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REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

On Monday, November 11, members of the American Legion Post 72 will conduct a brief ceremony honoring our nation's fallen heroes on the battlefields of the world. This will take place at Monument Square (above) beginning at 11 a.m. Come honor our veterans who have given their lives so that our country remains free and we as a people have the right to continue to enjoy the "Four Freedoms."



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NOTICE TO ALTON RESIDENTS

Re: "CHILD FIND"

As mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Act, public schools must provide special education for all children between the ages of 3 and 21 who are determined to be educationally disabled. The law also requires school districts to identify such children from birth through two years of age. This law applies to all children, including those in non-public school, pre-schools, and hospital settings.

If you suspect that a child may have an educationally disabling condition, you are encouraged to contact the school district in which the child resides to discuss your concerns. School Administrative Unit (SAU) #72 serves the Alton School District. SAU personnel will provide you with information on the procedures for making a referral.

For additional information in Alton, please contact Maria Dreyer, SAU #72 Director of Special Education, at 875-7500.



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THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING



By Joe Harris

As we plan to celebrate Thanksgiving on November 28, most of us relate the holiday with the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in 1620. But throughout history mankind has celebrated the bountiful harvest with thanksgiving ceremonies, just as the Pilgrims did following their first successful harvest in 1621.

Before the establishment of formal religions many ancient farmers believed their crops contained spirits, which caused them to grow and die. They believed these spirits would be released when the crops were harvested, and they had to be destroyed or they would take revenge on the farmers who harvested them. Some of the ancient harvest festivals celebrated the defeat of these spirits. Harvest festivals and thanksgiving celebrations were held by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Chinese, and Egyptians.

The holiday we celebrate on the fourth Thursday of each November traces its roots to the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims set foot on Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was hard and devastating. By the fall of 1621 they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest that year was a successful and plentiful one. The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. They had come to a new and unexplored land, built their homes in a wilderness, raised enough crops to keep themselves alive during the coming winter, and were at peace with their Indian neighbors.

Their Governor, William Bradford, declared a day of thanksgiving, and the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast — including 91 Indians who had helped them survive their first year. The feast, which lasted three days, was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance.

The "thanksgiving" feast was not repeated the following year. But in 1623, during a severe drought, the Pilgrims gathered in a prayer service praying for rain. When a long, steady rain followed the very next day, Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of thanksgiving, again inviting their Indian friends. It wasn't until June, 1676, that another day of thanksgiving was declared.

In October of 1777 for the first time all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It was also to commemorate the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But this was to be a one-time affair. In 1789 George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving, although many were opposed to it at the time. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of the Pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. It wasn't until 1863 that President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president following Lincoln. The date was changed several times, most recently by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who set it as one week before the last Thursday, in order to create a longer holiday shopping season. Public outrage against this decision forced the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941 Congress finally sanctioned Thanksgiving as a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday in November.

ALTON FUNERAL HOME

School Street

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"The Peaslee Family"
Pre-Planning Available



Main Street's Inside Front Page

CHILDREN & FAMILIES COUNCIL LEADING A COMMUNITY FORUM ON NOV 19

The Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families — with local leadership provided by Pat Fuller and Dick Wallace — will be getting their program underway in Alton on November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Similar forums are to be held in every community in the county. The Council is urging those with a stake in the outcome (and is there anyone who doesn't?) to participate in an evening of discussion on the status of children and families in our community.

As a new county department the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families would like to know:

What is **CURRENTLY HAPPENING** to support a positive environment for children and families in Alton?

What **SHOULD BE HAPPENING** to support a positive environment for children and families in Alton?

The Council will use this information to set its priorities for the next several years. All residents' voices are needed to help realize the vision of "Belknap County as a safe community where children and families can live with dignity and respect." This community forum gives the citizens of Alton a chance to express their unique needs that should be addressed to foster a safer and positive environment for youth and families. Look for the Council's posters around town.

In the meantime keep in mind that the forum will convene on Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Alton Central School. RSVP to Pat Fuller, 875-5546, or Dick Wallace, 875-8221. Or e-mail <spindrift@worldpath.net>.

FOUR YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

By **Dorothea Wentworth, ACSP Director**

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) will soon be entering its fourth year. ACSP's primary concern is offering food through our pantry on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Main Street building across from the St. Joan of Arc Rectory. For families with transportation problems a volunteer will deliver if they call ahead and make arrangements.

Elizabeth Sweeney, Pastor Bob Hett, and I serve on the Financial Board of St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army, as well as the ACSP. This arrangement facilitates coordinating services. We also work closely with Alton's Director of Welfare, Pat Rockwood. Funds to pay rent, light, and heating fuel have been obtained from the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, and our local churches. Monetary grants are not made directly to individuals.

Alton Community Services refers people needing transportation for medical appointments to Caregivers of Wolfeboro. We refer people to Community Action Programs in Laconia, Title 20, and Healthlinks at Lakes Region General Hospital for medical assistance. Our town has its share of homeless families, and we can give some assistance with rent.

We will hold our annual meeting at 4 p.m. on November 21 at the Pearson Road Community Center just off Old Wolfeboro Road. Everyone is welcome. See our Annual Report and learn more about our services. For further information about our programs or to volunteer (we always need help), please call me at 875-CARE (2273).



INTRODUCING THE NEW PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

By **Donald E. Parks, Superintendent of Schools**

In case residents have not heard or read about the name of the new joint high school, the JMA School Board unanimously agreed to "Prospect Mountain High School" as the official name. Geographically, Prospect Mountain is between the Alton and Barnstead school districts, and there is some symbolism in the name since both districts were seeking solutions to provide the best education possible for their students — like a prospector "seeking gold." Next, decisions must be made on a mascot, logo, and school colors.

On October 15 a formal presentation was made to the Alton Planning Board on the site plan, elevation drawings, and the design of the building. Following the presentation there is a 30-day comment period. The Architect, Chip Krause of C.M.K. Architects, P.A., will then submit the plans and specifications to the State Department of Education for approval. This should occur toward the end of November. Approval is likely to take about 45 days. Bidding should commence about January 1-15. Construction work could start early in 2003, depending on the weather.

The presentation before the Planning Board was videotaped by Main Street for showing on Cable Channel 26. After the last showing on LRPA-TV early in November, the tape will be donated to the Gilman Library where it can be checked out for viewing at home.

"LIGHT UP NIGHT" IN ALTON

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 7, when the annual "Light Up Night" festivities will take place in Alton Village. The details will appear in the December issue of Main Street. It is a fun time for family members of all ages.

NOVEMBER 15 = AMERICA RECYCLES DAY**By Joe Harris**

On November 15 a nation of recyclers will celebrate the sixth annual "America Recycles Day." Schools, workplaces, government agencies, and retail businesses are hosting thousands of events in every state.

The America Recycles Day campaign continues to educate the country about the economic, social, and environmental benefits of recycling and buying recycled. Millions of people will learn about the importance of recycling and commit to purchase more products made from recycled materials.

Locally the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), in partnership with other recycling-related organizations, is helping to raise consumer awareness of all aspects of recycling — from collection, to processing, to completing the recycling loop through the purchase of products and packaging made from recycled content products.

The 2002 theme "NH Recycles Everyday!" underscores the importance of everyone getting involved to reduce waste through recycling. Nearly every community has a solid waste transfer and recycling station like Alton's, and those that don't have curbside collection.

This year, to preserve our children's environment, NHDES is also encouraging everyone to reduce the amount of junk mail coming into homes and offices. This campaign, called "Slow the Flow," addresses how each one of us can impact waste reduction and recycling everyday.

For further information on events or programs or to find out who is sponsoring a local event on America Recycles Day, contact Marc Morgan, Recycling Coordinator at the NH Department of Environmental Services, (603) 271-3712 or by e-mail at <mmorgan@des.state.nh.us.>

NEED ASSISTANCE? WANT TO DONATE?**By Pam Arnold, Alton Town Administrator**

If you need assistance in any of the following areas or wish to donate to worthwhile funds, here are some ideas.

Fuel Assistance: Applications for fuel assistance for the 2002-03 heating season are available in the lobby of Town Hall. You do not need to be on public assistance to apply; eligibility is determined by family income levels. The Community Action Program has announced that interviews concerning your application/eligibility may be made by contacting them at 524-5512.

Emergency Rental Assistance: Applications for emergency rental assistance from the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority are available at the Town Hall.

Heidke Trust Fund: Are you an Alton citizen over 65? You are encouraged to apply for assistance with home and health care. You may be eligible. This program is offered to our seniors as a gift to the town and is not funded by taxpayers. Please call the Selectmen's Office, 875-2161, for information and an application.

Holiday Donations: There are several needy families in Alton; if you would like to donate to Operation Blessings or the Mrs. Santa Fund, a telephone call to me, Pat Rockwood, or Paulette Wentworth at 875-2161 would be appreciated. Food, clothing, toys, checks, or cash will be put to very good use. All holiday donations may be brought to Town Hall.

Alton Community Services Program: See the article on page 3.

When citizens are experiencing financial difficulties, or other emergencies exist, the ACSP, Heidke Trust Fund, and the town may be able to help. Please call 875-2161 for information and referral. Office hours at Town Hall are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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ALTON STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

By Judith Pellowe

For many years Alton students have had the opportunity to participate in the vocational and technical program at Kingswood Regional High School. This year there are 23 Alton students involved, although usually the number is higher. Marilyn St. Cyr, Guidance Director at Alton Central School (ACS), says that approximately 15 percent of ACS's high school students normally participate.

Rachel Harrell is a senior who is in her third year of the program. She has taken two years of culinary instruction, and a year of marketing. The culinary program includes running a restaurant on the school grounds, which is open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. The marketing students run the school store, including making up schedules, ordering, accounting, and inventory.

Rachel says that she loves the program. "It's the real world. I have experience actually doing the work. There are two jobs that I've had because of the Kingswood program. Employers look at the experience you gain there, and they see you as ambitious." Rachel has no lack of ambition. She has applied to Johnson & Wales, where she plans to major in culinary arts and business. After graduation she intends to open her own bakery in California. With her self-assurance and determination there is little doubt she'll succeed.

Junior Dan Quinn is in his first year of the multimedia program, which focuses on filmmaking. "We learn about cameras, editing film, movie-making techniques like effects,

lighting, and composition. I want to make my own movies, maybe documentaries." Dan plans to continue on to college where he intends to study film and journalism. One of the benefits of the vocational program is "having access to the equipment," according to Quinn. "Being able to work with the equipment fuels the desire to do this professionally," he concludes.

All ACS sophomores take a tour of the vocational and technical facilities as part of Alton's Career Exploration program. "The kids who are there want to be there," says St. Cyr. "The percentage who go on to college is very high, and if the student chooses not to do that, they are ready for entry level positions." The Kingswood program offers a valuable alternative to traditional studies for Alton students.

Main Street PHOTO CONTEST UPDATE

The Second Annual Main Street Photo Contest is underway. Entry forms and rules are available at the Main Street branch of Bank of New Hampshire, as well as a drop-box for submissions.

Once again, entrants are encouraged to submit photographs depicting people, places, and events that in their opinion make Alton unique. All submissions must be 8"x 10" photographs mounted in 11"x14" mattes. Please, for display and safety purposes, no glass-framed pictures will be accepted. Digital, 35mm, and black and white photos are encouraged. Deadline for submission is January 6, 2003. All entries will be on display in the Heidke Room on the first floor of the Town Hall beginning in February. Everyone is welcome to come and view the display and vote for his or her favorite photographs.

So grab your camera and have some fun in the Second Annual Main Street Photo Contest.

PRE-TEEN AND TEENS...THIS CLUB'S FOR YOU!!!

KKASD (Kwoon Karate Academy of Self Defense) announces the OPEN HOUSE of their new CLUB ROOM for pre-teens and teens.

JOIN US, with your parents, FRIDAY, NOV. 1st between 5-8:30 PM.

See the club, meet the staff and move to the groove in the "jungle".

The November Club Schedule is as follows:

Friday, Nov. 8th, grades 7 and 8

Friday, Nov. 15th, grades 4, 5, and 6.

Saturday, Nov. 16th, grades, 9 and up.

Socials will be 6:30 to 9:30PM prompt.

\$8.00 cover charge. Door prize every night.

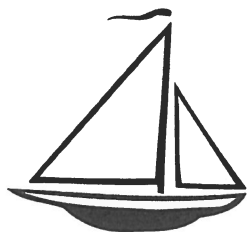
These monthly dances are SAFE, structured, social events. Backpacks are to be left at check-in, no drugs or alcohol, no foul language and appropriate dress required.

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875-1171, Meg Jones, Program Director

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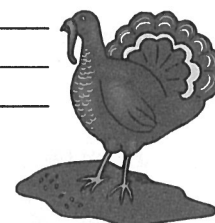
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Mon-Thurs 7:00-7:00

Fri & Sat 7:00-9:00

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Banana Cream	_____	_____
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Boston Cream	_____	_____
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Pumpkin	_____	_____
Strawberry Cream	_____	_____
Strawberry Rhubarb	_____	_____
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Side Dishes	_____	_____
Turkey	_____	_____



BUDGET COMMITTEE ON THE JOB

The resignation of Vice-Chairman Greg Fuller created a second vacancy to be filled at the October meeting of the Budget Committee, and the outcome will be reported upon in the next issue of Main Street. Two citizens had expressed an interest in being appointed to fill the vacancies.

Budget Committee Chairman Ruth Messier and Laurie Boyce met with the Board of Selectmen on October 10 and presented the Budget Committee's budget requests for 2003. The Board of Selectmen are scheduled to deliver their proposed 2003 Operating Budget to the Budget Committee on November 4. The Committee will then begin meeting with department heads for review of their budget requests.

Schedule for Budget Committee meetings in November:

- Nov. 7 – Tax Collector, General Government, Legal, Patriotic Purposes, Street Lighting
- Nov. 12 – Cemetery, Town Clerk, Elections & Registrations, Highway Department
- Nov. 14 – Welfare, Gilman Museum, Police Department, Pest Control
- Nov. 25 – Library, Solid Waste Center
- Nov. 26 – Hazardous Waste, Conservation Commission.

Land Use and Property Records, initially scheduled for November 26, will be changed to an earlier date. It may be necessary to switch with another department. Updated schedules will be posted two days in advance at the Town Hall and post office. They include any changes in the agenda.

The public is welcome and urged to attend these meetings, especially if there is a department budget of particular interest to them.

COLLEGE SELECTION AND FINANCING

By Ethel McConaghy

On Thursday, November 21, Alton and Barnstead parents and their high school students are invited to an interactive session on how to choose and apply to college and how to apply for financial aid. It will be held at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Center Barnstead, just across from the Town Hall. There will be a second similar session held in Alton in early December, details at a later date.

This event will begin at 6 p.m. with pizza for those who make reservations ahead of time. We have invited staff from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation to help us understand their resources for the process ahead — from phone coaching as you fill out financial aid forms to advising on loans. Marilyn St. Cyr, Alton Central School (ACS) Guidance Director, will lead the discussion, beginning at 6:45 p.m., on the process of selecting and applying to colleges. At 7:30 p.m. we will be joined by Maris Caron, a financial aid administrator at the University of New Hampshire. She will walk us through the application for financial aid (FAFSA), offer an explanation about financial aid, and answer your specific questions.

Come for all or a portion of the evening. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents. Save a few minutes to locate the new college planning resources at the library. Call with questions, to make reservations, and tell us what kind of pizza you would like! Marilyn St. Cyr, ACS, 875-0371; Christina Carrier, Barnstead Elementary School, 269-5161; Sue Conrad, Oscar Foss Memorial Library, 269-3900; Ethel McConaghy, Congregational Church of NB, 776-2881.

The Penny Pitou and Mike Pilo Family Fund of the Lakes Region Charitable Foundation is funding this project.

BAND UNIFORM DRIVE MARCHES ON

By Ray Nadeau, Commander, Legion Post 72

A look at the thermometer at Monument Square shows that approximately \$3,500 has been raised to date toward our goal of \$12,000. This month several Legion family activities resulted in additional funds being deposited to the account.

In addition, we would like to thank the following for their generous contributions: Alton Village 5 & 10, Winnepesaukee Aquatherm Service, Keewaydin Park Association, and Mr. & Mrs. Rioux.

An additional \$100 was deposited in the canisters located throughout town. We have mailed letters to roughly 50 area businesses and have had a few responses. We are confident that the great majority will want to get on board and support their local high school students.

A reminder that contributions may be deposited to the HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORM account at the Bank of New Hampshire, Main Street, Alton, or sent to the American Legion Post 72, P. O. Box 814, Alton, 03809.

A brief note about the bank account: All activity in this account consists of deposits only. The only withdrawal will be made when a check is drawn to purchase the uniforms at the close of the drive. All incidental expenses such as preparing the thermometer sign, supplies, postage, transportation, etc., have been paid directly by one of the Legion family members — the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, or Jr. Auxiliary. In some cases they were donated by individual members.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support. Lets watch that thermometer heat up!

THE TREE OF MEMORIES

Holiday times bring thoughts of loved ones. Annually the VNA/Hospice sponsors a "Tree of Memories" through which we can remember those we have lost — family or friends. This also helps the VNA/Hospice.

Donors will gather on December 14 at 1 p.m. at the evergreen tree in front of Town Hall. There will be a short prayerful service and musical offering. Donors will then hang white porcelain doves containing the name of a loved one on the tree. The doves may be retrieved after the holidays. VNA/Hospice will retain the rest for use next year.

To purchase a dove send a written request with the name of the loved one along with a donation to: VNA/Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, c/o Betty John, P.O. Box 1620, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, 03894 or letters may be sent to Alice Z. Calvert, RR 2, Box 1146, Alton, 03809.

Your gift will support care and programs for the terminally ill and their families. If requested, an acknowledgment will be sent to the family. The "Tree of Memories" is a "thank you" for past support.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Women's Christian Fellowship of the Congregational Church on Church Street will hold a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Baked goods, knit items, cookbooks, plants, fudge, Christmas crafts, dolls, jewelry, white elephant, gifts, cards, etc. will be available for your perusal.

Available at the Baptist Church on Main Street will be coffee and doughnuts from 9 - 11 a.m. Luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and you can buy soup, sandwiches, desserts, and beverages.

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WHY OUR FLAG IS FOLDED 13 TIMES

As Submitted By Dorothy Wentworth

The first fold is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through them that we protect our country and our flag, against all enemies.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country

since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seat of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust." After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

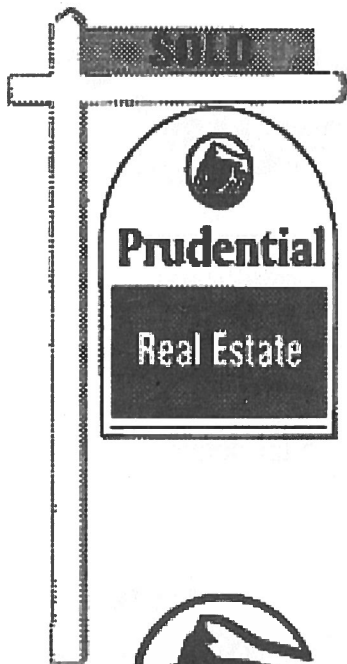
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Thankful Pilgrim's" Luncheon on Wednesday, November 13, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"All Grown Up" is the Special Feature with Debbie Joyce from Moultonboro. She'll share her business, *Deb's Heirloom Dolls*. Our Special Speaker, Hope Lichtman from Portland, Maine, will share her thankfulness of her transitions from her childhood doll days through her present senior days.

Reservations for the lunch and the available complimentary nursery may be made by calling: in Alton, Melissa at 776-2224 or Karen at 875-8144; in Gilford, Faith at 293-8073.

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



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ALTON STUDENTS GOING TO NYC

By Judith Pellowe

Alton High School Band and Chorus students are planning a trip to New York City in April, 2003. The groups will perform at the United Nations, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and other city landmarks. In addition the trip will include sight-seeing at the Empire State Building and Rockefeller Center, lunch at the Hard Rock Café, and a visit to Ground Zero. Tom Stevens, Alton's band director, says that as far as he knows this is the first time Alton students have participated in a trip of this kind.

The trip is being arranged through Craine Travel Services. Students will be engaged in a variety of fund-raisers to help defray the cost of the trip, which is being paid for by the students.7

A NEW SUPPORT GROUP

By Nancy Mooney Hebert

Kim Gustafason, the Community Action Program (CAP) director at the Alton Senior Center, has announced the formation of a new support group. Kim points out that the loneliness of caring for a loved one by yourself can be unbearable. To help persons in such situations "CARING CAREGIVERS" — a support group for those just beginning or already experiencing a long-term caregiving situation — will meet on November 26 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Pearson Road Community Center. The purpose of the group is to provide a safe and healthy place to share, get ideas, and know you are not alone. Although it is not necessary, a call ahead (875-7102) to let Kim know you are coming would be appreciated.

HELP "KIDS LEARN TO SKI PROGRAM"

Over the years many changes have occurred at the Alton Central School. One change of which you may not be aware is the "kids learn to ski program" sponsored in part by Gunstock. They provide scholarships to students who meet their eligibility requirements. In the past many generous private donations have helped students who did not meet those requirements so that everyone who wanted to learn to ski could take part in the program.

This year there are ten students who applied but without any donations will not be able to afford to participate in the program. Please consider sponsoring a student and continuing the tradition of teaching children to love their environment in all seasons. Contact Krista Diamond, head of the ski program at Alton Central School, at 875-2781.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

By Paulette Wentworth

As the cold crisp air of fall comes in, we need to start thinking about the Thanksgiving food baskets for the families in need.

Donations will be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check, or money order, made payable to "Operation Blessings," and may be dropped off in the Town Hall with me or mailed to Town Hall, P. O. Box 659, Alton 03809.

Canned goods donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before November 22. The Alton Police Association will again be contributing toward the turkeys, and we appreciate their donation.

If you are interested in helping distribute baskets or to suggest the home of a shut-in or a needy family, please contact me at 875-0204 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

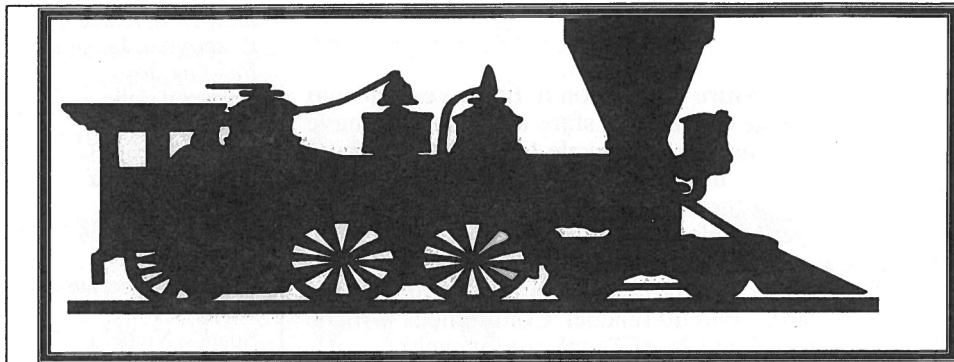
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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK
 By Donald E. Parks
 Superintendent of Schools



A REPORT IN PROGRESS

As this article goes to press, the budget for 2003-2004 is being compiled. The JMA Budget has been approved subject to the review by the Joint Budget Committee comprised of three members from each town's Budget Committee. A final decision on the JMA budget will be made on November 18.

The New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP) state exam results have been received. An analysis was made to the Alton School Board at its October 14 meeting. Every parent and guardian will receive a copy of their child(ren)'s results, along with a letter from the Superintendent that will give the district results. These results, along with the Stanford 9 Achievement Test results, will be sent to all parents and guardians with the first quarter report card. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 25 and 26 of Thanksgiving week.

The district applied and has been selected to participate in a State Department of Education assessment program called "Value Added Assessment." This will allow the district to monitor the academic progress of each student in the district starting in grade 1 through graduation. The district will submit the individual student scores on a standardized achievement test (California Achievement Test and now the Stanford 9 Achievement Test) and the NHEIAP tests. Each student's academic performance can be assessed as well as each group at each grade level. The district can use the data to determine where additional emphasis should be placed in the curriculum and to determine teacher effectiveness.

Sue Leclerc, a retired teacher, will be doing volunteer work with the district. She has been working at the State Department of Education on the NHEIAP Testing Committee, specifically helping to write questions for the NHEIAP exams. She will be working with teachers in grades 4, 5, and 6 to determine if the teachers are teaching the state frameworks that are being tested on the state exams. The district is most appreciative and thanks Sue Leclerc for her time and help.

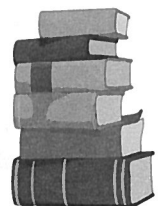
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FICTION

Beaton, M. D.
 Brown, Sandra
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 Clark, Carol Higgins
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 Evanovich, Janet
 Fielding, Joy
 Garwood, Julie
 Goudge, Eileen
 Parker, Robert B.
 Quindlen, Anna
 Sandford, John
 Sparks, Nicholas
LARGE PRINT
 Coulter, Catherine
 Roberts, Nora
 Sparks, Nicholas

Death of a Dustman
 Seduction By Design
 Shadow Puppets
 Jinxed
 Trunk Music
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 Full House
 Whispers and Lies
 Killjoy; Prince Charming
 Thorns of Truth
 Shrink Rap; The Early Spenser
 Blessings
 The Devil's Code
 Nights in Rodanthe

Eleventh Hour
 Hot Ice
 A Bend in the Road



BIOGRAPHY

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The Orchid Thief

REFERENCE

Miller, Gustavus Hindman 10,000 Dreams Interpreted

NON-FICTION

Barry, Dan
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 Lather, D.
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 Conversations with God Book 2

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 Artemis Fowl the Arctic Incident
 The Kaya Books (6)

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THE LNA's ROLE IN HOSPICE

By Wanda Harris

Hospice is a team approach to care. There are many disciplines that make up the team including licensed nursing assistants (LNA's). The following is one LNA's story as a hospice team member.

If someone had asked me ten years ago what I was going to do in my future, I doubt it would have been a hospice LNA. I began my journey with an older friend who had stomach cancer. The family asked me if I would be interested in caring for their mother. I told them that I had no experience. They said it was okay because their mother liked me (not good qualifications, I thought). That experience opened my eyes to a new world. The world of the dying patient.

What I realized in the months to come was that there were few qualifications needed to help the dying: compassion, listening, and understanding for whatever they were feeling. Whether I thought it was right or wrong, it was their feelings and thoughts, not mine. So many patients relive past times and try to share those times with us. I remember my first experience with a woman who was dying. She sewed all night without thread or material, just going through the motions. Every item she made she held up for me to see, so proud of her creation, even though there was nothing there. I would simply say, "that is so beautiful."

After caring for my first patient I learned that there was

a license available to provide this care. The knowledge that I gained from becoming a licensed nursing assistant allowed me to provide patients with good hospice care.

It is hard for families to care for their loved ones who are dying. My role as an LNA allows me the opportunity to provide personal care; provide respite care so that a family/loved one can get chores done or catch up on much needed rest; act as eyes and ears for the rest of the hospice team so that the best care is provided; and act as a listener to both patients and family/loved ones.

It is a pleasure to go in to a hospice home and do whatever is needed. My job is fulfilling to me now, and I cannot imagine doing anything else. I know that being there for the families and making the passage easier for the patient is my gift as it is for many hard-working, dedicated LNA's."

ALTON VFW POST 11163

By John Brooks, Quartermaster

The Alton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 11163 awarded membership pins for years of service in the organization.

Robert Jones of Wells, Maine, a native of Alton received a 35-year membership pin.

John Hagen of Gilmanton Iron Works received a 50-year pin.

We are very proud of their longevity in the VFW.

SENIOR HOUSING

Alton Housing for the Elderly, Inc. is now accepting applications for our waiting list for HUD subsidized one bedroom apartments on Spruce Terrace in Alton, New Hampshire.

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GILMAN MUSEUM EXHIBITS

The Gilman Museum, located in the heart of Alton's historic Monument Square, announces the annual open house in celebration of the Lakes Region Yuletide at the Lakes on Saturday, December 7, from 5 - 7 p.m. The featured exhibit will be "Keepsakes of Beauty."

Highlights of the event include the massive upright Regina Music Machine, recently restored, featuring Victorian music of that era. Holiday music and favorite Christmas carols will be played on the ornate 1860 grand piano.

Come and experience with other state button clubs the exquisite exhibit of buttons dating from the mid-18th century, gathered by Pearl (Bassett) Gilman and now part of the Gilman Museum collection.

Also featured are quilts from the museum's own collection, along with those from local and private collections. Of particular interest is a crazy quilt "slumber robe" made in the early 1900's by members of the Bassett and Miller families with each square signed by the creator.

All are welcome to stay and share hot cider and refreshments. For further information or to arrange group tours for this special holiday offering, please contact Florence Davis at the museum, 875-0201, or Patricia Rockwood at Alton Town Hall, 875-2161.

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EVENTS

- Sat. 2 AMERICAN LEGION YARD SALE, 8 - 11:30 a.m., Legion Hall, see story (rain date, 11/3)
CHRISTMAS FAIR, Congregational and Baptist Meeting Houses, 9 a.m., see story
- Sun. 3 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m.
THE CONTINENTALS IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 6:30 p.m., see story
- Mon. 4 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, ACS, 3:45 - 7:45 p.m., see story
- Tue. 5 ELECTION DAY — Get Out and VOTE! Central Fire Station, Route 140, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Wed. 6 REPORT CARDS ISSUED, ACS
- Sun. 10 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m.
- Wed. 13 HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BANQUET, ACS Cafe, 6 p.m.
- Mon. 11 VETERANS DAY
NO SCHOOL
CEREMONY HONORING VETERANS, conducted by American Legion, Monument Square, 11 a.m., see story
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout
- Tue. 12 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, Annual Meeting, see story
- Wed. 13 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
- Sat. 16 "AN EVENIN' WITH THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES" AND DINNER THEATRE, High School Drama, ACS Cafe and Gym, 5:30 p.m.
- Sun. 17 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m.
- Tue. 19 COMMUNITY FORUM on Children and Families, ACS, 6:30 p.m., see story
- Thu. 21 ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM, Annual Meeting, Pearson Road Community Center, 4 p.m., see story
COLLEGE/FINANCIAL AID, Center Barnstead, 6 p.m., see story
- Sun. 24 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m.
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Moore Chapel, ABCCC, 6 p.m., see story
- Mon. 25 NO SCHOOL, Parent Conferences
- Tue. 26 NO SCHOOL, Parent Conferences
CARING CAREGIVERS, Pearson Road Community Center, 2:30 p.m., see story
ASSEMBLE Main Street, American Legion Hall, 6 p.m.
- Wed. 27 NO SCHOOL
- Thu. 28 THANKSGIVING DAY
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, American Legion, 12 noon - 3 p.m., see story
- Fri. 29 NO SCHOOL
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ABCCC=Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; ABB=Alton Bay Bandstand; ACS=Alton Central School

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:
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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday, November 24, at 6 p.m. the churches of Alton will meet for a Community Thanksgiving Service in the Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. Participants from all three churches — The Bay Church, The Community Church, and St. Joan of Arc — will share in this special service of thanksgiving, praise to God, Scripture readings, special music, and testimonies.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

A community blood drive will be held on Monday, November 4, from 3:45 - 7:45 p.m. at Alton Central School. Volunteers are welcome and are needed to help with food, etc. For more information or to sign up to help, call Lisa Finethy at 875-7653.

FLU VACCINE CLINICS

Alton Family Medicine, located on Main Street in Alton Village, will continue giving flu vaccines from 9 - 11 a.m. every Thursday starting until November 21. The cost of the vaccine will be \$15.

Please call Alton Family Medicine at 875-6151 to make an appointment. You do not have to be a patient to attend the flu clinic, but you must call to schedule a time for this shot.

STATE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5

By Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

The Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 will host the State General Election on Tuesday, November 5, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The following positions will appear on the ballot: Governor, U. S. Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, Executive Councilor, State Representatives (8), Sheriff, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate, and one Delegate to the State Convention.

If you are not yet a registered voter, you can register at the polls on election day with the Supervisors of the Checklist or in the Town Clerk's Office prior to election day, but your name will not appear on the Voter Registration List. You will have to see the Supervisors prior to voter check in. You are required to bring a photo ID and two forms of identification with your name and Alton address on it, such as a utility bill, checks with Alton address or a car registration. The address MUST include a street name, not just a post office box.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office until 5 p.m. on Monday, November 4. An application must be completed by a registered voter before a ballot can be handed to the individual or mailed. Absentee ballots will be accepted by MAIL ONLY on election day.

Table space is available on a first-come, first-served basis for any civic/non-profit organization to sell or raffle products. If interested, call the Town Clerk's Office at 875-2101, Monday - Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

PREPARE FOR WINTER

Main Street wishes to remind property owners about the importance of making sure their well covers are safe for the winter and culverts are clear. You need to make sure that any winter drainage will not back up and flood roads and driveways resulting in hazardous ice in exactly the wrong places. Check those culverts are clear to accommodate autumn rains, winter icing, and spring runoff.



Main Street's Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Services on the grounds of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Eve. Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Fellowship Supper followed by Discipleship Study, 6 p.m. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor; Rev. John Fogell, Associate Pastor
- Community Church — Sun. Service, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., Baptist Meeting House, Main Street; Sun. School, 9:30 a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Church Street, 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
- North Barnstead Congregational Church — Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald
- St. Joan of Arc — Weekend Masses in the Rectory — Sat., 5 p.m. and Sun., 8 and 11 a.m.; weekday Masses, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 a.m. at St. Cecilia's, Wolfeboro; Tue., Thu., and Sat., 8 a.m. at Rectory Chapel; Sun. Mass St Paul's in Barnstead, 9:30 a.m.; Rev. George Ham
- 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

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ORGANIZATIONS:

Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center

American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28

American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall

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

Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6:30 p.m., Central Fire Station

Community Services Program, Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273

Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall

Eastern Star — 2nd Tue., when meeting, 875-5211

4-H Club, 1st and 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., Gilman Library, 875-5325

Flying Club — 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900

Friends of the Gilman Library — 2nd Tue. (in season), Library

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

Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., 364-7413 for directions

Historical Society — Watch for announcements of programs, Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629

Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road

Community Center

Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., The American Legion, 6:30 p.m.

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

Moms In Touch — Tue., 8:15 a.m., 875-2866

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club — Meets once per month Sep. - Apr., 875-3858

PTSA. — 3rd Wed., Alton Central School HS 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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- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Ruth Messier, 875-6750
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — Meetings posted at Town Hall and Post Office, Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-5095.
- FIRE WARDS — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Central Fire Station, Chairman Stanley Czech, 875-3815
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Bill Crocker, 875-2161.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call, Chairman Dick Jones, 875-3855.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets on call, Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
- PLANNING BOARD — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Tom Varney, call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Wayne Fraser, call 875-7890 for appointment.
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- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Water Department Office, Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.

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LIONS AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

By Cecile Chase, Secretary

The Alton/New Durham Lions Club continues to contribute to the local community by providing not only the eye exams and glasses for which the Lions have become known but also other needed services for community members. As shown above the Lions recently built and installed a wheelchair ramp for a local resident who will now be able to come home from a rehabilitation facility earlier than planned. The carpenters in the photo (left to right) are (King Lion) Warren Pelton, A.R. Van deMeulebroecke, and Ricky Rines.

The Lions Club meets on the first and third Thursdays each month at the American Legion Hall on Route 28, just north of the traffic circle. Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Turkey raffle tickets are on sale now. Ten turkeys will be raffled on November 16. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. Please contact a member of the Lions or stop by Parker Marine in Alton Bay to purchase tickets.

If you would be interested in joining this community-oriented group, please contact Lion Steve Parker at 875-3117.

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Once again your generosity 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 1. Cash donations, which are used to purchase warm coats and boots, are also welcome. Donations are to be made payable to Mrs. Santa Fund and are sent to either P. O. Box 755 or c/o Bank of New Hampshire, Main Street, Alton 03809.

If you need help in providing necessities for your children or know of a family who would benefit from this program, contact Mrs. Santa's Elves by December 10: Elf #1, Daryl Czech (875-3815), or Elf #2, Sharon Hannafin (875-3079).

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At this time of thanksgiving, we wish to thank all of you for your prayers, concern, cards, gifts, errands and support during my dad's illness and recovery. Please know how much it all meant to all of us. Thank you!

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The main focus of our October meeting was to clarify the trip-coordinating situation. After much discussion it was voted that in the future there would be no "free" trips from our treasury. Instead, a certain percentage of trip costs will be reimbursable, to be decided at the time of scheduling the trip. Only those who have been members for six months can be reimbursed, but they will be allowed to bring non-member guests with them, the guests paying their own full amount.

The association decided to have a baked bean supper in early December. There will be door prizes and a raffle. Watch for posters and other advertising or call the center at the end of November to confirm the date and time.

The fund-raising committee has several ideas that should be activated shortly, one of them being a penny sale. If you have any thoughts for activities, please call the center; your ideas are welcomed. Because we are seniors, we are not entirely able to take on fund-raising involving a lot of stamina!

Welcome to some former members who have decided to rejoin us: Gertrude Griffin, and Reina and Frenchie Pelletier. Glad you are back. Evelyn Nardo won the attendance raffle.

Kim is collecting small new items for holiday gift baskets. Some ideas are lotion, candy, fragrances, potpourri, playing cards, ornaments, or any kind of special holiday treat. We need enough for 30 baskets so please stop by the center and drop off your greatly appreciated donation.

The association's next meeting is Wednesday, November 13, at 1 p.m. On November 27 join us for a holiday meal. Call 875-7102 by November 18, to make a reservation.

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GIVING THANKS OF A DIFFERENT SORT

To the outdoor person November is the month to give thanks, especially for whitetail deer. No other big game animal gets as many people into the outdoors than the whitetail deer, and New Hampshire is no exception.

November 2 is the opening day of the muzzle-loading season for deer. In Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) J2 (which is Alton) any deer is legal game November 2 - 4. November 5 - 12 is antlered deer only with a muzzle loader. Hunting deer with a "front loader" can be a challenge. Having only one shot will teach you restraint as you wait for the best shot. New Hampshire allows any style of muzzle-loader firearm from historic to modern. Flint lock and cap lock firearms are in the historic category; modern muzzle-loading firearms include straight ignition, synthetic stocked, stainless steel, modern scope, or using pellet powder. Some states — such as Pennsylvania — restrict muzzle-loader hunting to flintlock only; others restrict to smooth bore or round balls only. I prefer the cap-lock firearm like those our forefathers used when settling this country.

November 13 opens the rifle deer hunting season statewide. In the Alton area (WMU J2) any deer is legal on the 13th and 14th and antlered only from November 15 until December 8. The acorns are plentiful but not overly abundant. Beechnuts seem to have no meat in their husks, probably dried up during this rainless summer. With the late fall leaf color change, there is still plenty of greenery and mushrooms, in addition to the acorns. The deer should be able to feed well for the winter.

Speaking of feeding, if you do harvest a deer, venison is some very fine table fare. It is actually a healthy food — low in saturated fat and in cholesterol, lacking hormone injections, and no red dye #5. Cook it pink and juicy in the middle and it is a meal fit for a king. Many an archer in the 12th century was hung for shooting the "King's Deer." So, remember to check the regulations!

Time to get out in Alton's great outdoors and give thanks for the whitetail deer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

By John Brooks, Treasurer

The Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the two winners for the Tony Mariano Scholarship. Jennifer Cain of Wolfeboro, attending the University of Rhode Island, and Elia Heath-Antonelli of Barnstead, the University of New Hampshire, will both have \$250 donated to their college financial accounts.

MOMS IN TOUCH — TIME CHANGE

By Phyllis Brooks, Coordinator

Due to several changes in the lives of our members, we have agreed to move the time of our meetings from 1 p.m. to 8:15 a.m. each Tuesday. Come as you are, no need to impress anyone after dropping the children off at school. I will have the coffee waiting. The majority of the meetings are held in my home on Stockbridge Corner Road; however, if it is your first time attending, please call 875-2866 the night before just to check on the location. We have seen many answers to prayer already this year, but there are many needs too. I had the privilege to attend a Moms In Touch meeting in Wolfeboro, and I was encouraged to see the Lord at work in our neighboring town.



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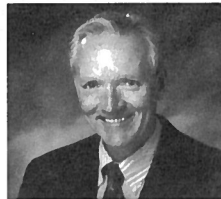
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By Ray and Gwen Nadeau

We are again serving a turkey dinner from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 28. We would especially like to invite those folks who won't be cooking or can't cook a holiday meal, as well as those whose families are not in this area and will be alone. All we ask is that you phone and let us know how many of you there will be at dinner that day. This is only to help us plan the amount of food needed. However, if you forget to call, come anyway. If you need transportation, let us know, and we will pick you up. If you are house bound and can't travel, we will deliver a dinner for you. The phone number is 875-3461. We had a wonderful turnout last year, and we look forward to an equally successful dinner this year.



Sunday Breakfast at the Legion

The Sunday breakfasts from 8 a.m. - 12 noon are still going strong! As long as you in the community support our efforts, we will continue to have breakfast at the Legion every Sunday. All profits are donated to local charitable efforts. If your group is interested in sponsoring a breakfast, please let us know.

American Legion Yard Sale

Post 72 will hold a yard sale on Saturday, November 2, (rain date, Sunday, November 3) from 8 - 11:30 a.m. We are selling various pieces of equipment and furniture, including tables, chairs, booths, etc. You are welcome to join us and bring your own treasures to sell as well. Let us know if you need a table. Call us at 875-3461.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

The American Legion Family is sponsoring a dinner dance for members and guests on New Years Eve starting at 7 p.m. There will be a hot buffet by our Chef Andy Schofield, entertainment, dancing, and novelty door prizes, as well as hats, horns, and noisemakers with which to welcome in the new year. There will be a free taxi service for those without a designated driver. Tickets are \$20 each and will go on sale Friday, November 15.

CATCH THE LOCAL CANDIDATES ON TV



As is now customary, in late October Main Street sponsored a "Candidates' Night" where voters could question the persons seeking to represent Alton in the New Hampshire Senate and House. Both Senate candidates and most of the persons running for the House appeared and fielded questions from the audience.

The proceedings were videotaped (thanks to the efforts of Main Street volunteer Jesse Lindland) and will be telecast on LRPA-TV's cable channel 26 immediately prior to election day. Check the program listings on LRPA-TV and take the opportunity to become a more informed voter.

SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY?

After a night of stormy weather there is only one way to find out if the kids have to be bundled up and put out the door to go to school. The *official* school closing announcements for Alton Central School are broadcast over radio stations WASR (1420AM), WEVO (89.1FM), WOKQ (97.5FM), WLNH (98.3FM), WNNH (99.1FM), WKXL (102.3 & 107.7FM), WLKZ (104.9FM), and scrolled across the bottom of the screen on WMUR-TV (Channel 9).

DINNER THEATER ON NOV 16

By Andrea Walker-Brown

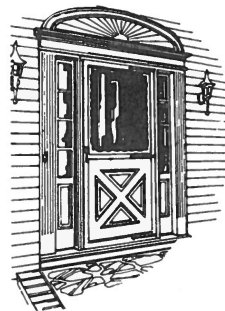
The Alton Teachers' Association, in conjunction with the Alton Players, presents *An Evenin' with the Beverly Hillbillies* on November 16, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Alton Central School (ACS) Cafeteria. They're commencing to provide you with a night of fine dining and entertainment.

Come on in and rest a spell. Granny'll serve you up a heapin' helpin' of audacious vittles. She's figgering to serve meatloaf, taters, greens and grits (if'n you want 'em). She'll also whip up a mess o' corn bread and apple pie. Fer you vegetarians, Jed'll have some o' them veggie burgers on the grill. With luck live entertainment (blue grass music) will provide the proper ambience. (Any banjo players out there? Call Mrs. W-B at the school!)

After you eat yer fill, mosey on over to the gym where the Alton Players will perform *The Beverly Hillbillies* commencing at seven. This fine comic production stars Dan Quinn, Erin Wood, Terese Hopper, Dana Fuller, Justine Houghton, Travis Hopper, Annie Farrell, Kristin Murray, Zach Shea, a surprise teacher, and many other fine actors and comedians. See Granny, Jed, Jethro, and Elly-May like you've never seen them before. (For those of you yung'uns out there, *The Beverly Hillbillies* was a TV series in the 1960's long before it was a movie in the '90's.)

There is one catch to this fine evening. Tickets are ten bucks each and must be purchased in advance. Though Granny is willing to feed an army, she does need a bellycount. For ticket information or reservations contact any of the following people at 875-7500: Andrea Walker-Brown, Than Chase, Ruby Hawkins, or Beth Fellippe. Checks can be made out to Alton Central School. Please note on the check "ATA/Drama." We can mail you your tickets. Please specify if you are a vegetarian so Jed can round up them veggie critters.

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Holiday Tea

If you are finding it hard to get into the spirit of the holiday season that is just around the corner, perhaps the Friends of the Gilman Library can help. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the annual Holiday Tea on Tuesday, December 10, from 2 - 4 p.m. As in previous years the Friends are accepting donations of baked goods for the tea. A sign-up sheet will be located at the circulation desk for anyone who would like to contribute to this very special event. Everyone is welcome.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the library to discuss *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross. If you would like a copy of the book, please call 875-2550 or inquire at the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

IN Main Street
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO ...

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

TEN YEARS AGO ...

... An unused B&M Railroad caboose in Portsmouth was donated to the Town "for use in the 'Railroad Square' area" ... Mary and Calvin Batchelder recounted their experience of hiking the length of the 2,143-mile Appalachian Trail ... Patricia A. Rockwood was named Town Secretary and Welfare Officer ... Kellie M. McGrath (now Troendle) was named part-time Recreation Director ... Janet Lynn Winterle, a senior at ACS, was chosen to represent NH youth in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

FIVE YEARS AGO ...

... The Gilman Library was preparing to reopen after months of construction to expand the building from 3,200 square feet to 6,700 square feet ... A story and picture showed the gazebo in Ginny Douglas Park at the intersection of Old Wolfeboro Road and Main Street which was given in memory of Walter and Virginia Douglas and their son-in-law, Robert Hoagland ... The "Loop Trail" in the Town Forest on Avery Hill Road (now known as the Mike Burke Loop Trail) was being readied with the help of Peter Farrell, Town Forester, members of the Conservation Commission, and volunteers.

THE CONTINENTALS IN CONCERT

By Bob Hett, Pastor, The Bay Church

The Continentals, a high-powered, enthusiastic group of young people, will be presenting a concert in the Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center on Sunday, November 3, at 6 p.m. "Live It Up!" is the theme of the high-energy, high-impact program for people of all ages and backgrounds.

In 2002 the Continentals continue their 35-year tradition of cutting-edge music ministry with the very best of contemporary Christian music, energizing choreography, and personal testimony. This group of 30 vocalists and technicians, between the ages of 16 and 28, will challenge and inspire audiences with the truth of Jesus Christ.

We are very fortunate to have this group with us during this season of the year. They have been a regular during the summer at the Conference Center for many years, often drawing as many as 950 people to the Tabernacle. This is the first time we have been able to invite them to the Bay Church and Moore Chapel. Come early for a select seat as it could be SRO (standing room only)!

FRIENDS HONOR DIANTHA MOULTON

By Helen M. Sullivan

On September 17 a party was held to honor Diantha Moulton for her 20 plus years of service to the Town of Alton.

In 1977 Diantha was elected Tax Collector. After a brief absence she returned to serve as assessing clerk. Throughout her career some of the positions she held were administration assistant, Water Department clerk, Town Clerk, and office manager of the Land Use Department. Diantha's knowledge and capabilities were valuable to the town and are not easily replaced.

Several past co-workers, past Selectmen, most of her recent co-workers, friends, and relatives were in attendance. They presented her with a plaque, locket, lots of cards, letters, and flowers.

A good time was had by all in attendance.

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The 10-wheel dump truck has arrived. This is a piece of equipment which will certainly be helpful in getting the roads plowed and sanded quicker. Please remember to stay back 200 feet behind our trucks and give them plenty of room; these trucks are very heavy and are hard to stop. Should they have to stop and then slide, well, I would not want to be behind them.

Concerning repainting the crosswalks on the repaved portions of Main Street, Route 11, we hope that it has already happened. However, the water-based paint requires the pavement temperature to be at least 64 degrees. It may be that we will have to wait until spring and warmer weather.

Just a reminder: Please keep all your driveway culverts free of debris and leaves so the water will flow through into the ditch lines.

The Highway Department garage parking lot has been paved.

The highway crew has been out patching holes all over town. If we have missed any roads in need of patching, please do not hesitate to call us at 875-6808.

Remember, Public Safety Is Our #1 Concern

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Ruth Nickerson, Publicity

The Alton Garden Club will hold its Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon at Shibley's at the Pier on November 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Individual donations for the Mrs. Santa Fund will be received at that time.

Committee members are: Barbara Itchkawich, Chair; Daryl Czech, Dorothy Folsom, Mary Lou Brown, and Barbara Ingoldsby.

Any questions relating to this event should be referred to Barbara Itchkawich, Program Chair, before November 5.

BEAR WITH US

The staff of Main Street requests that the advertisers and readership bear with us as we continue to work through the transition of handling the set up and scanning of ads. We recognize that the reproduction quality of some ads has been less than desirable. Even ads which come to us as "camera ready" are causing some problems as they move from computer to computer within our system. We appreciate your understanding and patience.



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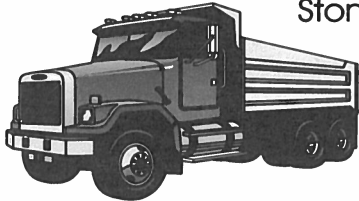
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TO PROTECT AND SERVE
By Detective-Corporal Ed Correia
Alton Police Department

NOVEMBER 15 APPROACHES

It's just about that time of year again. The Alton Police Department would like to remind everyone that from November 15 through April 1 the winter parking ban will be in effect. This means that during the dates mentioned it will be unlawful to park or cause to be parked any motor vehicle or trailer on any public highway within the Town of Alton between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. or at any other time during snow storms when snow removal operations are being performed. A violation of this town ordinance could result in a \$10 fine (which I think is pretty darn reasonable), and the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

New Hires, Promotions, and Assignments

There have been some very positive and exciting changes within the department as of late. First of all, congratulations to Joseph Vetanze who was promoted to Corporal in September. He has been with the department for over two years and served in the United States Marine Corps prior to beginning his police career.

Officer Grant Nichols switched from part-time police status to take on a full-time position in September. He served for five years as an Air Force recruiter before making the big jump to law enforcement. Actually, Officer Nichols brings five years of full-time police experience to the force having worked for the Dover Police Department before going into the Air Force. He is a welcomed addition.

Kirk Hart was also hired full time in September. His background is in the cable industry. He is looking forward to a long-term career with the Alton Police Department. Kirk is scheduled to attend the academy in January of 2003.

Last but by no means least, Ciro Sinagra was recently hired to fill a part-time vacancy. He is a retired New Jersey police officer and is currently in the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

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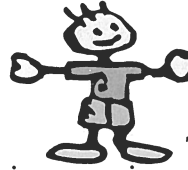
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

SOCCER AND MORE

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an Awards Presentation and Ice Cream Social for the participants of the 2002 Recreation Soccer Program on Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Alton Central School gymnasium. All players and their families are invited to attend the event. Over 120 students in Grades 1 - 6 participated in the recreation soccer program that included playing teams from New Durham, Gilmanton, and Belmont. The players learned new skills, built confidence and self-esteem, played outside in the fresh air, and laughed a lot. I would like to thank the volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, players, and family members for participating in our soccer program. Soccer is a great team sport with many social and physical benefits, and I thank all of you for your contributions to our league.

Country Line Dancing

Lessons are held every Thursday at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. for adults of all ages. The registration fee is \$3 for the fall season. Beginners are welcome. For more information call 875-0109.

Jay Sydow Recognized

The Parks and Recreation Department wants to thank and recognize Jay Sydow for serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission for over 12 years. Mr. Sydow was instrumental in designing program T-shirts, running the snow shoe obstacle course and bed race during Winter Festival, constructing the Haunted Hayride and Haunted House held at Alton Town Hall. He also took part in planning park projects, including the Mike Burke Sand Volleyball Court, reconstruction of the tennis courts and basketball courts at Liberty Tree Park, and improvements at Railroad Square Park. Thanks, Jay Sydow, for making a positive difference in our community.

Parks and Rec Commission Welcomes New Member

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to welcome a new member, Vic Plantania. The commission is looking forward to continue providing quality recreational programs, services, and facilities to Alton residents and believes Mr. Plantania will make a great contribution to the group. For more information on the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting dates and activities, please call 875-0109.

SEMINAR ON RELATIONSHIPS

A one-day seminar on "Improving Relationships in Families and Classrooms: The Special Challenges of Attention Deficit and Oppositional Disorders" will be offered by Child and Family Therapist, Dr. Bert Whetstone. This event will take place on Saturday, November 2, at the Gunstock Inn in Gilford.

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Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

/s/Gina, Scott, Aisha, Amelia,
and Nicolaus Swezey



I would like to express my gratitude to the ambulance force and to all who responded to my 911 call on Tuesday, September 17. Their quick response and expertise is sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

/s/Mrs. Harold R. Favreau

I would like to thank all the relatives, friends, neighbors, businesses, and organizations who helped by their generous donations to the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk held September 28 in Laconia. Our team of 12 adults, four children, and a dog walked the complete route of four miles. I was able to present to them a total of \$3,100. The money raised is used to provide services and programs for patients, families, and caregivers in our local communities. On behalf of my husband, Joe, and his brother, Walter, both with the disease, thank you.

/s/Doris M. Selfridge

To My Friends and Family: I wish to express my gratitude to all of my family and friends who showed their love and support at my recent farewell party held on September 17 at the New Durham Station. You all mean so very much to me. Thank you and keep in touch.

/s/Fondly, Diantha S. Moulton

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November 11 - 15: Mon., Veterans' Day, closed; Tue., Spaghetti & Meatballs; Wed., Veal Patty/Gravy; Thu., Macaroni & Cheese; Fri., Shepherds Pie.

November 18 - 22: Mon., Turkey Ala King; Tue., Salisbury Steak/Gravy; Wed., Breaded Chicken Fillet/Gravy; Thu., Roast Pork/Gravy; Fri., Fish Fillet/Lemon.

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN ALTON



Photo by Mary Jane Dascoli

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