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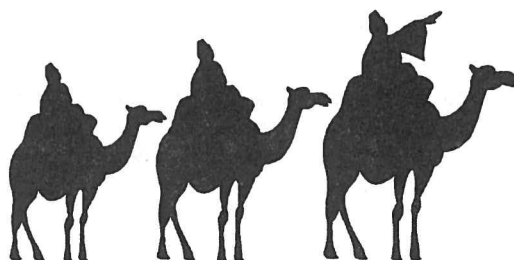
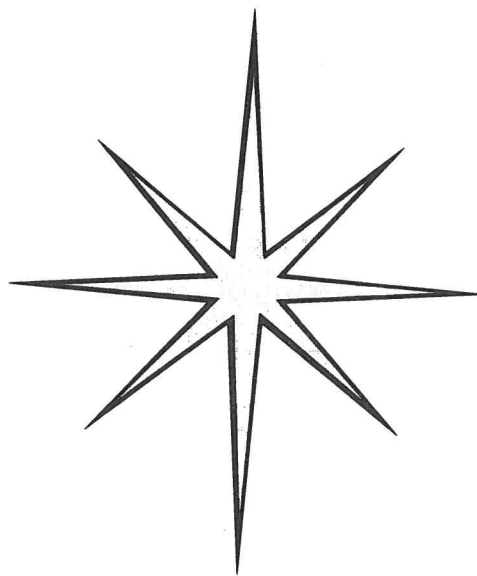
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## ATTENTION ALL CONTRIBUTORS FOR OUR JANUARY ISSUE

The deadline for every issue of Main Street is the 15th of the month. Some months the editors do have the option by prior arrangement of allowing some material to come in a bit later.

There will NOT be any options for the January issue.

In December there are only three days in which the editors can pull together all the articles and complete layout and even less time for the advertising manager and treasurer to complete their jobs.

Your articles **must** be in the hands of the editors, your ads to the advertising manager or Alton Printing, and your payment to the treasurer **no later than** 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 15. Any material, ads, or monies received after that date will assumed to be for the February issue.

The paper will be collated and assembled on Tuesday, December 28, 6:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center. Come join us and bring a friend.



## DUFFEK LEAVES "MAIN STREET" LEGACY

By Bob Calvert

John Duffek is retiring and moving from Alton. He and his spouse Cindy, former elected School District Clerk and long-time Supervisor of the Checklist, will be loading up and becoming "nomads" in the new millennium touring the country in a RV.

The Main Street staff and John's host of friends pause in salute to this great guy. He was one of a group of just five men and women who launched Main Street after a year of study and preparation with the first issue, a modest 6-pager, in July of 1985.

Many remember him as an earlier owner/operator of the former "Busy Corner" store in Alton Bay. Later he owned and operated Alton Office Services as well as serving most recently as guidance counselor for the elementary section of the Alton Central School.

With a rich background in education and community service, John is just one of four Altonians who have received the NH Municipal Association's "Municipal Volunteer of the Year" award over the years of its sponsoring such a recognition. They pick eight to ten each year from the entire state. The start-up of Main Street and its enduring community-wide influence was specially cited.

His departure from Alton translates to requiring *four* people to replace his several roles on Main Street and two to replace him as Town Moderator (moderator and assistant moderator).

He has been active in leadership roles in the Lions Club and has served as Fire Department Clerk and Treasurer of the Alton Firemen, Inc. Alton, over the years, has had its share of great men and women, and John Duffek belongs right up at the top with them. We are all so proud and appreciative of his sharing an important part of his life with each of us.

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## TEACHER CONTRACT APPROVAL SOUGHT

Voters are asked to cast their ballots on Saturday, December 11, at the Alton Central School during the second session of a Special School District Meeting. The first session was held on November 13 at which time the warrant article was presented and discussed. Only voting will take place on December 11. There will be no discussion or debate on the article.

The meeting was called to ratify a collective bargaining agreement between the Alton Teachers' Association and the Alton School Board for a one-year contract for 1999-2000.

The article reads: "To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Alton School Board and the Alton Teachers' Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1999-2000	\$57,263

and further, to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$57,263 for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits *over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.*"

The Alton School Board and the Alton Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Alton Central School on Saturday, December 11. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be at the polls for the entire day to accept new voters with proper identification of residency in the Town of Alton.

## 1999 TAX RATE SET

By Bob Longabaugh

With the brouhaha of the Statewide property tax to fund education not yet over, Alton has been bracing itself for the worse. The numbers for Alton were set on November 16.

While property owners in town paid a total of \$15.48 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in 1998, the total tax rate for 1999 comes out at \$17.64 per thousand for an increase of 13.9 percent. The total is made up of the following components: State Education \$6.73, County \$1.98 (up 3.1 percent), Town \$4.41 (up 2.8 percent, the same as inflation), and School \$4.52 (DOWN 51.2 percent).

The Alton Board of Selectmen considered ways to protest, or at least mitigate, the effect of the new Statewide property tax. At their November 15 regular meeting each member of the board spoke against the new tax. Such terms as "Boston Tea Party" and "rebellion" were used in discussing ways to demonstrate local opposition to the tax. One idea that received support was to collect the tax, but not forward it to the State and put it in an interest bearing escrow account instead. Another view was to not collect the tax at all.

In a special public meeting held November 19, on a 3 - 2 vote the Board passed a motion to authorize the Tax Collector to send out tax bills which included the State Property tax, provided that the surplus amount collected [for the State] "be held in an escrow account for school and education purposes, thereby withholding said payment from the State until such time as the Legislative Body for the Town of Alton provides directions to the Selectmen on how to proceed ..."



## TREE OF MEMORIES

Four "Tree of Memories" ceremonies will be observed on December 11 and 12 in the communities of Alton, Wolfeboro, Sandwich and Ossipee. Alton's event will be on Saturday, December 11, at 1 p.m. in front of the Alton Town Hall.

The VNA-Hospice reminds us that the upcoming holiday season is a time for remembering those who have been a special part of our lives. White porcelain doves will be used again this year in each ceremony and hung on the evergreen tree in the name of a loved one or friend. Those who would like to participate, whether present that day or not, can send a request and contribution to VNA-Hospice, P. O. Box 1620, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. Indicate the name of the person to be remembered and your name and address as donor.

## ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL PLANS HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Students at Alton Central School are busy preparing for two holiday concerts and they extend invitations to everyone to join them to get in the holiday spirit.

On Wednesday, December 8, the "Kids Concert" will feature students in grades kindergarten through 4 and on Thursday, December 16, the various bands and choruses comprised of students in grades 4 through 12 will present an evening of holiday music.

Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the school gym. There is no admission and everyone in the community is invited.





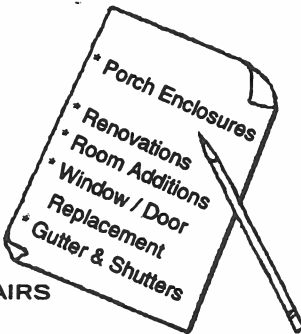
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## WHERE TO FIND "RE-RUNS" OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

By Bob Longabaugh

With family obligations  
and the various other  
demands on our time, many

Altonians find it nigh impossible to get to some of the meetings that we would like to attend in order to be better informed citizens. The advent of public access TV on the local cable service is now making it possible to grab some glimpses into what else is going on in Alton. Even if you are not a cable subscriber, the videotapes shown on the "Public, Education, and Government" (PEG) Channel 25 are becoming more and more available for loan from the Gilman Library.

At the present time the regular meetings of the Alton Board of Selectmen are being videotaped and being shown on Channel 25 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the Thursday following the Selectmen's Monday meetings. Soon to be added to the Channel 25 schedule is an additional "wee hours of the morning" videocast so that an otherwise idle VCR can be programmed to record the proceedings for playback at whatever time(s) suits the viewer.

The extent of PEG coverage of Alton events is determined by the number of volunteers willing to do the video recording. Most Selectmen meetings are now being recorded, but School Board meetings and other significant events in Alton are generally not being covered due to insufficient volunteers. If you are willing to lend a hand (and eye) to help out, call Peter Pijon at the PEG studios, 528-3070.

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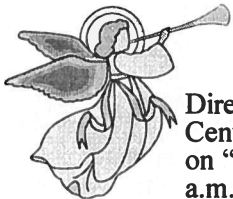
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The Bay Church ~ The Community Church ~ St. Joan of Arc  
(see Information Center for worship times)



**THE BAY CHURCH  
HOLIDAY EVENTS**

On Sunday, December 5, David Northrup, Director of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center and Bay Church Treasurer, will speak on "Christian Stewardship" during the 10:45 a.m. service. At 6 p.m. a film featuring Dr. Neil Anderson, best selling author of *The Bondage Breaker*, will be shown. The film topic will be "Walking in the Light—Discerning God's Guidance in an Age of Spiritual Counterfeits."

Pastor Bob Hett will continue the series, "A Season of Wonder: Opening the Door to Christmas and Beyond" with a message on "Silence and Song" on Sunday, December 12, 10:45 a.m. At 6 p.m. the church will hold its semiannual meeting with a "pot-faith" supper, followed by an all-church Christmas party in the Lombard Center Dining Hall.

On Sunday, December 19, the morning message will be about "The Man Who Missed Christmas" with a musical celebration of the season during the 6 p.m. service.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held in the Moore Chapel of the Conference Center and the theme for that evening will be "God Loves You."

Two informal cottage prayer meetings will be held in homes on Wednesdays: December 1, 7 p.m., with Iva Cross on Alton Mountain Road and December 15, 7 p.m., with Walter and Sandy Robinson, Anniversary Lane, West Alton.

The Bay-o-nets Mission Society will hold its Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 9, in the dining hall followed by a "Yankee Swap." On Saturday, December 18, 1 p.m., the Sunday School will conduct its Christmas party in the Lombard Center as well.

For further information call 875-6765.



**SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES**

The Saint Joan of Arc Church wishes to inform any interested worshippers of their schedule of Christmas Masses. On Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. and will include the Children's Pageant. The Mass that evening at 7:30 p.m. will feature the Christmas Choir. On Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day Mass will be held at 9 a.m.

The St. Paul Mission Church in Barnstead will also be celebrating Mass on Christmas Eve. The service will take place on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. and will feature the Christmas Choir.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

The Community Church on Church Street in Alton invites everyone to join them in celebrating the holiday season.

On Sunday, December 19, there will be two worship services, one at 8:30 a.m. and the other at 11 a.m. Also on that day there will be a children's Christmas program at 6 p.m. This event will feature a drama and musical performed by the children.

Come join us on Christmas Eve, either at the 7 p.m. service or the one at 11 p.m.

A special event will occur on New Year's Eve, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Church. The Bay Church and Saint Joan of Arc Church will join the Community Church to sponsor a New Year's Eve Family Party, culminating in a worship service at 11:30 p.m. Throughout the evening there will be games and fellowship. All are encouraged to join together that evening.



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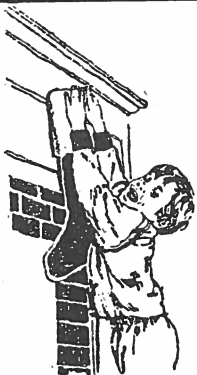
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## HISTORIC ALTON:



### THE DELEMUS HOUSE

By Judith Pellowe

Located on New Durham Road, the home owned by Sherry Delemus has a very interesting history. According to Ms. Delemus, the house was built around 1795 and purchased by the Delemus' nearly 200 years later. It was originally part of a 400-acre tract, which consisted of the Caldwell Farm and the home place of Joseph Hayes.

The property was later subdivided, with the barn being sold off with the larger portion of the land, and a small lot being kept with the house. There are rumors that the house is haunted, but the current residents have not seen any ghosts.

In addition to the usual features of an old New England house, such as "Indian shutters" and big beams in the kitchen and dining room, the house also has a small "hidden" room, which may have been a stopping place on the Underground Railroad. This is speculation, but it certainly does add to the intrigue of living in an old house.

The Delemus' have been remodeling and have tried to make the house more comfortable by modern standards, while still retaining the feel of an old house by using traditional colors. Since Mr. Delemus is a cabinetmaker, they are able to do the work themselves.

### ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

At its recent annual meeting the Alton Historical Society launched program plans for the year 2000 and elected officers for the coming year. The President will be Jean Roberts with Vice President Barbara Ingoldsby. Secretaries will be Pat Merrill and Dot Folsom. Ann Morse will serve as Treasurer, and Phyllis Draper was named a Director for three years.

A great year 2000 program will include the Alton group hosting a statewide meeting of historical societies in our town.

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**VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO STEP FORWARD**

**By Elizabeth Sweeney**

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP), which began operating October 15, served 37 adults and 52 children in its food pantry during that month. In addition ACSP provided over 20 referrals, including housing, transportation, daycare, legal aid, Head Start, The Healthy Kids Program, Welfare, WIC, fuel assistance, and St. Vincent dePaul. We were also able to provide a refrigerator thanks to the generosity of Pastor and Mrs. Hett, as well as assistance in locating an affordable fuel tank to a family with no heat. The ACSP also set up one job interview. It was a very busy month, and November proved to be equally as busy. All of these services are made possible by our wonderful volunteers.

We would like to welcome some new volunteers: Dan and DeeAnn Bishop, Ilene Winsor, Dot and Ed Lyons, June Maserian, Bill Crocker, Patrick and Bertha Corless, Dorothy Ellison, June Sanborn, Elinor Snell, Sandra Boutillier, Barbara and John Critchley, Carol Baxter and Doris Duchano.

Thanks to the following people/groups for their generous donations: Alton Parks and Recreation Department and the Adult Softball League, Eastern Star, B and M Homes, The Women's Christian Fellowship, Alton students, Brian Wilcox, Monique Tenander, Patrick and Bertha Corless, Judi Lurvey, June Sanborn and George and Allison Ford.

The next meeting of volunteers will be held Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall. If you wish to volunteer, please call Elizabeth Sweeney at 569-1881 to let her know you will attend the next meeting.

**THE PLANNING BOARD HAS BIG PLANS THIS WINTER**

**By Andrew Locke, Alton Town Planner**

This summer and fall, the Planning Board adopted two new chapters to the Alton Master Plan: Goals and Objectives, and Land Use. Although the Planning Board was able to use recent surveys and public forums to get a sense of what you — Alton's citizens — want your town to be like in the future, we need much more public input! We have several other chapters to draft this winter, including Housing, Transportation, Community Facilities, Natural Resources & Conservation, Recreation, and other sections that might uniquely apply to Alton. Look for notices and advertisements in future editions of Main Street, the Lakes Region Public Access Channel, and area newspapers.

With Town Meeting not far away, the Planning Board will also be taking up zoning amendments. The Board has a few changes they're looking at now and, of course, any that come in as petitions. The filing period for Zoning Amendments by petition closes on December 15. If you need help with an amendment, feel free to contact the Land Use and Public Records Department at 875-5095, or stop in at Town Hall.

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## SCHOOL BUS ETIQUETTE

By Amanda Eason

Winter is upon us and with it slippery roads. As a parent and school bus driver I offer some ideas to students and parents on bus safety. School busses carry 70 to 84 children, all under the supervision of one adult. The 40' x 8' frame has to navigate tight areas under all conditions, often with inches to spare, and only a narrow view through mirrors. Snowbanks, low-hanging branches, or a mis-hung mailbox become obstacles to maneuver around. What about 70+ kids?

Unlike delivery or dump trucks or 18 wheelers, the load is alive and kicking and ready to break all the rules for the sake of, well, breaking the rules. Kids and rules, rules and kids — the two go together like vinegar and oil. The two together make a tasty dressing; separate we still have sour vinegar and slick oil — and separate they will. Drivers constantly remind students: stay seated, no food on the bus, and follow the bus safety rules.

Safety is the first reason for any rules posted on a bus. Staying seated and facing forward keeps children protected in the event of a collision, plus a moving bus is disorienting and physically strenuous when working against inertia, swaying, and braking of the vehicle, not to mention distracting the driver. Food is not allowed because of cleanliness and possible choking hazards. A lollipop hanging in a child's mouth can be pushed into the throat by any number of events, a danger not likely to happen in a more stable situation.

A less known safety problem is behavior at the bus stop. A driver cannot see the 10-foot space around the sides of the bus or directly in front. A student running alongside isn't likely to be seen. (I know; as a kid I missed the bus, ran up to get the driver's attention as she took off — she never saw me.) Students who approach the bus before it comes to a full stop run many risks. The driver of a passenger car may try to whip around the right side to get past in the breakdown lane, even at a stop. Children can be run over or in winter may not be able to get out of the way if the bus begins to slip; they should wait for the "thumbs up" signal before crossing.

It's difficult to explain rules are designed for safety. Ask a student to face forward; likely you will get a glare and a grudging swing around, for a short time. It is virtually impossible to enforce no food allowed. On a crowded afternoon bus kids want to spread out and switch seats as spaces become open. An uncooperative student endangers every student on the bus. The driver must avert attention from the road to the student mirror and the child. Every second the driver's eyes are off the road the environment around the bus may change with a loss of reaction time. Many drivers pull over to the side to deal with problems.

Driving a bus is a "busy" situation. Lots of kids, a large vehicle, and outside traffic all add up for a challenging trip. Always remember: Drive Safely!

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## ALTON BAY HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

By Cecil Abels

While many good folks in and around town were getting prepared for Halloween and a night of insatiably sweet toothed spooks and goblins, a cauldron of another sort was boiling. Any of you who just happened to be at the public parking lot in Alton Bay may have wondered what was going on. The parking lot was practically full, and the license plates ran the gamut from Alabama to Canada.

What brought this seemingly clandestine cadre of calamitous creatures to our little town? This was notable, especially after the gold rush of autumn leaves had blown their course. The answer is your very own "First Annual Alton Bay Halloween Bluegrass Festival!"

Before you start thinking that this was some sort of hick cultural exchange program with our southern brethren, be advised that bluegrass has quietly become known to the cultural elite as hip and sophisticated. It is also soundly steeped in the mountains and valleys of New England.

The Bay View Pavilion hosted the event. It could not have been a better venue for such a warm and cheerful festival. There were eight bands that performed, beginning at 12 noon and continuing until 11 p.m., when the formal show gave way to much more informal "jamming" throughout the facility.

A hallmark of bluegrass is the camaraderie of the fans and "stars," as well as the informality and unpretentiousness of the musicians themselves. Imagine — if you will — true national-level entertainers in any other field standing around, signing autographs, sharing stories, or having their pictures taken with fans.

This new *Annual* event was brought to life by the Laconia Chamber of Commerce, The Bay View Pavilion and the generous support and unflagging encouragement of a number of town businesses. Many thanks go to these town "believers:" Alton Home and Lumber, Foundation Mortgage, The Tire Warehouse, McGraths Food Center, Alton Printing, Tracings and Graphics, the Town of Alton Police, the Town Administrator, and the Alton Parks and Recreation Department.

This festival is the first in a number of annual festive events which will be sponsored over the coming year. If you would like additional information about upcoming events, call Cecil Abels at 875-6400.

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**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

**By Russell Sample, Chief, Alton Fire Department**  
As the flag unfurls, we are reminded of the commitment made by many to defend and preserve it.

Scouts, Ben Jensen, Ryan Yelle, and Josh O'Neil, under the leadership of Mike Murray, working on his Eagle Scout project, have committed their time and efforts with those of their Troop 53 to complete the project of plantings, shrubs, and walkway to the flagpole at the Alton Central Fire Station.

This project was Mike's responsibility from the planning stage through fund-raising for materials and supplies and the organization of crews to complete the project. These accomplishments fulfilled his Eagle Scout project responsibility. Included in the project is the presentation of this flag having proudly flown over our nation's capital.

The men and women of the Alton Fire and Rescue Department extend our appreciation for a fine example of commitment to a job well done.

**ALTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA**

**PRESENTS "STILL LIFE WITH IRIS"**

Alton High School Drama will proudly present *Still Life With Iris*, a play for young audiences, by Steven Dietz on Friday, December 10, and Saturday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m. in the school's Recital Hall.

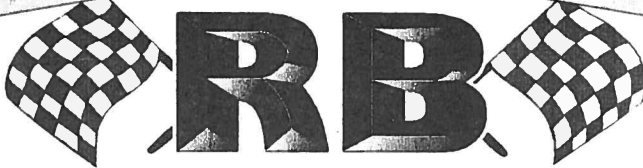
A fantastical adventure, *Still Life With Iris* centers on a little girl's search for the simplest of things, home. Iris lives with her mother in the land of Nocturno, a magical place where workers make, by night, all of the things that we see in the day. The rulers of Nocturno, the Great Goods, are determined to have the "best" of everything and take Iris to their island to be their daughter. In her quest to free herself from the Great Goods and to find her way home, Iris is joined by Annabel Lee, a young woman from the sea, and Mozart, the composer, age 11.

*Still Life With Iris* is the first play for young audiences to win the Kennedy Center's Fund for New American Plays Award, and also win the American Alliance for Theater Education Distinguished Play Award in 1999.

In Alton's production the title role of Iris is being played by sophomore Morgan Fuller. She is joined in the cast by Jessica Benedetto, Jacob Locke, David Benedetto, Nicole Wentworth, Tony Sanborn, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Marisasa Southwell, Kristie Roberts, Tonya Simonds, Renee LaFreniere, Kayla O'Brien, Derek Atwood, Jane Varney, Zach Shea, Katy O'Meara, Deb Beaupre, Justine Houghton, Korin Eagles, Rachell Harrell and Rob Levesque. The production stage managers are Meghan St. Cyr and Caleb Gagne. The director is faculty member Elizabeth Lent.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children ages 12 and under.

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# Main Street's Information Center

## DECEMBER EVENTS

- Wed. 1 FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP, Alton Central School, 6:30 p.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
PETITIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE, December 1 - 15
- Fri. 3 HANUKKAH, begins at sunset  
INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION, Alton Central School, 5 - 7 p.m., see story
- Mon. 6 INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION, Alton Central School, 3 - 6 p.m., see story
- Tue. 7 "HOLIDAY TEA," Gilman Library, 2 - 4 p.m., see invitation, page 22
- Wed. 8 MRS. SANTA'S ELVES, Last day to drop off toys, etc., see story  
CHRISTIAN'S WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, Christian Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
KIDS' HOLIDAY CONCERT, Alton Central School, 7 p.m., see story
- Thu. 9 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon  
COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM MEETING, Town Hall, 7 p.m., see story
- Fri. 10 *STILL LIFE WITH IRIS*, Alton Central School Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Sat. 11 SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, Polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Alton Central School  
SANTA CLAUS PAYS A VISIT, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m., see story  
TREE OF MEMORIES, 1 p.m., Town Hall, see story  
VFW SPAGHETTI DINNER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5 - 7 p.m., see story  
*STILL LIFE WITH IRIS*, Alton Central School Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Sun. 12 *STILL LIFE WITH IRIS*, Alton Central School Recital Hall, 2 p.m., see story
- Mon. 13 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m., see "Checkout Desk"
- Wed. 15 PTSA MEETING AND RAFFLE, see story  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 16 HOLIDAY CONCERT - BANDS AND CHORUSES, Alton Central School, 7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 22 WINTER SOLTICE, 2:45 a.m., EST  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE, Church Services, see page 5
- Sat. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY  
MASS AT ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH, see page 5
- Tue. 28 MAIN STREET, Come help us collate your newspaper, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. 29 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:  
(1) P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810 or (2) Farmington National Bank (Main Street box). **Be sure to include a phone number.**

## FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

A College Admissions/Financial Aid Workshop will be held in the Alton Central School Library on Wednesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. for high school juniors and seniors and their parents.

Guidance Director Marilyn St. Cyr will discuss the college admissions process with emphasis on deadlines for applications, recommendations, and transcripts from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Following that, Mike Spillane, financial aid administrator at the University of New Hampshire, will discuss various financial aid options. Also, he will discuss the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as the FAFSA form and the CSS/Financial Aid Profile Form.

Students and parents are invited to attend either or both of the sessions.

## DATES FOR YOUR 2000 CALENDAR

### By Laurie Anne Dunn, Alton Town Clerk

Now is the time of year when many people want to know about Town Meeting dates and deadlines to enter on next year's calendar. Below are some answers to the more commonly asked questions.

Petitions for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are being accepted through December 15.

Filing period for being on the ballot for Town Offices is January 26 - February 4.

Last day to submit petitions for Warrant Articles is February 8.

Town Meeting/Elections will be on March 14 with the continuation (the actual Town Meeting) taking place the next night. We are now accepting applications for absentee ballots for the Town Election, as well as the School Election, for those who will not be here on March 14.

Those of you who will have bubblers or circulators in the water, don't forget your "Aquatherm" permit this winter. The cost is 50 cents and will expire July 1.

Total revenues in the Town Clerk's Office through October are \$502,473, an increase of over \$50,000 from last year at this time!

We are very happy to report that our office offers all the services you have come to expect. You may obtain passenger, trailer, motorcycle, tractor, and agriculture plates directly from our office. We also offer Notary Public service free of charge and the Town Clerk is a Justice of the Peace.

Lisa and I wish you a very happy and peaceful Holiday season.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The following is a tentative schedule for the town and school presentations of budget 2000. The town department presentations will be at Town Hall at 7 p.m., while the school hearings will be at the Alton Central School.

December 2: Insurance; Employee Benefits; Administrative Services.

December 7: Welfare; Patriotic Purposes; Street Lighting; Land Use & Property Records.

December 9, 14, 16: School Budgets (at the school).

January 4: Conservation Commission; Hazardous Waste Day; Emergency Management; Fire Department; Gilman Museum.

January 6: Recreation Department; Solid Waste Operations; Fire Hydrants; Water Department.

January 11: Library; Capital Improvements.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Budget Committee announces that there is a vacancy on their committee. This is an opportunity for an individual to learn about the budget process and how the town operates. The committee meets every Tuesday and Thursday during December (except for a holiday break), January, and into February, plus other times during the year, at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. An exception is that the school budget process takes place at the Alton Central School.

Please contact Scott Swezey, committee chairman, at 776-5566 or e-mail <sns@fngp.com> if you are interested.



# Main Street's 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 Services, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Moore Chapel; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor
- Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Service, 11 a.m.; Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor
- First Free Will Baptist Church — Sun. 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.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

### GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

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### TOWN HALL: 875-2161

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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. Auxiliary — 1st Tue., 6 p.m., Legion Hall

Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station

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 — 1st Tue. (in season), Library

Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House

Girl Scout Jr. Troop 630, Wed., 5 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center.

Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

Historical Society — 3rd Tue., Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629

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

Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., 6:30 p.m., Edgewood Restaurant

Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu., when meeting, 875-7448

P.T.S.A. — 3rd Tue., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.

Senior Citizens — 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

VFW — 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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- ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8:30 a.m., Chairman William Ryan, call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Scott Sweezy, 776-5566.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.
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- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
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- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
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- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Deborah Burton, 875-6045.
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- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8 a.m., Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.

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**SHOPPING IN THE HI-TECH WORLD**

**By Joseph Harris**

With Christmas less than a month away, a new home computer may be on many wish lists this season. Just when you thought that prices couldn't get any lower, along comes the "free PC." Computer vendors, internet access servers, and mass merchandisers have joined forces to offer complete systems for incredibly low prices, with some companies offering free PC's, or at least nominally "free."

This latest trend has companies giving away PC's similar to the way cell phones and pagers are given away. The consumer pays for the service, in this case internet access, and they throw in the hardware for free. Sounds like a great deal, but before rushing to sign up for a free PC or purchase a low-cost system, look closely at the details of these agreements.

In February of this year, a California based company called "Free PC.com" started a frenzy in the computer world by offering free PC's to the first 10,000 applicants. In exchange for your consumer profile, you receive a free PC. Other companies soon followed with similar offerings. A quick search on the web will find more than a half dozen companies currently offering free units. Mass merchandisers teamed with internet access companies are offering brand-name systems with huge rebates that lower the cost of a home PC to a few hundred dollars, or less.

So what's the catch? Remember internet access? In exchange for a free or low-cost system, the consumer agrees to purchase a long-term contract for internet service access. The terms and duration vary from 12 to 36 months at fixed rates. Access fees may be as high as \$30 per month. Companies are gambling that rates will drop as low as \$10 per month, thereby giving them a very good return on their initial investment. In the case of free PC's, many companies reserve the right to post advertising on up to 40 percent of the display screen. Other hidden charges to be aware of may include credit checks, setup fees, shipping and handling charges, and additional hardware. Monitors are not included on some systems, so be prepared to spend several hundred dollars more. Also, beware of penalty clauses that require you to pay back a pro-rated rebate, plus cancellation fees, should you decide to cancel your contract.

Don't be discouraged. Mass merchandisers are offering brand name systems at considerable savings through rebates and contracts. "Low end" systems can be upgraded and expanded to suit the users needs. And some long-term contracts for internet service are low enough to make the commitment worthwhile. So in your holiday shopping for a new PC, take a few minutes and check with local internet access servers and dealers to compare prices. A little bit of homework now may save a lot of aggravation and money in the future. Happy Holidays!

**"OPERATION BLESSINGS" A SUCCESS**

**By Paulette Wentworth, Alton Town Hall**

It is gratifying to announce that "Operation Blessings" has once again been an overwhelming success. It is all made possible by those of you who made a donation and the Police Association for the turkeys with the Alton Bay Lakeview Market supplying them.

The generosity of the Alton townspeople was outstanding. It made for a plentiful Thanksgiving for all. The staff of the Alton Town Hall wishes to thank all of you for your donations.



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### THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian

#### DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Internet Access is here !!! For information on how you can "surf the web," call or visit the library.

Please come to our "Holiday Tea" at the Gilman Library on December 7 from 2 - 4 p.m. See your invitation on page 22 of this issue. Hope to see you there.

The Friends of the Gilman Library will not be meeting during the winter months. Mark your calendar for their Annual Meeting on April 4, 2000, at 7 p.m. at the library. New members are always welcome.

If you are not able to attend meetings of Alton Selectmen but would like to stay informed, you can "check out" the videotaped versions from the library. Our video collection, produced by LRPA - TV, starts with the Selectmen meeting held on September 27 and will continue indefinitely.

Stock up for winter reading. For the week of December 6 - 11, we will be holding a special on our book-sale books. Fill a plastic bag with books for just \$1, or purchase a canvas book bag for \$5 and fill it free of charge. Don't get caught "snowed in" without a book!

Are you searching for that perfect Christmas gift? Why not consider giving an afghan, a print, a commemorative brick, a book bag, a year 2000 calendar, or a collectible. You can purchase them at the library or at the Alton 5 & 10.

The Book Discussion Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on December 13 in the lower level meeting room. Each member will be discussing their favorite Christmas story.

On behalf of everyone here at the Gilman Library, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

By Gwen Nadeau, President, Unit #72

Auxiliary Unit #72 held an American Legion Family Past Commanders Past Presidents Banquet this fall with 100 attendees.. Officiating at the podium was the Unit President Gwen Nadeau, assisted by Post Commander Ken McMullen, Post Chaplain Norm Paquette, Post Financial Officer Warren Leary, and Unit Secretary Millie Pierce.

The banquet was well attended by the membership and department officers, which included Department President Terry Manley, Department Commander John Neylon, and National Vice President Kris West. A special ceremony was conducted to honor the deceased past leaders of the post.

Attending were: Honored Post Commanders Steven Carr, Bill Fraser, Bill Moore, Stanley Clark, Norm French, and Ed Russell and Honored Past Presidents Frances Brown, Charlene DeCoito, Millie Pierce, Dorothy Clark, Nancy Moore, Lisa Rojek, and Muriel Stinson. Membership pins were given to members of ten years up to 50 years. The 50-year pins were given to Archie Horne and Steven Rollins.

### HELPS ALTON TOO

By Lynn Tyler

A Festival of Trees will be held for the first time at the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro. It will run December 11-12 and 18-19, displaying over 40 trees decorated by Wolfeboro businesses and organizations. The festival hours will be Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays, 1 - 4 p.m., with daily raffles, local musicians and musical groups, a juggler, and visits from Santa. All proceeds will support renovations to the new L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry, a charitable organization serving 50 - 60 families weekly, including Alton. Ticket cost is adults \$5, seniors \$3, children \$2, a family \$10.

For information call Lynn Tyler, Festival Chair, 569-3832.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE PTSA

By Judith Pellowe

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has been very involved in raising money for the new playground. Recent activities have included a dance for students in grades 6 through 8, the ongoing penny drive, which continues to do well, and the recent Halloween Party. The Halloween Party did not net a profit for the PTSA, but it was greatly enjoyed by all the trick-or-treaters who dropped in. There was a "haunted hallway," games and crafts, and prizes galore.

The dance on October 22 was a great success, raising close to \$500; more dances are planned in the future. In an ongoing fund-raiser, the PTSA is raffling off an Aiwa CD boombox. Tickets are being sold at home basketball games for 50 cents each or three for \$1. The boombox will be raffled off at the December 15 PTSA meeting. The playground fund-raising account has approximately \$10,400 to date.

## "WE DIG ALTON"

By Betty Locke

The Alton Garden Club held its annual meeting and luncheon at Shibley's at the Pier in Alton Bay. Officers elected for the coming year are: President, Margaret Birdsey; Vice President, Heather Donahue; Recording Secretary, Paulette Alden; Corresponding Secretary, Daryl Czech; Treasurer, Kay Connolly; Assistant Treasurer, Shirley Copeland; Auditor, Paulette Alden; and Director, Nancy Cyr.

Committee Chairmen are: Program, Patricia Merrill and Barbara Itchkawich; Good Cheer, Mary Downing and Betty Finethy; Hospitality, Shirley Copeland and Madeline Griffin;

Horticulture, Don and Nancy Cyr; Beautification, MaryLou Brown; Scrap Book, Myra Meier; Year Book, Margaret Birdsey and Heather Donahue; Flea Market, Daryl Czech and MaryLou Brown; Homes and Gardens Tour, Paulette Alden, Margaret Birdsey, and Shirley Copeland; and Publicity, Betty Locke.

The Club's last activity of the millennium will be hanging Christmas wreaths on town buildings. Many plans are in progress for beautifying Alton and the Bay in the year 2000. As our slogan says, "We Dig Alton."

## HOMECARE AND HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

November was National Homecare Month and National Hospice Month. These two celebrations recognized the importance of homecare's emerging role in the center of a healthcare delivery system. The Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc. has been providing home health care services to people in the comfort of their homes for over 50 years.

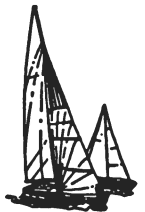
It was an excellent time to recognize the overwhelming support this agency received over the years from the residents of Alton, as well as Brookfield, Effingham, Moultonboro, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, and Wolfeboro. Nothing would have happened without your help.

Thanks and a salute go to the people who work and volunteer at the VNA-Hospice. It is a dedication and sincere commitment to the patients. These people work as a team to provide the patients and their families the quality homecare and hospice services for which the VNA-Hospice is known. These special people deserve to be recognized and complimented.

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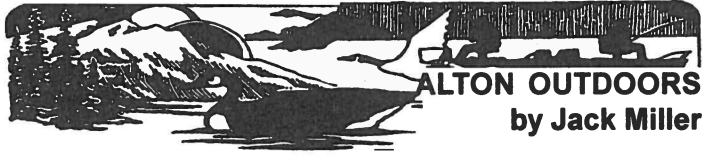
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### "A HUNTING WE WILL GO..."

As December ends the year, it is also the month that ends the popular hunting seasons. December 5 ends the firearms season for deer, and the 15th ends the archery season for deer and turkey. Hunting this month can be a challenge. Staying warm and finding the game will test your skills. Dressing in layers and keeping the hands and feet warm, while not overdressing and getting sweaty, will allow you to enjoy being out there.

Finding deer this month involves locating their food source and their shelter areas. Softwood trees slow the winter's winds and keep the snow from getting too deep. Find these areas and you could be into deer. Their food sources could be acorns, apples or browse. Maybe this month there will be snow to help unravel the deer's routine. Good luck.

For those who already have their venison, enjoy this no red dye #5, no hormone injected, low fat, low cholesterol, and very tasty health food.

December 31 ends the hunting seasons for gray squirrel, pheasant, and ruffed grouse (also called partridge). Having flushed a few partridge while deer hunting, I might just have to visit these spots with a shotgun in hand this month.

Where there is an ending there is also a beginning. December could be the start of the ice-fishing season.

Don't forget the outdoors person always loves anything for the holidays that will aid them in their favorite sport: gear, warm clothing, magazines, books, hand warmers, just to suggest a few. Browse through outdoor sports catalogs for ideas.

Happy Holidays to all in Alton's Outdoors!

### TIME FOR INDOOR SOCCER

By Marcy Lowthian

The Lakes Region Soccer Club is kicking ahead for a fourth exciting season of indoor competition. Relatively new to New Hampshire, the indoor modification of this sport has captivated an increasing number of players and fans, both young and young at heart! Spectacular 5 v 5 competition, no Throw-Ins, Off-Sides, or Penalty Kicks only contributes to the intensity of the games!

What a great way to accelerate those soccer skills over the winter season! Over 50 Alton players on six teams contributed to a 4-out-of-5 first place showing last season competing against neighboring Lakes Region towns, including Wolfeboro, Wakefield, and Brewster Academy.

All games are scheduled on Sundays, between 4 and 8 p.m., beginning on January 9 and running until the end of March. Registration is open to all players, U10 to U18. There is also an Adult League now forming for players over 19.

Two registrations will be held at Alton School: Friday, December 3, from 5 - 7 p.m., and Monday, December 6, from 3 - 6 p.m. The fee is \$25, which includes a team jersey and insurance. Please bring players Social Security numbers for insurance purposes.

Coaches and volunteers are also wanted! We need YOU to help make it happen! The persons to contact are either Peter Clifford at 569-6362 or Marcy Lowthian at 875-7116.

### "O TANNENBAUM, O TANNENBAUM"

Perhaps you are aware that Christmas trees are being sold at the Alton Village 5 & 10, but do you realize the sellers are the Alton Fire Department? Their sale began on Saturday, November 27 and will continue until they run out.

A very special person has been invited to make appearances on Saturdays, but we all know just how busy that "right jolly old elf" is at this time of the year. You will have to watch for signs of his reindeer and try to catch him on one of his rare visits. It is hoped that a notice will be posted when he is expected to make his landing.

Lt. Chris Johnson (875-4265) reports that the trees for sale will be from five to ten feet in height and from \$25 to \$40 in price. There is sure to be the perfect tree for you, and you will be helping out your fire department besides. What a deal!

The Alton Fire Department wishes each and everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.



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Christie, Agatha  
Evans, Richard Paul  
Francis, Dick  
Gaffney, Patricia  
Goudge, Eileen  
Grafton, Sue  
Greeley, Andrew M.  
Parker, Robert  
Perry, Anne  
Sanders, Lawrence  
Sparks, Nicholas  
Turow, Scott  
Weld, William  
**NONFICTION**  
Bush, George  
Gray, John  
Larson, Erik  
McCain, John  
McCourt, Frank  
Pelzer, Dave

Big Trouble  
The Unexpected Guest  
The Looking Glass  
Second Wind  
The Saving Graces  
One Last Dance  
"O" is for Outlaw  
Younger Than Springtime  
Family Honor  
The Twisted Root  
Capital Crimes  
A Walk to Remember  
Personal Injuries  
Big Ugly

All the Best  
Children Are from Heaven  
Isaac's Storm  
Faith of Our Fathers  
"Tis  
A Man Named Dave: A Story of Triumph & Forgiveness  
...And Never Let Her Go: Thomas Capano; The Deadly Seducer

Rule, Ann

#### CHILDREN

Cowley, Joy  
Dennard, Deborah  
Hest, Avery  
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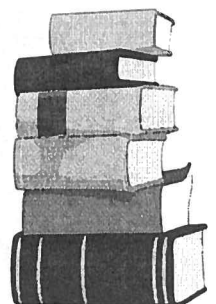
Red-Eyed Tree Frog  
Coyote at Pinon Place  
Off to School, Baby Duck  
Mountain Mists, A Story of the Virungas  
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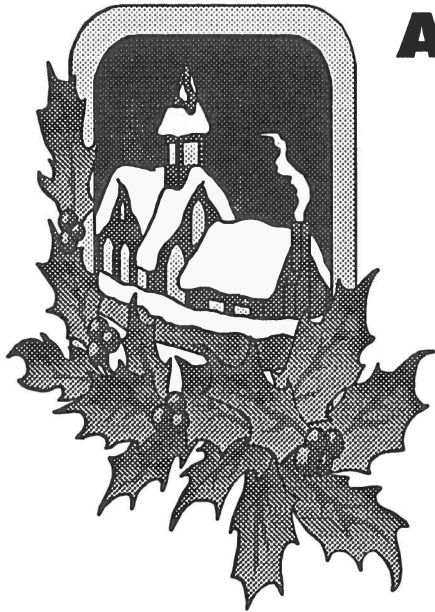
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First of all, I would like to express a big thank you to McGrath's Grocery Store here in Alton. Cliff and his staff have been wonderful with donating food for the Firearm's Academy and Women's Safety Seminar. Without the help of these fine people, these courses would not have been as successful as they were.

Which brings me to my next topic. We just finished putting on the Women's Safety Seminar, and once again it was a blast. There were 16 women in attendance, and from the feedback I've been getting, everyone left knowing much more than they did beforehand. I would encourage everyone to watch for next year's courses; they should be great!

Finally, the cold weather is here and snow will be right on its heels. Remember your winter driving techniques; slow down and take your time; getting there a little late is better than not at all. Also, pack a winter survival kit and keep it in the car with you in case you break down.

Questions or comments? Contact me at P.O. Box 240, Alton, phone 875-0757, or at our web page at [www.worldpath.net/~apd](http://www.worldpath.net/~apd).

## MRS. SANTA'S ELVES

Once again we are at that time of year when our thoughts turn to families, friends, and the joy of giving. It is now your chance to help the Elves put the spirit of the season into the lives of your neighbors who are less fortunate.



Led by the Alton Fireflies (the woman's auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department), many community service organizations join together to provide a holiday bright with promise for the less fortunate children of Alton. For several years the Mrs. Santa Fund has provided gifts for children newborn to age 17, and some of our senior citizens. This list continues to grow each year. 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 8. Cash donations are always welcome as the money is used to purchase warm coats and boots. Checks should be made payable to Mrs. Santa Fund and mailed to: Mrs. Santa Fund, c/o Farmington National Bank, Main Street, Alton, New Hampshire 03809.

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 8. Call Elf #1, Daryl Czech, 875-3815 or Elf #2, Sharon Hannafin, 875-3079.

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

**Have a Safe Holiday Season  
-Don't Drink and Drive-  
-Always Buckle Up-**





**SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER**  
By Nancy Mooney Hebert

The days are too short, nights *brrring* cold!  
December grips us in fashion bold —  
But our hearts are warm, have no fear  
For we are imbued with holiday cheer!

Even though a lot of our "snowbirds" have left, the November meeting was well attended. The Steering Committee brought up several ideas for future activities. The Thanksgiving turkey basket raffle did so well this year, we will plan a Fourth of July Holiday basket raffle. We are planning a Valentine's party for our February meeting and a pot-luck dinner sometime this winter. A motion was made to raise our Association dues, but it did not pass as members feel we have enough money coming in to handle our expenses.

CAP director Claire Fitzgerald mentioned several activities that could be worth while and benefit others. The members voted to have one day set aside at the center to pursue handicrafts after the noon meal. A book club discussion can be held once a month as well, and Claire will be able to provide the members with copies of the book chosen to be read. Call the center at 875-7102 for more details. Keeping active staves off the winter doldrums!

Our organ has been beautifully tuned and minor repairs have been made. Come to the center on Tuesdays before lunch and join a sing-a-long with Jim Obrotka at the keyboard. The "golden oldies" always lift our spirits.

We thank Wanita Baldwin, Ruth Giles, and Florence Hannabury for providing the great refreshments. Warren Nott won the attendance raffle and our hearty congratulations to Betty McGlone for winning the Thanksgiving Basket raffle!

Thanks to all who purchased tickets and helped make this effort a big success and to Peg Bowman for the beautiful arrangement she made of all the basket's contents.

Be prepared for the Yankee Swap at our December 8 meeting at 1 p.m.. Please bring a nicely wrapped gift (under \$5) for either a man or woman and get ready for the wild and woolly fun! Special refreshments will be provided.

All of us wish you a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year 2000!

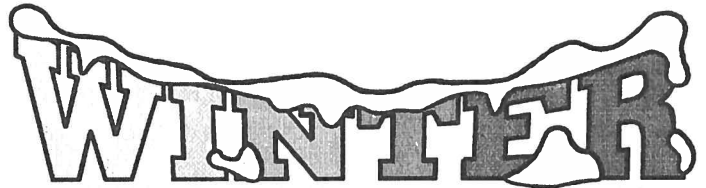
**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Light Up Your Life" Luncheon on Wednesday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Lighten Up for Y2K" will be the Special Feature presented by the Remmick Museum & Farm from Tamworth. Barry Armitage from Laconia will provide the Special Music, "Moonlight Serenade," and Karen DeAngeles from Nottingham, will be the Special Speaker, presenting "Light that Lasts."

Reservations for lunch and the available complimentary nursery may be made by calling Janet in Alton, 875-2032 between 2 - 6 p.m. or Harriet in Gilford at 524-7194.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.



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### THE PTSA's PLAYGROUND CHALLENGE

By Marcy Lowthian

Remember when you were in school and the bell rang for recess? The thought of swinging on the swings, the excitement of the merry-go-round, or the wind rushing by your head as you flew down the slide are the memories which bring smiles even today.

The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) would like to make new memories for the children of our town by building a new playground.

The existing playground does not adequately meet the needs of the growing number of students. There are also many safety concerns. The pressure treated wood has many splinters. There are bees' nests in the tires and protruding nails. This is an appeal for help in raising the money needed for a new playground.

The cost for a starter component (which can be enlarged) is about \$30,000 to \$35,000. So far, in our continuing efforts since February, the PTSA has raised just over \$10,000. If we raise more money, we would also like to include an area for the Junior High students with a covered picnic area, trees, and grass.

The PTSA has been a vital link in bringing the home, school, and community together in addressing child-related concerns. We hope that with the generous goodwill of private citizens and local businesses we can reach our goal and begin building a dream playground for the children of Alton in the spring of the new millennium. If you are interested in making a contribution and/or challenging other area businesses to match your donation, please contact Natasha Itchkavich at 569-1624, or Marcy Lowthian at 875-7116.

The PTSA thanks you for your support.

### APPETIZER? MAIN DISH? DESSERT?

By Michele Varney

The Alton PTSA is going to be sponsoring a recipe book fund-raiser. We are asking parents, teachers, students, and community members to donate their favorite recipes. A cookbook will be compiled and sold to raise money for the new playground. Recipe sections will include appetizers, main dishes, soups, salads, vegetables, breads and rolls, desserts, and miscellaneous.

There will be a special "Kids Recipe Section." All students in the Alton School are invited to participate. There will be a form available, not only for your recipe selection(s), but also a space upon which children can draw a picture of their choosing. The recipes and drawings will be published, along with the donor's name. The forms will be distributed at the school and placed in locations around town, such as Town Hall, Gilman Library, and Farmington Bank.

A contest is planned for the cover of the cookbook. Have your child submit a drawing of what his or her dream playground would look like. Your child's artwork may be the piece chosen by the committee.

The deadline for submitting recipes and drawings will be January 7, 2000; forms can be left with Mrs. Lane in the Elementary Resource Center. If you have questions, call me at 776-4847. The PTSA thanks you for your continued support in our effort to raise money for a safe new playground for our children to enjoy.

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

**DECEMBER — A TIME TO BE INVOLVED**

**"Funtastic" Holiday Crafts:** Ages 7-11, December 4, Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, \$3/project, includes materials, gift wrapping, and refreshments. Choose a picture frame or plaque and decorate with fabric, sponge paint, rubber stamps, buttons, beads, and tessel tiles. Sign up now, space limited. Program leaders: Kellie Troendle and Meghan St. Cyr.

**Girls Recreation Basketball Program:** with Varsity Coach Mark Anthony and sponsored by Parks and Recreation. Grades 3-8, Alton Central School Gym, Sunday mornings. Program runs December 12 - February 6. Sign up at Parks and Recreation before December 3 or at Alton Central School lobby on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Program fee is \$15 and features dribbling, passing, shooting, defense fundamentals, games, and contests.

**Boys Recreation Basketball Program:** with volunteer coach Jim LaFreniere and sponsored by Parks and Recreation. Grades 4-6, Alton Central School Gym, Saturdays, 12 noon - 2 p.m. Program runs from December 4 - February 5. Sign up at Parks and Recreation before December 2. Program features dribbling, passing, shooting, defense fundamentals, and games.

**Senior Bingo:** Sponsored by Parks and Recreation. Seniors 65 and over are welcome to join in the free Bingo program held at the Pearson Road Community Center on Tuesday, December 14, 1 - 3 p.m. Cash prizes and holiday gifts will be awarded. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served.

**Body Works Exercise Program:** Sponsored by Parks and Recreation and held at the Alton Bay Community Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 - 7 p.m., classes ongoing. \$3/class or \$20/month. Body Works with Lisa Jones is a target training class designed to build strong, lean muscle while reducing body fat through strength training. Class pays special attention to inner and outer thighs, lower abdomen, waist line, hips, chest, triceps, biceps, and back. Drop in anytime. Beginners welcome. Bring a mat, light hand weights, and water bottle.

**Country Line Dancing Lessons:** for adults of all ages. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation Department. Ongoing classes held at Alton Bay Community Center, Tuesdays, 2 - 4 p.m. Drop in anytime. Program fee is \$3 for entire winter season of lessons; what a deal!

**Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Program:** Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a free Adult Co-Ed Volleyball program at the Alton Central School gym on Saturday evenings from 7:30 - 10 p.m. The program began on Saturday, November 27 and will be held every Saturday through April; drop in anytime. Participants must be at least 18 years old. For more information see John Caley or contact Parks and Recreation.

For more information on these or other events, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Alton VFW Post 11163 will host a Spaghetti Dinner at the Pearson Road Community Center on Saturday, December 11, 5 - 7 p.m. This event is advertised as "Come One, Come All." An adult meal will be \$6 and a child under 12 will be \$3. Support your VFW; join us on December 11.

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## Condolences

The staff of Main Street wishes to express our condolences to Marge Grisevich Gilson upon the sudden death of her husband, Bob. Both Bob and Marge had become a part of the team who puts the paper together, as well as being active in other areas. Although Bob was a relatively new resident of Alton, he believed in "getting involved" and started by volunteering as an Alternate to the Planning Board and later becoming a Member.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Marge.

/s/ The Staff of Main Street

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Alton residents may place classified ads in any issue of Main Street. As a public service ads are primarily for *noncommercial* private individuals who have items for sale (except real estate for sale or rent), items or services wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each noncommercial ad of 35 words or less. Each additional 35 words costs \$1. (There is no charge for "Cards of Thanks" or ads under the "Free" classification.) The rate for commercial ads is \$12.50 per column inch. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad, or edit it for length/style. Ads must be submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may also be placed in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington Bank. Ads **must** contain a phone number.

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BRASS BED, queen size, includes head and foot boards and frame, \$50 or best offer. 875-4475.

PAIR OF STUDDERED TIRES, 225/60/15, cost \$200/pair, sell \$100/pair or best offer, used one season; RABBIT CAGES, 3, wire, 24"x36"x24", cost \$70, sell \$50/each or best offer; MUSHROOM ANCHOR, 200 lbs +/-, \$20. 875-6119

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875-2009, leave message. Good reference.

## Cards of Thanks



Thank You to the wonderful people who responded to our "911" call on November 6: the man who answered the call and stayed on the line until help arrived; Russell Jones, our friend and neighbor, who was there in a flash; and the team who came in the ambulance for their help and transportation to the hospital.

Most especially, thanks to a "student firefighter," Jim Wheatley who was sleeping at the West Alton station and grabbed an oxygen tank; he got here with relief for the patient before anyone else.

If Jim Wheatley is an example of the care and efficiency of the Alton Emergency Crew, we are all in very good hands.

Thank you all most sincerely.

/s/Peter Rice and Marie Lawson,

Somewhere out there is an honest gentleman whom I would like to thank for turning in my change purse to the police station. I had \$13 and some change, stamps, my mail box key, and my house key.

Everything was returned. I lost the purse on my walk with a lady friend. Thank you.

/s/Mrs. Betty Tarlton

### SENIOR MEALS

Program is open to all age 60 and older. Meals served Monday-Friday, 12 noon (875-7102). Suggested \$2 donation.

December 1 - 3: Wed., Roast Beef; Thu., Roast Pork/Gravy; Fri., American Chop Suey.

December 6 - 10: Mon., Country Style Chicken Breast/Gravy; Tue., Meatballs/gravy; Wed., Hearty Beef Stew; Thu., Veal Parmesan; Fri., Kielbasa and Beans.

December 13 - 17: Mon., Fish Filet/Cheese; Tue., Hot sliced Turkey/Gravy; Wed., Pork Chow Mien; Thu., Yankee Pot Roast/Onion Gravy; Fri., Tuna Noodle Casserole.

December 20 - 24: Mon., Herb Baked Chicken; Tue., Salisbury Steak/Gravy; Wed., American Chop Suey; Thu., Baked Ham Christmas Dinner; Fri., Closed, Christmas Eve.

December 27 - 31: Mon., Lemon Pepper Fish Filet; Tue., Chicken Fricassee; Wed., Stuffed Shells/Meat Sauce; Thu., Roast Pork/Gravy New Year's Dinner; Fri., Closed, New Year's Eve.

### TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The New Hampshire Municipal Association named Marion MacDonald as one of the ten statewide winners of the Municipal Volunteer Award . . . the 39th Army Band of the New Hampshire National Guard presented a Christmas Concert at the Alton Central School . . . the Alton Central School Cookbook was on sale for Christmas, proceeds to go to the School Playground Fund . . . the Merrymeeting Chimers, a bell choir from the Community Church of Alton, played at the Holiday Tea of the Friends of the Gilman Library.

### FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Parks and Recreation Department sponsored a caroling hayride to celebrate the holiday season . . . Middle School students, under the direction of science teacher Brian Davidson, took part in the Merrimack River Watershed Project, learning how man's behavior within a particular watershed can affect the water quality . . . the Gilman Library announced a new program to help parents who are inexperienced readers to help their children become more interested in books and reading aloud.



**“SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN”**

**By Millie Pierce**

The American Legion Auxiliary of Alton will be holding their annual children’s Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11, with a visit from Santa at 1 p.m. Children up to the age of 12 are invited to join us at the American Legion Hall on Main Street in Alton.

Donations from the American Legion, Sons of the Legion, Alton Masonic Temple, and the Knights of Columbus help to make this party a success and a fun time for the children.

In years past this party has seen as many as 150 children come to receive gifts and snacks, as well as a chance to give Santa their wish list.

We wish Happy Holidays to everyone.

**HOLIDAY TEA**

**THE FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY**

request the pleasure of your company at a  
**Holiday Tea**

Tuesday, December 7, 2 - 4 p.m., Gilman Library.  
Refreshments will be served and there will be a special visitor from the workshop of Mr. S. Claus.  
Join The Friends of the Gilman Library  
in a celebration of the holiday season.



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