being studied at school. Give encouragement and show interest: "You're learning a lot about planets; tell me something about Mars."

Focus on the Positive — When you review your child's homework, point out items that are done well. When possible, help your child find at least one part of each assignment that is especially interesting.

Help Just Enough, Not Too Much — Think of the satisfaction that you felt when you did something difficult that turned out correctly. Children need to experience the same type of success. Mastering a difficult task motivates children to attempt more difficult ones. When your child wants to give up, encourage him or her by saying, "I know you can do this, let's try again." Don't do the work for the child — you may learn, but the child won't.

Show That Hard Work Pays Off — When you put a lot of effort into something, talk about it with your children. "Mowing the lawn was a lot of work today, but it sure looks nice now that it's done."

Connect Learning With Real Life — Write notes to your children so they see the value of good writing. (You can send a poorly written note and see the confusion it causes as a starter.) When you pay bills, show how math is used. If nutrition is being studied, you might ask what food groups were included with the evening meal.

As the first, and most important, teacher of your children, it is helpful for the school and the parent to be working together. By following some of the steps above, you will help your child understand the importance of a good education. Any time that we may be of assistance to you in answering questions about your child or the program of studies here at Alton Central School, do not hesitate to contact us.

BAY CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNERS
by David Snell

The Bay Church is pleased to facilitate the distribution of Thanksgiving turkey dinners to folk who are not readily apt to prepare a meal for themselves because of their situation. If you know of someone who will not be with family on Thanksgiving Day and would not otherwise be likely to have a special dinner, please call Dave Snell at 875-6161 to arrange for a meal to be delivered on Thursday, November 27. Dinners will be distributed at 12 noon or shortly thereafter. If you would like to donate towards this community service, you may send your gift marked "Thanksgiving Dinner" to The Bay Church, P. O. Box 295, Alton Bay, N. H. 03810. May we all take time to truly thank God for his provision and care on this traditional holiday.

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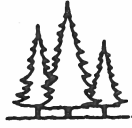
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NEW APPOINTMENTS AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Alton Central School Principal Thomas D. Parker is shown on the right welcoming the new Assistant Principal for grades 6 - 12, Lydia B. Wallace (center) and Instrumental Music Teacher, Roxanne Papp (left).

Wallace replaces Parker who was named principal here earlier this year. She is a graduate of Castleton State College in Vermont where she received her bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in education. Wallace has previously served as the associate principal of the Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, VT. and as planning room supervisor and then as dean of students at Park Street Elementary School in Springfield, VT. She also has taught social studies at Fair Haven Union High School, where she was named Teacher of the Year, and Poultney High School in Vermont.

Papp has been the music director at Newmarket High School, K - 6 music teacher at the North Londonderry School, and K - 8 music teacher at the Auburn Village School. She has a bachelor's degree in music education from Notre Dame College in Manchester and has completed graduate work in educational administration at Keene State College. An accomplished songwriter, Papp received a third place award in the 1996 Annual Billboard Songwriters Contest for an original composition in pop music.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Alton School Board has appointed a building committee as the next step in its project to expand the facilities of the Alton Central School. This committee will recommend plans and specifications for a new high school to the school board for voter approval in the spring.

According to school board member and committee chairman, Debbie Burton, the committee has been charged with keeping itself informed of the latest trends in education and construction so as to provide guidance in establishing the educational specifications. The committee also will assist the School Board in keeping the public informed of the project's progress.

Members of the committee include Burton; Assistant Principal Dorothy Bristol, representing the school administration; Katherine Croes, representing the professional staff; Cindy Duffek, representing the support staff, and A. "Pete" Shibley, representing the Board of Selectmen. Representing the community at large are Doris Barnes, Bill Finethy, Shelby Husak, John Lord, Ruth Messier, David St. Cyr, and Frances and James Washburn.

X-COUNTRY TRAIL IN OUR OWN BACK YARD

by Bob Longabaugh

Alton's Cross-country ski enthusiasts might soon find something to their liking without traveling beyond the Town's borders. The Conservation Commission has started sprucing up (a misnomer in this case) the skid trail at the Town Forest, located on Avery Hill Road. The skid trail is destined to become the "Loop Trail" for both hiking and skiing as the seasons permit.

When the Town Forester Peter Farrell (see page 14 of September's Main Street) marked trees for a selective cut of the property, he did so with an eye toward making walking trails in the process. The skid trails that resulted from the lumbering operation now form an outline of what is planned to become a modest network of nature paths.

The Work Now in Progress

The first trail being readied for recreational use, the "Loop Trail," starts at the small parking lot on Avery Hill Road just off its intersection with Alton Mountain Road. It goes up the hill, around, and back to the parking lot, hence the name "Loop Trail." The trail is presently marked at approximately 200' intervals with fluorescent pink flagging on cut saplings.

Work began on October 4 and is continuing on weekends with the hope that the clearing and cleaning of the brush on the basic trail can be completed before the snow flies. Whether X-country skiers have a new local trail for the 1997-98 season depends largely on how much local support comes forth in the way of volunteer labor.

A 100% Volunteer Operation

As so many worthwhile things in Alton, the bringing of a good thing into reality depends upon the efforts of volunteers. The Town Forest is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Alton Conservation Commission, a group of conservation-minded individuals appointed by the Town Selectmen. Commission Chair is Lisa Erickson-Harris, and other members include: Justine (Brownie) Gengras, Tom Hoopes, Cynthia (Sam) Mekrut, James Washburn, and selectmen representative, Stanley Czech. So far some six volunteers have come forward to help on the Loop Trail project.

It almost goes without saying that the more volunteers, the sooner the trail will be ready for use. Interested and willing individuals and groups are asked to get in touch with Jim Washburn at 364-7413 to work out how their talents can best be used.

Future Development

What happens in the future with the Town Forest depends a great deal on what happens this and next "construction" season. Not only is it a case of how much work gets done on the ground, but it is also dependent upon what is discovered in opening the first trail. Some of nature's little secrets may come to light, suggesting a theme or specialized interest for additional trails off the Loop Trail. Washburn is the first to admit that the Commission could well change their original proposition [on the future of the Forest].

The Commission has decided, in keeping with the theme of conservation, that no wheeled vehicles or snowmobiles will be allowed on the Forest's trails.

SCORES ABOVE THE AVERAGE

According to the P.T.S.A. October newsletter, Alton Central High School students turned in an impressive average of 546 verbal and 554 math SAT scores. These are 61 points above the state average and 84 points above the national! Good work!

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Tracy was born and raised in Portsmouth and Wolfeboro (where the family retained a second home on The Lake). He attended schools in Portsmouth where his father was a pediatrician and his mother was a nurse. After graduating from high school, Tracy attended the University of New Hampshire for two years. Tracy had a big interest in boats and boating, however, and wishing to pursue this line of endeavor, attended the Maine Maritime Academy for four years. He graduated from the Academy as a third mate in the Merchant Marines.

For the next six years Tracy worked on tankers. However, finding work at sea was taking too much time from his family so Tracy left the Merchant Marines and became a member of the Dover Police Department. After a brief period of private

business (teaching scuba diving), Tracy came back to police work and joined the Alton Police Force in August of 1993. He has been here for four years and has the rank of Sergeant. Tracy recently completed a three-week seminar at Babson Institute in Massachusetts. The course is operated by the New England Chiefs of Police Association but is attended by employees of large corporations as well as police staff. It is an intensive command and training seminar.

Tracy's father has retired and lives in Portsmouth. He has one sister, Meredith, who is a Special Education teacher and lives in Florida. Tracy and his wife, Sarah, were married in 1985. Sarah is a maternity nurse at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro. They have two daughters. Kaitlyn is 11 years old and in the fifth grade. Maeve is 6 years old and in the first grade. The family enjoys exercising and hiking when time permits. They all recently completed five races of five kilometers each and are looking forward to running as a family in the future.

Speaking of his job, Tracy said, "Sometimes it appears thankless, but then something positive happens and it all seems worthwhile." He also praised the people with whom he works. "We have a nice family here!", he said. Tracy is very enthusiastic about the programs that the Department sponsors. He said, "We have a number of great Community Policy Programs here, such as the Cop Cards Program, the Women's Safety Program, the Citizens' Firearms Academy, which teaches firearms care and safety, the Bike Rodeo, and the Citizens' Forum where people are welcome to express their concerns. These are all growing and successful programs."

Commenting on the future, Tracy said "Alton is growing and the Department will be expanding to keep up. I hope to continue in police work and grow with the Department."

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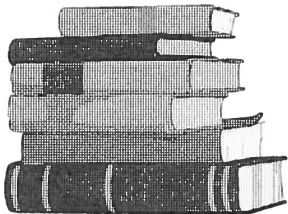
by Richard M. Pike
 Superintendent of Schools

Not too long ago one of our nation's governors was addressing a crowd of people at a public hearing where he was attempting to define assessment. A local farmer, growing impatient with the governor's efforts, gave his own explanation of the dilemma of education assessment in plain language by stating, "You can't fatten a hog by weighing it." The farmer was right; to be useful to society, assessment must advance education, not merely record its status.

For decades largely practical, and sometimes political concerns, rather than education priorities have driven educational assessment. Testing, as we know it today, arose because very efficient methods were found for assessing large numbers of people at low cost. A premium was placed on assessments that were easily administered and made frugal use of resources. The major shortcoming of this type of assessment, however, is its very narrow focus. Assessment should do more than test recall and a regurgitation of simple facts and basic knowledge.

Today we recognize that students need to be able to reason, to problem solve, and to connect learning to real-world situations. In order for this happen, we need a new vision of learning that requires a curriculum and matching assessment that is both broader and more integrated. Likewise, we need a new vision of assessment. Student learning should drive instruction practices and assessment, not vice versa.

We need more than just test scores alone to measure how well we are doing as an educational system. When a school and its staff focus on students and learning first, those test scores will take care of themselves.



THE CHECKOUT DESK
 by Holly Brown
 Librarian

WHEN WILL THE LIBRARY REOPEN?

Whenever a friendly face stops me on the street, I know what the question after "how are you?" is going to be. The answer, at least as I write this in October, is still "I don't know." Our best guesstimate is "around the middle of November." We are doing all we can to hurry the day, and we will probably reopen with most of our collection spread on the floor of the two new wings.

You will know, however, by looking at the library that we have reopened. We haven't figured out the details yet, but it will be obvious. Additionally, since Main Street will not appear again until December 1, we plan on asking the Granite State News and the (Laconia) Citizen to publish our reopening schedule once we know it ourselves. Radio station WSAR will also be asked to put it on the air.

As the construction noises fade away we will be able to hear the telephone ring, so you might try that too (875-2550) if you haven't seen or heard any other signs of our reopening.

We are tremendously pleased with the changes that we see around us, and we hope that you will be too once you are able to see them for yourselves. We are looking forward to the day that we will be able to welcome you all to the library again. Thank you for your patience, and we will see you soon!

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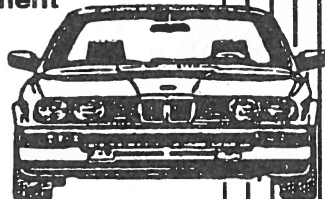
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FIRE PREVENTION MONTH OBSERVED

A demonstration team from the Alton Fire Department presented a special program for students in grades 1-4 at Alton Central School recently as part of Fire Prevention Month. Included in the program was a display of department equipment and trucks, a fire prevention movie, and demonstrations of fire safety techniques. The team, led by Captain Russell Sample, included Firefighters Gary Hannafin and James King and Student Firefighter Patrick Wright. As shown in the photo, first grader Kristie Lee Powers enjoys the view from the crew compartment of Engine 1. Students toured the equipment as part of the activities held at the school.

SATELLITE SCHOLARS AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Time warp back to the 1960's. The USSR sends satellites into space...and the satellite age begins. Fast forward to Alton Central School, fall 1997, where satellite learning has become an established part of the curriculum offerings for upper middle school and high school students.

This is the third year that Alton students have been able to select courses from satellite programs. Students are currently enrolled in three levels of Latin. Trying the satellite program in Latin for the first time are middle schoolers Matt Currid, Nick Hallin, Tom Malone, Matt Scott; junior Mike Langer; and seniors Tarsia Kenny and Tammy Murtagh. Latin II veterans include junior Amanda Lambert, freshmen David Osborn and Emily Sydow, and eighth grader Marissa Peterson. The real veteran is Anna Varney. She is not only enrolled in Latin III, but also in Alton's newest offering — Advanced Placement U. S. History. Students successfully completing this course will receive college credit for their efforts after meeting a minimum score on a standardized final exam. Joining Varney in this endeavor are Amanda Lambert and Jeb Christy. The reading for this course is intense, often requiring 100 pages over a weekend followed by a seven-page test on Monday morning.

Why would anyone want to attempt these nontraditional courses? Murtagh's reasons were related to career objectives. "I figured Latin would only help me in the future, since I'm interested in the medical field." "I also looked at AP Calculus," said Christy, "but I didn't want to be the only student in the class. I took the history course because I find the subject really interesting. Also Amanda and Anna have taken satellite courses before and know how the system works."

Satellite courses are coordinated by Dale Morrill, program facilitator, who spends many hours faxing student papers back and forth to the satellite instructors in Virginia.



Main Street's Information Center

OF SPECIAL NOTE . . .

IMPORTANT OPENINGS

The Alton Board of Selectmen are looking for a few good people. "Good" refers both to the qualities that the person(s) would bring to the job, and what would be the outcome.

Most briefly, dedicated volunteers are needed to serve as (1) Town Historian and (2) an Alton representative to the VNA-Hospice Board of Directors.

The Town Historian position is self-explanatory. In a Town with Alton's background and history the position gains much more importance than in most other places, and the quality of the work becomes crucial to the manner and details of how Alton will be remembered for all time. The principal qualification for the job is HIGH interest in the subject.

The degrees of commitment for a Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)-Hospice Director are more specific. A Board member is expected to attend the five Board meetings a year, and become an active member of at least one of its committees. He or she will assist with fund-raising activities, including assisting in getting petitions signed for Town appropriations, and representing the VNA-Hospice view at Town meetings.

Persons possibly interested in either position should contact Town Administrator Scott Dunn at 875-2161 for more information.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS COORDINATED BY TOWN HALL STAFF

Coordination of the Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets is continuing. Donations are being 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 from 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.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.

NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH NOTED BY LIONS CLUB

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month and Lions Clubs International reminds everyone of the importance of regular checkups to identify this crippling disease.

Every year an average of 25,000 Americans lose their sight from Diabetic Retinopathy, a complication of diabetes. In more than 90 percent of these cases, blindness could have been prevented through early detection and treatment. The key is for all people with diabetes to have a dilated eye exam at least once a year.

The preservation of eyesight is a major concern of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, and many of its fund raising activities support eye care for needy residents. If you are interested in becoming a member, call President Richard Gwinn at 875-2860 or Membership Chairman A. R. (Van) Van de Meulebroecke at 875-5702.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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| Sat. | 1 | A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM, Alton Central School Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.
HALLOWEEN DANCE, American Legion Hall, 8 P.M. - Midnight |
| Mon. | 3 | ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
Work sessions, Alton Central School, 4 - 6 P.M. and 7 - 9 P.M. |
| Wed. | 5 | ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
Work sessions, Alton Central School, 4 - 6 P.M. and 7 - 9 P.M.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Thu. | 6 | BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 A.M. - Noon |
| Sat. | 8 | ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR, Congregational Church, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M., with a Ham Dinner being served from 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. |
| Mon. | 10 | ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
Work sessions, Alton Central School, 4 - 6 P.M. and 7 - 9 P.M.; |
| Tue. | 11 | VETERAN'S DAY
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING, Alton Garden Club, Shibley's At The Pier, 12 Noon |
| Wed. | 12 | HARVEST LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, Christian Conference Center 11:30 A.M.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Thu. | 13 | BUDGET COMMITTEE, Reviewing budgets for: Budget Committee, Municipal Water, and General Government, Town Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Sat. | 15 | HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, PTSA, Alton Central School 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. |
| Tue. | 18 | BUDGET COMMITTEE, Reviewing budgets for: Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Elections and Registration, Town Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Wed. | 19 | BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Thu. | 20 | BUDGET COMMITTEE, Reviewing budgets for: Cemetery and Highway Department, Town Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Fri. | 21 | FREE TETANUS CLINIC, Alton Central School, 1:30 P.M. |
| Sat. | 22 | WOMEN'S SAFETY SEMINAR, Alton Central School, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Pre-registration Required! Call 875-3752 |
| Mon. | 24 | ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.
Final approval of Board's Budget and Board Meeting, Alton Central School, 6 P.M. |
| Tue. | 25 | BUDGET COMMITTEE, reviewing budgets for: Pest Control and Police Department, Town Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Thu. | 27 | THANKSGIVING DAY |
| Fri. | 28 | MAIN STREET, putting the paper together, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 P.M. |



*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Main Street's Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 P.M., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church at the Moore Chapel, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center — Sunday Worship 11 A.M. and 6 P.M., Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor
- Community Church — Congregational Meeting House, Oct. - Apr. 11 A.M.; Baptist Meeting House, May and Sep., 11 A.M.; June - Aug., 10 A.M., Dr. Peter E. Roussakis, Pastor
- First Free Will Baptist Church — Sunday School, 9:45 A.M., Church, 11 A.M., Evening Service, 6 P.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 P.M., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason
- St. Joan of Arc — Sat., 5 P.M., Sun., 8 and 11 A.M., Mon. - Sat., except Wed., 8 A.M.; Confessions, Sat., 4 P.M. or by appointment, Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 A.M., Worship Service, 10:30 A.M., (Summer 10 A.M.), Evening Service, 6 P.M., Prayer Meeting, Wed., 7 P.M., Route 28, Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY:

Mon. and Wed., Noon to 8 P.M., Fri. 9 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sat., 9 A.M. - Noon

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

Mon. - Fri., 10 A.M.- 2 P.M., Pearson Rd. Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER:

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 8 A.M. - 3 P.M.
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Rines Road Pit, Sat., 8 A.M. - 3 P.M., Sun., Noon - 3 P.M.

TOWN HALL:

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Building Inspector — Call 875-5095 for office hours and appointments

Parks and Recreation — Call 875-0109 for information and appointments

Planning Director — Call 875-5095 for office hours and appointments

ORGANIZATIONS:

Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 P.M., Alton Bay Community Center

American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7 P.M., Legion Hall

American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 7 P.M., Legion Hall

American Legion Junior Members — 3rd Mon., 6 P.M., Legion Hall

Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 P.M., Central Fire Station

Chamber of Commerce Board — 1st and 3rd Wed., 8 A.M., 875-5777

Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 P.M., Legion Hall

Eastern Star — 2nd Tue.

Garden Club — 4th Tue.

Flying Club — 2nd Wed.

Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 P.M., Alton Bay Community Center

Historical Society — 3rd Tue., Apr. - Oct.

Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 P.M., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall

Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., 7 P.M., Pearson Road Community Center

Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu.

PTSA — 3rd Tue., Alton Central School Library

St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild — Last Thu., 7:30 P.M., Church Hall

Senior Citizens — 2nd Wed., 2 P.M., Pearson Road Community Center

VFW — 3rd Mon., 7:30 P.M., Pearson Road Community Center

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30 A.M., Chairman Arnold P. Shibley, call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 1st Thu., 7 P.M., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894.
- CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE — Meets on call, 875-2161.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Mon., 1 P.M., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 1st & 3rd Thu., 7 P.M., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.
- FIRE WARDS — Meet on call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call. Chairman Jonathan Downing, 875-7243.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — 4th Tue., 6:30 P.M., Chairman Jay Sydow, 875-6792.
- PLANNING BOARD — 4th Mon., 7 P.M., Chairman James Washburn, call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mon., 6 P.M., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meet on call. Chairman Alice Ziegler Calvert, 875-2151.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Mon., 3:30 P.M., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thu., 8 A.M., Chairman Sherman Brown, 875-7337. Office, 875-4200.
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 2nd Thu., 7 P.M., Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.
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Paul Golden, 269-4071 (w), 269-5511 (h)

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Stanley Czech, 875-3815

William Ryan, 875-2112

Arnold ("Pete") Shibley, Chairman, 875-2849



TOWN HALL NOTES
By Scott Dunn
Town Administrator

THE LATEST ON TOWN ROADS

The Selectmen recently awarded a contract for the reconstruction of Drew Hill Road to Busby Construction in the amount of \$436,223.50. Phase I to be completed this year is from Route 28 to Hayes Road. Phase II is scheduled to begin in May, 1998 (depending on Town Meeting appropriations), and will be from Hayes Road to Gilmans Corner Road. The Selectmen have also revised the Road Improvement Program to continue identification of a reconstruction schedule for the worse roads in Town. This new plan calls for the spending of \$750,000 per year over the next six years. The 1998 projects include Halls Hill Road and Echo Point Road with engineering and design to begin on Alton Mountain Road and Old Wolfeboro Road.

While I am on the subject of Town roads, did you know the policy of the Town with regards to driveway culverts is that homeowners are responsible for maintenance and replacement? If your culvert is plugged or damaged, give the Highway Department a call and they will help out.

A new South Alton triangle park is in development stages. The Town has received a donation towards the development of a park at the intersection of Route 28 and Stockbridge Corner Road. Our goal is to purchase flowers and shrubs, topsoil, and grass seed without using tax dollars. Anyone wishing to contribute is welcome to send money, but a name is also needed.

Looking for ways to spend your free time? The budget process is upon us. Want to know where all the money goes? Attend meetings of the Selectmen and Budget Committee or call the Town Hall with specific questions. Stay tuned for public hearings and look for the 1997 Annual Report to be available in March.

Welcome aboard to Nancy Decoteau and Pete Rockwood, new Town employees. Look for "The General" (a refurbished 1986 Dodge army surplus pick-up truck) and the "new" Solid Waste Center Truck. The Town has finished paying for the bond to build the Police Station and after December 1 when the Highway Department back hoe is completely paid for, the Town government will have no debt!

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN
IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

According to a town ordinance, motor vehicles or trailers are not permitted to be parked or stopped on any highway in Alton between 10 P.M. and 6 A.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.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

by Patti McMullen

The Alton American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and the S.A.L.'s were honored to have District Commander Chuck Lewis and his wife, District Commander Irene Lewis, attend the October monthly meeting. Our thanks go out to the S.A.L.'s who sponsored and served the spaghetti supper to approximately 58 members for this special occasion. The meeting was opened and the floor was given to Commander Lewis who discussed membership dues and the upcoming Campaign 2000 for Kristine West. A reminder to all that membership dues are now due for 1998!

Please note: There will be no Bingo on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events: The Halloween Party is on November 1 with a cost of \$5 per person. We are pleased to announce the band will be "The Code." Members and guests, get dressed in your best Hallows Eve attire and enter the competition for some great prizes! A Turkey Raffle will be held on Sunday, November 16 at 1 P.M. in the Dugout Lounge for all members and guests. Sixteen or more turkeys will be raffled, as well as some great consolation prizes. All proceeds will go to benefit Campaign 2000.

The Senior Auxiliary Fall Conference will be held on November 8 in Tilton, N. H. The Alton Post will be hosting a Commanders meeting for District 7 in December so look for the date and time in the November issue.

An invitation was sent to Santa Claus to visit all the good little boys and girls of Alton again this year. He sent Dasher with a response that he would be arriving on December 6 at 1 P.M. sharp. Santa hopes to see everyone there.

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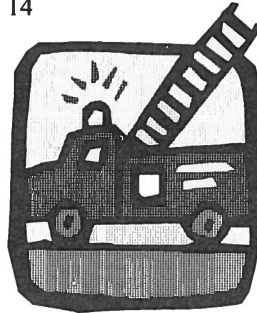
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**FIRESIDE CHATS
by Stan Czech**

**WARMING THE HOUSE
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It is the time of year to talk about wood stoves and furnaces. We need to warm our houses now, and with a few minutes of effort, we can be safe

and warm. Speaking of furnaces, when was the last time you had a qualified person inspect, clean, and adjust yours? Have your filters been changed recently? Do you know if your furnace has an emergency shut-off switch and where it is located? As for your wood stove, when was the last time your chimney was cleaned? Cleaning chimneys and proper installation are the two most important aspects of fire safety. If you need advice and inspection of your wood stove, call Jack Woodland at 875-2691. Finally, when were the batteries in your smoke detectors changed? A good memory jogger for this task is when daylight savings changes, change those batteries.! If you did not do so on October 26, change them NOW!

**TO PROTECT AND SERVE
by Officer Steven T. Holly
Community Liaison Officer**



**WOMEN'S SAFETY
SEMINAR NEXT**

The Citizen's Firearm Academy held on October 10 and 11 was a huge success. For those of you who could not attend, you

missed a great time. The academy consisted of classroom instruction on Friday night by Attorney Nolan Koon of the Belknap County Attorney's Office, Master Patrol Officer James Hathcock and myself. Then on Saturday we spent the day at the firing range putting to use what was taught the night before. We also had a great barbecue for lunch. Range aids were Chief Kevin Iwans, Trooper Kevin Duffy, Ken Roberts, and myself. Hathcock was the range master. A special thank you to McGrath's Food Center who again donated a bunch of food for the barbecue. It was great!

The next event on the community calendar will be the Women's Safety Seminar. The women at the one this past spring told me to have another this fall because they enjoyed it so much, so I will. It will be held on November 22 from 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. at the Alton Central School. It will be run in conjunction with the school's Adult Education Program. There is no cost and it was a blast last time. Preregistration is needed, so call me at the police department (875-3752) to reserve a space. We will be discussing personal protection, legal issues pertaining to self-defense, firearm and OC (pepper spray) familiarization, and hands-on self-defense instruction. Lunch will be provided.

I hope to see many of you at the Women's Safety Seminar and for those of you who missed the Firearm's Academy, don't worry; we'll have another one next year. Questions or comments? Contact me at either P. O. Box 240, Alton 03809 or 875-3752. Stay safe!

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ALTON OUTDOORS
by Jack Miller

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November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving. A time when we are thankful for nature's bounty. Some believe it is a time to be thankful for the white-tailed deer since it is the month one can hunt them and possibly put a venison roast on the Thanksgiving table.

November 1 is the opening of muzzleloader season. With a special license one can try their luck with a single shot muzzleloader. These firearms have become quite sophisticated and some now look like a modern rifle. Some states have regulations on the type of muzzleloaders one can use. Pennsylvania allows only flintlock firing rifles. This special season ends November 11. Be sure to check the regulations as this year wildlife management areas C, E, and F are limited to antlered deer only.

The regular firearms season for deer hunting opens November 12 throughout the state. Alton is in unit J2 and any deer may be taken November 12 - 16. Antlered deer only may be taken November 17 - December 7. Be sure to check the regulations carefully as they change for each different wildlife management area in the state.

The bear hunting season is open until November 11 in the J2 management unit so one may hunt bear here during the muzzleloader deer season. Be sure of your shot.

Always make every effort to recover game animals that have been shot. There is a good population of coyote around and game not recovered quickly enough may be eaten if left out too long.

Good luck! See you out there.

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The time of year is approaching when our thoughts turn to families and friends and the joy of giving. You can help put the spirit of the season in the lives of your neighbors who are less fortunate.

Many community service organizations, led by the Fireflies, the woman's auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department, have come together to provide the less fortunate children of Alton a Christmas bright with promise. For the past several years the Mrs. Santa Fund has provided gifts for children newborn to age 17 and some of our senior citizens. This year the list is even longer, and the generosity of the community is needed by Mrs. Santa's Elves.

New and good used clothing and toys may be dropped off at the Irving Oil Alton office on Main Street and the Alton Town Hall until December 12. Donations are always welcome and the money will be used to purchase warm coats and boots.

If you are in need of assistance in providing the necessities for your children, or you know of a family that would benefit from this program, please contact Mrs. Santa's Elves before December 9.

This year make your donation the gift you give yourself. You can call Elf #1, Judy Fisichelli at 776-6172 or Elf #2, Daryl Czech at 875-3815. Donations can be mailed to: Mrs. Santa Fund, P. O. Box 1207, Alton, N.H. 03809.



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BOARD CONSIDERS RESULTS OF SURVEY

Editor's note: Regular readers of Main Street will recall that the September issue contained a survey form intended to assist the Alton Planning Board revise the Town's Master Plan. The Board has recently received a report on the results of the survey, prepared by the Town's planning consultant, Gerald Coogan. The Board is currently reviewing the report, and has taken no action upon it at this time. What follows is a synopsis of the report.

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The planning survey was designed to supply the Town's Planning Board with information that can be used in updating the Goals and Objectives chapter of the Alton Master Plan. In addition, the survey was designed to help the Board define the "rural character" of Alton, since many residents seem to consider it very important in the Town's planning effort.

As of September 23 the Planning Board had received 131 completed surveys. These were used to tabulate the results described below.

Respondents Characteristics

Approximately 90 percent of the respondents indicated that they are year-round residents of the Town and 62 percent stated that they lived in town for ten years or more. Nine-four percent owned their home in Town and all the respondents indicated a desire to maintain their Alton residence.

Land Use Considerations

Five questions in the survey dealt with the subject of housing, four dealt with open space issues, and three surveyed a preference for certain types of development.

Respondents favored increases in the number of single family and senior and/or assisted living housing. There was strong interest in either maintaining current levels or decreasing the amount of duplex and multi-family housing. When asked about affordable housing (where total housing costs do not exceed 30 percent of an individual or family income), 39 percent desired to see an increase while 18 percent wanted a decrease and 44 percent no change.

Overall, Town residents who responded to the survey indicated a general level of acceptance regarding the current level of open space types of land use in Town.

Type of Development

Residents were requested to comment on the type of development they prefer to see in Town. Those who responded prefer small-scale development that fits in with the existing conditions and character of the Town. The respondents strongly preferred small businesses, home-based businesses and light industry in that order. A significant number of the respondents considered heavy industry (87 percent), auto dealerships (76 percent), a shopping center (58 percent), warehousing and distribution center (53 percent) and a hotel conference center (50 percent) to be a "not desirable" type of development.

Character of Alton

A goal of previous Master Plans had been to encourage developments that are consistent with the character of Town. In trying to define this standard, the Alton Planning Board attempted to describe the elements that comprise the rural character of Alton. In previous planning documents and at Planning Board meetings and the September forum, the Planning Board and Town residents identified the following as defining elements of the Town's rural character: community architecture, maintenance of the existing population density, open space, the rural landscape, vegetation and wildlife, gravel roads and generally a low level of development. This list was not all inclusive. Of the choices that were presented in the

survey, the respondents rated the following as the top five uses that help to define the Town's rural character: (a) open fields, stone walls, tree-lined roads; (b) scenic views; (c) historic buildings; (d) parks and the Town forest; and (e) lake access.

Commercial and Industrial Uses

The Town's role in the encouragement and promotion of commercial and light industrial uses has received significant discussion recently. Generally the discussion has been of a positive nature. Sixty-eight percent of the respondents indicated that the Town should encourage and promote light industrial uses and 60 percent felt that commercial uses should also be encouraged. However, based on the response rate to the light industry question and the comments on two other questions on the subject, the Town should proceed cautiously. Adding too much commercial and light industrial uses too quickly can adversely contribute to the Town's overall tax condition and impact the Town's character.

Housing and Services

Forty six percent of respondents considered the availability of affordable housing a concern; this is consistent with the 39 percent response who suggested an increase in an earlier question. Respondents indicated that the following services require "some" or "a major" investment of resources: roads (69 percent), schools (57 percent), recreation (56 percent) and conservation (43 percent). Respondents also gave high levels of acceptability to: solid waste (86 percent), libraries (78 percent) and emergency services consisting of fire (75 percent), police (71 percent) and rescue (69 percent). An open-ended question allowed respondents to indicate their preference regarding the single most important planning issue facing the Town. The items that attracted the most attention were maintaining the rural character (18 responses) and schools need expansion/uncertainty (16 responses).

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

By Laura Smith

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be holding a Harvest Luncheon on Wednesday, November 12, from 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M., at the Conference Center on Rt. 11 in Alton Bay. The Special Feature will be presented by Leslie Jackson from Alton's Hidden Treasures, the Special Music by Laurel MacKenzie from Center Harbor, and Alison Towle from Sudbury, Massachusetts, will be the Special Speaker. To make reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery, please call Helen Harris in Alton or Thelma Osborne in Laconia. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, November 5. The Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.

SHARE UPDATE!

by Daryl D. Czech

For November and December there are special holiday packages available, as well as the regular ones through SHARE NEW ENGLAND. For your \$15 plus two hours of volunteering, you too can take advantage of this wonderful program. The packages will contain an 8 - 10 pound turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, potatoes, onions, celery, carrots, butternut squash, green beans or peas, apples, oranges or pears, plus heat-n-serve rolls. Doesn't it all sound yummy? Registration takes place at the Bay Church on Rand Hill Road. The two dates are: November 6, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M., pickup on November 22 and December 14, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M., pickup on December 20. Any questions? Please call Ellie Snell at 875-0669.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER by Nancy Mooney

**If November days are dark and gray
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Then we'll celebrate our national feast
Grateful for our bounty's increase!**

What stunning fall weather we have had! The seniors who went on the boat tour of Squam Lake October 7 had a joyous outing on a gorgeous day. Trip coordinator Ginny Myers has done a wonderful job of arranging interesting and inexpensive trips. We now have to wait until Spring for the next series of trips.

At our October meeting, copies of the revised Constitution were distributed. If you did not attend the meeting and do not receive a copy within a couple of weeks, please call Nancy Mooney at 875-3374; a copy will be mailed to you. It is an important document. Many thanks go to Liz Roberts who was able to get copies printed at no cost.

Our Thanksgiving turkey basket raffle is going extremely well. You still have time to buy chances from the members before the drawing on November 12. We deeply appreciate all those who support our efforts. We are now planning to raffle off a Christmas basket which will include a ham and all the "fixin's" for a great dinner. Second prize will be two ski passes at Gunstock, and third prize will be a handcrafted Christmas wreath.

We thank the Community Action Program (CAP) for sponsoring a wonderful volunteer banquet at Pheasant Ridge

Country Club on October 8. The senior meals sites could not operate without the seniors helping out, and we appreciate CAP's recognition of our services. We were sorry to learn that Tracy Scott, regional director of all the CAP sites, is leaving to take a new job elsewhere. He has been very instrumental in obtaining buses for our trips, saving us a lot of money; now it is uncertain whether or not we will have them in the future.

It is not too early to remind you of the Yankee Swap which will take place at our December 10 meeting. Every member should bring a gift (\$3) suitable for a man or woman. We will give more details next month.

If you have had a busy summer, now is the perfect time for you to come up to the center on weekday afternoons and relax playing cards or bingo. The Card Party group asks a \$1 donation to play and then goes out to dinner when enough money has accumulated.

The CAP meal site on Pearson Road will have a special Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 20, 12 noon. Call Claire at 875-7102 for reservations now.

Farewell to our "snowbirds" — have a good "winter" in the South! We appreciate all you have done for us over the summer months.

Our next meeting is November 12 at 1 P.M. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

ALTON COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNUAL FAIR

The annual church fair for the Alton Community Church will be held on Saturday, November 8 from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M., at the Congregational Church on Church Street. A ham dinner will be served from 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome, and we thank you for your support.

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| Roberts, Nora | Born in Ice |
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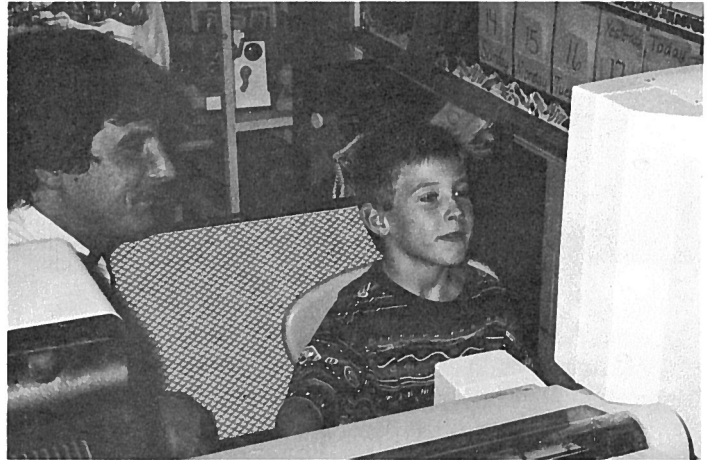
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OPEN HOUSE AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Matt Hibbard, a student in Diane Bolduc's second grade class, displays his computer talents for his dad, Robert, during the recent Open House at Alton Central School. Following introductory remarks by Loring Carr, chairman of the Alton School Board, Richard Pike, school superintendent, and Thomas Parker, principal, parents, relatives, and friends of the students visited the open classrooms to view current projects and activities.

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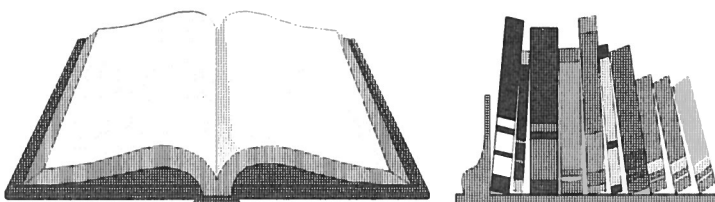
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**EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH
AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Assistant Principal Dorothy Bristol (center) congratulates Maureen Smith (left) and Mary Valley (right) as Alton Central School Employees of the Month. They were selected from nominations by fellow workers.

Smith, an elementary teacher since 1973, was the faculty recipient of the award. According to one nomination "Maureen is completely dedicated to her students and shows much enthusiasm in her teaching," while another commented "She is the greatest teacher!" Along with the award certificate, Smith received a gift certificate from the Last Chance Pub and Eatery in Alton Bay.

Valley is the administrative assistant for the elementary school and special education department and was selected from among the nominations of support staff. Comments were: "Mary is always helpful, always smiling, and makes life easier for everyone;" and "She is the backbone of the elementary and special education department." Valley has been at the Alton Central School for two years. She received a gift certificate from Shibley's at the Pier in Alton Bay.

CHESS CLUB AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

HELP! Alton students from grades one through high school have been playing chess during every spare moment. Our elementary chess club has 40 members! We would like to form a high school chess club/team to play and compete against other schools.

Can you help us? We need a chess lover with some spare time to act as coach for our high school team. If you or someone you know would be interested in coaching, please call Anne Hoopes at school at 875-7373 or 875-3400.

ALTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

by Karl Ingoldsby

It was a busy summer for the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service. We would like to thank all the people who helped us this summer by contributing to our annual fund drive. It has been a huge success. As a reminder, donations are still being accepted. Since we are a volunteer service that accepts no money from your taxes and we do not bill, we rely 100 percent on your generosity and kindness.

I would also like to inform you that the service has a number of items to help people with their recovery. We have wheel chairs, crutches, walkers, and even a hospital bed. All you have to do is ask. These items are all offered at no charge to you. If you would like more information about our service or need one of our ambulatory items to help with your recovery, feel free to call one of our officers. They are: Sherm Brown, President (875-7337); Eric Eliot, Vice President (875-5089); Judith Ingoldsby, Secretary (364-2270); Sharon Chagnon, Treasurer (875-2237).

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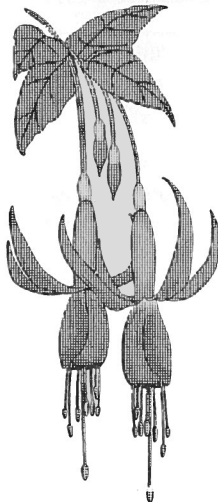
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The family of Dorothy Piper Alden sincerely thanks all who helped us through a most difficult time. The cards, flower arrangements, and support were very much appreciated. Special thanks to Ruthie Fefield, Alton Community Church Women's Fellowship, refreshment donations, and the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Naomi Potter and family
Rev. Gerry Piper
Cookie Lampec and family
Seldon Alden and family
Robert Alden and family



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

I would like to say a big thank you to the Alton Police Department for having the Citizens' Firearms Safety Course in October.

Their classroom presentation and field practice was professional, as well as fun. I am also impressed with their barbecue expertise during the picnic portion of the field day.

It's nice to be able to meet on a personal level those officers who choose to serve and protect and have them help ease our fears of using a firearm in a safe and respectful manner.

Thank you!

Mrs. Donna Laurin
Alton, New Hampshire

In early September in the wee hours of the morning, we were treated to the sight of a cow moose on Rand Hill Road just west of where the brook crosses the road. After a few minutes it wandered off into the woods heading towards the lake.

About a week or so later, we noticed an odor in our yard but could not find the source. Finally, we did locate the source and unfortunately, it was that cow moose, which had died and was lying in the brook. Our dilemma was how to remove the moose so as not to pollute the stream and subsequently the lake.

The answer lay with Ken Roberts and the Alton Highway Department. They quickly responded to our needs and got the moose out of the stream, through the woods, and into a dump truck. Our problem was solved.

Our sincere thanks to Ken and his "Moose Crew" for a job well done, and done quickly.

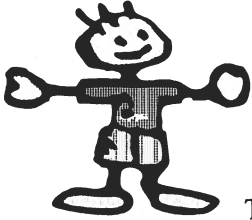
Sincerely,
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Ella, Jane, and Dave

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Main Street founder Bill Watkins coordinated the selectmen's renewal of the tradition of awarding the Boston Post Cane to the oldest living resident of the town . . . Alton Central School received a \$2,500 grant for its Artists in Residence program . . . the contract for the construction of the Alton Police Department Building was awarded . . . Town Administrator Terry Clifford resigned to become town manager of Ossipee . . . Dan LaCroix was state president of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . An unused B&M Railroad caboose in Portsmouth was donated to the Town "for use in the 'Railroad Square' area" . . . Mary and Calvin Batchelder recounted their experience of hiking the length of the 2,143 mile Appalachian Trail . . . the Town's 1992 tax rate was announced at \$10.31 per \$1,000, an increase of 2.5% . . . Patricia A. Rockwood was named Town Secretary and Welfare Officer . . . Kellie M. McGrath was named part-time Recreation Director for the Town . . . Janet Lynn Winterle, a senior at Alton Central School, was chosen to represent NH youth in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association . . . the October, 1991, Civic Profile Forum group came together again to update their earlier recommendations.



FOR THE FUN OF IT
by Kellie McGrath
Recreation Director
ALTON YOUTH SOCCER
BANQUET

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Youth Soccer Awards Banquet for all Alton Youth Soccer players on Thursday, November 20, 6:30 P.M., Alton Central School. Awards will be presented to players and coaches will be recognized for their outstanding volunteer contributions. All soccer players are reminded to return uniforms to the Parks and Recreation Department before November 14. For more information, please call 875-0109.

FUN FRIDAYS FOR GRADES 3, 4, 5

Fun Friday's is a great social opportunity for students in grades 3 - 5 and will be held Friday, November 7 at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6 - 8 P.M. Activities will include games, contests, musical chairs, chicken dance, hokey pokey, and more. General Admission is \$2.

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Participants will learn new dances every week. Great exercise and opportunity to meet new people. Classes are held on Tuesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center, 2 - 4 P.M. The registration fee is \$3 for six months. Call 875-0109 for more information.

FALL AND WINTER BROCHURES ARE IN!

The Parks and Recreation Department's Fall and Winter Brochure is out and can be picked up at the Alton Town Hall. Be sure to check out the great programs and activities for all ages.

BODY WORKS

With Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified

The Body Works Program is designed to tone, strengthen muscles, lose inches and reduce stress through strength training. Classes are ongoing and are held at the Alton Bay Community Center every Tuesday, 6 - 7 P.M. and every Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. The cost is \$3/class. The program is open to men and women of all ages. Drop in anytime.

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