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NEW FIRE CHIEF NAMED

On September 3, 2003, Deputy Chief Alan Johnson, who had been Acting Fire Chief since the retirement in June of Chief Russell Sample, was appointed Alton's new Fire Chief. Chief Johnson, a native of Edison, NJ has vast experience in Fire Fighting and Search and Rescue. He was a founder of the Clara Barton First Aid Squad in Northern NJ in 1963. He moved to Farmington, NH in 1968 and became a member of the Farmington Fire Department. In 1971 he was instrumental in establishing the Farmington Ambulance service and was appointed Director.

In 1972 Johnson moved to Rochester and joined the Rochester Fire Department as a full time Fireman. He moved upward in rank and in 1982 was named Captain of Engine One, a position he held until moving to Alton in 1991. He became a volunteer with Alton's Fire Department and was appointed Lt. Chief. Johnson is a Master Electrician by trade and also had experience as a Rochester Building Inspector.



*Alton Fire Department
Chief Alan Johnson*

He assumes the position of Chief of the Department at a critical time in making decisions in positioning the Department to meet the challenges of growth with available revenue allocations. Call volume is up 28% in 2003. Johnson sees one of the main challenges being declining volunteer personnel.

The Department does not have any full time firemen; even the Chief is a volunteer. The Department only has 25 volunteers, which is down from 40+ in the 1980's. There is presently only one volunteer call fireman living in West Alton and 3 volunteer call firemen living in East Alton. In addition, most volunteers work out of town during the day.

Chief Johnson intends to embark on a major recruiting campaign, identifying potential volunteers and convincing them to join the Department. Additional problems involve equipment storage, cramped facilities, building and sewerage maintenance, and bringing buildings up to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance. A dedicated fiscal conservative, he is confident that this can be accomplished with minimum budget impact.

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COMMUNITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES (CYA) OPEN HOUSE-DATE CHANGE

By Dick Wallace

There is a NEW DATE for this event. The date is changed from October 1 to October 2nd. We apologize for any inconvenience. The time and location remains the same; 6-8 p.m. at the Pearson Rd. Community Center (PRCC) (located near Rt. 28 off from Old Wolfeboro Rd. and next to the Senior Housing). Youth in grades 5 thru 8 and parents will have an opportunity to meet our staff and learn about CYA youth activities at the PRCC. Youth (grades 5-8) will be able to sign-up for CYA activities held at the PRCC. Call Dick Wallace 875-8221 if you have questions.

MOMS IN TOUCH By Phyllis Brooks

Calling Alton Moms to join us in prayer for our children and the Alton Central School. We all know that many classes are extremely tight due to an increase in enrollment. We have also included in our prayers the progress of the new high school which will bring much needed relief in regard to over-crowded classrooms.

We will be meeting each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at my home on Stockbridge Corner Road. Don't let the little ones keep you away. God knows we're Moms. Feel free to call 875-2866 with any questions or for directions. Also, if you have a confidential prayer request e-mail me at waynebrooks@juno.com.

ATTENTION ALTON VOTERS By MaryBee Longabaugh, Chairman Supervisors of the Checklist

Friday, October 31, 2003, is the date by which you should take the opportunity to change your party affiliation for the January Presidential Primary.

So, YOU need to look at a checklist posted with the Town Clerk, hanging in Town Hall on the right side by the hallway counter, in Alton Central School, or in the Alton Bay Post Office.

If you are presently registered as a Republican or Democrat, and wish to enter the vote in the primary as an INDEPENDENT (entitling you to either ballot on primary day), you need to:

1) see the Town Clerk before October 31 and fill out a form; OR

2) see the Supervisors of the Checklist on October 31 from 7 - 7:30 p.m. to fill out the necessary change form.

Your next chance to make changes on your voter registration form will be in January for the town elections. The checklist for the primary will already be printed and posted.

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

Country Line Dancing Lessons for Seniors

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Line Dancing Lessons on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30-3:30pm. Learn a new dance, practice your old favorite dances, exercise and meet new people. Line Dancing is a great socializing opportunity. Registration is \$3.00 for the fall season. Bring your dancing shoes, water bottle and smile. For more information call 875-0109.

Recreation Soccer League Awards Night

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Recreation Soccer Awards Night and Ice Cream Social on Thursday, October 30, 2003 at 6:30pm at the Alton Central School. The date is tentative depending on the availability of the school facility so please contact us to confirm the date. Players, parents and the soccer family are invited to attend.

The coaches will present each player with an award and a make your own ice cream sundae will follow. Volunteers are needed to help set up chairs and serve ice cream, please call 875-0109 if you'd like to volunteer. Please join us in recognizing the volunteer coaches and soccer players at this exciting event.

Alton Bay Bandstand

The Parks and Recreation- Grounds and Maintenance Department recently completed painting the two Alton Bay Bandstands as part of our building maintenance tasks. The facilities painted were the Water Bandstand located in Lake Winnepesaukee and the Land Bandstand located in the parking lot along Route 11.

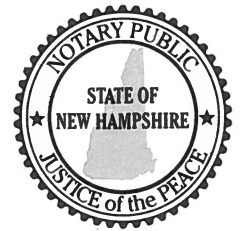
The Department would like to thank and acknowledge Gillan Marine for donating a boat for our staff to use for three days in order to transport our supplies and staff to the Water Bandstand. Please check out the Bandstands next time you are in Alton Bay. Our staff did a great job painting the exteriors and they look wonderful. Our next painting projects are the exterior of the Alton Bay Community Center and the interior of the Public Restrooms in Alton Bay.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB
ANNOUNCES OCTOBER MEETING
By Polly Finch

Members and guests of the Alton Garden Club will meet on October 28th at 1:30 PM in the Congregational Meeting House, Alton. Greg Dales will be our speaker on a most interesting subject, "Vermicomposting."

Hope to see you on the 28th.

Mary Jane Dascoli
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Funding from the US Dept of Justice, OJJDP, through the Division for Juvenile Justice Services, NH Department of Health and Human Services

IN Main Street

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Sherwood Fluery, ACS principal since 1982, will become Assistant Principal of SAU 51 and George Rogers, his assistant, will become Principal...New ballot counting machines were used in the September Primary reducing counting time considerably. Marion MacDonald was very pleased...Alton Women's Club "retired" after sixty-five years of service to Alton. They contributed to many school projects, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, the Gilman Library and the Ambulance Service...

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Alton raised \$10,000 for flood relief and Selectman Reuben Wentworth took vacation time to deliver it to the two sister towns in the midwest. West Alton, Missouri, and Alton, Illinois will use the money for their fire departments which were badly damaged. ..The 13th Old Home Week was a great success. George Woodman was Grand Marshall...Parks and Recreation sponsored an Oktoberfest with a road rally, scavenger hunt, games and craft exhibits...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Gilman Library officially opened the new expansion sections on either side of the main building and downstairs. Library Trustee Chairman, David Countway, thanked everyone for all their efforts in fund raising and other assistance...Evelyn Nardi was installed as president of the Senior Citizens group...After two years of fund raising, a Wheelchair van was purchased for Zachary McGee...The Alton Historical Society moved into a new room in the basement of the Gilman Library. They will be able to organize their collections and be open for visits.

ARTS IN EDUCATION CONFERENCE ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

By: Susan Blair, Assistant Principal

Two teachers from Alton Central School attended the Arts in Education Conference held on September 12-14, 2003. Jen VanCor, elementary art and Pan Mathews, kindergarten represented Alton Central School. The conference is designed to support and assist teachers in their endeavors to learn about the artists recognized by the New Hampshire Arts Council and the expertise they would share with the District.

The teachers also benefited from a wide array of workshops ranging from assessment in the arts, grant writing, drawing from nature and Puppet Theater. Keynote speakers reinforced the importance of art in education along with their personal experiences in the arts.

Alton Central School is the recipient of an arts grant for the 2003-2004 school year. The Arts Committee will be meeting soon to begin planning for the 2004-2005 school year. If you would like to serve on the Arts Committee at Alton Central School please call Sue Blair.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FUNDRAISER

By Jeff St. Cyr, Senior Patrol Leader

It is now that time of year where the leaves start to fall and the Boy Scouts of America start their fundraising. Each year, the Boy Scouts of America sell popcorn. This year we will be selling 8 different types of popcorn. They are as follows-

1. 3 way tin- 7oz Gourmet White Cheddar Cheese Corn, 26oz Gourmet Caramel Corn with peanuts, and 7oz Cheddar Cheese Corn. This one has all of your favorites with a collectable tin featuring "The Northwest Harbor." Price- \$30
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6. 12 pack Butter Light Microwave. Everyone also loves this one. Gourmet popcorn with 50% less fat, and 20% fewer calories per serving compared to our Butter Flavor. Price- \$10
7. 12 oz Gourmet Caramel Corn with Peanuts. This one comes with 12 oz of Gourmet Caramel Corn with Peanuts. Price- \$7
8. 2.5 Pound Popcorn Tin. This pops great...stove top, conventional or hot air popper! Make popcorn yourself. Price- \$7

If you are interested in purchasing any popcorn, please contact a member of the Boy Scouts or call Jeff St. Cyr at 875-5473, and leave a message with your name, phone, address road, and how many of each you would like.

COMMUNITY CHURCH HARVEST CRAFT FAIR

Don't miss the HARVEST CRAFT FAIR on Saturday, October 25 from 9am to 1pm at the Community Church of Alton, Church Street. There will be Christmas items, books, jewelry, baked goods, fudge, dolls, and white elephant tables. Lunch will be available. The menu will include baked chicken, baked potato, carrots, green beans, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$7.00

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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**October bespells us with breathtaking scenes-
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Low Hunter's moon greeting sunrise-
She need not assume any Halloween themes
But children are waiting with eyes all agleam
To carve their pumpkins brought from the field
And to go trick or treating with faces concealed!**

All the road construction on Rte.28 and Old Wolfeboro Road and elsewhere may be the reason we had only 14 members at our September meeting. The seniors certainly have had some challenges to their driving skills as they try to negotiate their way into the senior center on Pearson Road!

The trip committee is planning one final trip for the season. Everyone is eager to go to a Christmas Tree Shoppe, and we will go to either Salem or Nashua in October. Call the center at 875-7102 or drop in to find out the finalized details.

One of the main items discussed was the planned use of the Senior-Community center by a new Youth Group. CAP (Community Action Program from Concord) has use of the building five days a week and pays rent. The seniors also use the building for activities up until 3 p.m. week days. Other organizations, such as the K of C and VFW also have monthly meetings in the evening at the center. Our concern is the seeming lack of space for the planned youth activities, but more details will be forthcoming and we wish the group well after it gets underway.

We thank Kellie and the Parks and Rec. Dept for another fine Bingo afternoon in August....35 people enjoyed the fast paced games and the prizes.

All seniors are invited to the 2nd Annual Senior Wellness Festival at the Winnepesaukee Center 48 Elm St., Laconia on October 3rd from 9:a.m. to 2:30 P.M. There will be a variety of health topics, display tables with giveaways, some health screenings and a free lunch. Call the center at 875-7102 for more details ... this fair was a big hit last year! Don't forget blood pressure screening is done at the center the second Thursday of the month at the center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

We thank Peg Bowman and Liz Roberts for the refreshments.

Our next meeting is October 8 at 1 p.m. Let's hope more members attend—the construction situation should be improved by then!

Happy Halloween!



ALTON OUTDOORS By Jack Miller

October begins the hunting seasons, and is one of the prettiest times to be in Alton's outdoors. The days are still warm with crisp nights and the woods are ablaze with color.

October first is the opening of the small game hunting season. Cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, pheasant, ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrel and fox are all legal game. Remember, a pheasant stamp must be purchased to hunt these birds which are stocked at various sights around the state. As always, be sure to check the regulations for the specific game you go after.

The special "Youth Hunting Weekend" for youth under the age of 16, takes place October 26th and 27th. The youth must be accompanied by a licensed hunter over 18 years of age. Either sex deer may be taken on this weekend. This is a great opportunity to introduce young hunters to this sport.

Either sex archery deer season ends October 31st state wide, except for Unit M. Starting November 1-December 15, antlered deer only may be taken by bow.

As this month brings us hunting seasons, it also ends the general fishing seasons. October 15th is the last day one may fish for bass, trout, pickerel, northern pike, perch, carp, cusk, shad and suckers. With the beautiful scenery, one can both hunt and fish on the same day this month.

Whether you hunt, or fish, or both; October is a beautiful month to be outdoors before winter sets in. Enjoy!

VNA-HOSPICE ANNOUNCES BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Tuftonboro Town Hall, Route 109A, Tuftonboro, Thursday, October 2nd, 11am-noon.

Ossipee Concerned Citizens, 3 Dore Street, Ossipee, Thursday, October 2nd, 11:30am-1pm.

St. Anthony's Church, Sanbornville, Friday, October 3rd, 11am-1pm.

Doris Benz Community Center, Heard Road, Sandwich, Wednesday, October 8th, 11am-noon.

Alton Community Center, Pearson Road, Alton, Thursday, October 9th, 10:30am-noon.

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HOW WILL THE NEW STATE BUDGET AFFECT ALTON?

By Mike Whalley
House Deputy Speaker

Over the past nine months, State House members and State Senators, working with the Governor, hammered out a budget for the next two years for our state. The process of passing this budget was the result of bipartisan support, and while no one got everything they wanted, most of us felt that what we passed was appropriate given our current economic climate. The end product is an agreement that meets the basic needs of our state departments and the services they provide New Hampshire residents.

Governor Benson outlined two main goals regarding budget; one, that we should not increase or create any new tax to fund the budget, and two, that the budget be crafted with the economic realities of the world we face today in mind. Through a long process of negotiation, deliberations, and plain old elbow grease, we were able to adhere to these two challenges.

What does this mean for ALton? Well, because the New Hampshire Legislature does not micro-manage our state departments, it is nearly impossible to forecast. This budget does, however, include a small increase for all departments to meet their baseline needs, so at the very least, none of us should see too many changes in the services, or quality of

services, we have grown to appreciate.

Additionally, our area health care facilities will see an increase in funding, either direct or indirect and the state was able to fund many other concerns, such as road repair, public safety, wildlife management and environmental services. We also came up with several streamlining measures that will result in millions of dollars of savings, which will help replenish our "rainy-day" fund. Perhaps the most important accomplishment, however, is that we were able to pass this budget without raising the tax burden that businesses currently shoulder.

It's an understatement to say this budget took a lot of hard work. It also took legislators from all sides to come together to craft a plan that possessed broad based support. What resulted, though, is a plan that we can live with, meets our basic needs and allows for some growth in the future.



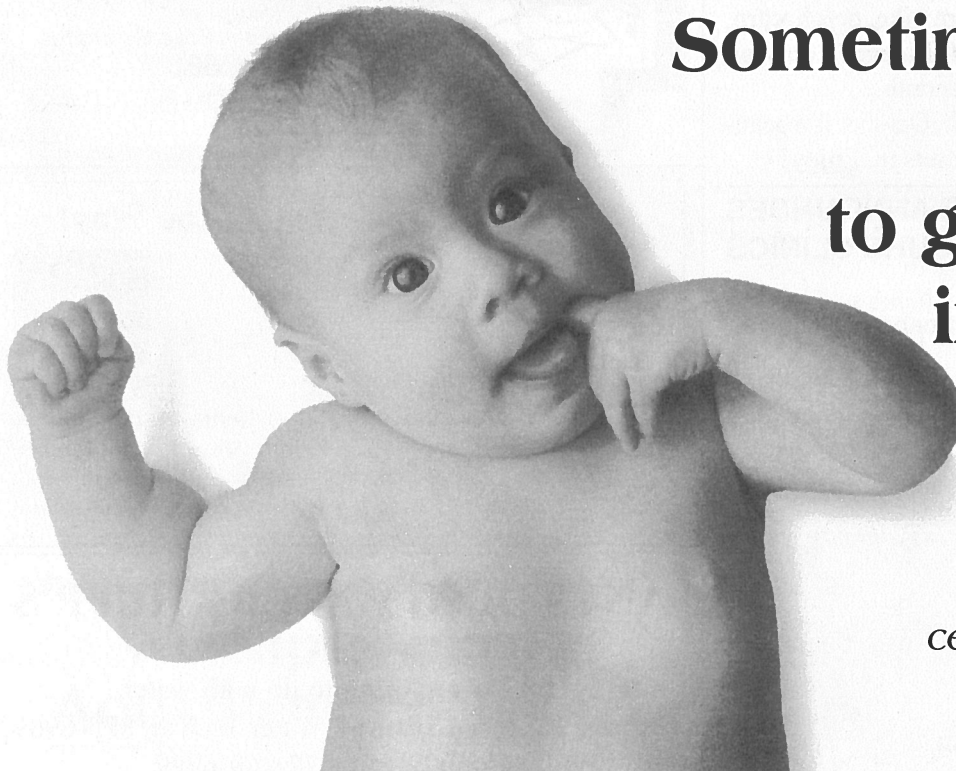
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BE ALARMED!!

Alton Fire and Rescue has recently announced that Bill and Lisa Finethy of the Gilford Home Center have donated a number of smoke detectors to Central Station. The alarms are to be given to those people in the community who currently do not have working detectors in their homes.

After the tragic fire at the Wilcox home last winter, Lisa Finethy has been concerned that there may be people in Alton who are unable to purchase smoke detectors and will go into the winter heating season with no alarms in their homes.

To help prevent another such devastating fire from occurring, the Finethy's have generously given Alton Fire Rescue two types of detectors — those that are "hard wired" and those that work with batteries.

If you are in need of an alarm, please call Central Station at 875-0222. Thank you to Bill and Lisa for such a generous and thoughtful gift to the community.

**BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS!
SUPPORT MRS. SANTA FUND**

Every year many Alton community service organizations, led by the Alton Fireflies (the women's auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department) come together to provide the less fortunate of many ages - but especially the children - a Christmas bright with promise. For several years now the Mrs. Santa Fund has provided gifts for children newborn to age 17 and some senior citizens as well. The list of those in need grows longer each year.

Once again, your generosity is needed by Mrs. Santa's elves. New clothing and toys may be dropped off at the Alton Town Hall until December 1st. Cash donations, which are used to purchase warm coats and boots, are also welcome. Donations are to be made payable to Mrs. Santa Fund. Send donations to either PO Box 755 or c/o Bank of New Hampshire, Main Street, Alton, NH 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 10th: elf #1, Daryl Czech (875-3815), or elf #2, Sharon Hannafin (875-3079).

Make this holiday season a merry one for all of our friends.

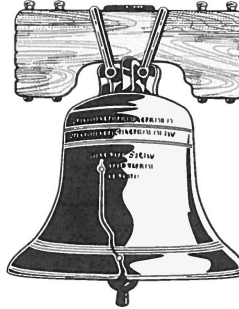
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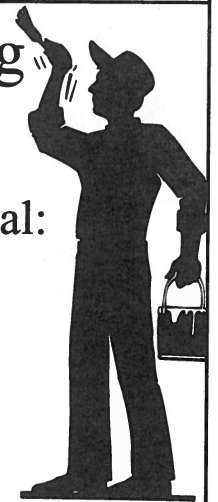
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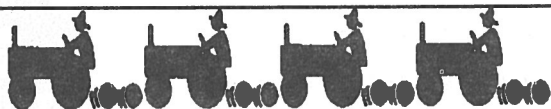
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TOWN HALL NOTES

By Russ Bailey, Town Administrator

We are nearing the final phase of implementing the E911 Address System and expect to mail your new address information by the first week of October. This initial mailing is as complete as possible, but we know that there will be some particular issues and invite residents with questions or concerns to contact the Town Hall at 875-0207.

The Board of Selectmen have adopted a new Building Permit Fee System to be effective October 15, 2003. Please call the Land Use and Property Records Department for information at 875-5095.

Community Action (CAP) of Laconia is now accepting applications for Fuel Assistance, their number is 875-5512. This program is for any eligible family or individual, and applicants do not need to be welfare recipients in order to qualify.

If you are an elderly citizen and could use assistance in your home, Heidke Fund caregivers are available to help. For information, please call us at 875-2161.

The Town Hall accepts non-perishable food items for the Alton Community Services program, these may be deposited at the Town Hall, Selectmen's Office, Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Annual Thanksgiving Baskets By Paulette Wentworth

Summer is regrettably over, but it is time to start thinking about the Thanksgiving food baskets for the families in need. Donations would be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check or money orders. Make donations payable to "Operation Blessings". Donations may be dropped off at the Town Hall to Paulette Wentworth or mailed to Town Hall, P.O. Box 659, Alton, NH 03809.

Canned goods donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall between 8am and 4:30pm on or before November 21, 2003.

The 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 Paulette at 875-0203 between 8am and 4:30pm.

HAVE YOUR WOOD STOVE AND FURNACE BEEN INSPECTED LATELY?

Have you considered having your wood stove inspected by someone knowledgeable? The chimney does get dirty and should be checked out before using it again. Cleaning chimneys and proper installation are the two most important aspects of fire safety.

Don't forget your furnace. When was the last time you had a qualified person inspect, clean, and adjust yours? Have the filters been changed recently? Do you know if your furnace has an emergency shut-off switch and where it is located?

Finally, when you reset your clocks to EST, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

For safety's sake, please do all these things now!

“Get Out! Stay Out!” FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This year, October 5th through the October 11th has been designated as Fire Prevention Week. Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been traditionally dedicated to reminding the public that fires can and do happen in the home. In fact, nearly 4,000 people die annually in house fires.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is “When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!” and specifically targets two very important issues - the proper installation and testing of smoke alarms and the development and practice of home fire drills.

Lt. Sharon Hannafin, of Alton Fire Rescue, reminds us that all smoke detectors should be tested monthly and that the batteries for the alarms should be replaced twice a year. An easy way to remind yourself that it's time to replace the batteries is to make it part of your routine in April and October when you change your clocks. “Spring Ahead, Fall Back” and put in fresh batteries!

This year, Fire Rescue has “Alert-all” pamphlets available to the public. They contain valuable homeowner information regarding fire prevention. Also on hand are bright yellow “Alert-all” stickers which should be placed in the bedroom windows of children and any family members who might need special assistance in an emergency. Members of the community are urged to pick up the informative brochure and stickers at Central Station.

To further educate the younger members of the community, Alton Fire Rescue will be visiting Alton Central School on October 9th and 10th. Their focus will be on teaching students fundamental fire prevention and survival methods and the importance of home fire drills. In the past, Fire Rescue has worked with kindergartners and actually have had them “man” the fire hose! Teenagers have been taught the correct use of a fire extinguisher and the “Barnstead Smoke House”, a mobile fire prevention education unit, has been brought in to help illustrate how Emergency 911 works and how to exit a smoking building by ladder.

This year's program is being planned by the 5 interns who are currently living at Central Station and attending the NH Community Technical College Fire and Science Program and the Fire Academy. As this paper goes to press, the program has yet to be announced, but it is sure to be informative and one that Central School students will remember!

Please, take the time to change your smoke detector batteries this month, work on that home fire drill plan, pick up your “Alert-all” information at Central Station and remember to ask your children or grandchildren what they learned at school during Fire Prevention Week!



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NEW BANK COMING TO ALTON

Profile Bank of Rochester has entered into an agreement to purchase the Catholic Church property on Main Street where St. Joan of Arc Church was located. In an interview with Kenneth Wilman, President of Profile Bank, Wilman stated that subject to Planning Board final approval, a transfer of title will occur sometime after October 15th. Profile has approvals from Federal and State Regulatory Agencies to open a full service Branch at the location with between 6 to 8 employees. Plans are to open sometime around June 1, 2004 with full service including commercial and consumer lending, checking accounts, savings and investments and drive up windows.

Profile Bank is a Mutual Savings Bank founded in 1907 with current assets of \$122 million. It is an independent New Hampshire Bank with the main office in Rochester. It has one other branch in Wakefield. From it's early days it has specialized in providing financing of Real Estate. It retains 90% of its mortgages in its own portfolio providing "non-conforming" mortgages as well as FNMA and FHLMC programs. It is also a VA and FHA approved lender.

Ken Wilman is no stranger to Alton having maintained a boat at local marinas. He is also in the process of moving to Alton. He feels with the success of Profile's branch in Wakefield, a community very similar to Alton, and the growth potential for Alton, the area can definitely support a second bank.

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM

By: Catherine Bond, Career Coordinator

Students at ACS have diverse opportunity to visit facilities outside of school to explore their career interests and make good community contacts. This year, Senior Robyn Ford will be placed at the Rochester Equine Clinic for an in-depth study of the care and management of sick horses.

In her own words, Robyn describes this unique opportunity. "The Rochester Equine Clinic is a state-of-the-art equestrian veterinary hospital for sick horses. I go to this facility 5 days a week, between classes, for the whole year. Right now I am just learning by observing what they do with sick horses. I have been in the surgery room while they operated and have seen how the horses get better. I am doing this work-study because I have a very high interest in horses and am planning to go to college for Equine Studies. This is a very good opportunity for me. It is a very professional work place and they treat the animals as well as they can".

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Community Church -- Sun. Service, 9 am, Main Street Church Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor; 875-5561

First Free Will Baptist Church -- Sun. School, 9:45 am; Church, 11 am; Evening Service, 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason

North Barnstead Congregational Church -- Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 am, 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald

St. Joan of Arc -- Weekend Masses in the Rectory -- Sat., 5 pm and Sun., 8 and 11 am; weekday Masses, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 am at St. Cecilia's, Wolfboro; Tue., Thu., and Sat., 8 am at Rectory Chapel; Sun. Mass St Paul's in Barnstead, 9:30 am; Rev. George Ham; 875-7191

Wolfboro Bible Fellowship -- Sunday School, 9:30 am; Worship Service, 10:30 am; Evening Service, 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

Tue. and Thu., 11 am - 7 pm; Wed. and Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Sat., 9 am - 1 pm; closed Sun. and Mon.

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TOWN HALL: 875-2161

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. 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.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN -- 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 pm. (re-plays on Channel 26 following Thurs. and Fri.), Chairman Don Irvin, call 875-2161 for appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE -- 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 pm, Chairman Cydney Johnson, 875-7448.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES -- Meetings posted at Town Hall and Post Office, Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION -- 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 pm, Town Hall, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-5095.

FIRE WARDS -- 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm, 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 -- Meets 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 Thomas Hoopes, call 875-5095 for appointment.

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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST -- Meets on call, Chairman MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.

TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY -- 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, Chairman Nancy Jordan, 875-2550.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS -- Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.

WATER COMMISSION -- 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 9:30 am, Water Department Office, Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT -- 1st Thursday, 7 pm, Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-5095.

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Clubs and Services

Newborn/Maternal Home Visits: Community Health & Hospice Young Family Program nurses provide free home visits for pregnant women who are Medicaid-eligible and also offer a free visit by a Registered Nurse to any parent of a newborn in the greater Lakes Region. The program teaches infant care, what to expect in their child's growth and development, and parenting skills. For more information, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

Shots For Tots, Teens, and In-Betweens: provides immunizations for children to age 19. For dates and location, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

"Caring Caregivers" Support Group: a support group for caregivers of the memory-impaired and others in long term caregiving situations. The day group generally meets on the first and third Monday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30am. The evening group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Regular meetings are held at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Please contact Pat Marceau at CH&H (524-8444, ext. 343) for additional information.

Community Health & Hospice welcomes volunteers and provides training in all programs. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Bev Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator, at Community Health & Hospice, 780 N. Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246 or call (603) 524-4339, ext. 348 or (toll-free) (800) 244-8549 in New Hampshire.

Bereavement Support Group: Community Health & Hospice offers a Bereavement Support Group at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Call Carolyn Stevenson, 524-8444, ext. 321 for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous: Starting July 10, Overeaters Anonymous (OA) will meet weekly on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center on Route 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Contact person: Nancy - 875-5875. All are welcome.

Young Family Program: the Community Health & Hospice is offering a free Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) to parents of children ages four months through five years. The ASQ is a parent-completed screening system to help identify children who should be referred for a comprehensive assessment for medical, special education, early childhood education, mental health, and social services. For more information or to request a questionnaire, call Carol at 524-4339, ext. 346.

Blood Pressure Clinics: Blood Pressure Clinics are held in the following locations: Belknap Mall on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am - noon, near Shaw's Supermarket and Belmont Senior Center on the third Wednesday of the month from 12:30 - 2:00 pm.

American Red Cross Blood Services: Red blood cells have a shelf life of only forty-two days, so new reserves must be added to hospital inventories every day. If you would like information about becoming a regular blood donor, contact the American Red Cross Blood Services - New England Region at 1-800-843-3500, or go to www.newenglandblood.org/nh for a list of blood drives.

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Alton Masonic Lodge #75 -- 2nd Thu.except July & Aug., 875-7448

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
Cub Scout Pack 53 -- Last Wed., 7 p.m., Legion Hall

4-H Club, see website <www.alton4H.org>

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.
Moms In Touch -- Tue., 12:30 p.m., 875-2866

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club -- 2nd Tue., 7 p.m., JP China, Alton Bay; 875-3858 or <info@mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com>

OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfboro -- 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-7898

Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Thursdays, 5:30, Alton Bay Community Center. Contact person: Nancy - 875-5875.

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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MT. MAJOR SNOWMOBILE CLUB By Virginia Bergeron

The new season is rapidly approaching and it is time to start planning for trail maintenance and upcoming events. Please come to the meetings as your input is important. It is very difficult to keep our club on track without participation from our members.

The trail maintenance and improvement of our many miles of trails is done by volunteers, who also have full time jobs. It is a tremendous burden for these few people to take care of the whole system alone. Please help as much as you can. Lend a hand and make our trails (and your riding) as enjoyable an experience as possible.

If you have received this year's membership application, please fill it out and return as soon as possible (or bring it to our October meeting). The sooner your application is in, the sooner you can register your machine(s). Do not wait until the last minute, or you may be looking at snow on the ground AND an unregistered snowmobile. Many were caught unaware of the changes in the registration laws last year. Don't cause yourself a problem this year - get it done EARLY!

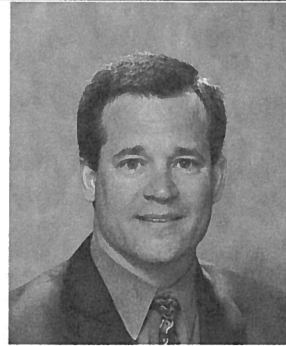
Please consider an additional donation with your membership renewal. Show your appreciation for the trails the club maintains (for your riding pleasure). Insurance on the grooming equipment is VERY expensive, not to mention the gasoline and maintenance costs to keep them running. Remember, building supplies for bridges, etc. is only partially reimbursed to the club by the State. With the State's fiscal situation, we can expect even less financial support from them in the months ahead.

For more information call Joanne, at 603-875-3858, or the Bergerons, at 603-875-6714. For information on upcoming meetings, membership applications, work details and trail conditions be sure to check out our web site at www.mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT UPDATE

The Public Safety Building Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen to analyze the current and future facilities requirements of the Police and Fire Departments is nearing the completion of its report. Preliminary conclusions are that current facilities have reach their limits and are in need of expansion and maintenance. Research shows that unprecedented growth in the past 10 years and demographic projections show the necessity for new facilities in long term planning. The Committee will complete it's research and report to the Selectmen recommending either new separate facilities or joint facilities utilizing existing town property or recommending new locations, along with recommendations on existing facilities. All meetings are open to the public with the next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at 7:00 at the Town Hall.

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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

By Ray Nadeau

The Alton American Legion Family is entering its busiest season of the year and we encourage all members and their guests to join us in our meetings and social events. The Junior Auxiliary meetings started again in September and will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. All other meetings are held on the second Monday of each month: The Sr. Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion meet at 6:30 PM; the joint family meeting is held at 7:30 PM and the Legion Business meeting is held at 8:30 PM.

Our kitchen is open on Friday and Saturday nights from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM. We are serving tasty, very reasonably priced dinners, with a variety of sandwiches, appetizers and pizza. We also serve a breakfast buffet every Sunday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Auxiliary still has "Proud To Be American" T-shirts for sale for \$12.00. They have ordered new PROUD TO BE A VETERAN shirts which will be on sale at the end of September.

Upcoming activities for members and guests are: October 25, Halloween Costume party with DJ and dancing; November 1, Membership Recognition Dinner; November 11, Veterans Day Ceremony; November 16 is the annual turkey raffle with December bringing the Children's Christmas Party, Adult Christmas Party and ending the year with a big New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance. We have just completed a new game room for pool tables and darts, that will leave more room in the main building for social events and meetings.

We are starting our Saturday meat raffles again on the 20th of September from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We'd love to see you all here!

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON ANNOUNCES CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

The After School Day Care Program at the Community Church of Alton is ready to open. The Community Church will be offering a safe, fun place for your child to learn and play. The Church will offer games, tutoring, and crafts.

For more information please email the Community Church at cmchurch@worldpath.net, or call 875-5561.

GRAMS IN TOUCH

By Nancy Pritchard

Grams In Touch is a group of grandmothers who meet once a month to pray for their grandkids. We meet on the last Monday of each month from 2-3 p.m. Next meeting will be October 27. Sometimes we share pictures of our grandkids before we pray for them. Both silent and audible prayers are welcome. Contact Nancy - 875-5875 for this month's location or with any questions.

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ACS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

By: Molly Souliere, Communications Officer

With the new school year starting the National Honor Society has been busy. On September 10th and 11th, ACS held Back-to-School Night for the high school and elementary. The National Honor Society attended and provided free childcare in the cafeteria for any parent who wished to use our services. They also showed parents where to find their child's teachers. It was a huge success.

The National Honor Society is also sending seven students and their Advisor, Ms. Kristi Getz, to the NHS & NHJS National Conference in Orlando Florida in November for 3 days. These students are Meredith Roy (President), Matt Sydow (Vice President), Carl Dickson (Treasurer), Tamara Cornelissen (Secretary), Travis Hopper, Kyle Storey, and Christina Jamieson (members). These students will be representing the Alton Central School Chapter of the NHS.

While there students will learn how to: set goals to keep chapter members involved and on track, be a chapter officer - the responsibilities, skills, and characteristics of an officer, plan new service projects or rework old ones, and implement successful fund-raising projects. They will be given a unique opportunity to network and brainstorm ideas with other members across the country.

The NHS is always here to help with any community service or function. Please contact us through the school at 875-7500 ext 7348 if we can be of service.

LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Group cordially invites you to a Continental Breakfast on Wednesday, October 15th, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant, 233 Daniel Webster Hgwy., Route 3, Meredith at a cost of \$7.95.

"Bidding, Bags and Baskets" will be the theme for our annual Country Fair/Auction. If you would like, Please bring a donation, in a bag for the grab which will sell for \$2.00. Gift baskets will be provided for the auction. You may also dress "Country" if you'd like to add to the festivities.

Guest Speakers will be our National Representatives, Freddie Nicholson and Irma Norleman. Child care will be provided at Calvary Bible Church, 6 St. James St., Meredith. Reservations are needed and can be made by calling 776-2224 or 293-8073.

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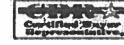
Do you love Chess? Would you like to work with a group of students who share your love of Chess? The Alton Central School's Chess Club is in need of adult Chess Coaches. The club meets every Monday from 3-4pm in the cafeteria. Call Mrs. Dwyer at 875-0396 if this sounds like the right move for you!

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**GOT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?
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WILL WE SEE YOU 10-18-03?
By Sarah Silk**

Well folks, summer isn't the only thing that has come to a close for 2003. It's now October, the last month of the 6 month season of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility. We will reopen in the spring of 2004 for another 6 months of safe and convenient disposal of common hazardous products. Since May we have been collecting outstanding amounts of common household hazardous waste from the member communities of Alton and Wolfeboro. Non-member households have attended on a fee basis from as far away as Holderness and as close as Tuftonboro, Ossipee, Freedom, and Moultonborough.

At the beginning of September, almost 70 people in Alton had gone to the Transfer Station, picked up their free pass, returned home and started collecting old oil-based paints, cleaners, solvents, automobile fluids, pool chemicals, pesticides, and other unused hazardous household products. But, some of those sturdy cardboard boxes that are filling up with hazardous products in their original containers, are still sitting in the garage or the corner of the kitchen waiting for their trip to the facility at 404 Beach Pond Road in Wolfeboro on October 18th. There were about 25 passes not turned in

prior to the September 20th collection.

If you have misplaced your pass, or need to get one, just visit the Transfer Station. If you still have the one you picked up, please take advantage of our last collection date in 2003, the third Saturday of October. We are open from 8:30 AM to noon.

During the first 4 months of the collection season, we have been open the 3rd Saturday of the month. From May through August, 25% of households attending came from Alton. Wolfeboro participation accounted for 68% with the remainder being households attending on a fee basis from various non-member communities. Households appear to be bringing larger quantities than previously collected per household through the Annual LRPC HHW Collection. This may be a result of people planning their trips and spending more time scouting out the garage, checking corners of the basement, rummaging around under the kitchen sink, or looking into what's lurking in the garden shed. Because multiple days are offered during the 6 month season, there is more publicity which can heighten community awareness. If a collection day is missed, more items can be added to the box for the following month. The once a year event has a shorter notice period in the media. This may precipitate a "golly, grab it and go" round up of products resulting in lower quantities. There is a ten gallon limit per household, but a household may attend more than once per season. Don't forget, latex paint, also known as water-based paint, is not a hazardous waste.

DON'T MISS YOUR LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR. Collect those nasty items, bring your pass and visit the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility on Saturday, October 18, 2003. We are open from 8:30 AM to noon at 404 Beach Pond Road. Bear left on 109A in Wolfeboro Falls, go approximately 1 3/4 miles to Beach Pond Road on the right. Drive 1 1/4 miles and watch for the two yellow A-frame signs on the left. Do you have a question? Leave a message at the facility 569-Let's Take Care Of it. (569-5826). Or call me, Sarah M Silk, Site-Coordinator at 569-2073.

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ACS Guidance Office News
by: Marilyn St. Cyr, Guidance Director

The SAT

The SAT I is typically taken in the spring of the junior year and fall of the senior year. In preparation for the SAT I, juniors and sophomores can take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) as a practice for the SAT.

The PSAT will be given on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 at the Alton Central School.

The SAT Test dates for the 2003/2004 school year are as follows:

October 11, 2003
 November 1, 2003
 December 6, 2003
 January 24, 2004
 March 27, 2004
 May 1, 2004
 June 5, 2004

Students need to pay close attention to registration deadlines. The SAT II is also available for students applying to colleges that require the SAT II. The SAT II is given in a variety of academic subjects on the same test dates as the SAT I except for the March 27, 2004 date.

The Act Assessment

The ACT is available for students wishing to take an alternative test or an additional test for college admissions. The score results are subject specific.

The ACT test dates for the 2003/2004 school year are as follows:

October 25, 2003
 December 13, 2003
 February 7, 2004
 April 3, 2004
 June 12, 2004

This year the entire junior class will be taking the ACT Assessment in April as part of the Alton Central School standardized testing program. The results will be important to students as they prepare for post-secondary programs.

The ASVAB

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be given at Alton Central School in November. It is an excellent aptitude test to take, whether or not the student is interested in the military. There is a career follow-up program after the test scores are returned. This test is available for grades 10, 11, and 12.

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Thus began a Peabody tradition, which was to become internationally famous. The original ducks have long since gone, but after more than 76 years, the marble fountain in the hotel lobby is still graced with ducks.

Today, the Mallards are raised by a local farmer and friend of the hotel. The ducks live in the fountain until they are full-grown and, on retirement from their Peabody duties, are returned to the wild.

Our visit to Memphis was part of our RV river barge caravan that traveled the Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT By Donald E. Parks

When school opened on August 25th for the 2003-2004 school year, the enrollment was up by 3.3%, or 25 students standing at 776 students. Over the last three years, there has been a consistent increase of 25-36 students per year. From 2000-2001 to 2003-2004, there has been an overall increase of 76 students. Based upon the proposals for new sub-divisions and the number of building permits issued, the growth will continue for the foreseeable future. Over the last 10 years, the student population has increased from 583 to 776 students, or 33%.

Because of the enrollment increase and lack of space, another second grade teacher was hired to create two team teaching classrooms in second grade. In total, there are three team teaching classrooms in the district, two in second grade and one in third grade.

There will be a new Athletic Director in the district this school year. Mark Anthony, health teacher and girls' basketball coach, will assume the position vacated by Scott Hutchins who resigned. Mr. Anthony is a graduate of Central Connecticut College with a BS Degree in physical education and health. He has been a health teacher at Alton Central School since 1998.

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The construction of Prospect Mountain High School is on schedule, but the site work is slightly behind schedule due to a wet spring and heavy rainfall this summer. The site contractor has gone to a six-day schedule to get caught up.

The permanent road is under construction. The plan is to have the road constructed by late fall and the base coat of asphalt installed.

The draft budget has been prepared and the process of reviewing it is underway by the Budget Sub-Committee of the Prospect Mt. School Board. The draft budget contains all requests for textbooks, materials, supplies and equipment above and beyond what funds had been allocated in the original bond budget to purchase these items. The draft budget allows the Budget Sub-Committee the opportunity to see every request. The final budget will look differently than the draft budget. The draft budget was driven by a proposed new course of study that was presented to the joint school boards in June. Principal Russell Holden has been working with the teachers to develop course descriptions for each proposed course and a written curriculum.

The 2004-2005 final budget will be more than what was originally projected to be the budget for the high school. Using a very simplistic formula in September of 2001, three years prior to the actual opening of the school, it was esti-

mated the budget would have been \$4,500,000. In September of 2001, the following key items that would significantly impact the budget were not known:

1. No course of study in place, which determines the number of courses to be offered and the number of staff needed.
2. No principal in place who would propose new and creative programs.
3. The huge increase in health insurance costs over the last three years – 75% increase and another 22% projected for the 2004-2005 school year. The increase in NH Retirement System contributions due to an unfavorable investment market for pension funds.
4. The size of the school had not been determined in September of 2001.

Referring back to the simplistic formula used in September of 2001, to project the budget for an opening in 2003, it was assumed that salaries and fringe would make up 65% of the budget and the other 35% operational costs.

An estimated figure was calculated for the number of staff needed in addition to the faculty coming from the Alton School. Then, an estimated budget figure was calculated for salaries and fringe benefits and it was determined that amount represented 65% of the budget. The bottom line was an estimated budget of \$4,500,000 with a lot of unknown critical variables that have a high impact on the budget were not considered or known.

5. The amount of money allocated in the bond budget for furniture and books was understated. Architect, Chip Krause, had proposed higher figures in both categories but the amount to be bonded would have been over 20 million dollars. The net result was these two categories were reduced to bring the total bond budget amount down so it would be acceptable by the voters and it was implied, though not stated, that funds to cover the shortfall in the bond budget would have to be made up in the first budget or subsequent budgets.

6. There is a projected increase in teacher salaries because the existing Alton Teachers' Contract will expire on August 31, 2004, prior to the opening of the school. The salaries of the teachers could have been predicted fairly accurately when the budget was being projected in September of 2001 because the Alton Teachers' Contract would have been in force as referenced in the Joint Maintenance Agreement. With the contract set to expire and the anticipation of a new one being negotiated, it is not as easy to project what the cost will be.

I am confident a responsible budget will be presented to the voters and one that can be supported in both communities. There is still a lot of work to do on the budget and a lot of options to consider. It is a work-in-progress.

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In addition, Bob was well known for his community involvement. He was a member of the Alton Masonic Lodge and a charter member of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. Bob also served for forty-seven years on the New Durham Fire Department.

He will be missed.

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Alton Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on October 21st, 7pm at the Gilman Library. Reports will be presented from all committees. A slate of officers will be presented for a vote by members.

Refreshments will be served. The Society needs support from all its members. Please come.

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LAKES REGION SOCCER CLUB NEWS BY TERRY STAMP

FALL SOCCER

Peter Clifford, the Under 11 Lakers United Girls Coach reported that his team got off to a great start this fall. The team won its two opening games, which were followed by participation in the National Got Milk, 3 versus 3 competition in Massachusetts, where they won 3 games and lost 2. The Lakers United U11 girls team will be going to the National 3v3 competition at Disney Wide World of Sports over the New Year holidays. The team has signed up to play in the Columbus Day Tournament at Exeter on October 11 and 12.

PREMIER INDOOR SOCCER

Immediately after the High School outdoor varsity soccer season, the Club hopes to organize its second year Premier Indoor Soccer League for Varsity players both boys and girls. The competition will be open to four select boys teams and four select girls teams. The plans call for the first game to start on Sunday, November 2 and continue through December 21. Games will utilize the whole gym area. For more information please call Terence Stamp 569-1810 for Boys and Richard Wargo 279-5604.

GOT MILK 3V3 NATIONAL COMPETITION

In addition to the U11 Girls going to Disney, Ray DeZenzo and his National Third Ranked U18 Boys team will be visiting Disney again this year. The following players have been selected for this competition. James Lopez of Brewster Academy and Wolfeboro, Nicholas DeZenzo of Brewster Academy and Methuen, Seth Desjardins of Spaulding High School and Wakefield, Robert Clifford of Gilford High School and Alton, and Takaru Tanikawa of Tilton Academy and Japan.

INTRAMURAL INDOOR SOCCER

Plans are being made to once again play the popular Intramural Indoor Soccer. Players from age 6 through 19, both Boys and Girls will play from January through March 2004. Games are being planned to be played on Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 6pm at the Paul School Wakefield for the 6 to 12 year old players and at Kingswood High School for the Middle School and High School aged players. For more information please call Jean Wons at 522-6379.

SPRING SEASON TRAVEL COMPETITIVE SOCCER

Vice President Travel, Peter Clifford reported that there will probably be at least six (6) teams competing in the upcoming Spring 2004 season.

U11 Girls, Coach Peter Clifford; U12 Boys, Coach Lyn Hart; U14 Girls, Coach Steve Berranger; U16 Girls, Coach to be named; U16 Boys, Coach David Blue and U18/ U19 Boys, Matthew Locke.

Tryouts for all teams will be held at Kingswood High School on November 8 and 9. Players who want to be included in their age group team tryouts can call Peter Clifford at 569-6362 for more information.

COACHING COURSE FOR NHSA "E" LICENSE

Team Coaches and Assistant Coaches must be qualified to the NHSA standards before being allowed to Coach a Spring team. The NHSA will conduct a Coaching Course for the Lakes Region Soccer Club coaches and any interested Lakes Region adult. Adults who wish to work with a Spring 2004 team must be qualified. To ensure your place at the upcoming Coaches Course, which runs over a weekend for four hours theory and eight hours practical, please call Peter Clifford at 569-6362.

LAKES REGION SOCCER CLUB WEB PAGE

Vice President, Eric Graupner has been busy setting up a Club web page. When it is set up, all club members, players, parents and friends will be able to quickly tune in for news of the Club and its many activities. If you have news you would like to share with club members please give Eric a call at 544-3302.

ADULT SOCCER

Vice President Adults, Noel Farrell announced that there will be a sign up for Lakes Region adults, both men and women who wish to play outdoors this fall and move Indoors during the winter and then move outdoors during the Spring season. Games will be played on Sunday afternoons, small sided 8v8 games until the weather changes. Registration fee will be \$35.00 per player payable at the time of signup. This fee will cover the player for a year. For Insurance reasons, children will not be allowed to play any games with the adults. For more information please call Noel at 875-9239.

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ROUTE 28 SOUTH ALERT

The Department of Transportations will be holding public hearings in Laconia and Wolfeboro concerning the ten year Road Plan.

On Thursday, October 9, the first hearing will be held at 9am in the Laconia City Hall, Room 200A, Second Floor. For information call Marie Bradley at 527-1270.

On Friday, October 17, there will be a second meeting in Wolfeboro. The hearing will be at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 3:30pm. For information call Barbara at 569-2428.

Anyone interested in discussing Route 28 South or any other areas roads (Route 11?) is welcome to attend.

THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian

The Annual Mum Sale was held on September 20th and 21st. We wish to thank all of you who took part whether through volunteering to help with sales or through purchasing flowers. We are very grateful to Sunflower Gardens, Route 28 South, for providing the flowers and making a generous donation to the Gilman Library Building Fund. Words alone cannot express how much we appreciate the support of the Friends of the Gilman Library, Sunflower Gardens and the community. The proceeds go to the Gilman Library Building Fund and are used for library automation.

Now that the new school year is well underway, we wish to welcome children ages 3-5 to the Story Hour Program. Once again, we welcome volunteers to read to children, to help with crafts, to decorate the bulletin board and/or to assist in picking out books.

The initial meeting will be a "Teddy Bear's Picnic" on Wednesday, October 8, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Please have your child come with his or her favorite bear or other stuffed animal. Registration is required. Future meetings will be weekly with a day and time to be determined by the answers on the registration form. Please note that when Alton Central School is not in session (due to holiday or inclement weather) there will be no story hour. For more information please call 875-2550 or stop in and see us.

The Friends of the Gilman Library will be meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 7PM in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library. The guest speaker will be Merry Lineweber who will offer a presentation on Herbal Tea Blending. What better way to relax and unwind after a busy day!!! Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Admission is free.

Alton's Book Chat will be meeting on Monday, October 13 at 6:30 PM at the library to discuss Princess A True Story Of Life Behind The Veil In Saudi Arabia by Jean P. Sasson. If you would like a copy of the book, please call 875-2550 or stop in at the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

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Desperately Seeking Music!! Do you have an unwanted piano that needs a good home? In search of an 88-key acoustic piano in very good, playable condition for an Alton family of music lovers to enjoy. The catch? We have the truck to move it, but no cash. Would be willing to trade an expensive piece of diamond jewelry though. Please help! Call 875-1355.

**Back to School Night
Alton Central School**

by: Susan Blair, Assistant Principal

On Wednesday, September 10th, parents of students in grades 7-12 had the opportunity to follow a condensed version of their child's schedule. This allowed the parents to experience a mini schedule, while learning about the varied curriculum expectations of each subject area.

On Thursday, September 11th, parents of students in grades K-6 also had the same opportunity. The lower elementary parents spent most of the evening in their child's self contained classroom while the teachers reviewed a typical day in an early childhood classroom. Parents of students in grades 4-6 also visited a shortened version of their child's schedule, having an opportunity to talk with each teacher and ask questions regarding curriculum.

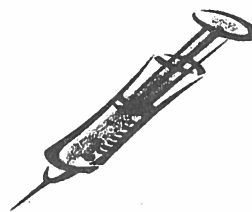
Our Sincere Thanks

We'd like to thank everyone for the support, comfort, and solace we've received during the past few months. Losing Bob Bickford affected us very deeply, but the love and support shown by friends and family made his final days much easier. Thank you all.

Elaine Scott Bickford
Judith Pellowe
Jon Scott

Welcome

Fall!



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ALTON COMMUNITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Thu 2 CYA Open House, grades 5-8 and **Parents**, 6-8pm
At PRCC
- Fri 3 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-9pm, CCOA
Open to all community youth.
- Sun 5 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30 a.m., CCOA
- Fri 10 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-9pm, CCOA
Open to all community youth
- Sun 12 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30 am, CCOA.
- Wed 15 CYA, structured activities, grades 5-6, 3-6pm,
PRCC
- Fri 17 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-9pm,
CCOA
Open to all community youth.
Variety Show, grades K-8, 6:30-8:30pm, ACS Gym
- Sun 19 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30am, CCOA
- Wed 22 CYA, structured activities, grades 5-6, 3-6 pm,
PRCC
- Fri 24 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-9pm, CCOA
Open to all community youth.
- Sun 26 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30am, CCOA
Fall Festival, grades K-5, 1-4pm, PTSA at ACS
back field
- Tue 28 Romeo and Juliet, Middle School Production,
1:30-2:30pm, ACS Gym
- Wed 29 CYA, structured activities, grades 7-8, 3-6pm
PRCC
- Thu 30 First Destination Imagination Meeting, grades K-
12, players and interested coaches, 6:30-7:00 pm,
ACS Elementary Library
- Fri 31 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-9pm, CCOA
Open to all community youth.

Note: Call Dick Wallace 875-8221 for information.
PRCC= Pearson Road Community Center
CCOA=Community Church of Alton



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