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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



ICE SKATING RINK SCHEDULE READY FOR COMING SEASON

A schedule has been drafted allowing time for public skating and hockey activity at the Recreation Department's Skating Rink. It will be posted at the Rink behind the Central Fire Station on Route 140 and at Town Hall. Times may vary during school vacation days.

According to Recreation Director Luanne Dadura, ice preparation is expected to begin this month as temperatures permit.

SOFT-PUCK HOCKEY

A soft-puck ice hockey clinic is tentatively scheduled to be held Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for students in grades five through eight. The clinic will last approximately six weeks and is designed to instruct students in the basic techniques of ice hockey, using modified safety equipment such as nerf-type pucks and plastic sticks. Helmets and mouth guards will be issued by the Recreation Department. Specific information will be distributed through the school.

Town residents are asked to remember that the maintenance of Parks and Recreation facilities is provided on a part-time basis with limited equipment. Snow removal at the rink after a major storm will be accomplished only when time permits and proper equipment is available. However, shovels for volunteer use will be at the Rink.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REVISES REVIEW PROCEDURES

The Budget Committee earlier this year instituted procedural changes directed toward a more efficient budgeting process. Throughout the year, sub-committees in their roles as fact-finders have been periodically reviewing the budgets. The 1992 Town Budget has been available to the Committee since November 5 and the sub-committees reviewed their respective departments and accounts. At the November 21 regular meeting of the Budget Committee, the sub-committees reported their recommendations to the Committee as a whole. The Committee also was expected to meet with the Wage and Salary Review Board prior to the meeting.

Based on the recommendations of the sub-committees, the Budget Committee will determine specific areas for more in-depth review; what, if any, additional information is needed; and which department heads are to appear before the Committee.

The deadline for receipt of the 1992-93 School Budget is Thursday, December 12, when the five-member sub-committee will review it before reporting their recommendations to the Budget Committee. The review process will be the same as that used with the town budget.

Once established, schedules of meetings with various departments will be available and posted in the usual locations.

Two public hearings will be held for the town budget on Thursday, January 16, and Saturday, January 18. The school budget hearings are Thursday, January 23, and Saturday, January 25. Voters are urged to attend these hearings prior to casting their votes at the Town Meeting on March 11 and the School District Meeting on March 14.

ALTON POLICE ASSOCIATION PLANS CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Members of the Alton Police Association are getting plans underway for the Christmas Day dinners that are not only for the needy but also for senior citizens and others who may be alone on Christmas Day and would not cook a turkey dinner for themselves.

Chef Rod Nelson of the Foxy Johnnie Restaurant will prepare the dinners.

If you would like to donate money to defray the costs of the dinners, make checks payable to the Alton Police Association and mail it to or drop it off at the Police Station. If you would like to volunteer to deliver the dinners, call Elaine MacDonald at 875-6389 and leave your name and number.

SENIOR-COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS WARM AND FRIENDLY SETTING

By Jeanne Cole

It has been six months since the dedication of the Alton Senior-Community Center on Pearson Road, and the Seniors continue to be proud and pleased with their new facility.

I spoke with Evelyn Nardo who was instrumental in its completion and continues to shepherd the programs at the Center. She arrives shortly after eight each morning and gets the coffee pot going. Seniors drop in to chat and catch up on the town news.

They are welcomed into a cheerful room with curtains at the windows and tablecloths and flowers on the tables. In one corner are several easy chairs and a television set. For those living alone, this is the perfect place to watch TV, crochet, knit or play cards and enjoy the company of other Seniors. It's a very home-like atmosphere.

The Community Action Program has an office there which is open from 10a.m. to 2p.m. each day. They prepare meals-on-wheels for the housebound and also serve a catered noon meal at the Center for \$1.75. Reservations must be made the week before so they'll know how many

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SENIOR CENTER WELCOME

Evelyn Nardo (right) extends a daily welcome at the Senior-Community Center. Betty Ware and Dom Giuliano look on from the recently-finished kitchen. (Photo by Ted Cole)

meals to order. They serve 25-50 people a day. On Thursdays, the CAP bus picks up Seniors who can't get there by themselves and, after lunch, it takes them shopping.

There is bingo every Thursday afternoon after the noon meal until 2p.m., but the Center continues to stay open. On Tuesdays, a group of whist players get together at 2p.m. and they are trying to cultivate a music program for Thursday afternoons. On government holidays, the Center is open and the Seniors organize a pot luck dinner at noon.

Of course, holidays call for special parties. They had a costume party at Halloween and celebrated Thanksgiving with a real family dinner given by Evelyn Nardo and her children. The Christmas dinner will be held Saturday, December 21, at 1p.m. The Senior Committee is asking participants for donations of food or money for this event. Their New Year's Eve Party will be December 31 at 7p.m. January, February and March, they will be showing videos on Sunday afternoons.

The Seniors continue to raise money for any improvements they might want to make to the property or the furnishings inside. The last of the money from the town warrant was spent on storm windows, so any future plans will be funded by the Senior Citizens Building Fund.

If there is one thing that Evelyn Nardo stressed, it's that no one should stay home and feel lonely. This is a warm and friendly group and she wants all Seniors to feel welcome at the Center.

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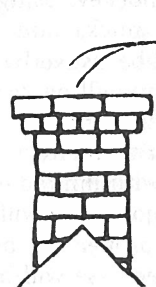
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FIVE TASK FORCES RESULT FROM CIVIC PROFILE FORUM

Civic Profile Forum Chairman Bonnie Joseph and members of the Steering Committee recently expressed their thanks to the many Alton residents who took time to come out and participate in the weekend event. The work continues as volunteers make up task forces to pursue recommendations in the five critical areas deemed to be the most significant during the forum.

The Growth Task Force has co-coordinators, Ellen Mulligan and Rene Pelletier. Also serving are Ted Cole, Scott Williams, Ed Consentino, Arthur Saulnier, Tom Hoopes, Ann Shibley, Shirley Young, and Janet Stumpf.

The Common Goals Task Force has Michael Burke as coordinator and the following serving: Nancy Merrill, Virginia Gray, Frances Washburn, and Chris Consentino.

The Information Sharing Task Force has Donald Gedney as coordinator with Cynthia Watkins, Amelia McKinney, John Irving, Chris Consentino, Ruth Messier, and Tom Hoopes serving.

The Youth Opportunities Task Force has Evelyn Nardo as coordinator with the following serving: Chris Widerstrom, Maryalice Galus, Suzanne Livingston, Brendon Mitchell, Jessica Zirpolo, Jesse McKinney, Erika Fenton, Mary Jean Robison, Chris Consentino, Ruthanne Barnet, and Harold Bothwick.

The Citizen Participation Task Force has Greg Fuller as coordinator. Serving are June Tanguay, Cathy Mars, and Warren Nott.

All task forces are underway. Those who might like to join one of them should contact either the coordinator or a member of the task force for information on their meeting schedule.

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MEETING HOUSE CAUGHT WITH ITS STEEPLE DOWN!

Is there something wrong with this picture of the Congregational Meeting House? Yes, of course. There's no steeple!

Hurricane Bob damaged the roof of the building and workmen discovered that it was not safe to lean against the rotting boards of the steeple. A leak in the roof and sheer age have taken their toll.

Given the steeple's condition, the church council voted to have the steeple completely rebuilt to conform to the exact appearance and structural characteristics of the original steeple. This is important. The Congregational Meeting House, as well as the Baptist Meeting House, is a national architectural treasure listed on the National Registry of Historic Buildings.

The cost of restoring the steeple will be approximately \$13,200 and a fund has been established for contributions from civic-minded residents. Donations may be sent to S.O.S (Save Our Steeple) Fund, P. O. Box 338, Alton, 03809. (Photo by John Duffek)

WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

HUNTING SEASONS ENDING

Here we are. It's December already - the end of the year and most of the seasons for the outdoor enthusiast. If you have not put any venison in your freezer, you have until December 2 to hunt antlered deer with your rifle fire arm. If you are a bow-hunter, you may test your skills until December 16. There is a good chance that "tracking snow" may aid the hunter in this late season. Snow makes the deer more visible, likewise the hunter to the deer. Good luck!

Ruffed grouse (partridge) may be hunted until December 31. A slow walk through Alton's woods on the last day of the year can allow one to reminisce about past seasons, provide a magnificent sunset, and maybe a tasty grouse. Be quick and sure with your shotgun.

Other hunting seasons open this month are turkey (archery only), gray squirrel, and crow until December 16. Cotton tail rabbit, snow shoe hare, pheasant, raccoon, fisher, and fox may be hunted until December 31. Rabbit season continues in '92 with your new license.

The 1991 hunting season provided these Alton outdoors memories for me - a bobcat at 20 feet, a fisher climbing the tree I was in, a bull moose at 25 yards at daybreak, watching a doe for 20 minutes, beautiful sunsets, tasty venison, and a stolen tree stand.

Yes, right here in Alton, a fellow sportsman removed my camouflaged, locked-to-the-tree, name and address-stamped, shoulder-strapped, climbing tree stand. Beware! Some unethical people participate in all sports.

If you missed the salmon run in the Merrymeeting River, you missed the big one! How about an 11-pound, 31-incher? Congratulations to the lucky fly fisherman.

Here's to looking back.

The height of irony is to give a father a wallet for Christmas.



NO SCHOOL TODAY?

You wake up and find it snowed during the night and the roads are iced over! Will there be school today? How do you find out? Call the school? Your teacher? Your bus driver? NO! NO! NO!

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By Patricia Merrill, Librarian

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The Friends of the Gilman Library invite all to a Christmas Coffee on Saturday, December 7, from 10a.m. to Noon in the Agnes Thompson Room of the Library.

Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by the Alton School Jazz Combo from 11 to 11:30a.m.

Join us for a rousing start for your holiday season!
HAVE YOU READ.....

- Imajica by Clive Barker
- Remember by B. T. Bradford
- The Love Child by Catherine Cookson
- Night Over Water by Ken Follett
- The Deceiver by Fred Forsythe
- Needful Things by Stephen King
- The Grass Crown by Colleen McCullough
- The Stormy Petrel by Mary Stewart
- A Terrible Liar by Hume Cronyn
- Me by Katherine Hepburn

FOR CHILDREN.....

- Changes by Marjorie Allen
 - Exploring the Bismark by Robert Ballard
 - Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
 - Tales of the Early World by Ted Hughes
 - Journey by Patricia MacLachlan
- BOOKS ON TAPE.....
- Love Medicine by Louise Erdrich
 - The Best of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST SPONSORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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- Mon. 2 - CHANUKAH
 Tue. 3 - BOYS BASKETBALL at Calvary Christian, 6:30p.m.
 Wed. 4 - BUSINESS AFTER HOURS, Village 5 & 10, 5:30-7p.m.
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 6 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10 to 11a.m.
 GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 6:30p.m.
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 8p.m.
 Sat. 7 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Legion Hall, 1:30p.m.
 Sun. 8 - BINGO PARTY, Legion Hall, Noon
 Tue. 10 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 6:30p.m.
 BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 8p.m.
 Wed. 11 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Thu. 12 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 7p.m.
 SANTA'S FROSTY FOLLIES, Alton School, 7p.m.
 BOYS BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 8:30p.m.
 Fri. 13 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10 to 11a.m.
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sun. 15 - BILL OF RIGHTS DAY
 Tue. 17 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 5:30p.m.
 BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 7p.m.
 Wed. 18 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Alton School, 7p.m.
 Thu. 19 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Belmont, 7:30p.m.
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 20 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10 to 11a.m.
 GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Epping, 7:30p.m.
 Sun. 22 - FIRST DAY OF WINTER
 Wed. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
 Fri. 27 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Tue. 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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Schedules

CHURCHES:

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Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Holway Residence, 859-5191
Community Church - Sunday 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, 875-5561
Cornerstone Bible Church - Sunday 9:30a.m. & 6p.m., Sunday School 11a.m., Pastor Scott Button, 875-2865
First Free Will Baptist Church - Sunday School 9:45a.m., Church 11a.m., Evening Service 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7p.m., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason
St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines

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Monday & Friday 1 to 3p.m., Wednesday 9a.m. to 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

GILMAN LIBRARY:

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TOWN HALL:

Selectman's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Planning Board - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings with Planner by Appointment, Closed Noon to 1p.m.
Building Inspector - Wednesday 1 to 4p.m., Friday 4 to 8p.m., Inspection Appointments Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8a.m. to 4p.m., Wednesday 8a.m. to Noon, Friday 1 to 3p.m. Closed Noon to 1p.m.

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Tuesday & Saturday - 7:30a.m. to 3p.m.
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ORGANIZATIONS:

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall
CHESS CLUB - Tuesday 7:30p.m., Busy Corner Store
CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall
DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP - 2nd & 4th Fridays 5:30p.m., Congregational Meeting House
EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House
HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m. Cong. Church
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30p.m. Mama Rina's Restaurant, New Durham
MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday
NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School
PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - 3rd Wednesday 7p.m. Alton Central School
ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m. Church Hall
SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday 10a.m., Pearson Road Center
VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m. American Legion Hall
CALL 875-7300 TO UP-DATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

ZELIFF REPRESENTATIVE IN ALTON MONTHLY

Congressman William Zeliff has announced that, starting in December, his field representative, Peter Bailey, will be in the Alton Town Hall from 9 to 10a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Bailey will respond to questions, offer problem-solving guidance in such areas as Social Security, IRS matters, etc., and take input and suggestions for Congressman Zeliff. In the interim, calls for the Congressman's attention can be directed to 800-649-7290.

Boards and Committees

ADDRESS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman David Jensen, 875-5637.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets Alternate Mondays at 9a.m. Chairman Patricia Merrill. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.
BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets 3rd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Ruth Messier, 875-6750.
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Carl Chamberlain.
CEMETERY TRUSTEES - Meet 1st & 3rd Monday at 1p.m. Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets 2nd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Michael Burke, 875-5492.
FIRE WARDS - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Anna Haase, 875-5611.
LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on Call, Chairman Michael Burke, 875-5492.
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OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets 4th Monday at 7p.m. in the Legion Hall. Chairman George Smith, 875-3229.
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Larry Alting, 293-0431
PLANNING BOARD - Meets 1st Tuesday at 7p.m. Chairman Harold Finethy III, Call 875-5095 for Appointment.
SCHOOL BOARD - Meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 6p.m. at School. Chairman June Tanguay, 875-7630.
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on Call. Chairman Alice Ziegra, 875-2151.
TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - Meet 3rd Monday at 3:30p.m. Chairman David Countway, 569-3648.
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
WAGE AND SALARY REVIEW BOARD - Meets on Call. Chairman Fred Engelbrecht, 293-4975.
WATER COMMISSION - Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9:30a.m. Chairman Richard Duncan, 875-5718.
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on Call.

ALTON CHURCHES PLAN CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Alton churches have planned a variety of services and activities for the Christmas season.

The Community Church of Alton will have a Children's Service on Sunday, December 15, at 9:30a.m., a traditional Christmas Service at 11a.m. on Sunday, December 22, and a Candlelight Service at 11p.m. on Christmas Eve.

A Blessing of the Crib and the singing of Christmas carols at 11:30p.m. will precede a Christmas Eve Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

The Bay Church will celebrate a Christmas Social at 6p.m. on Saturday, December 14.

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Tess Mantegani, secretary of the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, has been named one of the 50 incorporators of the newly-formed Belknap County Economic Development Council, representing the local chamber of commerce. Alton town representative will be former Selectman Bob Calvert. Current Selectman Bonnie Joseph has been active in the creation of the Council.

The purpose of the Council is to act as a liaison between private and public sectors on matters related to economic initiatives and policies, promote job retention within the existing base of the county, attract new capital and businesses to the area, serve as a data bank for access to capital for funding investment projects and development opportunities, and seek economic balance and stability in Belknap County.

SMOKE DETECTOR RECIPIENTS REMINDED TO CHECK BATTERIES

In February, Partners in Safety, distributed smoke detectors through the Farmington National Bank and it has issued a reminder to check the batteries in those detectors and replace them if necessary.

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By Jim Merrill

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However, thanks to the efforts of the Alton Fireflies, the auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department, and contributions from many citizens from the local area, Christmas Day can be a happy day for these children in need. Contributions of new or used clothing or toys may be dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall or at the Alton Office of the Farmington National Bank on or before Sunday, December 15.

Last year, 19 children received gifts and it certainly made a difference for them, bringing smiles to their faces.

Should you have any questions or if you would like to help, you can call Judy Fisichelli at 776-6172. Checks payable to Mrs. Santa may be sent to 230C Stockbridge Corner Road, Alton, 03809.

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BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM
HOME OPENER IS DECEMBER 6

The Alton Apache Boys Basketball Team will open at home Friday, December 6, against Nute.

According to Coach Frank Walker, the squad will rely on speed and tough defense as they work through one of the toughest schedules in Class S.

This year's team will be anchored by the return of captains Dan O'Blenes, Joshua Swain and Chris Dickson. The three seniors were varsity starters last year. The Apaches lost three cagers to graduation last year, so their experience and leadership will be very important to this year's team.

Juniors Jeff Irvin and Mike O'Brian are expected to contribute significantly to this year's success with their speed and outside shooting. Sophomores Mark Newlin and Derek Kenerson bring speed, good shooting and enthusiasm to the varsity and seniors Mike Mitchell, Bo McMullen, and Justin Smith provide solid backup at the post positions. Exchange student Carlos Vesteiro is generating a lot of excitement with his strength and speed inside the point.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Alton School Board is seeking volunteers who wish to serve on the Superintendent Search Screening Committee. This committee will be comprised of one Board member, one parent, one teacher, and one community member from each of the three districts.

If you wish to submit your name for consideration, or have questions concerning this request, call School Board Chairman June Tanguay at 875-7630.

The deadline for notification of interest is Monday, December 2.


THREE ALTON MUSIC STUDENTS
PERFORM IN NEW ENGLAND FESTIVAL

The Alton High School students recently performed in the 1991 All New England Band Festival at Plymouth State College.

Junior Jill Dunham played clarinet, sophomore Jeremy Everson played trumpet, and freshman John Herman played trombone in the festival band that was comprised of outstanding instrumentalists from schools all over New England.

The band was conducted by Jared Spears, internationally known composer and professor of composition at Arkansas State University. The pieces performed in the concert were Spears' compositions.

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A special Bingo Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, at the American Legion Hall. Doors will open at noon for a luncheon of turkey sandwiches and chop suey.

Bingo will start at 2p.m. with prizes in the \$2,000 range. Tickets should be purchased in advance from Jerry Fifield, 875-6768, or at the Legion Hall after 4p.m., 875-3461.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public.

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**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
AT LEGION HALL DECEMBER 7**

This year's Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for 1:30p.m. on Saturday, December 7, at the American Legion Hall. The event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus, and the Alton Police Association.

All children through the age of 12 are invited. There will be entertainment, refreshments, and a guest appearance from a fellow from the North Pole with a large belly and a white beard. Who could that be?

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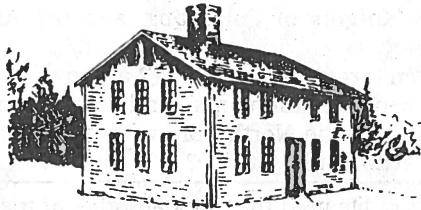
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The Board of Selectmen reports that the Transfer Station construction is on schedule and will hopefully go "on line" around January 1.

As indicated at the earlier public hearings and news releases since, the cost of operation will be a new item in the budget. Costs will be determined for transportation and "tipping fees" at a commercial landfill, with a tentative \$150,000 in the preliminary budget. Bid results will determine the final figure for both items. The early estimate for tipping fees is \$50 per ton at most commercial disposal sites.

Because the 1992 budget will not be determined until the March 1992 Town Meeting, consideration is being given to operating the Transfer Station, compacting all trash for the first three months and placing it in the landfill until final budget approval.

**TWO CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
PLANNED AT ALTON SCHOOL**

"Santa's Frosty Follies" will be presented by the students in Kindergarten through Grade Four at 7p.m. on Thursday, December 12, as the first of two holiday programs at the Alton Central School.

On Wednesday, December 18, also at 7 o'clock, a Christmas Concert will feature the Grades Five and Six Choir, the Grade Seven Choir, the High School Choir, the Concert Band, the Beginner Band, and the Jazz Band.

The programs are under the direction of music teachers Sue Long and Jim Butka.

**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
TO RECEIVE BLUE RIBBON AWARD**

The Blue Ribbon School Achievement Awards Selection Committee has notified Alton Central School that it has been selected as a recipient of the Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award for the 1990-91 school year.

This award recognizes the extensive school and community efforts that have resulted in an outstanding school volunteer program. The committee stated that without effective leadership, the support of the entire school, and the dedication of legions of volunteers, this award would not have been possible.

The award will be presented at a ceremony during New Hampshire School Volunteer Week, February 2-8.

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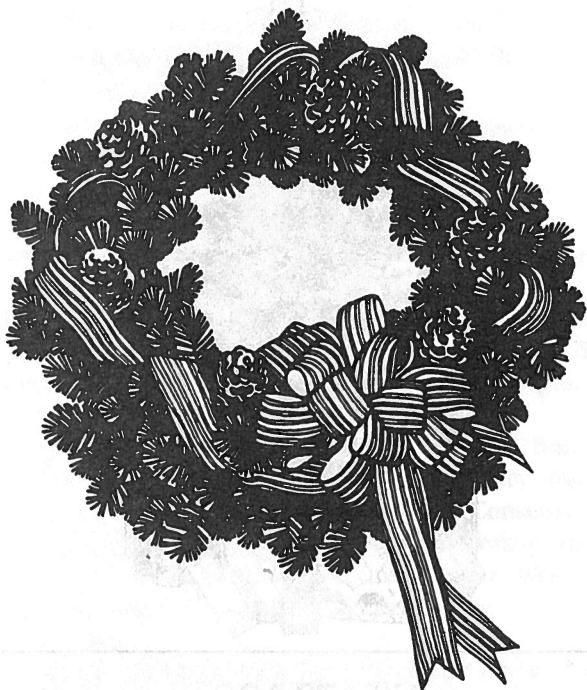
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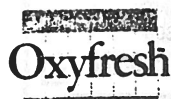
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**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED
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The Alton Garden Club met last month at the Lakeview Inn in Wolfeboro for luncheon and to celebrate the installation of the new officers of the club. Winona Houle, president for the past two years, was in charge of the meeting.

The new officers are: Elizabeth Locke and Elizabeth MacKay, co-presidents; Shirley Copeland, recording secretary; Christine Boyden, corresponding secretary; Laura Whitemore, treasurer; Anna Haase, assistant treasurer; Winona Houle, director; and Mildred Edwards, auditor. The following committee chairs were elected: Shirley Barnes, program; Elsie Trull, horticulture; Marion Davis and Jane Hennessey, beautification; Ruth Latham and Muriel Greene, good cheer; Muriel Greene, publicity; Adelma Messinger, scrap book; Jeannette Leach, Muriel Miller, and Rosa Sullivan, yearbook; Ruth Conway and Ellamarie Carr, hospitality; Elsie Trull and Ruth Conway, nominating for 1993; and Shirley Barnes, flea market.

As a tribute to Winona Houle for her faithful service to the Club, Betty MacKay presented a past president's pin and Betty Locke presented her a book.

The meeting concluded with a donation to the Alton Fireflies to help distribute gifts to Alton children.

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The two advance directives documents are (1) a durable power of attorney for health care in which one designates an agent and an alternative to ensure carrying out one's wishes and (2) a living will. A person needs both items.

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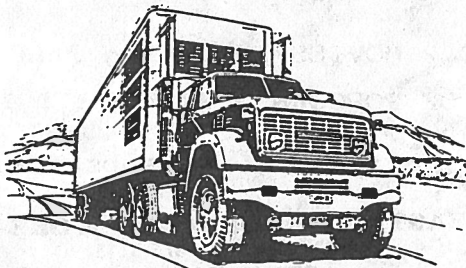
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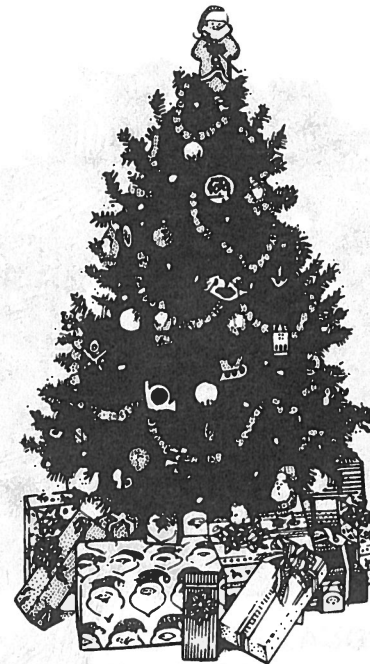
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ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB FORMED AT ALTON SCHOOL

A Booster Club has been organized at Alton Central School to increase awareness and support of athletics and to provide fundraising activities for long-term financial aid and enhancement of athletic programs at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

Charter memberships in the club will be available until January 1, 1992. The membership is a one-time \$50 fee which includes your first year's membership, a Booster Club shirt and your name on a permanent plaque. Other yearly memberships are \$25 for businesses, \$10 for families, \$5 for adults, and \$2 for students.

For more information, contact a member of the steering committee - Matt Locke, 776-3051; Rene Pelletier, 569-5912; Jaynee Hallin, 875-7204; Peter Boyd, 875-7500; Crystal Newlin, 875-5741; Bubba Noyes, 875-7140; Sam Struthers, 875-7500; or Walter Damon, 776-3321.

CALVERT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

At the recent annual meeting of the Visiting Nurse Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity, Inc., the following officers were elected: Robert L. Calvert of Alton, president; Shirley A. Bentley of Wolfeboro, vice president; Edward Rouny of Wolfeboro, treasurer; and Muriel Bond of Sanbornville, secretary.

Alton Town Clerk Gwendolyn Jones is a long-time member of the Board of Directors and Altonian Sue Nelson is a nurse with the agency.

Alton, Brookfield, Effingham, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, Wakefield (including Sanbornville and Union) and Wolfeboro are served by the VNA.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON TO BE INTERESTING & EXCITING

Coach Rene Pelletier says this year's Girls Basketball Team will be "interesting, exciting and very challenging". Senior Kerrie Newlin and juniors Keri Pelletier and Heather Swabowicz are the returning starters from last year's squad.

Last year's junior varsity players that will be part of the varsity squad are sophomores Samantha Dickson and Sara Wyatt, and freshmen Juleigh Everson and Jessica McKinney.

"We are looking forward to a successful season" Pelletier stated.

As in past years, the players and coaching staff anticipate continued fan support. The team opened the 1991-92 season away at Calvary Christian in Derry and the home opener is against Nute at 6:30p.m. on Friday, December 6.

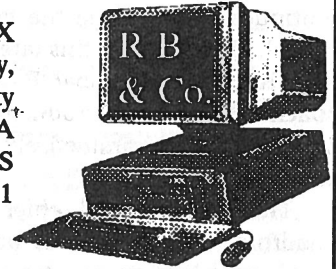
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This is the second year for this video project of the High School Journalism Department and the Video Club. It continues to chronicle the many filmworthy events at the School. Highlights of this latest edition include an interview with Assistant Principal Brian Hastings; scenes from the Apache Players fall production, "The Importance of Being Earnest"; and the immensely successful varsity soccer team in action.

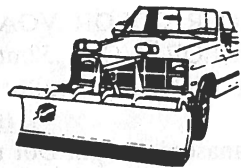
The director and chief editor of Video News, Rob Boudrow, once again has produced an interesting format within which to weave the many diverse elements. Various members of the journalism class report the news on camera and introduce filmed segments. News anchors, Eric Widerstrom and Amelia McKinney, are seen in a simulated newsroom. The School's Jazz Band plays the theme music. The opening scene gives the audience a brief glimpse of how the Video News was assembled and the many people involved.



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Alton Garden Club President Winona Houle (right) presented books to Librarian Pat Merrill in memory of recently deceased members. Books presented were Poems of Nature in memory of Brenda Marshall and The Curious Naturalist in memory of Sally Ann Barbarossa, Anna Brown, Eugenia Chamberlain, Dorothy Morse, Leta Perron, Linnea Sanders and Ethel Witherbee. (Photo by Cathy Calvert)

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