



Main Street

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Complimentary



COMMUNITY TEAM RETIRING Russ and Penny Jones Opt For More Free Time

By John F. Duffek

There are over 59 years of service to our community between them. As we face a future without their dedication, knowledge, and caring, we may feel certain that Russ and Penny Jones have prepared that future with past contributions and concern for Alton's continued well-being.

Chief Russell E. Jones will end a 39-year career with the Alton Fire Department and his wife of 43 years, Gwendolyn M. Jones, will retire as Alton's town clerk on December 31 of this year.

A native of Wolfeboro, Russ, 64, graduated from Brewster Academy in 1953. In the year that followed he sought employment in California, returned to work as an assistant electrician for MPO Productions, a film company in New York City, came home to run his father's plumbing, heating and electric business in Wolfeboro, and met his future bride roller skating at the Alton Bay Pavilion. It was a busy year.

Penny moved to Laconia with her family in 1945 from Springfield, MA. Five years later, her family moved to Alton and opened Minor's Country Store, later known as the Mt.

Major Store. She graduated from Alton High School in 1954 and attended UNH for one year.

Penny and Russ were married in 1955. They had five children: Liz, 42, is a nurse and assistant director of Cardiopulmonary Critical Care at Portsmouth Hospital; Russell, Jr. was born in 1957 and died in 1986 in a boating accident; Catherine, 39, lives in Meredith and works for the City of Laconia Purchasing Department; Julie, 36, lives in Hatley, Mississippi, where she is pursuing a degree in dental hygiene; and Nancy, 33, is a paralegal in Concord and lives in Alton. There are 8 grandchildren, which Russ observed "is the best part of growing old!"

From 1956 to 1965, Russ owned Alton Plumbing and Heating. It was during that time that a group of citizens worked to refurbish the Alton Bay Railroad Station into a community center and Russ' company donated the heating system. He then joined Water Industries in Sales and Service until his retirement in 1996. He also owned Town & Country Oil from 1962 to 1971.

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THE EDITORS APPRECIATE TOO

It is testimony to what a smooth running organization Main Street has become that the co-editors can take a month off and the reading public not notice. MaryBee and Bob Longabaugh's [no-pay] "contract" with The Voice of Alton, Inc., specifies that they have to edit no more than 11 issues a year. They took that vacation in September, which meant that Publisher and Founding Editor John Duffek sat down at the computer to do, once again, what he did so well for Main Street's first 12 years.

Thank you John for turning out a quality October issue, and allowing us to get a little time away from the rigors of editing Alton's newspaper.

MaryBee & Bob

ENROLLMENT RECORDS INCREASE

By Richard M. Pike, Superintendent of Schools

According to the U.S. Department of Education, a record 52.7 million children entered school this fall. That figure represents an increase of 500,000 over last year and the third year in a row that enrollments in public and private education have increased. The National Center for Educational Statistics projects that new enrollment records will be set annually for the next eight years, with 54.3 million youngsters in kindergarten through high school by 2008.

As states throughout the nation raise the bar for prospective teachers via various types of competency tests, there will be a need for an additional two million plus new teachers in the work force as we head into the first decade of the new millennium. The two million figure also takes into account retiring teachers and those who leave the profession.

Is there any relief in sight? Probably not, when you consider that births are projected to increase from 4.1 million a year in 2008 to 4.5 million in 2018.

WHAT ABOUT LEAD AND COPPER?

A Letter from the Water Commissioners

Since the first round of testing was done for lead and copper in 1995, the Alton Water Works has been working toward compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule of the Safe Water Drinking Act.

In 1996 we installed a chemical treatment facility at the Levey Park well. The main purpose of this facility is to inject sodium hydroxide into the water as it is pumped from the well into the system. Adding sodium hydroxide to the water raises the P.H. Raising the P.H. from 6.25 as it comes from the well to around 8.00 helps stop the leaching of lead and copper from the plumbing in your homes. A similar system was put on-line at the Route 140 pump house this past summer.

The Alton Water Works does not have any lead service pipes or mains and, as far as we know, there are no lead lines in Alton at all. The levels of lead and copper that occur in the water as it comes from our wells are well below EPA standards.

Within the next few weeks we will be taking another round of sample tests. The results should be available soon. In the meantime if you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call our office at 875-4200.

Alton Water Commissioners:

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Main Street's Inside Front Page



SOCCER CHAMPIONS

The Alton Elementary School Soccer Team, shown above, recently finished its season undefeated. A record of 14-0 was compiled. The team out scored their opponents 64-9. Alton was also the champion in the Suncook Valley Tournament. The team was coached by Matt Locke.

ALTON CHAMBER DISBANDS

Open Letter to Members and Townspeople

From Cecile Chase

Last month the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted to disband after researching various options for continuing Chamber activities.

During the past two and 1/2 years the Chamber has provided some essential services for the business community. For instance, 10,000 summer calendars and 5,000 Area Guides were distributed annually; an employee was on duty at the information booth at the Alton Bay Community Center from June to September; an information kiosk was erected at the Bay; the 49th annual Barbershopper's Jamboree was sponsored; and a web site was developed. All were produced by a small group of dedicated volunteers who worked countless hours for the benefit of all Alton businesses.

We find at this time that many Alton businesses expect more from a Chamber than our limited resources can offer, and they have already joined larger Chamber organizations in the Lakes Region. We're glad that these businesses see the value of banding together for a strong business community, and we acknowledge that the funds and time they allocate for business development should go where they will receive the best value.

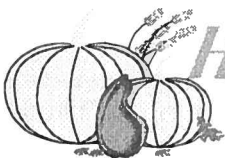
I would like to thank the board and all the members for their hard work, especially Stan Czech, Jennifer Hoover, Peter Pijoan, Steve and Marie Sheldon, Tommy and Ginny Stevenson and Donna Tibbs. It's been great meeting and working with such nice people, who, I'm sure, will continue to play a role in shaping Alton's business future.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Ginny Lunch

The next meeting will be held November 10 at 12:30 p.m. This is the annual meeting and holiday luncheon taking place at The Governor's Inn in Rochester.

Hostesses: Chairman, Nancy Alden, Sally Clark, Polly Finch, Nancy Tyks, and Dorothy Woughter.



Happy
Thanksgiving

ELVES HERALD MRS. SANTA FUND

That time of year is here when our thoughts turn to families, friends, and the joy of giving. Help us put the spirit of the season into the lives of your neighbors who are less fortunate.

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 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 gets 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 Alton Town Hall until December 11. Cash donations are always welcome. We use the money to purchase warm coats and boots.

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

Help make this holiday season a merry one for all our friends and neighbors in the Alton community.

YOU AND THE LAW

AN INTER-ACTIVE PROGRAM OF THE ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

By Muriel Walker

In the spirit of the Alton Police Department's goal to work closely with the community and the school, the D.A.R.E. program ("Drug Abuse Resistance Education") was initiated at the Alton School and taught by Sergeant Susan Roberts. Sergeant Roberts headed the program for three years and the position was then taken over by Community Liaison Officer Steven Holly.

How The Program Began

Feeling the need for a middle school program to follow D.A.R.E resulted in the creation of a nine-week enrichment course entitled, "You and the Law" and taught by Sergeant Roberts. Where the D.A.R.E. program is a structured, standardized, nationwide program with very specific content aimed at elementary level students, "You and the Law" was created by our local police department. Program content was aimed at middle school students and designed with input from the school, teachers, and students.

Grades Seven and Eight

Last year the program was offered to the seventh and eighth grades. Because of the positive response, it was expanded to include grade nine. In grade seven Roberts uses the techniques of lecture, role-playing, group discussion, and field trips to teach such subjects as parent and student rights, alcohol and drug laws, driving laws, search and seizure laws, constitutional issues, domestic violence, and the judicial system.

Grade eight takes a more in depth focus on the court system with the study of parts of a court trial, how to conduct a trial, a presentation by a visiting attorney, and class

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construction and presentation of a mock trial.

In the curricula for both the seventh and eighth grades are visits to District and Superior Courts to observe actual trials. This "hands-on" experience has proven to be a highlight of the program. Roberts explains, "We go through the entire routine, including passing through the metal detector when entering court, meeting the judge, the attorneys, the bailiff, and clerk of the court. The kids are fascinated!"

Grade Nine

The grade nine course covers the Constitution, court proceedings, analysis of a crime scene and witness interviewing, and presentation of a mock crime scene. There are only three class sessions and a field trip for this group because of the year-long opportunity for students to participate in the popular "Ride-Along" program. This program began last year as a collaborative project between Nancy Merrill, her ninth grade civics class, and the police department. Acting on a suggestion he received, Chief Kevin Iwans approached Holly to increase the interaction between the school and the department by giving interested students the opportunity to ride along with Holly when he went out on patrol.

The "Ride-Along"

The "Ride-Along," as well as Holly's monthly classes, intends to show practical and local applications of the course work received in the ninth grade civics classes (study of the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and other legal frameworks that shape citizens' rights and responsibilities). Students receive a tour of the police station and then spend about six hours in the cruiser while Holly answers calls and stops vehicles for speeding or mechanical deficiencies. Holly wears a wireless microphone so that students remaining in the car can listen to the conversation (with permission of the participants). A

discussion of appropriate action taken follows. Students are required to maintain logs of their rides and present written and oral class reports. The responses to the ride alongs is so positive it will be continued as part of the overall "You and the Law" program.



In addition to the official program, Roberts eats lunch in the cafeteria with the middle school students on days she is instructing. This gives her an opportunity to get to know the students informally and receive input from them for the program. It also sparks interest in the younger students to participate in this course in the future. Roberts commitment and enthusiasm is certainly contagious!

This article will continue in the December issue of Main Street with thoughts and reactions to "You and the Law" from the principal, Tom Parker, teachers, Mike Folon and Nancy Merrill, and student, Derek Atwood.

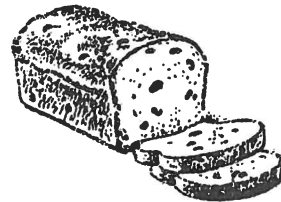
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IDENTIFICATION NEEDED!

By Jean Roberts

The Alton Historical Society is settling in nicely at its new room downstairs in the Gilman Library. We plan to be open for regular hours by late next spring, but for now we will welcome guests on request.

There is still a lot of sorting, filing, and record keeping. If anyone wants to help, we usually meet on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 p.m. We do need special help on one project. There are many pictures of pre-1940 Alton School groups. The children are all ages, usually with a teacher. If you attended the Alton School before 1940, come in and help us identify these people.

Please call Jean Roberts at 569-2629 if you would like to visit or can help with the school picture identification.



THE CHECKOUT DESK

by Holly Brown
Librarian

COLLECTIBLES, MUMS, AND FRIENDS

The second in the series of Alton Village Collectibles, Alton Town Hall, may now be purchased at the library or the Alton Village 5 & 10 for \$15. The first in the series, The Gilman Library, is still available at both locations. Watch for the third collectible coming soon. Proceeds benefit the Gilman Library Building Fund.

This year's very successful Mum Sale took place on September 19 and 20. Thanks to all who purchased mums or volunteered their time. Special thanks to Sunflower Gardens for providing the beautiful flowers and making a very generous donation to the building fund. Without all of you none of this would be possible.

Many people have expressed an interest in joining The Friends of the Gilman Library but find it difficult to attend evening meetings. For this reason, some meetings have been scheduled during the day. This in turn has made it difficult for members with day jobs to attend. Therefore, the next meeting will be on Saturday, January 23, 1999, 1:30 p.m., in the meeting room at the library. We hope this will allow everyone the chance to join us.

The library will gratefully accept donations of stuffed animals and puzzles, in good condition, for the children's wing. Also, if you, or anyone you know, is interested in being part of a "book discussion group," please contact us at 875-2550.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

By Henry J. Nowe, Alton Fire Department

The Alton Fire Department plans on selling Christmas trees this year. Sizes are going to begin at 3 feet to five feet for tabletops and continue up to ten feet in height. Balsam Fir in grades #1 and #2, all locally grown, will be on sale beginning November 27.

As yet the time and location for this sale is unknown, but please watch around town for the notices which the department plans to post. Proceeds from the tree sale will purchase equipment to help the Alton Fire Department better serve you, the residents of Alton.

Think of the Alton Fire Department when you begin to do your Christmas tree shopping. Thanks.



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

by Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

ROADS, CULVERTS, AND MAIL BOXES

Hope everyone had a good summer because autumn is here. Leaves are falling everywhere. Now is the time to watch your culverts so they don't get plugged up. A reminder: driveway culverts belong to the land owner — not the town.

The chip sealing projects on Woodlands Road, Hollywood Beach, and part of Prospect Mountain Road are completed. The overlay on Hammwoods Road is finished. The shim on Stockbridge Corner Road has also been done.

Meaderboro Road, Lockes Corner Road, and a large section of Muchado Hill Road have been widened by the department. These roads done by the Highway Department in two months have saved us about \$119,000. This project has worked, and hopefully we will be able to do this year after year.

We are asking residents this year to put markers on their mail boxes. Please take the time to cut a small stick about seven to ten feet long and tie it to the back of your mail box with some colored tape. We are requesting this so that when the snow gets deep we will still be able to identify the boxes while plowing. Hopefully we still have at least a month or so before it snows.

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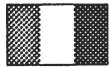


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As the parent of an adolescent have you ever wondered if you were going insane or if your child were "normal?" These thoughts are not unusual for parents of the 11 - 14-year-old child. Children of this age are undergoing rapid physical and emotional changes, and their behavior often reflects these changes. Alton Central School, in conjunction with the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project, will be offering two parent seminars focusing on adolescents and the parents of adolescents.

Session I, **Social and Moral Development During Adolescence**, will concentrate on the specific challenges and gifts of being an adolescent. Communication and relationships with your child, school work, and morality will be considered from the viewpoint of the adolescent. The session will combine a brief presentation on adolescent development with a discussion on improving adult and teen understanding and communication.

This first session will be November 19 at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Session II, **Adult Development for Parents of Adolescents**, will focus on how, as adults, we continue to grow and change during adulthood. Adult change is often spurred by challenges faced as an adult and dealing with adolescence is most definitely a challenge! What it is like to be an adult, what new goals, desires, aspirations, expectations do we hold for ourselves and our children as they mature, and how development in adulthood is affected by those around us will be explored in this session.

This session will be held December 10 at 7 p.m. in the school library.

It is not necessary to attend both sessions. Please join us for one or both meetings. There is no admission charge for these sessions and coffee will be served. Further information is available by calling 875-7500. We hope to see you there!

**ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN
IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1**

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

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Mary and Eddie Beaulieu, Main Street, Alton, pictured above, have spent the last 60 Thanksgivings being thankful for their many blessings, family, friends, but most of all, each other. This couple, parents of Chris Consentino and son, Roger, of Corning, New York, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this Thanksgiving.

When the young couple married in 1938, the country was recovering from the "Great Depression" and headed toward the war years. By their tenth anniversary, the war had ended and America was producing "Baby Boomers." Their 25th Anniversary, in 1963, saw the world in shock and mourning JFK. Just before their 50th in 1988, their first grandchild was married, and now they have three great grandchildren to celebrate with on their 60th! Through their married life, no matter what was happening on the world stage, they have lived by three very simple rules: "Always put yourself in the other person's place," "Be gentle...be kind," and "Pray, always." They are wished many more happy, healthy years together.

There will be an Open House to honor Mary and Ed, Sunday, November 29. For details, contact Chris at 875-5510 or 875-5678.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

A Country Fair Auction and Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, November 11, at the Conference Center, Route 11, Alton Bay. Park Noland from Meredith will auction off handmade crafts and baked goods; Nancy Heald from Gilford will provide the music; and Jacqueline Curran from Rochester, Massachusetts, will be the speaker.

To make a reservation for the luncheon and available complimentary nursery, call Janet Benedetto in Alton at 875-2032 (from 2 - 6 p.m.) or Thelma Osborne in Laconia at 524-6505 by Wednesday, November 4.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, an interdenominational group with no formal membership, sponsors this event.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Laurie Boyce

This year is going to be fantastic, judging by the number of volunteers who signed up at the school. We have 55 new volunteers, along with the 185 previous volunteers who help at the school every day with classroom assistance, student help, photocopying, etc. We need volunteers to be room parents in the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. We do have at least one room parent for each grade, but not for each homeroom, and with three homerooms in each of these grades, we need more than one helper.

Please think about volunteering. Give either of the coordinators — Laurie Boyce at 875-7371 or Ruby Hawkins at 875-2526 — a call and sign on for what could be a very rewarding project in your child's home room every once in a while. THANKS IN ADVANCE.



SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER by Nancy Mooney Hebert

November list:

Be aware - make a smart vote!

Write the ailing a little note!

Salute our veterans who served us well!

Eat a big dinner and sit a spell!

Be kind and loving to all around

And God's blessings will abound!

Our October meeting was well attended. President Nardo expressed her appreciation to all the hard working volunteers who helped out at our Harvest Dinner. We now need ideas for new kinds of money-making activities. Take a moment to write something down to submit at the November meeting.

The Thanksgiving Basket raffle is under way. Buy your chance now from one of the seniors, and you may be lucky enough to have your whole Thanksgiving dinner (except the cooking!) provided for you.

Our trip coordinator, Ginny Myers, has done a fantastic job this past year. No more long trips until next spring, but she is working on a trip to the Christmas Tree Shop in Salem in November. Call her at 875-5713 for more details.

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a senior Bingo afternoon on November 4 at 1 p.m. at the center on Pearson Road. Join us for great fun and wonderful prizes!

Don't forget the blood pressure screening at the center, 10:30 a.m. on November 5.

November 11 is Veterans' Day and the seniors will hold a potluck lunch at the center at noon, followed by the November meeting. If you have not signed up to bring anything, call President Nardo at 875-7102 at the center, and she will give you suggestions. Our last potluck affair was very successful.

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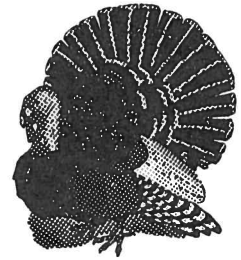
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TOWN HALL NOTES
by Scott Dunn
Town Administrator

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Not only do we have new faces among our ranks, but there is a new look emerging at Town Hall.

The 1998 Annual Town Meeting appropriated \$125,000 from the Clough-Morrel Trust Fund for Town Hall improvements. No tax dollars are being spent on this project! So far a new sound system and new seats have been installed in the auditorium. Also repairs have been made to the roof and the main chimney.

All of the windows (many of which are believed to be originals dating back to 1894) are being removed and replaced with modern, energy efficient, insulated vinyl windows. This work is being done by Farmington Glass at a cost of \$22,119.83.

New lighting and electrical work is underway at the Town Hall; all fluorescent and incandescent light fixtures are being replaced with modern energy efficient lights. A company called Lightec is doing the work at a cost of \$18,523.49, with an expected saving of 52 percent in annual lighting costs and an overall reduction in Town Hall electric expenses of 14 percent. Portions of the expenses for this project are being underwritten by grants from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and the Governor's Energy Office.

Another major renovation to the Town Hall is the planned entrance way improvements. The Selectmen held two public hearings leading to the acceptance of a proposal for a concrete ramp along the southwestern corner of the building with a brick and granite facade, heated walkway, and new granite steps. Architect Wes Flieri is preparing final bid specifications and hopefully the work will be done this fall. The budget for this project is \$37,000.

The final major improvement planned will be new flooring, but unfortunately, asbestos was discovered in the old tiles and a hazardous waste removal team will be required.

Although I realize some people will bemoan these modernizations as a departure from traditions and abandoning of historical themes, I often use this opportunity to wonder if folks felt the same way when outhouses were forsaken due to the advent of indoor plumbing. Which reminds me, an unplanned replacement of the Town Hall septic system is also being undertaken due to the sudden failure of the old system.

Looking beyond the Town Hall projects, we are in the process of replacing the bridge on Hollywood Beach Road, removing oil storage tanks at the Highway Garage, reconstructing Halls Hill Road, designing a parking lot on the west side of Route 11 at the Bay, designing a septic system for the Alton Bay Community Center, designing new boat slips in the Bay, negotiating a Union contract with the highway employees, preparing for the year 2000 computer glitches, and we are still working to contain the groundwater contamination found in one of the test wells surrounding the closed Hurd Hill Road Landfill. This situation remains a top priority of Town and State officials as we work with an engineering consultant and a specialized bedrock well installation contractor to add two new monitoring wells. These devices will be used to help determine if a treatment plant must be installed or if the contamination is reduced to safe levels as a result of dilution and/or evaporation.

Meanwhile, it is the budget preparation time of the year.

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov. 2 INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM, Alton Central School, see story for times and details
- Tue. 3 ELECTION DAY, Polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Rt. 140 Fire Station
- Wed. 4 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
- Thu. 5 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - Noon
- Sat. 7 SCOUTING FOR FOOD, Donation pickup, see story
COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Ham Dinner, see story
- Tue. 10 ALTON GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY LUNCH, see story
- Wed. 11 VETERAN'S DAY
"A COUNTRY FAIR AUCTION," Christian Women's Club Lunch, 11:30 a.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
- Sun. 15 AMERICAN LEGION TURKEY RAFFLE, 1 p.m.
- Wed. 18 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
- Thu. 19 TEACHER/PARENT CONFERENCES, see story
PARENT SEMINARS ON ADOLESCENCE, see story
- Fri. 20 TEACHER/PARENT CONFERENCES, see story
- Sat. 21 PTSA HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, Alton Central School, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
- Wed. 25 BASKETBALL - ALUMNI GAMES, Alton Central School, Women at 6 p.m., Men, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu. 26 THANKSGIVING DAY
- Fri. 27 ALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, watch for further notice, see story
MAIN STREET, Collating session, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

TOWN HALL NOTICE

**THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ALL DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
ELECTION DAY.**

SCHOOL HOSTING PARENT CONFERENCES

Alton Central School will be holding parent conferences on November 19 and 20. On these dates teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress and accomplishments for the current school year. All parents are encouraged to contact the school to make appointments with your child's teachers. Conference hours on Thursday, November 19, are from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., and on Friday, November 20, they run from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Please call the school at 875-7500 to set up an appointment. The school staff is looking forward to seeing you.

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL RENEWS INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

The Alton Central School will renew its adult walking program beginning on November 2. This program, which began two years ago, 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 are free to walk at their own pace but must register at the Main Office on each visit. If more information would be helpful, call 875-7500.

CIVIC AWARENESS COLUMN

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3!

Town Moderator Bob Calvert strongly urges a big turnout for the Tuesday, November 3, General Election. Only 14.4 percent of Alton's registered voters turned out for the September primary, approximating the statewide experience, thus fulfilling the media's projection for a record *low* turnout. He suggests that Alton could and should beat any statewide trend if we all decide to come out in force on November 3 and prove the forecasters wrong, at least in Alton. Even more importantly, we can play a key role in selecting our next Governor, US Senator, Congressman, State Senator, and State Representatives, as well as county officers.

The polls will be open at the Alton Central Fire Station from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 3. Absentee ballots must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 2. Supervisors of the checklist will be at the polls to register new voters, provide information, and make any changes in records that may be needed.

Twenty-four volunteers, Calvert says, are all set to serve you on that day and to make it a fine experience. Let's prove that Alton's civic consciousness is a cut above the other towns in our area! See you on November 3?

OPEN LETTER TO ALTON RESIDENTS

From The Chairman, Board of Selectmen

The members of the Board of Selectmen want to be sure that the employees of the Town provide you, the taxpayers, with the best possible service. You deserve it, and that's what we expect. If you have a problem, we can't deal with it unless we know what happened. Therefore, you have the responsibility to inform the Board of your problem, with whom it occurred, and when the event took place. You can notify us in several ways. First, you can contact us personally; second, and better yet, fill out a complaint form which is available in the Town Hall Secretary's Office; or third, write us a letter.

There is a catch though. If you seriously have a problem with an employee and want the Board to take action, you must sign your name on any correspondence. We are dealing with people's careers and cannot and will not take action based on anonymous correspondence. If you send us an unsigned letter, all you are doing is leaving the responsibility up to someone else to solve the problem.

Stanley E. Czech

NOT TOO LATE ON THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Alton Town Hall staff and the Police Association are coming down to the wire with their Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets program. Donations are still being gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check, or money orders, made payable to "Operation Blessings," and may be dropped off at Town Hall or mailed to Town Hall, P. O. Box 659, Alton, NH 03809.

Canned goods donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Police Association will prepare the fruit baskets and also donate turkeys for the food baskets. If you are interested in helping distribute baskets or can suggest the home of a shut-in or needy family, please contact Paulette Wentworth at 875-0204 or 875-7579.

INFORMATION CENTER

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Worship, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Family Night Supper and Video Series, Wed., 6 and 7 p.m. Sun. Worship, Moore Chapel, and other services, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; Pastor Robert H. Hett
- Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Service, 11 a.m. Congregational Meeting House,
- First Free Will Baptist Church — Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wed., 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.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28. Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY:

- Mon. and Wed., 12 Noon - 7 p.m.; Tue. and Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Thu. and Sun.

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

- Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pearson Rd. Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER:

- Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sun., 12 Noon - 3 p.m. Closed Tue. and Thu.
Rines Road Pit - Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sun., 12 noon - 3 p.m.

TOWN HALL:

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.
Parks and Recreation — 875-0109 for info and appts.
Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

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 Jr. Members — 3rd Mon., 6 p.m., Legion Hall
- Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station
- Brownie Scout Troop 329, Mon., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe.
- Chamber of Commerce Bd. — 1st & 3rd Wed., 8 a.m., 875-5777
- Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
- Eastern Star — 2nd Tue., when meeting, 875-5211
- Flying Club — 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900
- Friends of the Gilman Library — Watch "Checkout Desk"
- Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House
- Girl Scout Junior Troop 630, Wed., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe
- Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- Historical Society — 3rd Tue., 569-2629
- 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., when meeting, 875-7448
- PTSA — 3rd Tue., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.
- St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild — Last Thu., 7:30 p.m., Church Hall
- Senior Citizens — 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- FWF — 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- CALL 875-5067 TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN — Meet Mondays: Nov. 2 at 7:15 p.m.; Nov. 16 at 8:30 a.m.; Nov. 30 at 7:15 p.m., Chairman Stan Czech; call 875-2161 for appointment.*
- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.
- FIRE WARDS — Meet on call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call. Chairman Ken Gilbert, 859-2021.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets monthly, day to be decided, 6:30 p.m., Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
- PLANNING BOARD — 4th Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Bonnie Dunbar; call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meet on call. Chairman Cindy Duffek, 569-4441.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:30 p.m., Chairman David Countway, 875-2550.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8 a.m., Chairman Charles B. Adams, Jr., 875-7246.
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Glen McLean, 875-5095.

*DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

U.S. SENATE

- Robert C. Smith, 307 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-2903; Phones: (800) 922-2230, (202) 224-2841; Fax: (202) 224-1353; e-mail: opinion@smith.senate.gov
- Judd Gregg, 393 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-2904; Phones (202) 224-3324, (603) 225-7115, Fax (202) 224-4952; e-mail: mailbox@gregg.senate.gov

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- John E. Sununu, 1229 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515; Phones (202) 225-5456, (603) 641-9536, Fax (202) 225-5822; e-mail: Rep.Sununu@mail.house.gov

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- Ray Burton, 271-3632 (Concord), 747-3662 (Woodsville)

NH SENATE

- Leo Fraser, 225-3664 (w), 435-6626 (h)

NH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- Gordon Bartlett, 524-1220 (w), 524-6536 (h)
- Robert Boyce, 875-7371, rboyce@worldpath.net
- Alice Ziegler Calvert, 875-2151
- Paul Golden, 269-4071 (w), 269-5511 (h)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Chairman, Stanley Czech, 875-3815
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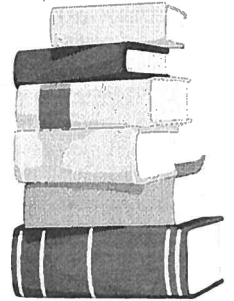
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Alton Community Church will be holding its annual Christmas fair at the Congregational Church, Church Street on Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A ham dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Mary Downing, 875-6940.

NEW AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY

FICTION

Andrews, V. C.	Brooke; Butterfly; Cyrstal; The Raven
Clark, Joan	Eiriksdotter
Davidson, Diane Mott	Prime Cut
Dickey, Eric	Milk in My Coffee
Evans, Nicholas	The Loop
Gash, Jonathan	Prey, Dancing
Hillerman, Tony	The First Eagle
Howard, Linda	Now You See Her
Kellerman, Faye	Serpent's Tooth
Kellerman, Jonathan	The Clinic
Krentz, Jayne Ann	Flash
King, Stephen	Bag of Bones
Leonard, Elmore	Tonto Woman/Other Western Stories
O'Shaughnessy, Perry	Invasion of Privacy
Parker, Robert B.	Trouble in Paradise
Patterson, Richard N.	No Safe Place
Perry, Anne	A Breach of Promise
Sheldon, Sydney	Tell Me Your Dreams
Van Wormer, Laura	Talk



LARGE PRINT

Kellerman, Jonathan	Devil's Waltz
Plain, Belva	Treasures
Whitney, Phyllis	The Golden Unicorn

NONFICTION

Anderson, Christopher	The Day Diana Died
Boukreeu, Anatoli	The Climb
Bryson, Bill	A Walk in the Woods
Chernow, Ron	Titan - Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.
Gray, John	Mars & Venus Starting Over
Hermann, Dorothy	Helen Keller: A Life
O'Connor, Carroll	I Think I'm Outta Here
Orman, Suze	9 Steps to Financial Freedom
Rule, Ann	Dead by Sunset
Steel, Danielle	The Bright Light
Steward, H. Leighton	Sugar Busters

CHILDREN

Brown, Marc	Arthur Accused
Christopher, Matt	On the Course With...Tiger Woods
Paulsen, Gary	Soldier's Heart
Sharmat, Marjorie W.	Nate the Great and Me
Teague, Mark	The Lost and Found
Wells, Rosemary	The Fisherman & His Wife

CASSETTES

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Anastasia; Batman, Mask of the Phantasm; The Borrowers; Flubber; James and the Giant Peach; Pollyanna; The Thief and the Cobbler; Titanic; A Woman Called Moses

SEE THE COMPLETE LISTING AT THE LIBRARY

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

By Becky Pellowe

Ever wonder why you wake up one morning around October 31 and find a plastic bag hanging on your door knob? Then a week later it disappears?

The answer is Scouting For Food. The Cub Scout Pack 53 and Boy Scout Troop 53 ask that you put nonperishables only into these bags and hang them back on your door. They will be picked up the following Saturday, November 7. If you would prefer, goods can be dropped off at the American Legion on November 7 before 11 a.m.

All donations will go to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters. Call Becky Pellowe, 875-5806, with any questions. We thank you for your support!

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PTSA FAIR ON NOVEMBER 21

Holiday shoppers will again have the opportunity to buy unique gifts at the Alton PTSA Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, at Alton Central School.

The Fair will feature 50 crafts people from around the area. Some of the crafts include: jewelry, stained glass lamps, flower arrangements, wooden toys, decorative items, soaps, candles, and knitted items to fit toddlers to granddads.

The Fair involves the whole school *community*—parents, teachers, and students. Different grades will offer a variety of gifts and foods for sale, as well as special activities for children.

No one will go hungry with all the tasty culinary temptations available: chowders and chili, baked goods, and sandwiches. Students will be serving up some fine food in the Holiday House Café!

ALTON MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTS 1998-99 OFFICERS

The Alton Middle School recently elected officers for the 1998-99 school year. They are Sarah Harper, president; Kristin Murray, vice president; Patty Currid, secretary; and C.J. Duffy, treasurer. All are eighth graders. The council advisor is middle school teacher Michael Folan.

Eighth grade homeroom representatives to the council are Brian Richardson, Jennifer Zirpolo, Ashley Coughlin, Hillary Ballentine, Terese Hopper and Siobhan Kivlehan. The seventh grade is represented by Espeth Dana, Jesse Cleasby, Dan Quinn, Tonya Prescott, Kent Johnson, and Dylan Laurion. Sixth grade representatives are Stephanie Tanguay, Morgan Locke, Michael Tidd, Erin Hannafin, Jessica Joslyn, and Sonya Itchkawich-Levasseur.



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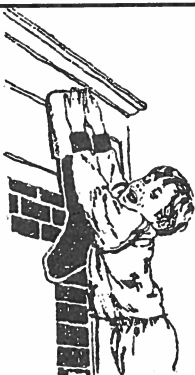
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ALTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS

The Alton Senior Center welcomes all 60 and over to their meal site, Pearson Road Community Center, Monday to Friday at 12 noon. November's tasty nutritious menus are below. Call Claire Fitzgerald at 875-7102 to make a reservation or obtain future menus.

Week of November 2 - 6: Monday, Liver or Hamburger with Onion Gravy; Tuesday, Chicken with Tarragon Sauce; Wednesday, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce; Thursday, Turkey Broccoli Casserole; Friday, Chopped Steak with Gravy.

Week of November 9 - 13: Monday, Baked Stuffed Fish with White Sauce; Tuesday, American Chop Suey; Wednesday, Veterans Day Holiday - CLOSED; Thursday, Roast Beef with Gravy; Friday, Chicken Stew.

Week of November 16 - 20: Monday, Chicken Cordon Bleu; Tuesday, Shepherd's Pie; Wednesday, Chicken Fricassee; Thursday, BBQ Ribs; Friday, Meatloaf with Gravy.

Week of November 23 - 27: Monday, Cod Fillet with White Sauce; Tuesday, Thanksgiving Dinner with Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy; Wednesday, Franks and Beans; Thursday, Thanksgiving Day - CLOSED; Friday, Hamburger with Gravy.

Monday, November 30, Liver or Hamburger with Onion Gravy.

ALTON STUDENTS ELECT OFFICERS

Senior Andy Fuller has been elected president of the Alton High School Student Council for 1998-99. Other officers are sophomore Meghan St. Cyr, vice president; senior Carly Blanchard, secretary; and senior Sarah McDonald, treasurer. English teacher Mark Murphy is the advisor.

Class representatives to the Student Council are Andy Morse and Jen Emanouil, senior class; Jessica Benedetto, Deanna Hillsgrove, and Nicole Wentworth, junior class; David Osborn and John Dain, sophomore class; and Kayla Ballentine, Jane Varney and Leanne Kenerson, freshman class.

Class officers also were recently elected. The senior class is led by Desiree Crossley, president; Becca Blair, vice president; Carly Blanchard, secretary; and Vicki Peters, treasurer. The junior class officers are Jessica Brownell, president; Korin Eagles, vice president; Amanda Coughlin, secretary; and Jenny Martin, treasurer.

Katie Morrill is president of the sophomore class and is joined by Sara Dore, vice president; Tonya Alden, secretary; and Toby Shea, treasurer. The freshman class is led by Marissa Peterson, president; Morgan Fuller, vice president; Dana Lang, secretary; and Caleb Gagne, treasurer.

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ADVENT CELEBRATION

By Pastor Bob Hett

Beginning Sunday, November 22, and continuing through the rest of 1998, the Bay Church will be celebrating the Advent season with an all-church series called "Making Christmas Meaningful." In an effort to transform the often "trivial pursuits" of the Christmas season into more memorable celebrations, members will be following a family Advent Calendar devotional guide starting the day following Thanksgiving.

Pastor Bob Hett will be preaching on the weekly themes beginning November 22 at both the 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday services held in the Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. He is providing the Advent calendar free to all families who worship with the Bay Church.

Some of the themes during the celebration include: "Follow the True Star of Christmas," "Honor the Stable-Born King," "Celebrate Heaven's Gift to All Nations," "Quiet Your Heart for the Magnificent Message," and "Embrace God's Christmas Salvation."

OHRV SAFETY COURSE

By Kellie M. Troendle, Recreation Director

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Mt. Major Snowmobile Club are sponsoring an Off Highway Recreation Vehicle (OHRV) Snowmobile Safety Education Course on Sunday, December 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Preregistration is required. The course will be held at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 and is free. Participants need to bring a lunch, helmet, boots, and outdoor riding attire. Parents are invited to attend.

In New Hampshire OHRV operators, 12 years and older, must possess a Safety Certificate or valid driver's license. The certificate is issued upon successful completion of the OHRV Safety Course.

The OHRV Safety Education Course includes instruction in proper preparation and care of the vehicle and basic operation and safety techniques. Operator requirements are also discussed, such as appropriate clothing, what to bring with you, outdoor skills, and medical self-help. Also reviewed are OHRV laws, environmental considerations, landowner relations, and multiple use trail issues. A written exam will be required, and a field test will be included, weather permitting.

Sign up at the Parks and Recreation Department in the Alton Town Hall or call 875-0109. At the Fire Station on December 6, parents must sign a permission slip for their child to participate. Call Parks and Recreation Department for more information.

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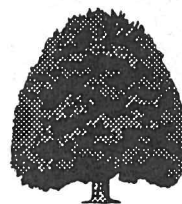
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Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch

Penny was a homemaker to their growing family until 1974 when she began working in Town Hall. In the spring of 1975, she was elected town clerk and became the first town clerk to work full time in the Town Hall. She has been very active in the NH City and Town Clerks Association, serving as treasurer of the Executive Board, regional co-chairman of the Lakes Region, member and treasurer of the Tax Collector/Town Clerk Certification Committee, and a number of other committees over the years. Penny became a certified town clerk in 1996.

Penny also was on the Board of Directors of VNA/Hospice of Wolfeboro and Vicinity for 20 years and has been active in the Alton Fireflies, the Fire Department's support organization.

She leaves office with a well-earned sense of accomplishment. In addition to maintaining an efficient and up-to-date office, Penny has indexed the results of all of the Town Meetings since 1920 as well as organizing the town ordinances and vital records. "These projects were important" said Penny. "The care of accurate town records is not only important for the future, but a critical part of our history."

Because the Town Clerk's Office is often the first stop for many newcomers to town, their positive impression of Alton is often inspired by Penny and her well-trained staff.

Russ Climbs the [Fire] Ladder

Russ began his career with the Alton Fire Department on January 1, 1963, as a substitute and within the year was promoted to fire fighter. At that time members of the department received \$5 a year but were fined \$1 for every meeting they missed!

He moved up in rank as lieutenant and then captain of Engine Company 1, and was elected chief of the department in 1979. His election came as a result of a petition circulated by the members asking that Russ be considered over Bob Reinholz, who was deputy chief at the time. Bob was appointed assistant chief and according to Russ, "Bob, who had every right to be bitter about being passed over, became my best supporter and most loyal officer until his retirement in 1989. It just showed what a good man he was."

As chief, Russ points with pride to his introduction and advancement of training for the members of the fire department. He has always considered the members as part of a family and he felt an obligation to prepare them for the dangers of fighting fire by keeping them well prepared and trained. He established the company system for organizing the department, replaced every aging piece of apparatus, and added a ladder truck, a rescue truck and a fireboat during his term.

Volunteerism At Its Best

Russ' service to the community extended in many directions. He was twice appointed to the Board of Selectmen to fill unexpired terms due to resignations and twice ran successfully for multiple year terms. He was a water commissioner from 1971 to 1986 and has been a member of the Budget Committee, Planning Board, Capital Improvements Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Parks and Recreation Committee. He has been a forest fire warden and Alton fire ward for twenty years and will fulfill his current term as fire ward that ends in March of 2000.

He was the originator of Alton's Old Home Week when it was first sponsored by the Fire Department in 1981, and for many years thereafter.

Russ served twice as president of the NH Fireman's Association and was vice president of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association.

What Retirement Means

Retirement for Russ and Penny includes spending January to April in Naples, Florida, and the rest of the year in their lakeside home in Woodlands Shores. Travel in the United States and, hopefully, a trip to Europe are in their current plans. Russ is looking forward to "extensive amounts of golf" and volunteer work in a hospital. He continues his association with the NH International Speedway in Loudon where he is responsible for the water system he designed in 1990. Penny looks forward to volunteering and the possibility of part-time work.

According to Russ, "Alton has been very good to us. We have a lot of friends and wonderful memories of our years here. We got a lot out of this town." That may be true, but it is clear to most of us that Alton has gotten a lot more out of Russ and Penny Jones. There are few examples of unselfish service to this community that can match theirs. Russ and Penny have always given of themselves because the community needed them. There has never been a need to fill some personal or special interest of theirs — Alton's needs always came first.



ALTON OUTDOORS
by Jack Miller

THANKSGIVING BOUNTY

November is the month we celebrate the year's bounty with a meal of "thanksgiving." Our forefathers most likely had some venison on their Thanksgiving table. You might have some luck putting some venison on your table too. October 31 through November 10 is muzzleloader firearm season for those who chose to hunt in a similar way to the Pilgrims. Or, one may still try for Thanksgiving venison during the regular firearms season from November 11 to December 6.

While November 11 is the official firearms opening day in the state, there are various rules as to which sex may be harvested and when that rule changes during the season. You must know the rules and boundaries of the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) in which you wish to hunt. For example, in WMU C-1, E and F, no antlerless deer may be taken this year by any method. Alton is in WMU J-2, and the season is any deer on November 11, 12 or 13, but antlered deer only from November 14 - December 6. The hunting season for black bear closes on November 13 in Alton's WMU J-2.

I always hear of people who fear entering the woods during hunting season. No one should stop enjoying their other recreational pursuits during this time — walking, biking, etc. Just use a little common sense. Wear bright clothing, not browns, and make some noise. No one ever heard a deer or bear talk, sing or whistle!

It might also ease your mind (non-hunters and hunters) to know that New Hampshire has not had a single hunting fatality in the past five years. And there were only four hunting-related injuries last year, a much better injury record than the sport of football.

So good luck, and Happy Thanksgiving!

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FOR THE FUN OF IT
by Kellie M. Troendle
Recreation Director

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

The Parks and Recreation Department has been busy this fall with an offering of new and exciting activities. Stop by the Town Hall and pick up the fall schedule; there is something for everyone.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the many soccer coaches, assistant coaches, and parents who volunteered time, energy, and support for the Alton Youth Soccer League. The league is dependent upon volunteer support. The children of Alton are very fortunate to have parents step forward and participate in this sport. The time you give and share is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

A special thank you goes to: Jim LaFreniere, Scott Tanguay, Doug Rojek, Dianna Rojek, Scott Dunn, Peter Clifford, Juliette D'Empaire-Poirier, Jim Grant, Steve Berenger, Alfred Poirier, Jim Varney, Michael Bemis, Kathy and Carl Daniels, Alan Barret, Richard Sykes, Bill Tidd, Chris Moulton, David St. Cyr, James Hawkins, Bill Lionetta and Richy Lane.

Foxwoods Casino Trip — Register at Parks and Recreation Office for bus to Foxwoods Casino, November 7, leaving Alton Town Hall at 6 a.m. and returning at 10:30 p.m. \$29 includes: round trip coach bus, tour host on bus, and Casino bonus package.

Kinder Rec — Great program for children 3-5 years old at the Alton Bay Community Center, 10 - 11 a.m. on November 3. Register at the Parks and Recreation. Program geared for increasing socialization skills and cooperation. \$2/creative games, art, music, and fun.

Karate Lessons - Karate lessons for ages 6-14 will be held at the Alton School cafeteria 3 - 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, November 4 to December 16 with no classes on November 11 and 25. Children divided by age/ability. Register at Parks and Recreation.

Senior Citizen Bingo — November 4, Pearson Road Community Center, 1 - 3 p.m. Refreshments! Prizes awarded! Free admission!

Youth Soccer League Awards Night — All participants in the Alton Youth Soccer League grades K-6 are invited to attend a special Awards Night at the Alton Central School on November 9 at 6:30 p.m. Events include: recognition of coaches and players, presentation of awards, and ice cream social. Volunteers are needed to help with the ice cream social; please call 875-0109 to volunteer.

Saturday Event Day, November 14 — Saturday Event Day will be held at the Alton Town Hall on Saturday, November 14, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Register by November 9. \$5 includes movies, pizza party, candy bar bingo, and arts and crafts.

Holiday Crafts For Kids — The Holiday Crafts for Kids program will be offered in December at the Alton Town Hall from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Please remember you need to sign up by November 30. Ages 5-8 years on December 5, \$3/project—festive ornament. Ages 9-12 years on December 12, \$3/project—picture frame.

Country Line Dancing For Adults Of All Ages — Join the fun and exercise to music. Lessons are held at the Alton Bay Community Center Tuesdays 2 - 4 p.m. Drop in anytime. Beginners are welcome. \$3/six months of lessons. Wow, what a deal!

Body Works With Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified — Strength training for muscles, heart, and body. Exercise that is fun. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. \$3/class or \$20/month. Drop in anytime. Bring water, light hand weights, and a mat. Dress is casual.

Teen Dance — The next Teen Dance for grades 6-8 will be November 13 at the Alton Bay Community Center, 7 - 9:30 p.m. \$3 general admission.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Tax bills revealed a 33% increase as a result of the votes at the Annual Town Meeting and the School District Meeting held in March . . . Dorothy Bristol was named assistant principal of the Alton Central School . . . Steve Burke was elected president of the National Honor Society.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Board of Selectmen adopted new guidelines governing the conduct of town officials . . . the Alton High School team, consisting of Rob Boyce, John Herman, Mike Portigue and Chip Fifield won the first round of *Granite State Challenge*, defeating Sunapee High School . . . hunters were reminded to wear blaze orange as they traipse through the woods.

CARDS OF THANKS**THE FOURTH GRADE APPRECIATES**

The students in the fourth grade classes at Alton Central School would like to give a cheer of thanks and a round of applause to Mr. Jack Bernard, Mr. David Bailey, and the Alton Cemetery Trustees for all their help at the cemetery dealing with research of Old Tom and Major Savage. Thanks too for the many unique ideas for our creative writing skits!

THANK YOU ALTON AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

From Laurie and Rob Boyce

We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us in the 12th annual walk by the sea to raise money for the New Hampshire Brain Injury Association. This year it was a beautiful day for walking with the sun out, about 65 degrees, and a nice breeze. The route was changed a little to make it better than the previous 11 walks. All in all, it was great. Even better was the response from the whole state and a few of the states around us. There were over 400 people who made the walk, and the amount raised was over \$45,000. That is more than double the amount we've ever raised before.

Becky Jensen joined us to make the "Alton Team" and she set a good pace! Our team raised \$865 from town businesses, teachers at the school and other Alton people who were just asked and willingly gave. We were the fourth largest team in donations, out of nine, but the smallest in size. Thank you all again!

Think about joining us next year for a nice walk along the ocean in Hampton. Lets make the Alton team larger.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

By Patti McMullen

Events include the Fall Conference on November 1, 2 p.m., hosted by the Post and Ladies Auxiliary; the regular monthly meeting on November 9 at 7 p.m.; and the Junior Auxiliary Fall Conference on November 14. There will be a special observance on Veterans Day at the Legion; all veterans are requested to attend.

The Post had donated to the Merrill Stone Fund. The money is to be put into the fund towards the purchase of a new wheel chair accessible van as Merrill was born with Spina Bifida.

It's time again for the annual Turkey Raffle which will be held in the Legion Hall, November 15, 1 p.m. You do not have to be a member to take a chance on your Thanksgiving gobbler. Note: All money from the raffle will be donated to the Merrill Stone Fund, set up and handled by the Farmington National Bank in Alton.

Other items include Dues are Due, the renovations are continuing to take shape, and don't forget to give thought to all our men and women serving in the Armed Forces here and abroad.

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The cards are available to anyone, and prizes will be awarded to the first ten children ages 12 and under who collect the complete set of 12 cards. The way to get the cards is simple. When you see an officer either on the street or at the station, walk up and ask him or her for their trading card — it's that easy. Unfortunately, our two new officers, Chris Kelby and Aimee Laflemme, have not gotten their cards yet, but don't let that stop you from going up and talking to them. Also, Peter Archibald is no longer with the department, but his premier edition trading card is. There is a way to get his card, and it is needed for the set. So kids, put your thinking caps on and see if you can figure it out.

A quick background on the cards: all of the trading cards were made possible through donations by Alton residents and businesses. The cards all have a special "Sponsored by" section on the back of the card which shows one of the many persons or organizations that made the program possible. I would like to extend another thank you to all these sponsors and also to Funspot for the donation of the prizes.

OK kids, go out and get them all!!!

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