

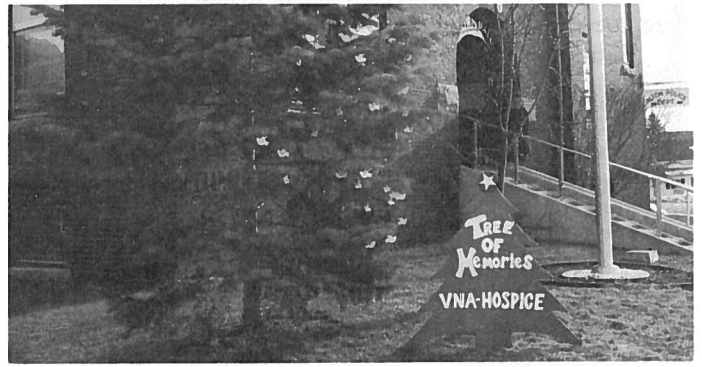
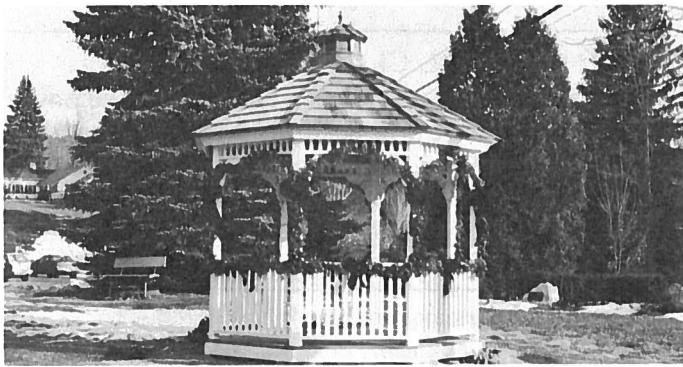
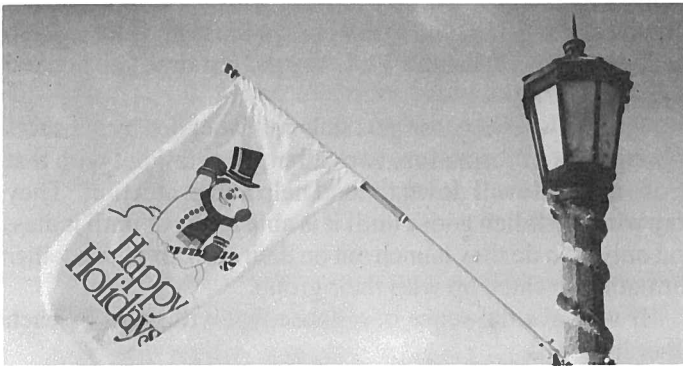
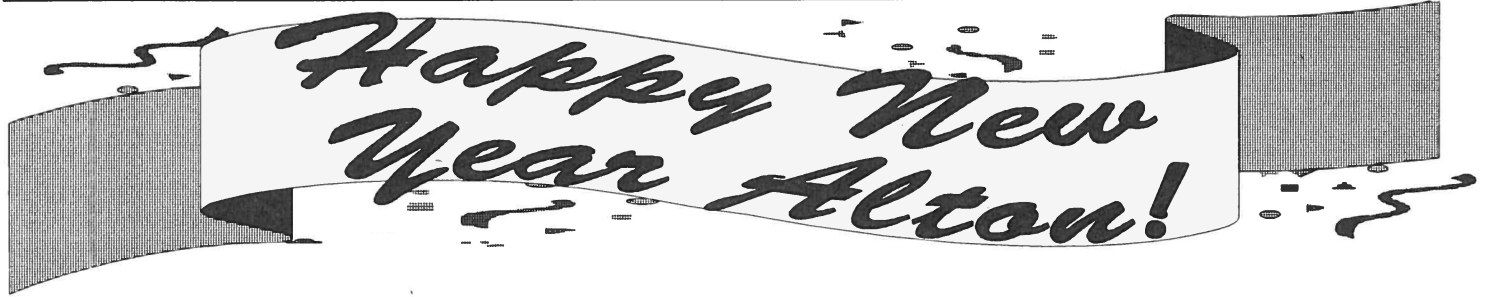
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As a "home town" newspaper Main Street not only welcomes manuscripts for publication which deal with Alton events and other items of local interest, but we are dependent upon them to fulfill our motto of being "the Voice of Alton." Therefore, we are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

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THE GOOSE STORY by Richard M. Pike Superintendent of Schools

This past fall you may have noticed geese heading south for the winter; and if you did happen to catch this annual event, you probably observed that the geese fly in a V-formation. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in V-formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. Similarly, people who share a common vision and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front. As educators, we too should stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs with people or with geese flying south. Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. (What did YOU say the last time you honked from behind?!)

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshots and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly, or until it dies, and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that!

Happy New Year!

SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY?

After a night of stormy weather there is only one way to find out if the kids have to be bundled up and put out the door to go to school. The *official* school closing announcements for Alton Central School are broadcast over radio stations WASR (1420AM), WLNH (98.3FM), WOKQ (97.5FM), WZNN 930AM) and shown on WMUR-TV (Channel 9).

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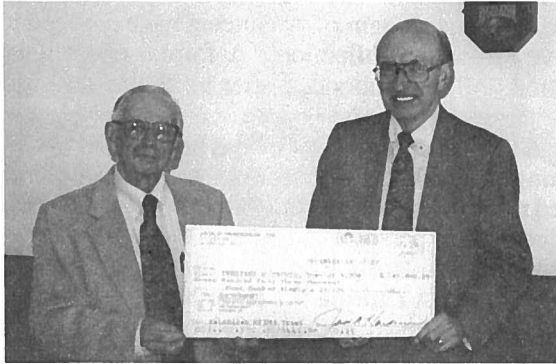
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HEIDKE TRUST FUND RECEIVES CASH INFUSION

At the 1997 Town Meeting the voters approved a Warrant Article that carried out the wishes of A. William Heidke, a long-time resident of Alton. At various times he served the town as a selectman, welfare officer, water commissioner, and planning board member. Heidke had provided in his estate that a trust fund be established "for the purpose of assisting the residents of Alton to remain in their homes as long as reasonably possible despite advancing age and/or health problems."

In the above photo Joseph Houle, chairman of the Trustees of the Town's Trust funds on the left, is receiving a check in the amount of \$743,490.29 from Jack D. Henderson, administrator of Heidke's estate. This sum represents the initial deposit in the Trust. Other persons may add to the fund with tax deductible donations.

Assistance provided by the trust can be in the form of nursing, health care, homemaking and supervision services. Elderly persons who require such services to remain at home should contact the Welfare Office in Town Hall.

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL WINS BLUE RIBBON ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Alton Central School has been selected as a recipient of the Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award for the 1996-97 school year. The award is presented annually to schools in recognition of cooperative efforts between the schools and their communities that result in outstanding school volunteer programs which benefit the children. Alton has achieved Blue Ribbon status in all but three of the 16 years the award has been presented.

The announcement was made recently by Mimi Bergere, executive director of NH Partners in Education (NHPIE), and Susan Herring, chair of the NHPIE School Volunteer Committee. The awards will be presented in February at a gala luncheon and awards ceremony sponsored by Hampshire Chemical Corporation at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Nashua.

Alton's 1996-97 volunteer program was coordinated by Laurie Boyce and Ruby Hawkins under the supervision of Assistant Principal Dorothy Bristol. Volunteers numbering 146 donated over 7200 hours in support of classroom activities and services to students. According to Bristol, "the volunteer program has become one of this school's greatest assets. We benefit daily from the life experiences, talents, energies, and interests of these volunteers without any cost to the school district. We are very grateful to each and every one of them."

23 SCHOOL AND TOWN OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN MARCH ELECTIONS

by Bob Longabaugh

On Tuesday, March 10, Alton voters will go to the polls to exercise their democratic right to elect 23 of their fellow residents to positions that will in large part determine the quantity and quality of Town and School services they will receive in the following year. The Alton School District, has six offices to be filled by elections, and the Town is looking to fill 17.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Hall from 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20th, and 3 - 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21st, for the purpose of enrolling new voters.

What is most different from previous Town elections is the number of Selectmen to be elected. At the 1997 Town Meeting the Board of Selectmen was increased from three members to five to take effect with the 1998 elections. The filing period for these and all other posts opens on Wednesday, January 21st, and runs through close of business on Friday, January 30th.

Town Elections

The Town offices to be filled by election in March (and the name of the present office holder) are as follows:

- Selectman for Three Years (Arnold "Pete" Shibley)
- Selectman for Three Years (New position)
- Selectman for One Year (New position)
- Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years (Joseph Houle)
- Library Trustee for Three Years (David Countway)
- Cemetery Trustee for Three Years (Jane Porter)
- Cemetery Trustee for Two Years (Shirley Lane)
- Fire Ward for Three Years (David Jensen)
- Water Commissioner for Three Years (Sherman Brown)
- Budget Committee (3) for Three Years (Virginia Bergeron; Scott Gage, and Greg Fuller)
- Budget Committee for One Year (Jim Falzone)
- Planning Board (2) for Three Years (Bonnie Dunbar and Francis Metcalfe)
- Moderator for Two Years (John Duffek)
- Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years (Alice Calvert)

There is no filing fee for offices which receive no compensation, and a \$1 fee for those that do. Selectmen receive \$2,000 a year, regardless of the number of hours they devote to Town business. The chairman receives \$2,500. Aspirants for office should file at the Town Clerk's office where the deadline is 5 p.m., January 30th.

School Elections

The School District offices to be decided in the March elections are as given below along with the name(s) of those presently holding the position(s).

- School Board (2) for Three Years (Donald Mitchell and Richard Quindley)
- School Board for One Year (Deborah Burton)
- School Clerk for One Year (Cynthia Duffek)
- School Moderator for One Year (Terri Noyes)
- School Treasurer for One Year (Shirley Young)

School Board members receive a stipend of \$900 a year while the Chairman is awarded \$1,000. The filing fee for all School offices is \$1 and the deadline is 4 p.m., January 30th, at the School Clerk's office.

NEW WEATHER VANE AND LANDSCAPING AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY

by David Countway, Library Trustee

Many community members have explored our spacious new Gilman Library. The shelving is expected to arrive in early January and a team of volunteers have pledged to help re-shelve the entire collection. A formal open house and dedication will be announced after all the new furnishings arrive.

As of mid-December, \$6,100 has been raised towards the furnishings with the sale of bricks. A brass plaque will be attached to the brick wall in the Adult Wing with your name or the name of the person that you would like to honor. Please speak to Librarian Holly Brown to "Buy a Brick."

A Unique Weather Vane

As you take in the beautiful exterior of the Gilman Library, your eyes are drawn to the new Cupola with its graceful lantern and new unique weather vane. The weather vane is a one-of-a-kind design created by Architect Bruce Brook. The Library Building Committee immediately responded positively to the image of the two readers sitting back to back absorbed in their favorite pastime. Alton artist Peter Ferber completed a "shop drawing" of Brook's sketch and added the center star to symbolize the "spark" of knowledge and enjoyment that comes from reading.

The weather vane was fabricated by the Weather Vane Shop in Epsom, NH from copper and will take on an aqua hue with age. Library Trustees plan to adopt this image into the new logo for the Gilman Library. The suggestion and inspiration for a weather vane is credited to former Building Committee member Ed Gawlicki. A memorial fund was created two years ago in Ed's name for this project and to honor his contribution in helping to plan the new Gilman Library.

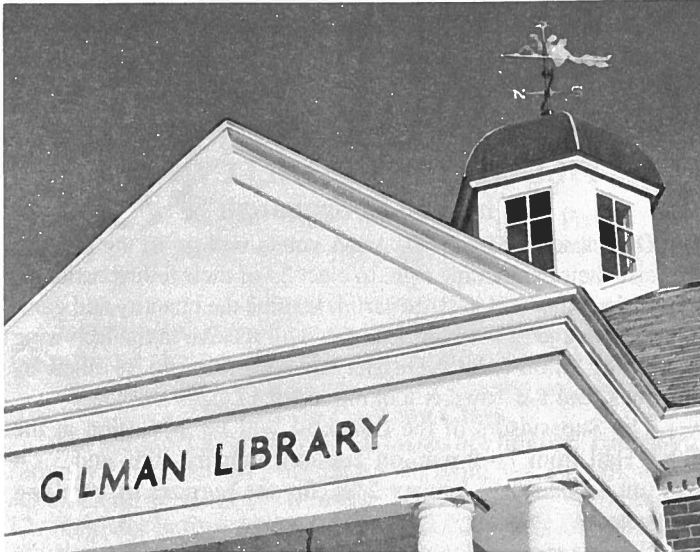
Adopting a Tree or Shrub

The theme of the Gilman Library's newest fund raising opportunity is "Help Our Garden Grow — Adopt a Tree, Shrub or Perennial Bed." In November a formal request for landscaping proposals was developed and advertised by Alton Town Administrator Scott Dunn. When the Library Trustees met at the Town Hall to review the proposals, there was only one proposal to review. It had been thoroughly developed and prepared by Lauren Chase-Powell from Salmon Falls Nursery in Berwick, ME. Her color-coded and labeled plan depicted the Gilman Library site with the proposed plantings.

Prior to construction, the old shrubs had been carefully removed to a site in back of the Town Hall. Several of these shrubs were incorporated into the new landscaping plan which was adopted by the Library Trustees. Salmon Falls Nursery will guarantee the new plantings through the winter and will reseed any areas of the lawn disturbed by the late season planting. You can view our new garden and "adopt" a tree, shrub or perennial bed as depicted in Lauren's colored proposal. It is on display in the library. The framing of this landscaping scene was completed as a gift from Barbara and Wally Gibbs of the Art Place in Wolfeboro, NH.

Naming Opportunities Still Exist

The Gilman Library Trustees are grateful to community members who have supported the growth of the Gilman Library. Several naming opportunities still exist and your gifts are as welcome as ever. Your contributions have "Helped Make The Gilman Library All That It Can Be." Please feel free to stop in and tour your new library.



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A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME: THE OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDUM

by **Richard M. Pike**

Superintendent of Schools

In last month's Main Street, we informed the residents of Alton that the School Board would be hosting a public forum on Senate Bill 2, officially known as the "Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting." The forum, although sparsely attended, provided those in attendance with a very thorough overview about the new form of meeting. The SAU office has copies of the handout distributed at the December 1st meeting. If you would like a copy, please call our office (875-7890) and ask for Joanne. We would be more than happy to provide you with this information.

The highlights of the new process include the following important dates:

January 31, 1998 - The Deliberative Session. The purpose of this session, in addition to inform and to debate, is to discuss and possibly amend the warrant articles. The first session is **not** a public hearing on the budget; the Budget Committee will still have its public hearing on the budget on January 15th. It is just as important now to attend the "first session" on January 31st as it was to attend the prior school district meetings when all business was completed in one session.

March 10, 1998 - Balloting. This will be where the "rubber meets the road" as all ballot votes will be decided by a simple "Yes" or "No."

It is no longer a requirement for the school board to conduct a public hearing between the first and second sessions; however, the Alton School Board has scheduled an Informational Meeting for March 7th at 10 a.m. at the Alton Central School. The purpose of this meeting will be to inform voters of the questions that will appear on the March 10th ballot.

ALTON LINED UP FOR \$120,040 OF FEDERAL MONEY

In mid-December Alton's Chief of Police, Kevin D. Iwans, received word from U.S. Senator Judd Gregg's office that the Town of Alton had been awarded \$120,040 under the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services' ("COPS") Universal Hiring Program. The program is intended to enable communities to put more "cops on the street" by assisting in the funding of additional police officers. Paying the salaries of officers already on the force is not eligible under the Federal COPS Program.

The program works by paying 75 percent of the expenses for new officers in the first year, 50 percent in the second year, and 25 percent in the third year. By the fourth year the community has to be willing and able to pick up the entire tab for the new officers. Chief Iwans said that if Alton were to agree to pay the local share, it would mean the addition of two full-time officers to the Police Department. With such an increase there could be two officers on each shift — one would be assigned to an east geographical sector of the town while the other would take the west.

The voters of Alton will have a special warrant article at the March 11 Town Meeting to decide whether the Town will accept the Federal grant by providing the local share.

12th ANNUAL ICE-OUT CONTEST DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28

by **Ginny Lynch**

This year for the 12th time, Main Street is continuing to sponsor an annual contest to see who can come the closest to the date of "ice-out" as determined by the official ice-watchers around the Big Lake. Last year it was April 24th. The earliest date was March 28th in 1921, and the latest was May 12th in 1888, the first year there was an organized contest. Records have been kept since 1887.

"Ice-out" is defined as that moment when the M/S Mt. Washington can reach each of its ports unobstructed by ice. A group of local residents who are considered experts in the art of ice-watching, supplemented by observations from aircraft, pinpoints the exact date and time when the last large section of ice disappears from Lake Winnepesaukee.

The prize is dinner for two at the William Tell Restaurant in West Alton, hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bossert.

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 28th and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

ICE-OUT ENTRY FORM

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Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

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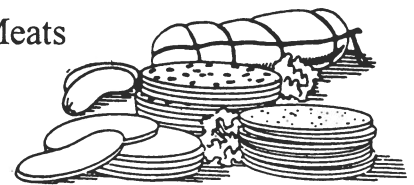
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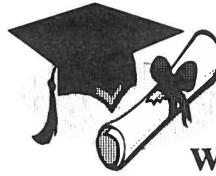
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**A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
 by Thomas D. Parker
 Alton Central School**

WORTH CONSIDERING...

Recently a parent gave me a handout the source of which was not clear, but the message was so worthwhile I am reproducing it below so that all of Main Street's readers might consider what it has to say.

* * *

Reducing Violence in Children's Lives:

What Parents Can Do

Violence among children has become an increasing concern of parents, teachers and community members over the past several years. One government agency has stated: "Violence has become a disease of epidemic proportions that is worse than the AIDS virus." Whether or not you wish to believe this statement, it is true. Violence is in our schools, our neighborhoods and in our homes through the television and other media. It is a problem that warrants the attention of all involved.

Who is in the best position to deal with this problem? That answer is not so easy; there is no simple, quick fix. The solution requires a combination of school, parents and community working together because, in reality, violence is a social problem. What part can parents play in helping reduce the violence in their children's lives? Some possible steps:

Limit the viewing of shows that glorify violence.

If you are watching a program with your children that features a lot of violence, talk about the fact that violence does not resolve problems. Much of the violence witnessed on television and in other media is not realistic, but children sometimes do not understand the difference. Their perception of violence becomes distorted.

Demonstrate through your actions that violence is wrong.

Tolerance and respect are characteristics that will help students throughout their lives. If parents do not model these behaviors, your children will probably never learn them.

Teach your children how to resolve conflicts.

There will always be conflicts in life and those equipped with the ability to handle conflict will become happier, healthier adults.

If your child is being bullied, it is your responsibility to let someone know.

If the problem is occurring at school, call the school. If it is happening elsewhere, contact the person in charge. Bullies are in all grades, are of both sexes and will keep bullying until stopped. Your child may object to your interference, but will, in all likelihood, appreciate the help.

Place responsibility for your children's actions with the child.

You must acknowledge their positive actions and confront and deal with their negative actions. Don't blame your child's behavior on others or make excuses for them. If your child engages in an act of violence, don't justify it by telling him/her that the other student "deserved it" or "had it coming."

In conclusion, it is very important for parents to get involved when it comes to preventing violence. We all know that it is wrong. If we are going to reduce or stop violence, we must ALL make the effort and be willing to do our part.



ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL NAMES EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

School Superintendent Richard Pike (right) presents the November Employee of the Month awards to Elementary Media Aide Cindy Miller and Industrial Arts Teacher Brian Hikel following a recent staff meeting at Alton Central School.

Miller, in her 13th year of involvement with the school, was selected from among the support staff nominations and second-year teacher Hikel was chosen from nominations of teachers.

Among the nomination comments for Hikel was one that noted "his dedication and his involvement with OM, boy's soccer and his willingness to help out at any time." Another commented on his "many hours working with students on the US First project." Along with the award certificate, Hikel received a gift certificate from the Last Chance Pub and Eatery in Alton Bay.

Miller was nominated for "outstanding service to the school children and for being very helpful to coworkers." Another noted "Cindy gives 100 percent with every aspect of her diverse job." Her award was accompanied by a gift certificate from Shibley's on the Pier in Alton Bay. Miller began as a school volunteer, became the volunteer coordinator, a Chapter I tutor, a classroom aide, and eventually began her present position 10 years ago.

STOP THAT MUTTERING!

by Loring Carr

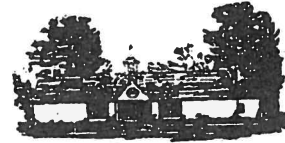
Chairman, Alton School Board

Who has two heads, four legs and arms, paces great distances and mutters "too steep, too wet" over and over again? Answer: School board members, two-by-two, still looking for a new high school building site!

The Alton School Board is still reviewing hopeful sites for a new high school. One of the top priorities for a new site is that it has enough usable acreage for future growth. If you have acreage that you think would be suitable for this project, please call us at 875-7890.

SCHOOL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS DISCONTINUED

In the past, Alton Central School has offered physical exams to students in grades three and six. This practice has been discontinued, effective during the current school year. All parents/guardians are encouraged to get annual physical examinations for their children through their personal physicians. Students participating in athletics shall still be required to furnish proof of a physical exam prior to attendance at practices or competition.



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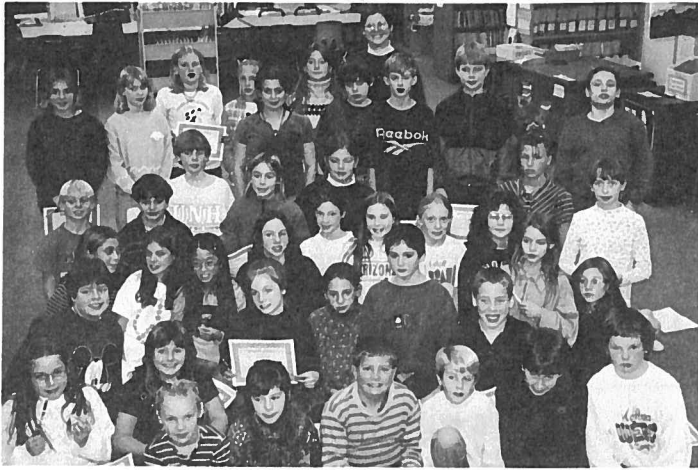


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**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HONORS
GOOD CITIZENS**

Students in grades two through five received special recognition in ceremonies at Alton Central School. Awards were presented to those students who earned good citizenship status for the first quarter of the school year. They are:

Grade Two – Andrew Barthel, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Amber Couture, Hannah Delaney, Jacob Dore, Natasia Drewniak, Ryan Finethy, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Patricia Holmes, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Tyler Houghton, Jesse Lane, Andrew Lefasseur, Christopher Loprete, Alina Loynd, Samantha MacDonald, Karol Anne Mansfield, Tara Prescott, Abby Rasbridge, Jennifer Shafer, Chad Tenander, Makina Timbrook, Brianna Tidd, Olivia Varney, Caitlin Wenzlau, and Jonathan Yelle.

Grade Three – Dottie-Jean Bailey, Megan Burwell, Kris Callahan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Ashley Dwyer, Jane Farrell, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Kim Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Joshua Liedtke, Donald McGee, Kendra Merluzzo, Chris Porter, Marc Roy, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Merrill Stone, Milton Taylor, Julie Thoroughgood, Kelsey Tinkham, and Steven Waterman.

Grade Four – Johanna Dickson, Nicholas Divito, Allyson Dudman, Christopher Finethy, Makayla Goings, James Grant, Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion, Kathryn Pellowe, Marie Phelan, Patrice Phillips, Daniel Pitman, Jessica Rothwell, Katrina Tidd, Heather Waterman, and Caitlin Wentworth.

Grade Five – Amanda Boudreau, Brittney Chapman, Amanda DeLemus, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Vanessa Gilbert, Erin Hannafin, Sonya Itchkavich-Lefasseur, Christine Holmes, Travis Hopper, Elizabeth Husak, Jessica Joslyn, Tara Loprete, Robert Malone, Ashley Marren, Whitney Marston, David McMahan, Camille Niquette, Tina Pacheco, Brenna Quann, Shayna Randall, David Roberts, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Stephanie Tanguay, Michael Tidd, Sarah Tinkham, and Ashley Waterman.

NEW YOUTH MINISTRY

By Scott Button

Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship will be starting a new youth ministry in January. Children 5 years old to 5th grade may attend our youth meetings held 7 – 9 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month. We will have a time of Bible study, games, singing and other activities. Also, our teen youth group meets from 7 – 9 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Please come join us at the Church Building on South Main St. in Wolfeboro. For more information call, 875-2865.

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The following students were named to the honor roll for the first quarter at Alton Central School. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects and Honors requires a grade of at least 83 in all subjects.

Fourth Grade – High Honors: Owen Laurion, Patrick Quinn, and Katrina Tidd; Honors: David Clifford, Danielle Dearnley, Johanna Dickson, Allyson Dudman, Christopher Finethy, Dana Fuller, Jamie Goings, Ashley Hubbard, Luke LaFreniere, Joshua O’Neil, Kathryn Pellowe, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan, Daniel Pitman, Amber Richardson, Aimee Terravechia, and Andrew Tree.

Fifth Grade – High Honors: Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Christine Holmes, and Stephanie Tanguay; Honors: Brittany Bartlett, Amanda DeLemus, Vanessa Gilbert, Sonya Itchkavich-Levasseur, Jessica Joslyn, Alex Kaszynski, Tara Loprete, Ashley Marren, Whitney Marston, Camille Niquette, David Roberts, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Michael Tidd, and Sarah Tinkham.

Sixth Grade – High Honors: Daniel Quinn and Matthew Sydow; Honors: Lyndsey Caron, David Currid, Elspeth Dana, Carl Dickson, John Latchaw, Dylan Laurion, Kyle McAuliffe, Dakotah Nixon, Tonya Prescott, Krista Shibley, Lindsey Tinlin, and Kelsey Yelle.

Seventh Grade – High Honors: Katy Brooks; Honors: Adam Ames, Hilary Ballentine, Scott Baumgartner, Heath Berthiaume, Dennis Callahan, Jennifer Carr, Jamie Coigley, Ashley Coughlin, Patricia Currid, Christopher Duffy, Terese Hopper, Thomas Malone, Kristin Murray, David Snell, Rebecca Spencer and Erin Wood.

Eighth Grade – High Honors: Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur and Dana Lang; Honors: Joshua Albair, Scott Blair, Krystal Cornelissen, Matthew Currid, Marissa Peterson, David Shibley and Jane Varney.

Ninth Grade – High Honors: Sara Dore and Renee LaFreniere; Honors: Zachary Christy, Kelsie Croes, Loretta Helie, Shawn Hillsgrove, Heather Joslyn, Katie Morrill, Meghan St. Cyr, and Emily Sydow.

Tenth Grade – Honors: Jessica Benedetto, Amanda Coughlin, Korin Eagles, Frederick LaCrosse, Jenny Martin, Eric Morrill, Katharine O’Meara, Amanda Pacheco, Elizabeth Quindley and Jon Russo.

Eleventh Grade – High Honors: Desiree Crossley; Honors: Rebecca Blair, Carly Blanchard, April Boles, Jennifer Emanouil, Andrew Fuller, Christy Holway, Kristen James,

Emily King, Amanda Lambert, Amber Locke, Kimberly Noyes, Charles Sawyer, Brandi Smith, Nadine Valette, and Anna Varney.

Twelfth Grade – High Honors: Tammy Murtagh; Honors: Shemry Brown, Jonathan Choquette, Jebediah Christy, Aaron Dore, Kristen Duval, Adrienne Essig, Heather Feger, Beth Jackson, Blake Kellar, Tarsia Kenny, Sonja Marjander, Jason Martin, Jennifer Merfeld, Steven Noyes, Keith O’Connor, Alyssa O’Neil, Ryan Russell, Jaime Stamatson, Aaron Terravechia, Jacob Tharpe and Todd Thurston.

CHESS ANYONE?

Alton Central School’s elementary Chess Club is 40 members strong! They are in need, however, of chess boards and chess pieces. If you have an old set in your attic or basement or hiding in your closet gathering dust, please dust it off and donate it. You can drop it off at the school; or call Anne Hoopes or Sue Quinn at 875-7373, and they will make some arrangement to pick it up.

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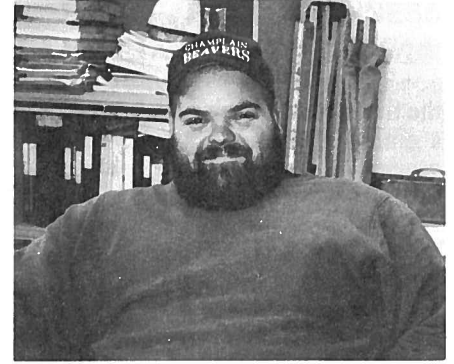
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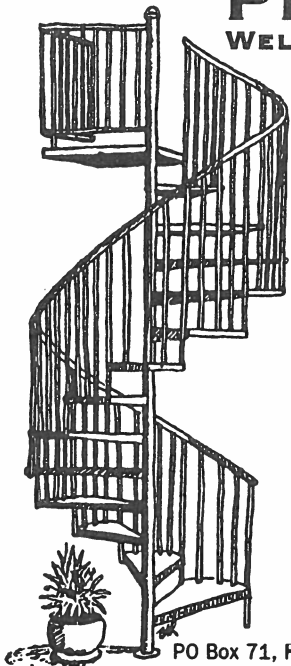
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**MICHAEL SOUCEY
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Michael was born in Methuen, MA and lived with his family in Derry, NH. He attended school there and moved with his family to Alton in 1985 after completing grade two. Michael began grade three in Alton and remained in school here until high school graduation in 1995. His last two years of high school Michael also attended the Regional 9 Vocational-Technical School at Kingswood High School in conjunction with his regular high school curriculum in Alton. At Kingswood, Michael completed the Construction Trade course of study. While in school he also worked at a local hardware store part time and did construction work part time.

After graduation Michael attended the New England Fuel Institute in Waltham, MA. The course ran 120 hours and upon completion he received a State Master Burner License. Michael then worked for an oil and heating company, but left when lack of business forced company layoffs.

Michael then attended the Northeast Tractor/Trailer School in Manchester. After completion of the required 120 hour course, he received his Commercial Driver's License. He drove trucks for about one year.

When a position in our Highway Department became available, Michael applied for it and was accepted. He began with the department in October of this year.

Michael's parents (Mary and Hank) live here and he has one sister, Anina, who attends Champlain College in Burlington, VT.

When not working, Michael loves to hunt and fish. He also said, "I like to work with my hands and do projects around the house. I do some carpentry work and I like to cut wood, too."

Commenting on how he likes the job so far, Michael said, "I knew what the job entailed when I applied. It requires a lot of driving and I enjoy driving a truck. There's also a nice bunch of guys to work with here."

Good luck in your new job, Michael.

TAX CHANGES SEMINAR JANUARY 7

A free community service seminar, "Real Estate and the '97 Tax Changes," will be presented by Robert Landry, an accountant with H&R Block Pittsfield Tax Service, on Wednesday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the CENTURY 21 Gemini Realty Office at the Alton traffic circle. Please call 875-2100 to reserve a seat. Refreshments and free babysitting will be available.



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WORTH SPECIAL ATTENTION

“CAREGIVERS” VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALTON

by Bob Calvert

As the number of Alton residents needing a helping hand increases, i.e., ride to a doctor's appointment or maybe to the grocery store, and the number of local volunteers is shrinking, it's time to seek more people living in Alton to lend a hand from time to time. Men and women are both needed.

And the time is now! The fact is that some fine Wolfeboro volunteers are coming over to Alton to meet the need. It seems only fair that we in Alton take care of our own people to a greater degree. CAREGIVERS is a not-for-profit organization that keeps up and practices the old American tradition of people helping people.

If you can lend a hand, even if only once in a while, please call either of two wonderful ladies who will answer your questions and sign you up. They are Jane Quimby at 569-2613 and Shirley Bentley at 569-3714. The personal satisfactions are great! Why not lend a hand? Call today!

ALTON BUDGET COMMITTEE ("ABC") NOTES

by Peter Pijoan

Chairman, Budget Committee

Last year the town voted to adopt the Ballot Referendum System ("SB-2") for the school budget. Now it is up to the voters. For SB-2 to work voters should attend the School Budget deliberative session on January 31st. Based on decisions made at that deliberative session, ballot voting will take place at the polls on March 10th.

The Budget Committee will be holding their public hearing on January 15th to receive public input on the proposed school budget.

The Budget Committee has been spending many long hours reviewing both the Town and School budgets. A summary of the committee's recommendations will be contained in an "ABC Notes" to be published in January. It will be distributed for the voters to pick up at Town Hall and town businesses.

INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM AVAILABLE AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

The Alton Central School extends an invitation to all residents to join its adult walking program. This program, which began last winter, takes place inside the school where it is warm and safe from 6:30 to 7:30 in the mornings and in the afternoons from 3 to 5, Monday through Friday on school days. Participants walk at their own pace and must register at the Main Office on each visit. For more information call 875-7500.

JANUARY EVENTS

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| Thu. | 1 | HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all! |
| Fri. | 2 | GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Laconia Christian, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Laconia Christian, 8 p.m. |
| Sun. | 4 | INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. |
| Mon. | 5 | GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 8 p.m. |
| Tue. | 6 | BUDGET COMMITTEE reviews Conservation,
Hazardous Waste Day, Emergency Mgt., Fire Dept.,
Town Hall, 7 p.m. |
| Wed. | 7 | GIRLS BASKETBALL at Nute, 6:30 p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Nute, 8 p.m. |
| Thu. | 8 | BUDGET COMMITTEE reviews Recreation, Solid
Waste, Water Dept., Town Hall, 7 p.m. |
| Fri. | 9 | GIRLS BASKETBALL at Linwood, 6 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Linwood, 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun. | 11 | INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. |
| Tue. | 13 | DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION SCHOOL PETITION,
WARRANT ARTICLES
BUDGET COMMITTEE reviews Library, Land Use and
Property Records, Town Hall, 7 p.m. |
| Wed. | 14 | WINTER WONDERLAND LUNCHEON, Lakes Region
Christian Women's Club, Christian Conference
Center, 11:30 a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 p.m. |
| Thu. | 15 | BUDGET COMMITTEE, Public Hearing on School
Budget, Alton Central School 7 p.m. |
| Sat. | 17 | GIRLS BASKETBALL at Strafford, 3:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Strafford, 5 p.m. |
| Sun. | 18 | ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH, Ladies Guild Brunch, Mama
Rina's, after 11 a.m. Mass.
INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. |
| Tue. | 20 | SENIOR BINGO, Pearson Road Community Center,
1 - 3 p.m. All seniors welcome.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Sunapee, 6:30 p.m.
PTSA MEETING, Superintendent Richard Pike, speaker,
Alton Central School, 7 p.m.
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST, new voter
enrollment, Town Hall, 7 - 9 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Sunapee, 8 p.m. |
| Wed. | 21 | SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST, new voter
enrollment, Town Hall, 3 - 4 p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 p.m. |
| Thu. | 22 | GIRLS BASKETBALL at Derryfield, 5 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Derryfield, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonborough, 6:30 p.m. |
| Sun. | 25 | INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 28 | BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonborough, 8 p.m. |
| Thu. | 29 | MAIN STREET ASSEMBLY, Pearson Road Community
Center, 6:30 p.m. - Come join us! |
| Fri. | 30 | FINAL DAY TO FILE TO RUN FOR TOWN AND
SCHOOL OFFICES, see Page 3 for details.
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Laconia Christian, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Laconia Christian, 8 p.m. |
| Sat. | 31 | DELIBERATIVE SESSION FOR SCHOOL BUDGET,
Alton Central School, 1 p.m. |

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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 morning 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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Rines Road Pit, Sat., 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sun., Noon - 3 p.m.

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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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- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
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- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.
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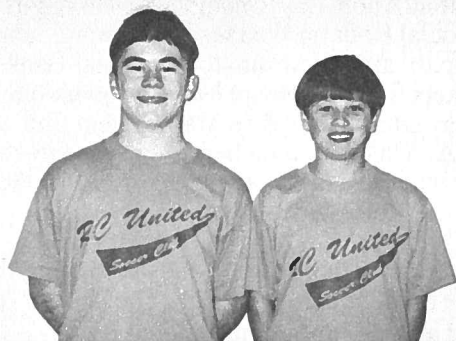
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Main Street's Sports Page



ALTON STARS ON CHAMPION SOCCER TEAM

Alton's David Bailey (left) and Robert Clifford were two members of the RC United team that won the state U13 soccer championship in Nashua last November. To win the championship RC United defeated Con-Val 3 - 2 and bested Monadnock in the mud with a 3 - 0 shutout. Bailey was credited with assists in both games.

WINTER INDOOR SOCCER CATCHES ON by Peter Clifford

Teams from Alton, Conway, Moultonboro, Wakefield and Wolfeboro have registered with the NH Youth Soccer Association for winter games throughout the Lakes Region.

Alton registered 45 players to form five teams. There are two U14 teams, two U12 teams and one U11 team. Beginning January 4, the Alton Soccer Club teams will play home games every Sunday afternoon from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Alton Central School gymnasium. The playoffs will occur in March (dates to be announced). The public is welcome; come support these players.

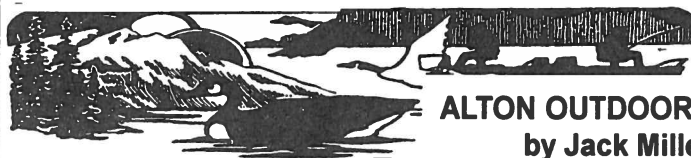
Indoor soccer rules are different from outdoor soccer. It's a much faster paced game with only five players on each side. Players love the quick pace with more ball touches, passes, and shots on net. There is no offside rule, and players can pass and shoot the ball off the walls. The goals are much smaller, only 4 feet high and 6 feet wide. Players can be substituted on the fly as is done in hockey. It is very exciting to watch. Games last 40 minutes with two 20-minute running halves.

The Alton Soccer Club coaches are Peter Clifford and James Grant for U11 team; Matt Locke and Bill Holway for U12 boys team; Robert Lowthian for the U12 girls team; Laurie Griggs, Brian Hikel, and Kathleen Blanchard for U14 girls and boys teams.

The Lakes Region Soccer Club members, players, and coaches would like to recognize the following sponsors: TeePee Sports of Rochester, Piche's Sport Stores, Farmington National Bank, McGrath's Food Center, and Curry Realtors.

The club would also like to thank our school principal Thomas Parker and our A.D. Scott Hutchins for all their help.

Special thanks goes out to Marcy Lowthian for her extra time and effort organizing and registering all the kids from Alton. So, come and join us for some action-packed games.



ALTON OUTDOORS by Jack Miller

WHAT THE NEW YEAR HOLDS

Happy New Year!

A new year and new seasons await the outdoor person. January normally starts the ice fishing season as the ice thickens on the local lakes. Early ice fishing is the most productive as the light still penetrates through the thinner ice and the fish keep actively feeding. Later in the season, when they are in total darkness, their metabolism slows down and they feed less often. As always be SURE to check the safety of the ice before venturing onto it.

Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are quiet ways to enjoy the outdoors this month. With the many trails and logging roads in Alton, one should be able to find a lot of scenic places to roam.

Snowmobiling should be good this year. The local clubs have been working hard to develop quite a system of trails throughout the immediate area. Trail maps are available for sale at most local stores.

Fox, mink, muskrat, raccoon, snowshoe hare and coyote may be hunted this month. Be sure to dress warmly.

As the snow deepens this month, deer start to "yard up." This is when they group up in an area of soft woods. Anyone venturing out who comes upon these "yards" should not bother the deer. They need to conserve their energy in order to survive the winter.

The NH Fish and Game Department also advises against the winter feeding of deer. They become dependent on the feed and forget how to forage. If you go on vacation or run out of feed, they can starve. This practice can also lead to overpopulation, which breaks the natural cycle of losing the weaker individuals. With more deer surviving the severe weather, there is more demand on the food supply in the spring and a greater number of deer wind up starving to death.

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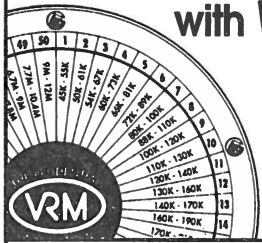
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TOWN HALL NOTES

by Scott Dunn

Town Administrator

HOLIDAY THOUGHTS

Happy New Year to one and all, and here's hoping that your town government will not stand in the way of anyone's prosperity.

During the past year, one of the themes consistently expressed by the Board of Selectmen was "let's take pride in our town and make it look good." With that in mind, efforts were made to have lots of U.S. flags on display during the holiday season. There are many people who deserve credit for helping us out with these projects and as a community we are to be grateful for donations, dedicated town workers, their friends and family members who volunteered, and especially the crew at the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative.

Looking ahead to the spring and summer of 1998, the selectmen hope to continue improvements in the appearance of town properties, and they encourage all businesses and homeowners to help make Alton look good.

Late-breaking news from the deal-too-good-to-pass-up department: The Town has just acquired the oval council table used in Manchester City Hall, thanks to a hot tip from Jay Meehan. This \$500 beauty is now ready to be used in public meetings. Come check it out on the second floor of Town Hall.

Many of us at Town Hall are now quite busy as we prepare for the 1998 Town Meeting. Most of these efforts are dedicated towards establishing objectives for the future of Alton. In this regard, every citizen must play a role. For example, Town Meeting votes to adopt zoning ordinances. These are prepared based on citizen input and sometimes by citizen petition. Town Meeting votes on the budget, and this spending plan determines the level of services that are provided and the quality of delivery.

Next month I will present an outline of the selectmen's recommended budget and a list of some of the items that residents will be asked to vote on.

In the meantime, please keep the following in mind: almost everyone who works for the town lives in the town and pays taxes. No one derives much pleasure from having more of their hard earned money go towards taxes. We try our best to control the increasing costs of meeting taxpayer needs, but we never seem to make everyone happy. Nonetheless, we appreciate suggestions, input, and volunteers.

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NEW MURAL AT ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Muriel Walker

Pictured above is the new mural adorning the entrance of our police department. Seated on the left of her work is local artist Stephanie Blackstock. In addition to her art endeavors, Stephanie works part time as a dispatcher for the department. (See Main Street, December, 1996.)

The painting is done in oils and took approximately 40 hours over a period of about five weeks to complete. Initially Stephanie and others in the department collected pictures from police literature that depicted numerous events typical of various police activities. Using those pictures, Stephanie made

a collage and used it as the pattern to sketch these activities on the entryway wall. The events pictured include a police dispatch area, a bicycle scene, police assisting at an accident, helping with traffic, and in attendance at a fellow officer's funeral. Stephanie painted some of the figures in the mural from "real life" department members (including Chief Iwans).

The background of the mural contains various shades of blue ranging from very bright to pale. Describing the style of the painting, Stephanie explained, "I tried to have the brush strokes portray the action of what police work is all about." She added, "I was attempting to have the whole theme of the painting be what the police do for our community and the respect they all deserve for it."

Stephanie will continue with her painting when she begins a mural for the New Durham Police Department in the near future. We wish her good luck with her avocation.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

by Laura Smith

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be holding a "Winter Wonderland" luncheon on Wednesday, January 14th, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The luncheon will take place at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

The Special Feature will be presented by Farwell Sawin, who does woodworking. The Special Music will be provided by Caroline Pillsbury from Meredith, NH. Evangeline Sawin will be the Special Speaker. To make reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery, please call Helen Harris in Alton at 875-6346 or Thelma Osborne in Laconia at 524-6505 by Wednesday, January 7th.

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ALTON IN PERFECT HARMONY

by Ginny Stevenson

The Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Nashua Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) will be sponsoring the 49th Annual Barbershop Jamboree in Alton. The 1998 date is set for June 12 - 14. Traditionally, the event has taken place the second weekend in August. Due to conflicts and availability the dates will be earlier this year. Along with the date change the Town of Alton will experience a weekend of fun, singing, and other exciting new changes.

In subsequent issues of Main Street there will be stories on "Alton in Perfect Harmony," recapping the past and heralding the upcoming Barbershop Jamboree in June. The committee members for this event in Alton are Dennis Cushman (Nashua Chapter), Kelley McGrath (Town of Alton), and Chamber members Cecile Chase, Peter Pijoan, and Ginny Stevenson. The committee advisors are Aida Downing, Nancy Downing, and Jonathan Downing.

Put June 12 through 14 on your new 1998 calendar now.

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

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NHSBA ELECTS HOPPER by Cathy Allyn

The Alton school district, of the newly formed SAU 72, will be represented on a statewide level with the recent election of school board member Joyce A. Hopper to the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire School Boards Association (NHSBA).

"This is a big commitment for me personally," she says, "but I feel it's important, and I'm very excited about it. Now I will be at a level where I know what is happening in the legislature in reference to education and bring that information to the public."

Citing her belief that the public should make informed decisions, she cites, "It's my responsibility to bring the facts to the Alton people because it affects them and their children. There are lots of issues and concerns for students and adults, and we need to be aware of what we can do to accomplish things."

Meetings are apt to become a way of life for Hopper, who, in addition to Alton school board and PTSA meetings, will now be attending a monthly NHSBA meeting and a monthly gathering of the New Hampshire Principals Association.

As sole NHSBA representative, it will fall to her to update the organization on current legislation and senate proposals. She has also been assigned to the NHSBA Excellence Board, a committee designed to look at innovative practices implemented by various school boards around the state.

None of this seems to deter her, however; in fact, Hopper becomes more enthusiastic as she ticks off her duties.

What does she foresee? "We have to go back to what works in education," she declares. "If something needs to be changed, we can't say, 'let's wait another year or two and see.' That's a long time in the life of a child."

She also cites the need for parental involvement. "I understand that two-income families are the norm and a necessity," she says as a working parent herself, "but there are so many ways a parent can help in the learning process. People are starting to realize how important technology is and also that children are unique. We need to teach to each child's ability and accept individual excellence, no matter what level."

In her eyes, her recent appointment poses only opportunities. "I'm hoping that people realize I speak with the facts," she sums up, and that it can make a difference."

LADIES GUILD BRUNCH

The Ladies Guild of Saint Joan of Arc Parish will be getting together for a brunch after the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday, January 18. The location for the brunch is Mama Rina's restaurant.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER by Nancy Mooney



January days cold and clear
Spark our minds to engineer
Our resolve to do our parts

In warming up each other's hearts!

Our December meeting was very well attended, and we thank all the members who made special efforts to be there. We had great fun with the Yankee swap afterwards, and many members brought in delicious refreshments to top off a very successful afternoon.

There was very little in the way of new business. The Steering Committee will meet on January 7th at 10:30 a.m. to plan entertainment for the winter meetings and to make preliminary plans for two special theme dinners in 1998, as well as a raffle basket and the 1/20 club. Because of unforeseen circumstances, the Christmas raffle was not held. However, our organization remains solvent, and new fund raisers in 1998 will help keep us that way.

The senior citizens are looking forward to January 20th when the Parks and Recreation Department will once again sponsor a bingo afternoon at the Senior Center on Pearson Rd. Money prizes will be given to winners. Any senior citizen in Alton, whether or not a member of the Alton Senior Citizens Association, is welcome to attend for what promises to be an enjoyable time. Refreshments will also be provided.

If you are a senior citizen 60 or over and have never come to the senior center, January would be a good time to try us out. Sign up for lunch by calling Claire at 875-7102, and then stay and play cards or bingo. The groups are smaller in the winter, and it will be easier to make your acquaintance. Your presence will be most welcome.

A reminder that winter storms often force the closing of the meal site at the center. Listen to WASR 1420AM or WOKQ at 97.5 FM or Channel 9 WMUR for closing notices. Claire Fitzgerald, CAP site manager, would appreciate it if you did not call the center in these circumstances.

Do you think January is a dull month? It need not be. Now that busy holidays are over, January can provide the time to visit some house-bound seniors or at least call them on the telephone to chat a while. Go to the library and take out a book to read to the visually impaired, or volunteer to write letters for them. Bake something special for someone, or offer to do errands. The more we do for others, the less we will find in our own lives to complain about.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14th at 1 p.m. at the Senior center. If we do not have a quorum for a meeting, we still will have some entertainment and refreshments, so plan to be there. Remember, too, if you have any business to be placed on the agenda, notify me as soon as possible.

Hope January gets your year off to a healthy, happy start!



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ALTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

by Karl Ingoldsby

New 1998 officers have been voted in and are as follows: President, Sherman Brown; Vice President, Eric Elliott; Treasurer, Diane MacDonald; Secretary, Judy Ingoldsby; Training Officer, Dexter Brown.

Congratulations to Ed Consentino and Scott Waldron, both of whom passed the Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate course. This will change Alton Volunteer Ambulance status from Basic Life Support to Advance Life Support.

We would like to take a moment to thank each volunteer we have on our service. These individuals graciously take time from their busy lives and families to make this service available to our community, asking for nothing in return. Thank you.

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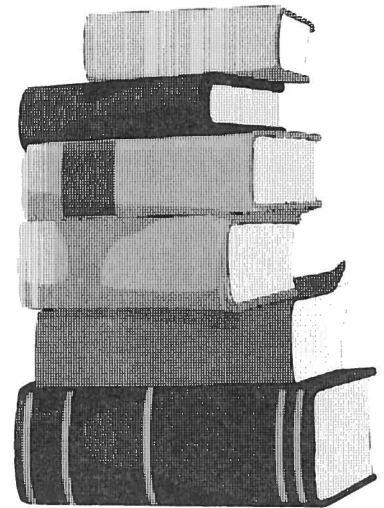
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Kathryn Pellowe (right), a fourth grade student at Alton Central School, received a Special Certificate of Excellence Award from the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services. Aimee Terravechia (left), also a fourth grader, received a Certificate of Excellence Award. The awards recognized their posters depicting "Here Comes the Sun... Using Solar Energy: Today and Tomorrow" and were recently presented by Art Teacher Jennifer Van Cor. Kathryn's poster has been on display at the State House Visitor's Center in Concord. Over 3,000 students participated in the statewide event.

LIONS BUSY AS BEES
by Peter M. Gerbino

During the month of October the Alton-New Durham Lions Club collected more than 300 pair of used eyeglasses, along with 40 pair of lenses. During the same month the club hosted a room at the New Durham Haunted House for Halloween. We won second prize for the scariest room!

On Saturday December 6 the club members volunteered to answer phones for the pledge drive of New Hampshire Public Television Channel 11 at the University of New Hampshire. The Lions, along with another group, raised more than \$8,000 in pledges for the day.

For Christmas the Lions decorated the bandstand in Alton Bay to shine brightly every night during the yuletide season.

Also in December, Vanessa Lampman won the Lions sponsored Peace Poster Contest at the Alton Central School.



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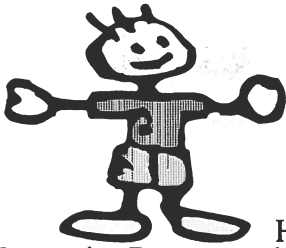
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
by Kellie McGrath
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WHAT'S COOKING
IN JANUARY

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Bingo for Seniors

January 20th at the Pearson Road Community Center from 1-3 p.m., no charge. Program Description: Seniors will play novelty Bingo games for prizes. Refreshments will be served.

Hands-on Cooking Class

For students in grades 5-7. Classes are held on Tuesdays, January 27th through February 17th from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Alton Central School "HomeEc." Room. Class is limited to 12. Register before January 19th, \$12.00. Class Description: This innovative cooking class teaches participants hands-on food preparation, menu selection and creative menu planning with great ideas for quick and easy meals.

Ballet and Jazz with Julie Libby

For students ages 6-10. Classes are held on Wednesdays, January 14th through February 18th from 3-4 p.m. at the Alton Central School Cafeteria. Register before January 12th, \$29.00. Class Description: 1/2 hour is devoted to learning ballet styles, dances and techniques; the second 1/2 hour is devoted to learning a jazz routine full of excitement and fun. The music is great, Julie is fun and the exercise is a bonus.

Street-Funk with Julie Libby

For students in Middle School. Classes are held on Wednesdays 4-5 p.m. at the Alton Central School Cafeteria. Register before January 12th, \$29.00. Class Description: "Dance till you can't dance no more!" Participants will learn the latest dance steps and funky new moves including hip-hop. No technical training required. Wear comfortable clothes. This program is a great opportunity to learn new material for cheerleading or dancing.

Toddler Playhouse

For ages 3-5. Program is held on Tuesdays, January 27th through February 17th at the Alton Bay Community Center from 10:15 - 11 a.m. Register before January 16th, \$8.00. Program Description: Toddlers will enjoy coloring, painting, cooperative games, music, creative movement and dance. A great socializing experience.

Candy Bar Bingo

For ages 7-14. Candy Bar Bingo to be held on Saturday, January 31st at the Alton Town Hall, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There is no registration fee* but you need to fill out a registration form by January 23rd in order to participate. Program Description: Participants will play novelty Bingo games for candy bar prizes. This is a great program and guaranteed to bring a lot of smiles and laughter

*Note: Participants should bring one 50 cent (+) candy bar for one bingo card. Example: bring two candy bars, play two cards.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

For adults of all ages. Classes resume January 6th, weather permitting, and are held at the Alton Bay Community Center from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesdays. Program fee is \$3.00 for six months. Drop in anytime.

Body Works with Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified Instructor

All ages welcome. Classes are held on Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m., and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center, \$3.00/class. Class Description: Exercises promote body toning and muscle strengthening and help you

lose inches, reduce stress and increase flexibility. Drop in anytime.

Fun Friday — January 23rd

Grades 3-5, 6-8 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center, \$2.00. Fun Friday is a great social opportunity for students to play, learn and have fun! Activities include: games, contests, dancing and more.

Teen Dance

The next Teen Dance for grades 6-8 is Friday, January 16th, 7-9:30 p.m., at the Alton Bay Community Center, \$3.00.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Ghost Busting at the Alton Town Hall

For students in grades 6-8. Friday, February 27th, Alton Town Hall, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Registration is limited to 40. Sign up early. Register before February 13th, \$10. Program Description: sleep over at the Alton Town Hall, pizza, ice cream sundaes, movies, popcorn, ghost stories, fun games, and more. See if there really is a ghost that lives in the Town Hall!

Winter Carnival

February 15th, 1-3 p.m., at the Alton Bay Bandstand on the Lake. Activities are free. Come and join the fun! Activities include the great ice bed race, snow shoe obstacle course, ice tug-of-war, scavenger hunt, D.J., and more!



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

MEETING EMERGENCY
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Happy holidays! I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We here at the police department would like to express our holiday wishes to everyone and hope that you all have a wonderful New Year.

We just completed some training with the fire department on emergency vehicle operation, and I would like to pass on some information, as well as a request from all of us who operate emergency vehicles. First of all, you may be seeing emergency lights being used more often and hear more audible sirens being used. This is because the new law on emergency vehicles has become much more strict.

Secondly, paying attention while you are driving can save your life and those of people around you. Many times people become so caught up in where they are going that they do not pay sufficient attention while going there. We end up behind people who do not pull over to the right and STOP like the state law is written. When you see any emergency vehicle approaching — either from the front or the rear — with its emergency lights on, pull over to the far right and stop. Don't pull to the right and continue at 50 m.p.h.. STOP! This enables us to go around you more safely and prevent an accident.

I've been receiving many e-mails from people all over the country on the police department's web site. The site has received numerous awards and an article in the *Laconia Citizen* featured the site. I have been told that some of the police agencies around the state have printed the wanted persons list and even found a couple of people on the list! If you haven't seen the site yet, check it out at <http://unix.worldpath.net/~apd>.

Questions or comments? Contact me at 875-3752, or Alton P.O. Box 240 or at the pd website at: <http://unix.worldpath.net/~apd>. Stay safe!

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Paulette Wentworth



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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Rori Boyce was chosen to represent New Hampshire in the USA Young Miss Pageant in Atlanta . . . Rolf Dutzmann and his two Young Astronaut groups planned a rocket launch with rockets designed and built by the young people . . . 26 town and school posts were open for election . . . the Gilman Library announced amnesty month for anyone with long overdue books.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . a community survey exploring the possibility of expansion by the Gilman Library was included in Main Street . . . there were 17 town and school posts open for election . . . public hearings were scheduled by the Budget Committee for the town and school budgets and by the Planning Board to go over amendments to the zoning ordinance . . . Gwendolyn Jones was elected to the Board of the Visiting Nurse Association . . . Charlotte Kneeland was to lead the International Side Saddle Organization, an equestrian group, in President Clinton's Inaugural Parade.

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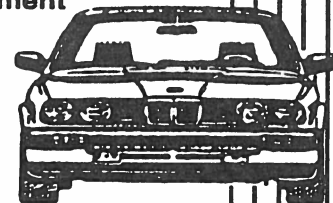


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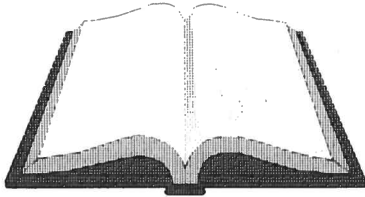
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For those of you who have not heard, the library is up and running. Everyone seems very pleased with our "new home." The library is quite a bit larger than before, with room for further expansion when needed. There are two wings, one for the children and one for the adults. The room downstairs, which was used for meetings, has been greatly enhanced with new lighting and additional room made possible with the removal of the little kitchen, the coat area, and some book shelves. We are now able to seat 60 people, whereas before the capacity was limited to 30. The building is truly beautiful. We are delighted with everyone's response which has been very positive.

We have been busy taking everyone on the "grand tour" and showing off our new facility. Perhaps you will be able to drop by and see us at some future time. You will be most welcome. Don't forget that our winter hours are as follows:

Monday and Wednesday, 2 - 8 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. - Noon.

If Santa forgot to deliver a 1998 calendar, an Alton afghan, or a bicentennial print, we still have them available here at the library. Please note that it is not too late to purchase a brick for yourself, your family, your business, or your organization.

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PTSA PONDERINGS
by Bob Loprete

Happy New Year to our Alton community! What a great year 1997 was, and 1998 will be even better. Your Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has ambitious plans, and we are counting on all of you to make them happen.

Thanks to everyone who made our fund-raiser such a super success, especially Marcy Lowthian, who took the responsibility for chairing it, although she "hates fund-raisers." That's part of our job, and your support makes possible the scholarship fund, the Reflections program, and all the other positive effects of this community organization.

A New Year inspires us to plan, resolve and reflect. The PTSA's mission is simple and clear: (1) To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; (2) to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and (3) to encourage parent and public involvement in public schools of this nation.

The National PTA, with which we are affiliated, is a diverse nearly 7-million-member child advocacy association. Through cooperative efforts, we can get things done. Please join us.

Our regular monthly meeting is on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Alton High School. January 20th Superintendent Richard Pike will be speaking on "Questions and Answers, SB-2."

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