



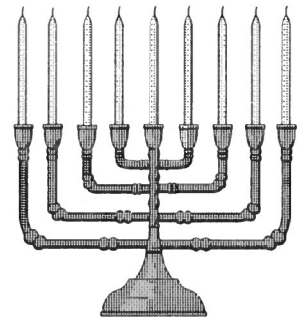
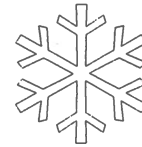
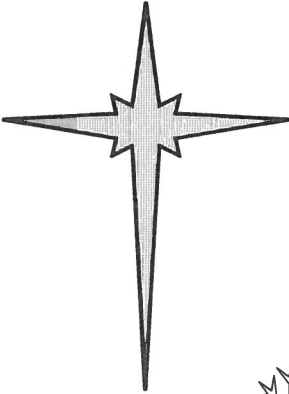
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As a "home town" newspaper Main Street not only welcomes manuscripts for publication which deal with Alton events and other items of local interest, but we are dependent upon them to fulfill our motto of being "the Voice of Alton." Therefore, we are anxious to receive articles and stories that meet the above criteria.

Submit your material to be received by the 15th of the month at P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, or place it in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington Bank by 3 P.M. of that day. All submissions **must** contain a name and phone number so that its author can be verified and additional details obtained as needed.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE'S EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT & ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

by Richard M. Pike  
Superintendent of Schools

On October 29 the State Department of Education released the test results for the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP) end-of-grades three, six and ten. Last spring all third grade students were tested in English language arts and mathematics, and all six and tenth grade students were tested in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies as part of NHEIAP.

New Hampshire developed this new program because national standardized tests do not provide specific information about what our students know and are able to do. Instead, NHEIAP tests are based on challenging standards developed by New Hampshire teachers, administrators, parents, business people, and policy makers for the students in our state.

### Alton's Results?

Although our Alton third graders scored the highest in the state, our sixth and tenth grade scores were much lower and were fairly consistent with the average scores around the state. The logical question might be: Why does it appear that end-of-grade three results are better than the other two groups?

First, there are different standards for each of the three groups. Each group uses a test specifically designed for that level, and the expectations are higher for end-of-grades 6 and 10. Also, end-of-grade 3 only measures two areas, Math and Language Arts. Much of the primary grades curriculum centers on these two areas. As we move into the other grades, students are learning a wider variety of subjects and the concentration of math and language arts is less than in the primary grades. We also have to look at other factors such as the development stages children are in at those levels.

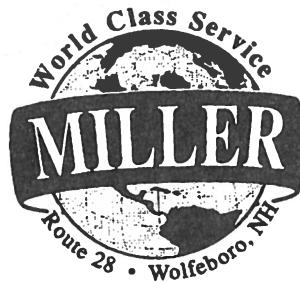
### What Counts

It should also be stressed that these assessments are not an evaluation of grades three, six and ten alone. Rather, they represent the culmination of what a student has learned after many years of schooling. Over time, I would anticipate that as we become more familiar with the new, higher standards and as our curriculum and instruction better reflect the curriculum frameworks, we will be able to evaluate the impact of our educational plans and activities.

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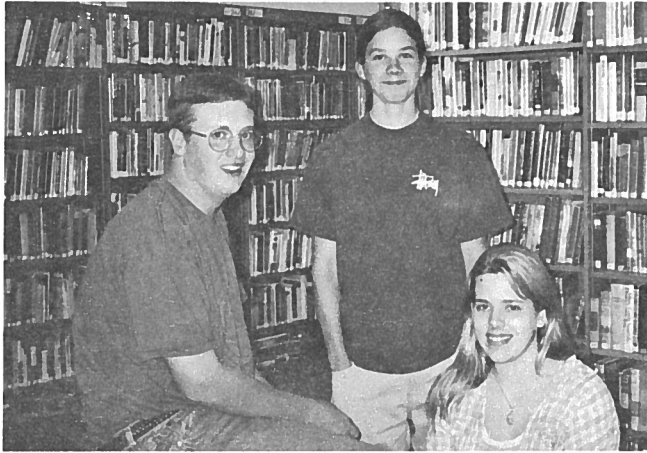
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## ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL JUNIOR WINS TRIP TO UNITED NATIONS

Gregory Salvatore (left, in the photo above), a junior at Alton Central School, has been selected as one of six students from New Hampshire to win a trip to New York City and a visit to the United Nations. Essays on "Why I would like to attend the United Nations" were judged at a recent "speak-off" sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows & Rebekahs of New Hampshire. Salvatore is the son of Mr. & Mrs. William Salvatore of Alton.

Andrew Fuller (center), son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fuller of Alton, and April Boles, daughter of Bruce Boles of Alton, were runners-up.

## ALTON'S "TREE OF MEMORIES" SET FOR DECEMBER 6

by Bob Calvert

Under the sponsorship of the VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, the second year of the "Tree of Memories" ceremonies will add Alton to the original Wolfeboro and Sandwich events. The holiday season is a time for remembering those who have been a special part of our lives. In each of the three towns an evergreen tree will be decorated with small white porcelain doves bearing the name of the person to be remembered and/or memorialized and honored. Modest tax-deductible donations are then made "by the donors to the VNA-Hospice."

Alton's observance will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 6, at the tree in front of the Alton Town Hall.

Local chair for the event is Sue Jacklin who indicates that brief prayers and thoughts will be offered by Gwendolyn Jones, Town Clerk and representing Baha'i Fireside. Linda Shalinski will lead a choral group from Alton Central School and Evelyn Nardo of the Alton Senior Center will offer a special prayer. Doves will be placed on the tree, either by donors themselves or a Hospice volunteer. The public is welcome and urged to attend.

Some people have received invitations/announcements by mail. If you haven't and wish to honor someone, call VNA-Hospice promptly at 569-2729 to arrange for an inscribed dove and inclusion in the ceremony. Your gift to VNA-Hospice will help support their program for the terminally ill and their families.

## PTSA INTRODUCES REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

by Barbara Cruickshank

The arts are close at hand in Alton and you can be a part of the excitement. "Reflections," the annual cultural arts program of the National Parent Teachers Association, is being sponsored for the first time at Alton Central School by the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Students from kindergarten through grade 12 will submit original works in visual arts, literature, photography and musical composition on the theme: "Wouldn't It Be Great If ...?"

Entries are critiqued against others in the same grade division, allowing recognition and judging of works by appropriate developmental and skill levels. Sixteen selected projects will represent Alton at the state competition. Last year, 1,700 New Hampshire students participated in the Reflections program.

### How to Enter

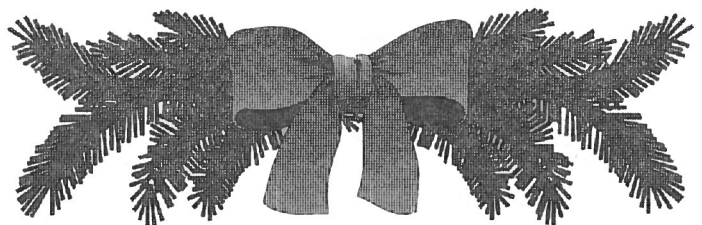
Student, parent, and teacher response has been enthusiastic, with over 140 young people signed up so far. If your child wants to participate (and the form got lost in the backpack), there is still time. Entries are due December 19. Dig out the Intent Form and return it to your youngster's homeroom teacher. An Exhibition and Reflections Reception for students, family, and friends in the community will be held in mid-January. Local businesses have been encouraged to help plan the event and donate a prize.

The most important thing about Reflections is the fun of participating. It is a great way for students to explore and learn about various art forms, express their creativity, and develop intellectual, social, and physical skills. Creating art is a valuable process. Children learn to analyze their thoughts, feelings, and ideas. They learn to look at things, people, and experiences in a fresh and exciting way, and become more interested in the ideas and works of others. Moreover, Reflections helps parents, teachers, and community members encourage and recognize the continuous self-discovery process essential to our children's growth (and our own) while fostering a positive learning environment.

### Will Alton be an Innovator?

Alton may prove to be a true innovator in this national program. Although creative dance is not an official category, several students of physical education teacher Kristine King requested that it become a competitive event, and submitted their videotape. The Reflections Committee agreed, and who knows, perhaps the national PTA will add the category in the future.

The PTSA is seeking local judges with expertise in one of the four arts areas (and choreography). Judging will be conducted, privately, in early January. If you would consider serving in this capacity, or are interested in helping with the program, please call Barbara Cruickshank at 875-3183.



## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS

by Wayne and Cathy Fraser

The Alton School Building Committee has been meeting weekly since mid-October and has recently made strides toward what to propose to the School Board and ultimately to the voters of Alton. Alton faces some tough decisions regarding significant space needs in its K-12 central school.

The Building Committee has proposed a 350-student-capacity high school with an auditorium so that the building may also be used as a center for community events. It is hoped that the building will be a focal point in the Alton community and not merely a high school.

Working with an architect the Building Committee has been mulling over the sizes and shapes of schools. Members of the Committee have toured new high schools in other towns. The State has specific mandates for space needed for playing fields, the structure itself, and the grounds.

### Options Considered

Before deciding to propose a new high school, the School Board considered several options, such as creating a new elementary school, adding onto the existing school, adding new modulars to the existing site, and entering into a joint venture with surrounding communities. In addition, the School Board "tested the waters" with Alton citizens by holding three public forums over the summer. Although attendance at these forums was low, the citizens' input was decidedly clear — Alton people want a new high school

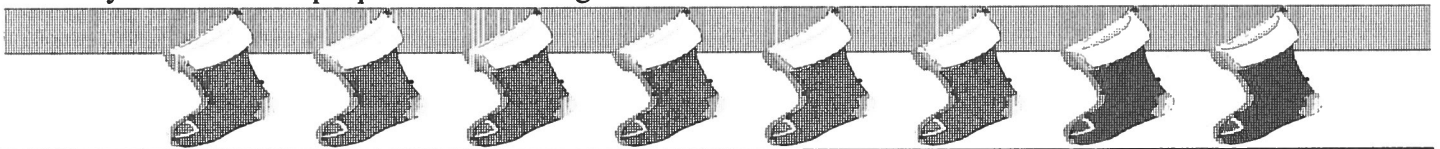
and they want to "go it alone."

All the other suggested options were deemed impractical. Adding to the existing school would cut into precious field and parking space and would not address the space needs in the core facilities. Also, the subsequent necessary renovations to the existing structure would disrupt daily operations at the school. Modulars would be just a "band-aid." A new elementary school would be costly and would not alleviate the field space needs and considerable work would still need to be done to the existing building. Joining with other towns would not be practical in light of the fact that Alton has just formed its own SAU.

### Why a New High School

The main reason a new high school is the most practical solution to the space needs problem at Alton Central School lies in the core facilities — the gymnasium, library, and cafeteria. Presently these facilities are over-utilized because they are too small and inadequate for the number of students at the school. A new high school would relieve the overcrowding in these core facilities where none of the other options considered would. In addition, there would be the aforementioned benefit of creating a new community center for town meetings, shows, plays, auctions, and the like. The possibilities are endless.

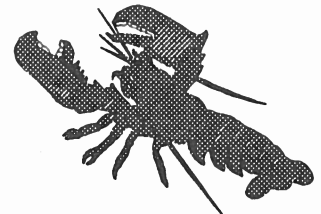
As of this writing the Building Committee is working on submitting a proposal to the School Board by November 24 with its recommendation of a plan to go to the voters of Alton in 1998. The next issue of Main Street will report on the outcome.



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# IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

## SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Saint Joan of Arc Church announces the following schedule of Christmas Masses to be observed. On Christmas Eve Mass will be held at Saint Joan of Arc Church at 4 P.M., which will include a Children's Pageant, and 7:30 P.M. Please note there will be Mass at 6 P.M. at St. Paul Mission on Rt. 28 in Barnstead.

On Christmas Day Mass will be at 9 A.M. at Saint Joan of Arc Church.

## THE CHRISTMAS YOU'VE ALWAYS LONGED FOR

by Dave Snell

The word *advent* means "coming." Members and friends of The Bay Church are looking forward to a more joyful Christmas celebration "coming" their way during an all-church Advent series called "The Christmas You've Always Longed For."

This four-week Seasonal Advent Celebration takes place from November 30 through Christmas, and will involve everyone in the church — children and adults, families, couples, and singles.

In addition to four weekend worship services, many people will be working through a special Advent Calendar that includes daily Scriptures, prayers, inspirational readings, in-home ceremonies, and practical ideas for making the Christmas season more God-honoring.

Pastor Bob Hett encourages people in the community to join this Seasonal Advent Celebration by attending worship services in the Moore Chapel at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center at 11 A.M. each Sunday. For more information or to obtain an Advent calendar to use at home, phone the church office at 875-6765.

## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM

by Dave Snell

The Bay Church will present for the community a Christmas musical called "Where Love Leads." Where do you go to find love? Where do you go to find hope? Where do you go to find peace? This all-musical program celebrates the birthday of Jesus and presents some new truths to be learned from the old Christmas story. Come and join us on Sunday night, December 14, at 6 P.M. in the Moore Chapel at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON SEASONAL OBSERVANCES

The Community Church of Alton wishes to announce the schedule of seasonal observances for the month. On December 14 the Sunday School will present its Christmas program at 4:30 P.M. This will be followed by a Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 P.M., after which parishioners will be invited to go caroling in the community.

On December 21 it will be Christmas Sunday with worship at 11 A.M. The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 8 P.M. and will feature the Chancel Choir singing the cantata, "A Great Light," by Eugene Butler. All are welcome.

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Many community service organizations, led by the Alton 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 as well. Each year the list seems to get 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, NH 03809.

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## ALTON SCHOOL TEST SCORES COMPARED TO STATE RESULTS

The results of statewide testing (NH Educational Improvement and Assessment Program) for grades 3, 6 and 10 last May were released recently. Scores for Alton Central School were mixed when compared with results across the state. A notable exception was the third grade, which scored considerably higher than the state averages.

Students in grades 6 and 10 were tested in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Third graders were tested in fewer areas: English Language Arts and Mathematics. In each grade students were judged to be either "advanced," "proficient," "basic" or "novice" in terms of what the State Board of Education expects students to know at the end of each of those grades.

### Tenth Grade Results

Tenth grade results are as follows: English Language Arts — advanced 2% (State 1%), proficient 2% (State 8%), basic 74% (State 60%), and novice 19% (State 24%); Mathematics — advanced 2% (State 5%), proficient 21% (State 18%), basic 29% (State 27%), and novice 45% (State 44%); Science — advanced 0% (State 2%), proficient 2% (State 17%), basic 12% (State 26%), and novice 83% (State 50%); and Social Studies — advanced 0% (State 1%), proficient 5% (State 13%), basic 17% (State 23%), and novice 76% (State 59%).

### Sixth Grade Results

Sixth grade results are as follows: English Language Arts — advanced 2% (State 2%), proficient 6% (State 16%), basic 48% (State 39%), and novice 44% (State 40%); Mathematics — advanced 0% (State 1%), proficient 3% (State 10%), basic 32% (State 33%), and novice 65% (State 55%); Science - advanced 0% (State <1%), proficient 8% (State 7%), basic 17% (State 22%), and novice 76% (State 68%); and Social Studies — advanced 2% (State 4%), proficient 8% (State 9%), basic 29% (State 35%), and novice 62% (State 49%).

### Third Grade Results

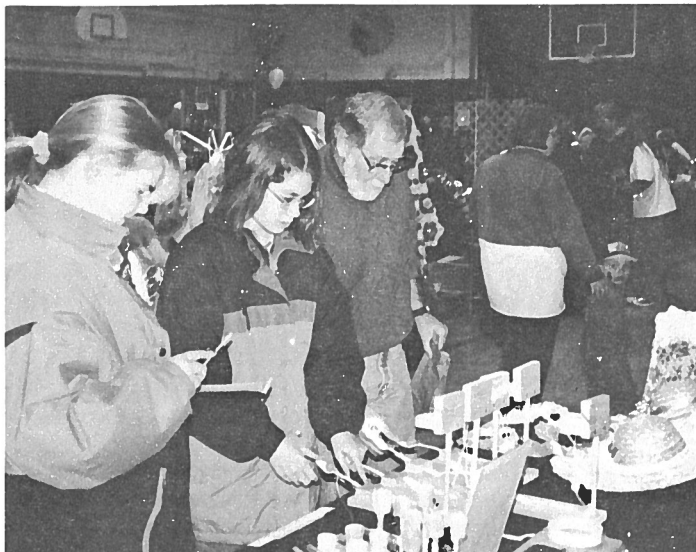
Third grade results are as follows: English Language Arts — advanced 24% (State 5%), proficient 45% (State 25%), basic 22% (State 42%), and novice 6% (State 24%); Mathematics — advanced 51% (State 13%), proficient 22% (State 26%), basic 16% (State 42%), and novice 6% (State 17%).

### The Other Grades

At the same time, students in grades 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11 were administered the California Achievement Test that compares their scores to students in the same grades across the country. Overall, second grade students at Alton Central School scored better than 78.5% of students in the second grade, fourth grade students scored better than 72%, fifth grade students better than 62%, seventh grade students better than 59.3%, eighth grade students better than 55.8%, ninth grade students better than 63.3%, and eleventh grade students better than 62.5%.

### ALTON FIREFLIES MEET DECEMBER 15

The Alton Fireflies will hold their next meeting on December 15 to organize for the Mrs. Santa program. The meeting begins at 7 P.M. in the Central Fire Station on Route 140. If further information is needed, contact Penny Williams at 875-3315. As Penny stated in her notice to Main Street: "Please join us and give a helping hand."



### PTSA CRAFT FAIR SURVIVES EARLY WINTER SNOW STORM

As in evidence in the photo above, shoppers were in abundance at last month's Craft Fair sponsored by the Alton Central School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) in spite of a pre-winter snowstorm the night before the event. Almost 50 booths offered a wide range of crafts and gift items. PTSA President Bob Loprete said funds raised at the event would be used to offer three \$500 scholarships to this year's graduating class. Future projects include improvements to the playground.

### GARDEN CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP by Dottie Woughter

The Alton Garden Club is offering a scholarship in the memory of Shirley Ferry. Shirley was a long-time and very active member of the club, where she is most remembered for her work on the town's Christmas decorations, as well as the wildflowers in the Alton Circle and the displays at the Bay.

To be eligible the applicant must be a junior or senior in college and have an established major pertaining to wildlife, botany, forestry, horticulture or other environmental interest.

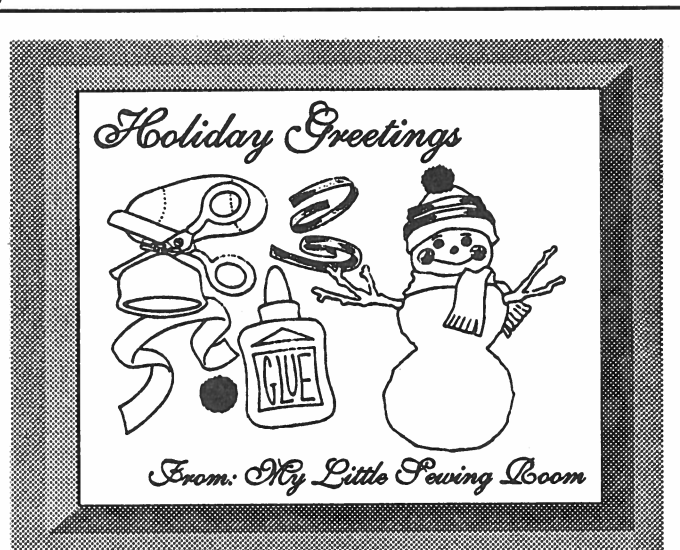
To apply, submit a short essay by January 1, 1998. Also, please list your qualifications and submit a copy of your college credits for verification. Applications should be sent to Nancy Alden, HC 72, Box 125B, Alton, NH 03809. Applicants will be notified by January 5. If needed, further information is available from Nancy Alden at 875-7598.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON by Laura Smith

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be holding a Berry Merry Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 10, from 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. The luncheon will take place at the Conference Center on Rt. 11 in Alton Bay. The Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.

The Special Feature will be presented by Joanna Desera from Annalee Dolls in Meredith. The Special Music will be provided by Mary Smith from Concord. Carole Casey from Barrington, NH, will be the Special Speaker.

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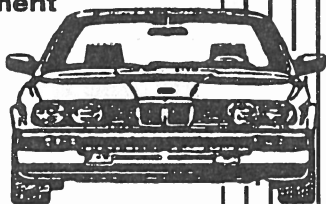
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**THE BAY CHURCH WELCOMES  
NEW PASTOR**

By Dave Snell

It is with regret that members and friends of The Bay Church saw former pastor Roy Ames and his wife Alice retire and head for the deep sunny south to become "seasonal residents" like so many others of the Alton/Alton Bay community. However, it is with great joy and anticipation that we welcome our new pastor Rev. Robert H. Hett and his lovely wife Donna, shown above.

Pastor Bob and Donna are now residing in Alton Bay, coming to us from Spring Lake, North Carolina. They have two married children and two grandchildren. Bob was originally from New Hampshire, graduating from high school in Portsmouth and going on to earn his B.A. in Theology, with a Pastoral major, at Berkshire Christian College (BCC). He has done graduate work at both Wheaton College and Bethel Seminary.

Donna graduated from Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, schools and earned her B.A. in Theology with a Christian Education major, also from BCC. The couple have ministered in MA, RI, WI, ME, WV, IL, CA, and IN.

Bob's ministries have included working as an Associate Evangelist, Worship Leader, Minister of Music and Youth, Church Planter, Baseball Team Chaplain, as well as his Pastoral Ministry.

We look forward to Pastor Bob and Donna becoming an integral part of our church family and also our local community.

The Bay Church worship services are open to everyone. We meet at 11 A.M. each Sunday in the Moore Chapel at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center for worship and celebration. A nursery is provided for this service. We gather again at 6 P.M. at the Bay Church on Rand Hill Road for an informal time of music, sharing, prayer, and Bible study. Wednesday evenings at 7 P.M. we share together, pray for each other, the church, and the community. If you are not currently participating in one of our local churches, we would encourage you to meet our pastor and try our fellowship.

Don't miss our Christmas musical called "Where Love Leads" on Sunday evening at 6 P.M., December 14, in the Moore Chapel at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

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**SCHOOL VOTING UPDATE**

by **Bob Calvert**

In *Main Street's* continuing effort to help voters be ready for the changed procedure with regard to school district annual meeting and voting, there follows more specific times and locations information. Reference is often made to "SB-2." This was the legislation which brought the new procedure into reality. Now, as state law, it is known as "RSA 40:13."

**Meetings**

Immediately in December — on Monday the first at 7 P.M. — the School Board will host a forum at the school to explain how the school budget process and voting will be different in 1998.

On January 15 at 7 P.M. in the Town Hall, the Town Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed school budget. This will provide an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the budget before the deliberative meeting is held.

On Saturday, January 31, the first session of the School District meeting will be held at 1 P.M. at the Alton Central School. This is the deliberative meeting for debate, discussion and amending warrant articles. There will be no voting on the overall budget.

On Saturday, March 7, at 10 A.M., at the Alton Central School, the School Board will hold an informational meeting for the public. This will occur about three days before actual voting takes place.

On Tuesday, March 10, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., voting on the school warrant (including budget) and elections will be held at the Central Fire Station on Route 140. Town elections will be voted on at the same time and place.

**What Happens If...?**

At the January 31 meeting, the amount of the 'default' budget must be disclosed to the voters. If no operating budget article is adopted, it shall be deemed that the School District has approved the same appropriations for the previous year (reduced and/or increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law). This will be known as a "default" budget.

If such should be the case, the School District may hold a special meeting to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Votes taken at the second meeting may not be reconsidered. (If there is a heavy snow or blizzard on January 31, an alternate date for that meeting is February 7.)

**LOOP TRAIL READY FOR BUSINESS**

by **Jim Washburn**

The loop trail at the Town Forest is open thanks to Stan Czeck, Jack Woodland, Jim King, Gary Hannafin, MaryBee and Bob Longabaugh, Ed Carrol, Fran and Jim Washburn, and the families of the volunteers. About 41 hours were needed to make this happen. Many thanks for the work and ideas.

The loop trail may be used for hiking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. No wheeled or motorized vehicles are to be used on this trail.

The high point (both elevation and visual) is a large (I mean big) boulder (I believe it is called an "eratic"). When you see it, notice the area underneath. A man or animal could survive in there.

Part of the mission of the Conservation Commission is to educate. A walk on the trail could be a learning experience.

Other trails are planned and help will be needed. We try to work on Saturdays from 9 A.M. - 12 noon. If you are interested, please contact Jim Washburn at 364-7413. Again thanks to the people that have helped on this project.

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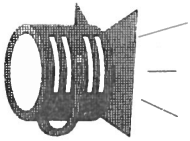
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**NANCY DECOTEAU**

**LAND USE AND PROPERTY RECORDS**

Nancy Decoteau is our new part-time clerical assistant in the Land Use Department. Nancy was born in Portland, Maine, and moved with her family to Otisfield, Maine, when she was in first grade. Nancy attended Oxford Hills Elementary School and the Regional Junior High School and High School there. After completing high school, Nancy attended the Bible Institute in Victoria Corner, New Brunswick, Canada, for three years. Then Nancy became a short-term missionary at Black Forest Academy in Kandern, West Germany. This missionary school was a boarding school for children whose families were working in eastern block countries or families who sent their children from other countries, including military personnel, government employees, and families in the private sector.

In 1986 Nancy married her husband, Mark, a 1983

graduate of West Point. They became a career military family, living in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Benning, Georgia; and West Point, New York. Mark separated from the service in 1993, but remains in the Army Reserve. Mark is working on his Master's Degree in Public Administration and the family lived in Lubec, Maine, for two years where Mark served as Town Manager. They then moved to Farmington, New Hampshire, where Mark has been Town Manager for over two years.

Nancy's parents are full-time travelers in their recreational vehicle. When not traveling, they call a mobile home park in Lebanon, Maine, home. Nancy has a sister, Vickie, in Illinois, a brother, Matt, in Lewiston, Maine, and another sister, Penny, who lives in suburban Detroit.

Nancy and Mark have three children: Maddie, born in 1988; Marc, born in 1990; and Andrew, born in 1992. The two older children attend the Farmington School, while Andrew attends a pre-school group program.

Nancy describes their activities as the "ordinary family life." "Maddie is in a Girl Scout group and we all love horses," she said. She added, "We all went trail riding this summer at Castle Springs and had a wonderful time."

Besides Nancy's missionary work, she worked as an administrative assistant in the medical office at Fort Bragg and in the Community Development Office in Lubec. She is also presently serving as Town Treasurer in Farmington. Here Nancy is a clerical assistant working for the Land Use Department.

Nancy especially likes her part-time hours in her present position. She says, "As a Mom it is great to be able to see the kids off to school and be home before they arrive back." She added, "I especially like the people I work for here. They are really nice."

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**ALTON MUSICIAN SCORES IN LAS VEGAS**

Rich Fiore, son of Richard and Arlene Fiore, recently won the title of "1997 National Instrumentalist of the Year" from the Country Music Association of America (CMOA) in Las Vegas.

Back in September of 1996 Rich entered a talent competition of the New Hampshire Country Music Association (NHCMA) and came away winning the State title of "NHCMA 1996 Instrumentalist of the Year." Winners at that competition were then able to go on and compete for the national titles which were held October 13 - 20 at the Showboat Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Rich, along with several other winners from New Hampshire, competed for their specific categories on Thursday, October 16. Other states competed on the remaining days.

The awards ceremony, held on Sunday, October 19, had in attendance many artists from the entertainment and recording fields who were scouting for up-and-coming talent. It was at this awards ceremony that Rich was chosen CMOA's "1997 National Instrumentalist of the Year." Quite an accomplishment, to say the least.

Rich, who is 22 years of age, has been playing the drums since age four. During his school years at Alton Central he was very much a part of the music program. Since graduating in 1994 he has continued his playing in Country and Rock bands. His goal is to head for Nashville to be able to land a drumming position with a major touring band. With his big win in Las Vegas new opportunities have come about for him, and he is one step closer to reaching that goal.

Alton can, indeed, be proud of Rich Fiore.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LEGION**

by Patti McMullen

November was a very busy month as the Claude R. Batchelder Post (#72) prepared for the upcoming holidays. Post #72 is happy to close out this year with the following holiday events.

Santa Claus will be arriving on Saturday, December 6 at 2 P.M. for all of the boys and girls of Alton, ages 0-12. Details are described in a separate article on page 12 of this issue of Main Street.

There will be a Christmas raffle on December 21 with first prize being a Nintendo 64, second prize a gift certificate to a local department store, and third prize a gift certificate to the Harvest Grille Restaurant in Alton. See any Ladies Auxiliary member for tickets or purchase them in the Dugout Lounge at the Post.

Alton Post 72 and Ladies Unit 72 are pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring Spinoza Bears this year. Each bear will be purchased at a price of \$135 and will be given to terminally ill children or children in crisis for counseling and companionship in their times of need. These bears speak to the children through an installed audio cassette, and it is possible for parents to tape their voices for the purpose of comforting the child.

Post 72 has appropriated \$1,000 to be given to the Tilton Veterans home for their Valentine's Day and St. Patty's Day dances held at the Tilton Home. A great time was had last year with the Veterans at the home, as we are sure there will be this time around.

A reminder: There will be no Bingo the weeks of Christmas and New Years. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.**

**Volunteers Needed**

Because of an illness, volunteers are needed to work in the school lunchroom on Mondays or Tuesdays until March. If Interested please call Laurie Boyce at 875-7371

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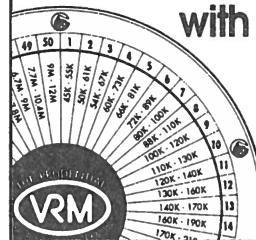
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## SPECIAL THIS MONTH

### DECEMBER 1 PUBLIC FORUM ON OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDUM

The Alton School Board will host a public forum on Monday, December 1 at 7 P.M. at the Alton Central School. The meeting will focus on the 1998-99 budget process and the official ballot referendum, also known as "Senate Bill 2." On March 10, 1998, there will be new ground broken in Alton. For the first time the school budget will be decided at the polls. As a result, many new procedures and a different timeline will be replacing the traditional school meeting proceedings. The school board encourages the public to attend this important informational forum.

### COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP OFFERED DECEMBER 4

The Alton Central School Guidance Department is planning a College Admissions Financial Aid Workshop for parents of juniors and seniors on Thursday, December 4. According to Guidance Director Marilyn St. Cyr, the evening will begin with a program on College Admissions at 6:30 P.M., followed at 7:30 P.M. by a workshop on financial aid presented by Michael Spillane of the Financial Aid Office at the University of New Hampshire. Parents and students are invited to attend one or both of the sessions.



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 6

by Patti McMullen

You better watch out, you better not pout, Santa Claus is coming to town. Dasher has sped back to the American Legion Hall to relay a message from Santa that he will be arriving at 2 P.M. on Saturday, December 6. Santa is preparing for his long journey around the world and is asking all of the good little boys and girls of Alton to start their wish lists. They will personally be able to ask Santa for their wishes on that day. There will be Christmas songs and fun galore for ages 0-12.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Claude R. Batchelder Post #72 would like to thank the Post members, The Alton Police Association, The Knights of Columbus and the private citizens of Alton for helping to make this event a great success with their very generous donations. Upwards of \$1200 is spent on toys and goodie bags, not to mention the many hours of preparation needed to make this children's day a memorable one.

Many special thanks go out to the Christmas Party committee members: Millie Pierce, Tina LaBar, Elaine Conboy, and Julie Lamper, as well as the members of the American Legion Auxiliary for their time and dedication to this project.

## DECEMBER EVENTS

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| Mon. | 1  | ALTON SCHOOL BOARD, Forum and explanation of school budget process and voting, 7 P.M.  |
| Tue. | 2  | GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL at Calvary Christian, 7 P.M.  |
| Wed. | 3  | BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.  |
| Thu. | 4  | BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 A.M. - Noon<br>ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET Board submits budget to Budget Committee, 6 P.M.<br>SHARE FOOD PROGRAM REGISTRATION, The Bay Church, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. (875-0669)<br>COLLEGE ADMISSIONS FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP (see story), Alton Central School 6:30 P.M., Admissions, 7:30 P.M. Financial Aid |
| Fri. | 5  | GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL at Sunapee, 7 P.M.  |
| Sat. | 6  | 'TREE OF MEMORIES' CEREMONY, sponsored by VNA-Hospice, in front of Town Hall, 1:30 P.M. (see story)<br>SANTA CLAUS AND CHILDREN'S PARTY, American Legion Hall, 2 P.M. (see story)  |
| Tue. | 9  | GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 5:30<br>BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 7 P.M.  |
| Wed. | 10 | BERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, Christian Conference Center, 11:30 A.M.<br>BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.  |
| Thu. | 11 | GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 6:30 P.M.<br>BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 8 P.M.   |
| Sat. | 13 | GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL vs. Pittsburgh, 2 P.M.<br>BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL vs. Pittsburgh, 3:30 P.M.   |
| Sun. | 14 | SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, The Community Church of Alton, 4:30 P.M.<br>POT LUCK SUPPER AND CAROLING, The Community Church of Alton, 5:30 P.M.<br>CHRISTMAS MUSICAL, Moore Chapel at Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 6 P.M. "Where Love Leads," presented by The Bay Church.   |
| Mon. | 15 | ALTON FIREFLIES, Organization meeting for Mrs. Santa Program, Central Fire Station, Rt. 140, 7 P.M.  |
| Tue. | 16 | GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL at Moultonborough, 6:30 P.M.<br>BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL at Moultonborough, 8 P.M.   |
| Wed. | 17 | BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.  |
| Sat. | 20 | SHARE FOOD PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION DAY, The Bay Church, 9 - 10 A.M. (875-0669) Requires pre-registration or you can register for the following month.   |
| Sun. | 21 | CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP, The Community Church of Alton, 11 A.M.   |
| Wed. | 24 | MASS, including CHILDREN'S PAGEANT, Saint Joan of Arc Church, 4 P.M..<br>MASS, St. Paul Mission, Rt. 28, Barnstead, 6 P.M.<br>MASS, Saint Joan of Arc Church, 7:30 P.M.<br>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, The Community Church of Alton, featuring the Chancel Choir, 8 P.M.   |
| Thu. | 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, Saint Joan of Arc Church, 9 A.M.   |

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## SCHEDULES

### CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 P.M., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; Church, 11 A.M.; Evening Service, 6 P.M.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 P.M. Sunday A.M. service held at the Moore Chapel, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, all others at The Bay Church on Rand Hill Road. 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

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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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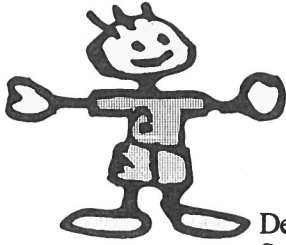
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**FOR THE FUN OF IT**  
by Kellie McGrath  
Recreation Director

**SOCCER RECOGNITION**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored its annual Youth Soccer Awards Presentation for soccer players in grades 1 - 6. It was celebrated with an ice cream sundae social. The event was held at the Alton Central School Gymnasium in November and was well attended. All players received a soccer trophy and coaches were recognized for their outstanding volunteer contributions.

I would like to thank all of the players, volunteer coaches and parents for a great soccer season, and I am looking forward to a great program again next year.

If you have not returned your soccer uniform yet, please drop it off at the Parks and Recreation Department as soon as possible.

**Holiday Crafts for Kids 6 - 12 Years**

We are sponsoring Holiday Crafts for Kids ages 6 - 12 at the Alton Town Hall on Saturday, December 6, 10 A.M. - Noon. Participants will enjoy making hand-made crafts to holiday music. Refreshments will be served.

The price of \$3 per project includes all materials, supervision and gift wrap. Participants have a choice of two projects: (1) ornament suitable for tree hanging, or (2) holiday wreath. After projects are made participants can make a holiday picture frame. Just remember to bring a favorite photo to put in the frame.

Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by December 1. Call 875-0109 for more information.

**Country Line Dancing for Adults of All Ages**

Participants will learn new dances every week. It's great exercise and an opportunity to meet new dancers. Tuesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 2 - 4 P.M. A registration fee of \$3 every six months. Call 875-0109 for more information.

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The Body Works program is designed to tone, strengthen muscles, lose inches and reduce stress through strength training. The program is open to men and women of all ages and abilities. Drop in anytime. Tuesdays 6 - 7 P.M. and Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Cost is \$3 a class, or \$20 for a four-week session. Call 875-0109 for more information.

**January Programs**

Look for the following programs to be offered in January and be sure to register early: Street Funk for middle school, Hands-On Cooking Class, Fun Fridays, Toddler Playhouse, Candy Bar Bingo and Senior Citizen Bingo.

**Winter Carnival Date**

Mark your 1998 calendar for our Annual Winter Carnival Celebration on Sunday, February 15, from 1 - 3 P.M. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. This is a great activity for everyone, and it is free!



**ALTON'S BASKETBALL TEAMS**  
**EXPECTING COMPETITIVE SEASONS**

by John Duffek

The Alton Central School varsity boy's basketball team will open its 1997-98 season at home against Derryfield on December 9.

Walter Damon, in his seventh year as varsity coach, was unable to discuss individual players since practice had not yet begun by press time. He did, however, emphasize that he expected the team to be a contender for the Class S championship with a program of hard work and concentration on defense.

Damon and assistant coach Matt Lock expect strong competition from Moultonboro, Nute, Calvary Christian and Sunapee.

Marv Everson, in his second year as coach of the varsity girl's basketball team, also related his expectations for a competitive season to hard work and hustle on the part of his team. Everson and assistant coach Wendy Everson look forward to the return of five varsity players from last year — co-captain and senior Ryan Russell, co-captain and junior Kim Noyes, and juniors Emily King, Jen Emanouil, and Carly Blanchard. Everson also expects strong support from Jenny Martin, a sophomore who played JV ball last year, and newcomer Renee LaFreniere, a freshman.

The girls begin their season at Calvary Christian on December 2 and will have their home opener on December 9 against Derryfield.

**SNOWMOBILERS MAKING READY**

by Judy Geer

The Belknap County Mt. Major Snowmobile Club has been extremely busy lately. The new bridge on Rt. 11 over the Merry Meeting River is nearing completion. During the weekends of October 18/19 and 25/26 many long hours were put in by a group of dedicated workers — even in the rain on the 25th! Much hot chocolate and coffee were consumed. Work is continuing on this trail along Rt. 11 to the Alton traffic circle.

The Club is also trying to develop a trail for future construction along, or near, Rt. 28, Old Wolfboro Rd., from the vicinity of the East Alton Store to connect with the rotary at the junction of Rts. 11 and 28. Any and all help in this project, or with other ongoing work, would be greatly appreciated. Membership applications are available in the East Alton area at Hillcrest Marine on Rt. 28A.

The Safety Course was held on November 1 at the Alton Community Center. There were 21 participants. The course went very well and everyone passed with flying colors. If you know of anyone (over the age of 12) who missed this date and is interested, the next one will be held on December 6. Contact Virginia Bergeron at 875-6714.

The Club's December meeting will be held on the 12th at the Last Chance Eatery & Pub (Alton Bay Inn) at 7 P.M. Come for supper and a meeting will follow. Cross country skiers and mountain bikers are invited, as many of the trails we have been working on will also be good for these sports.

A familiarization ride/Poker Run is scheduled for December 28. Watch for posted information. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year.

The Club will also be running a Poker Run and Radar Run during the Alton Winter Carnival in February.

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club T-shirts and baseball caps are for sale at the Alton Bay Bait & Tackle Shop located at the Bay opposite the Dockside Restaurant, or you may call 875-6994.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting, please feel free to call Dick Langille at 875-6994 to find out the date, time and location.



**ALTON TEAM WINS SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

On October 26 a relatively inexperienced team from Alton went off to Holderness and came home victorious as champions of the Pemi Baker Soccer Tournament. This was a single elimination tournament, best of 12 teams. When the chips were down after the morning qualifying round, the Alton team went on in the afternoon to win all the crucial championship games. In the first they toppled Lincoln in a game decided by penalty shots; the second game against arch rival Moultonborough they took 1-0; and they rounded out the afternoon to also take Plymouth by a 1-0 score.

The tournament champs shown above in the photo by Shirley Holway are: Front Row (left - right) Josh Ahlin, Morgan Locke, Travis Hillsgrove, Robert Clifford, Tyler Reed, Chris Way, Travis Wiley, David Clifford; Middle Row (left - right) Grant Holway, Kyle McAuliffe, C. J. Best, Blake Camp, Devon Wiley, Matt Healey, Lindsay Freese, Dylan Laurion, Kent Johnson; Back Row (left - right) Coach, Matt Locke; Manager, Reed Holway; Coach, Bill Holway.

As is so often the case in these sneak-up-on-you headline grabbers, the real heros are the behind-the-scenes people who brought it all together so that it was bound to happen. In this case it was a powerful adult team of Peter Clifford, Bill Holway, and Matt Locke.

**ALTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE**

**by Karl Ingoldsby**

Hello from your volunteers. The end of this month will find us voting for new officers. Keep an eye out for the list of our new officials in next month's Main Street.

All of the volunteers would like to sincerely thank the anonymous donor for the appreciation dinner. It was a fun time for us all, and it was a welcome recognition for the dedicated service that we provide.

It seems the word is spreading concerning our ambulatory items. We received numerous requests for items to help the recovering, as well as donations of equipment.

Judy Ingoldsby finished a community C.P.R. course for six members of our community, including three Boy Scouts of America. Anyone interested in taking this or any other Red Cross course should contact one of our officers:

- President Sherman Brown, 875-7337
- Vice President Eric Elliot, 875-5089
- Secretary Judith Ingoldsby, 364-2270
- Treasurer Sharon Chagnon, 875-2237

The ambulance service is still looking for volunteers! We provide training for interested people. Please call one of the above officers for more information.

Thank you again for your continuing support.



**THE END TO MOST SEASONS**

Here it is, the last month of the year and the end to most outdoor seasons. December 7 ends the firearms deer hunting season. With snow on the ground in mid-November deer are easier to see (although, not much) and can be tracked somewhat. Knowing there is a deer at the end of the tracks is exciting. Seeing that deer there is another story! They smell, hear and see motion better than we do. And they are capable of standing perfectly still for half an hour. Good luck.

December 15 ends the archery deer and turkey seasons. Archery hunting becomes quite a challenge at this time of year. Staying warm and still being able to draw back a bow with all those clothes on is quite a task. Getting to a stand or near a deer in squeaky or crunchy snow is also a challenge. If there is any snow or ice on your arrow, it will not fly straight. Once a deer is hit, trailing it on snow is much easier though. Good luck!

Quail season ends December 1 and grouse hunting in Wildlife Management Unit "A" ends on the first also.

The end of the "small game" season is December 31. Crow hunting ends December 15. What can be hunted in December? Cottontail rabbit, snowshoe rabbit, hare, fox, mink, muskrat and raccoon. As always, be sure to check the regulations for the game and the area in which you wish to hunt.

Coyote can be hunted anytime (no closed season) and December is a good time to start. There are quite a few around. I've heard two stories of deer and bear recovered the next morning, after a night in Alton's woods being destroyed by coyotes. Calling, baiting, with landowner permission, and night hunting (January 1 - March 31) are all legal hunting methods. Don't put the firearms away just yet. Get out and hunt some pesky coyotes. Good luck!

December is also a month to look forward to the seasons yet to come (like ice fishing) and the wonderful outdoor presents you hope to find under your Christmas tree.

Enjoy the Holidays, Outdoors!

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## TREE IN GINNY DOUGLAS PARK TO BE FULLY LIGHTED

by Bob Longbaugh

The 45-foot tall Blue Spruce tree shown on page 1 is to be strung in lights from top to bottom this Holiday Season by order of the Selectmen with a little citizen help. The Selectmen's action came about in a rather unusual manner in their regular business meeting of November 3.

When the agenda turned to holiday decorations, Selectman Bill Ryan took his usual very positive position on the subject that the Town should be doing more of it. One citizen, who is a very regular attendee at Selectmen meetings, departed from the usual parliamentary procedures by asking to be recognized: "Mr. Chairman, I feel so strongly about this, I'm donating \$25 right here and now!" Within a blink Ryan came back, "And I'll match it."

Next, the other citizen in the room opened his wallet to pull out \$25, which was promptly matched by Selectman Stan Czech and Chairman Pete Shibley. Voila, the tree shall be festooned with lights!

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



### A WINTER CHECK LIST

Well folks, whether we were ready or not, winter is here! As I write this in November we just had our first big snow storm. Sitting here looking out the window I can see the remnants of it on the ground. It never ceases to amaze me how many people forget from year-to-year about winter driving. This was proven again during the storm on November 14.

A few quick tips to keep you safe this winter:

- Maintain a speed that is reasonable and prudent for the driving conditions; just because the speed limit is 55 doesn't mean you have to go 55.
- Clear and defrost all windows and clear off the entire vehicle before driving.
- Keep a blanket, extra clothes, water and other supplies in the trunk in case you become stranded.
- Take the extra time to get where you're going; getting there late is better than not getting there at all; don't take chances.

Along with winter means the coming of the holiday season. Remember that during the holiday season the rate of thefts and burglaries increases. Take a few minutes to remember a few small things during this time. An ounce of prevention can stop a load of trouble. For instance:

- Secure all valuables and gifts in the trunk of your vehicle, or at least cover them up to keep them out of sight.
- Park in well-lit areas when going places where you may have to walk to your vehicle at night.
- Carry your car keys ready to unlock the doors; don't hunt for them while you're waiting to unlock the door.
- Be aware of your surroundings; know who and what is around you at all times.

Once again, I'd like to invite you to check out our website at [www.altonpd.worldpath.net](http://www.altonpd.worldpath.net)!

Have a safe and happy holiday season! For questions or comments please contact me at 875-3752, or [hollywd@worldpath.net](mailto:hollywd@worldpath.net).



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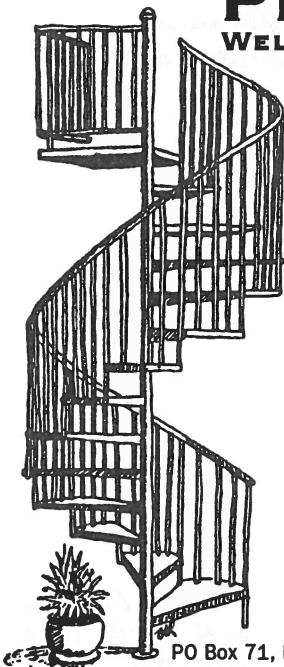
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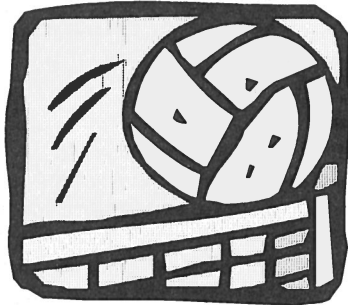
**ALTON MIDDLE SCHOOL WINS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

The regular volleyball season is over and basketball season is upon us. But, for the 19 girls of the Alton Middle School volleyball team, it was a time of unforgettable experiences.

The team consisted of four eighth graders, three seventh graders, and 12 sixth graders. With six returning players and 13 newcomers, Alton was able to play two teams most of the season, an older team that finished with a record of 5-6 and a younger team that finished 3-3 with five ties.

The high point for the team was taking home first place in the Suncook Valley League tournament, a one-day event with teams from Alton, Barnstead, Pittsfield and Gilmanton. According to Coach Sue Morse, "We were able to beat two teams we lost to during the regular season because of the team's determination and teamwork. As their coach, I'm proud of each team member and honored to be part of their victory."

In the photo above members of the team are (kneeling left to right) Emily Lowthian, Crista Perkins, Meredith Roy, Hilary Ballentine, Kate Dore, Robyn Ford, and manager Amanda Jones; (standing left to right) manager Travis Hopper, Hillary Ciampi, Lyndsey Caron, Lindsay Kenerson, Leanne Kenerson, Tamara Cornelissen, Dana Lang, Kelsey Yelle, Terese Hopper, Kristine Kenerson, Krystal Cornelissen, Elspeth Dana, Kayla Ballentine, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Coach Sue Morse, and Matt Sydow, tournament bookkeeper.



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**A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

by Thomas D. Parker  
Alton Central School

**WHY DO WE LEARN?**

Schools and parents are constantly challenged to develop ways that increase student learning. This month, I would like to examine why people learn, and how this translates into school and home practices that will be of benefit to students. Let's look at one area that we all are proficient at — the ability to talk.

Unless there is a physiological problem that prevents us from speaking, we all learned this valuable skill during our infancy. Several conditions came together that helped this process:

**It was expected of us.** The ability to talk was expected of all of us. We weren't told that "I had trouble with talking and so will you" as we developed. Students today are sometimes told about certain school subjects; "I had trouble with math, so it's normal that you do too." You may inherit eye color, height and hair color, but you do not inherit academic abilities. If you expect your children to succeed, they will.

**A model was provided.** As we learned to speak, those around us modeled the words for us to repeat. Those words that we first learned were those that we heard most often. As we grew older, new words were added to our vocabulary as we heard or read them. In school, we need to model the actions that we expect students to perform. This can be supported in the home by modeling the same behaviors.

**Positive reinforcement was provided.** When children first learn to speak, think of all of the recognition and encouragement that they receive. When students master new skills here at school, the same positive reinforcement should be provided. We all like to know that we have done a good job, whether it's learning to speak, or doing double digit multiplication!

**A need was met.** As infants, we needed to express our need for food, or for a change of diapers. As we grew older, another set of needs was met through oral expression. In order for our school to be successful, we must provide students the opportunity to see the need for what they are learning. Once the need is realized, the task of learning takes on added importance. As parents, you can help this by asking students to identify the every day applications of the skills learned in school.

Learning is a difficult process. However, if we put these conditions into place, both at school and in the home, our chances of success are greatly enhanced. Should you wish additional information about ways to help your child at home, do not hesitate to contact his/her teachers or the administration at Alton Central School.

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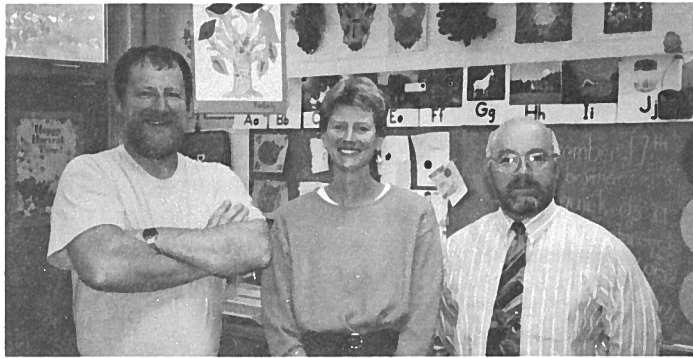


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**EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH AT  
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Principal Thomas Parker (right) congratulates the Alton Central School Employees of the Month Marlee Quann (center) and Kirt Hussey, selected from nominations by fellow employees.

Quann, a first grade teacher at Alton since 1977, was the faculty recipient of the award. According to one colleague, Quann was nominated for "the time, energy, effort and personal commitment given to students in her class." Another commented "Marlee has patience above and beyond the call of duty. She is the perfect first grade teacher!" Along with the award certificate, Quann received a gift certificate from the Last Chance Pub and Eatery in Alton Bay.

Hussey has been a custodian at Alton Central School for five years and was selected from among the nominations of support staff. "Kirt's energy and positive attitude regardless of all the little and constant aggravations we may create for him," was the reason for one of the nominations. Another said, "Kirt always provides prompt service with a smile!" He received a gift certificate from Shibley's at the Pier in Alton Bay.

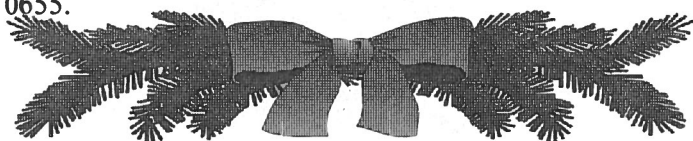
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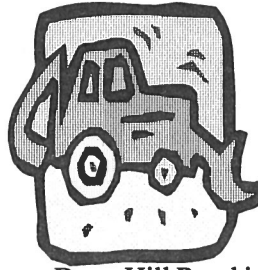
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**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS**

by Ken Roberts  
Highway Agent



**IMPROVEMENTS IN PLACE**

December has arrived and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Drew Hill Road is looking great and should be paved by the time of this publication. This is a much needed improvement to a narrow road.

Other road improvements include new shoulders, ditches and cold mix pavement on Muchado Hill Road, 8/10th's of a mile from the New Durham town line.

We have widened River Lake West Road at the Busy Corner intersection in Alton Bay. The road can now accommodate two vehicles at this site. The intersection was a safety hazard for quite some time, and is now corrected.

The highway crew has been busy installing some of the last culverts for this season. If you are out walking or riding around and notice a plugged culvert under a road or on Town property, please call us. It will save our tax dollars. Driveway culverts belong to the land owner and are their responsibility. Please maintain yours to keep it in good working order.

A reminder to all: driveways, signs, stone walls and paving, etc., always require a permit if you are doing any work in a Town right-of-way.

We are preparing the Department's equipment for winter. The salt and sand are here — but we are hoping for a break, and a light winter! And as a service for Alton residents, you may take two five-gallon buckets of sand per household, per storm, from our designated sand pile.

Happy Holidays!

**HOW MUCH ARE TAXES UP?**

It certainly is not news to the property owners of Alton. Tax bills were received in early November and payment is due by December 8. What might be a matter of interest is how the tax rates changed from the previous time that taxpayers "anted-up."

The total local tax rate in 1997 ended up being \$15.21 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This amounts to a \$1.27 increase over the 1996 tax rate, or an increase of 9 percent. What is more interesting is how the increase breaks down when looked at by its three components:

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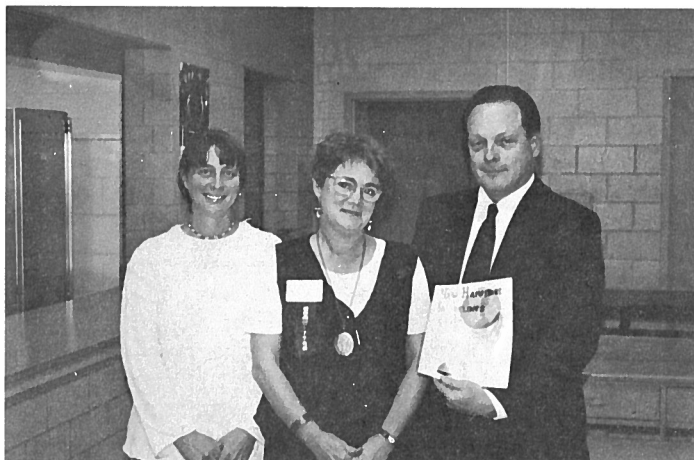


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**ALTON FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ON NATIONAL STANDARDS PANEL**

Mel Bourgault (center), French teacher at Alton Central School, presents a copy of the NH Guidelines for World Language Study K-College to School Superintendent Richard Pike as Kathryn Dwyer (left), Alton Spanish teacher, looks on. Bourgault and Dwyer served on a committee of the NH Association of World Language Teachers that adapted the national standards to address specific New Hampshire goals. New Hampshire is the first state in the nation to establish standards for world language study from kindergarten through college.

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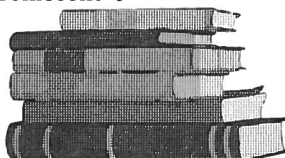
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| Cook, Robin | Chromosome 6 |
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**VIDEOS**

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- Honey, I Shrunk the Kids
- Mr. Holland's Opus
- 101 Dalmatians



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**SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER**  
by Nancy Mooney

Sweet sounds of carols fill the air-  
The reindeer are ready to do their share.  
Hearths are warm and the seniors merry-  
And our wish for you will never vary:  
Be filled with peace and joy and cheer-  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our meetings have been so well attended this past year that we were surprised we did not have a quorum for our November meeting! Two senior trips took place on our meeting day, and several of our members have made their annual migration south. Our constitution states that a quorum is 30 per cent of our membership, so in order to conduct a meeting, we need 18 members present. We need you!

The Thanksgiving turkey basket raffle went very well. The lucky winner was C. DeFlumeire of Everett, MA. A big thank you to all who purchased tickets.

The Christmas raffle is underway in charge of Evelyn Nardo. There will be three prizes awarded at the December drawing: a Christmas ham with appropriate accouterments, two passes to Gunstock, and a home-made Christmas wreath. Again, we deeply appreciate all those who generously support our efforts.

At our December meeting a Yankee swap will take place. Please bring a wrapped gift (not more than \$3) for a man or woman. Each member will receive a number. When your number is called, choose a gift from under the tree, open it and show it to the others. The next person who chooses a gift has a right to take someone else's in exchange if not happy

with the gift he or she opened! This event is always great fun for the members, so the more the merrier!

If anyone has a small desk in good condition you no longer use, please consider donating it to the Senior Citizens, as our old table recently collapsed. We need one for the visiting nurse to use and for our own book work. Call 875-7102 if you can be of help.

We welcome three new members: Stella and Donald Dore, and Doris Sawyer. We are happy to have you with us.

The Alton Seniors extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Phyllis Chaffee, who passed away on November 8. Phyllis was a long time member of the Seniors who had recently moved to Dover upon the sale of her property in Alton Bay.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, we realize December can give us pause for reflection. This past year has been a very successful one for the Seniors' Association. There have been many trips and fund raising activities, great fellowship at cards and bingo, dinners and parties. We have increased our membership to over 60, and our new members have pitched right in to help us out when needed. Space does not permit naming all those who have contributed so much to make this a very special and solvent association. It never ceases to amaze me when I consider that some of our most active members are well into their late seventies and eighties.

In conclusion, I should also like to thank those who have given me kind words and encouragement about this monthly column. It has been my pleasure to serve and inform you.

Our next meeting is December 10 at 1 P.M. Remember, we're counting on you!

Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas and a blessed 1998 to all!

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**FOR SALE**

MANUFACTURED HOME, double-wide, in North Port, FL, like new, 2BR, 2BA, carport, storage shed, fully furnished, in lovely and safe adult park with full amenities. Have pictures and all info, must sacrifice, \$53,000. 293-7928

1930's DINING ROOM SET, 54" diameter round table, 6 chairs w/ upholstered seats, 36" wide server w/ one drawer, \$250. 776-7931, evenings.

CRYSTAL 3-WAY TABLE LAMPS (4), 30" high, 14" tall white shade, one inch gold base, \$25 each. Color TV console, 25" Magnavox, \$50. 875-4399

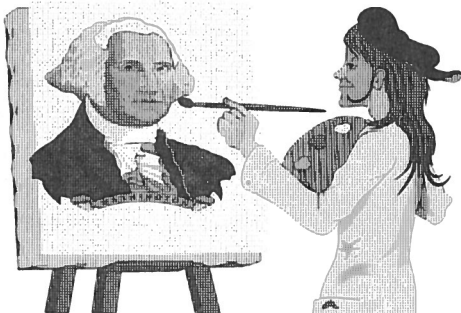
COFFEE TABLE, round, glass top, \$35. Sectional couch, brown, \$100, or b/o. Entertainment center, holds 19" TV and stereo equip., \$50. Bureau, \$20. End tables (2), \$5 each. 569-5891, leave message.

GUN CABINET, holds 9 guns, 2 doors on top, pine stained, needs glass, \$50. 776-2656.

DIAPER COVERS, Nikky waterproof cotton, new in original packaging. Four size large 18-22 lbs; six size ex large 22-26 lbs; ten size S-large 26-31 lbs; and two size 3-year for over 32 lbs. \$5 each, or \$4 each for five or more covers. 875-7306

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USED LOG SPLITTER. Can be well used, but we'll want our money back if it doesn't do the job for 6 months. 875-5067



**SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT  
SEEKS DONATIONS**

The Alton Central School Art Department is in need of the following items: newspapers, magazines, three-compartment foam trays with fold-over covers (they make perfect paint palettes), plastic screw-type jars with lids, Cool-Whip size plastic bowls, and ¾" - 1" thick wood pieces 12" by 12" (or larger) for use as cutting boards. Due to recent donations the department has enough cloth pieces and related materials.

**TO ALTON VILLAGE BUSINESSES  
AND RESIDENTS: A HALLOWEEN  
"HATS OFF TO YOU"**

The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) wishes to express their appreciation to the wonderful residents of Alton and the local business people and town employees, who, year after year, have made Halloween a fun, festive and "sweet" occasion for our children.

We hope that every child says "Thank you" after they say "trick or treat" (and our sources say most do, or the accompanying parents remind them). We are also aware of the expense that is borne each year by our neighbors and that, for some, the purchase of candy has become a financial paradox. Of course we love seeing the little "angels" and "ghosts," "princesses" and "pirates" come trouping to our doors — and years ago, homemade goodies were accepted without a thought.

However, times change, and wrapped candy is the standard today. We do not think you should be deprived of the joy of the "little painted faces" just because it costs so much to buy the candy. Next Halloween PTSA will provide bags of candy at the school, so anyone who needs to supplement their supply can do so. It is the least we can do, to thank the people of Alton who have been so generous over the years.

**NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

The Boyce family would like to thank everyone who sponsored them for the "Walk by the Sea." We had \$875 in sponsorships and with over 300 walkers the NHBIA received over \$20,000 in contributions. Thanks again everyone.

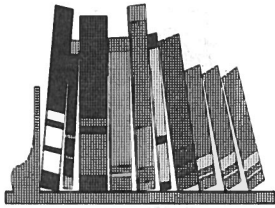
The Boyces



. . . Pam Andrade was named acting town administrator following the resignation of Terry Clifford. . . a report by the Landfill Study Committee, led by Ted Cole, offered recommendations that established the future of waste disposal in Alton. . . Chip Fifield received the highest Cub Scout award, the Arrow of Light. . . Main Street revised its advertising policy to permit out-of-town businesses to advertise if they did not compete with an Alton business. . . Alton - A Town To Remember, published by the Old Photos Committee, went on sale at the Town Clerk's office.

**FIVE YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Alton Central School received its eighth Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award for its outstanding volunteer program. . . John Duffek received the NH Municipal Association's "Volunteer of the Year" award. . . Richard Canuel was named Building Inspector/Health Officer. . . Main Street saluted the voters of Alton for an 80% turnout at the November General Election. . . Juleigh Everson and Jessica Emanouil of the Alton School Band were selected to perform in the Northeast Instrumental Music Festival in Lake Placid, NY. . . Jesse Bakeman was elected President of the Alton Historical Society.



**THE CHECKOUT DESK  
by Holly Brown  
Librarian**

**YES, WE'VE REOPENED!**

We are happy to announce that the Gilman Library reopened on November 21 for circulation. If you have not yet visited us, you are welcome to come in and see what is new. And is there ever alot that is new!

We will be operating under our usual winter hours. They are as follows:

- Monday and Wednesday = 2 - 8 P.M.
- Friday = 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
- Saturday = 9 A.M. - Noon.

Our new shelves and furniture have not arrived at this time. Most of our collection is stacked on the floor. As a result, finding that "special book" may be a challenge. Until we get our shelves and books back in order, we ask that patrons check out two books per card and return those books within two weeks. This should allow everyone an opportunity to enjoy the more recent additions to the collection, which will be placed on the tables and shelves closest to the circulation desk.

Again, we thank you for your patience and generosity. We acknowledge the fact that, for many of us, being without a good book can be difficult to say the least. We hope you agree that it was worth the wait!

Please also note that it is not too late to purchase a brick in honor or in memory of that special person, family or organization. Feel free to stop by during Library hours for a book, and a brick!

**DATES FOR YOUR 1998 CALENDAR**

**by Gwendolyn Jones, Alton Town Clerk**

December is the time of year when many people want to know about Town Meeting dates and deadlines. Below are answers to some of the more commonly asked questions.

Petitions for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are being accepted through December 10.

Filing period for Town offices is January 21 - 30, 1998.

Last day to submit petitions for Warrant articles is February 3, 1998.

Town Meeting-Elections will be on March 10, 1998, with the continuation (the actual Town Meeting) taking place the next night.

We are now accepting applications for absentee ballots for the Town election for those who will not be here on March 10.

Applications for the School Election, also to be held on March 10, are filed with the School Clerk Cynthia Duffek.

Those of you who will have bubblers or circulators in the water, don't forget your "Aquatherm" permit this winter. The cost is \$1.50, and it expires July 1 each year.

Beginning January 1, 1998, the Town fee for applications to the Wetlands Board will be \$14, an increase of \$1 due to certified mail increases in 1997.

Motor Vehicle permits issued to date are 5033, an increase over last year at this time. We are happy to report that total revenues through October for the office are \$430,480.00.

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