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FINAL CIVIC PROFILE REPORT PRESENTED TO FORUM PARTICIPANTS

On Saturday, January 16, a representative group of those who took part in the October 1991 Civic Profile Forum reassembled for a "final report" of recommendations from the task forces at work since that time. The report is being filed with the Board of Selectmen and the School Board for potential implementation in the time ahead. A limited number of copies are available at the Town Hall and the Gilman Library.

Highlight summaries of recommendations include the following by major issue areas:

INFORMATION SHARING

Two key recommendations include: A) establishment of an incoming telephone line at a central location where all activities and events would be posted or listed. B) procurement of a dedicated town Cable TV channel (as recently done in Plymouth and Weare) and a committee to oversee it.

GROWTH (AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

One major recommendation with several possible initiatives resulted here. This task force is continuing for a while. It recommends priority be given to updating the Economic Development Chapter of the Alton Master Plan with a positive emphasis on what the town is willing to do to encourage a revival in economic growth and development.

Among the initiatives identified are: A) Reduce zoning restrictions which are limiting. B) Identify areas of commercial and light industrial opportunities. C) Promote the strategic expansion of infrastructure to facilitate light industrial uses. D) Inventory existing businesses to identify their needs. E) Encourage expansion of existing and development of new small businesses. F) Expand/establish quality lodging opportunities for corporate executives and their families who might decide to locate their businesses here. G) Recommend to the Planning Board light industrial zone and camp/resort zone criteria.

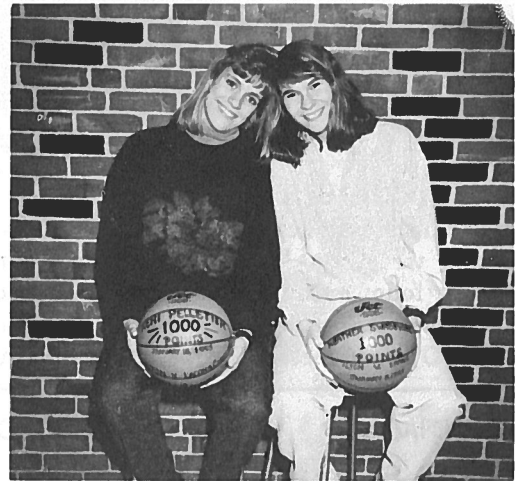
YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Three key recommendations emerge: A) Establish a committee to research the feasibility of a community youth center for sports, art, dance, etc., and particularly for children not involved in school sports, etc. B) Appoint a coordinator for the Center, possibly expanding the current part-time Parks and Recreation Director role to full-time to include this function. C) Participate in the Belknap County Youth Services Bureau Court Diversion program at a savings over current expenditures.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Seven recommendations are offered as follows: A) Prepare low-cost leaflets with mini-job descriptions for all elective and appointive positions and make them widely

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ALTON SENIORS HIT 1000 POINT MARK

On January 12, in an away game at Derryfield, Heather Swabowicz (right) scored her 1000th point and just six days later in a home game with Laconia Christian, Keri Pelletier scored her 1000th point. Each girl was honored with flowers, commemorative plaques, and game balls. A brief ceremony was held on January 21 to honor both girls.

FOURTH ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL IS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEB. 13 & 14

The Fourth Annual Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14.

A skating party and bonfire will kick off the celebration at 7p.m. on Saturday. From 11a.m. to 3p.m. on Sunday, there will be a tug-of-war, a broomball tournament, ice skating, a fly-in, and, last but not least, the famous bed race.

Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate in the scheduled events and registration for the broomball tournament and bed race can be made at the Town Hall or call Recreation Director Kellie McGrath at 875-2161.

The registration fee for the bed race is \$10 per team and each member of the team will receive an Alton Bay Bed Race T-Shirt. The winning team will get a trophy. There is no charge for the other events, but broomball participants must bring their own broom.

Five-person bed race teams will push, pull or drag a bed on the Alton Bay ice with one member of the team sitting, standing or sleeping in the bed while the other four do all the work. Teams supply their own beds and those moving the bed may wear whatever they want on their feet (be creative).

"All events are outdoors, so dress warm," reminds McGrath. "Everyone is invited for entertainment, fun and exercise."



CUB SCOUT OUTING

Members of Cub Scout Pack #53 and their families recently enjoyed two weekends of sledding, tobogganing, and snowboarding followed by hot chocolate and snacks. The Scouts thank Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Chamberlain and Mr. & Mrs. Andrew O'Shaughnessey for the use of their hill.

ALTON 2000 ASSOCIATION FORMED TO ENCOURAGED POSITIVE VISION

A group of Alton citizens have come together to establish an association, Alton 2000, for the purpose of encouraging a positive vision for the future of the community, according to the group's chairperson, Crystal Newlin.

In order to provide for the future, members of the association share a common belief that the following positions need to be addressed and supported:

- Strive to continuously improve the way we, as a town and school, do business to include services, fiscal management and interpersonal relations.
- Promote fiscal responsibility as a method of improving the quality of life and availability of opportunity.
- Support open and accessible local government.
- Promote and encourage the exchange of ideas in open forums on a regular basis.
- Protect and foster the notion that everyone has the right to their opinion and the right to have that opinion heard.
- Promote fair and equitable dealings with employees of the town and school.
- The education of our children and its improvement is paramount in our thinking.
- Strive to become an informational service concerning town and school affairs.
- Enlist the full cooperation and support of as many citizens as possible in the accomplishment of these goals.

A newsletter and public forums on current issues are planned to accomplish the goal of being an informational service. Alton 2000 welcomes all suggestions and thoughts for the future as well as financial support. Donations and ideas may be mailed to Crystal Newlin, P.O.Box 951, Alton 03809.

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The Alton Central School will present a series of adult education classes beginning March 1. Registration and payment is at the School Main Office between 7:30a.m. and 3:30p.m. daily.

Classes include Quilting, Country Drieds and Silks, Certified CPR, Slimnastics, GED Test Preparation, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, and Adult Advanced Volleyball.

QUILTING

This quilting class covers a wide range of abilities. Students able to work on their own do so and use the instructor as a resource. There is usually more than one project started during the eight-week class. The instructor is Barbara Lemery, the fee is \$25, and the first class will be on Monday, March 1, at 6:30p.m. Materials for the class are not included in the course fee.

COUNTRY DRIEDS AND SILKS

A new design class for the beginner. Here is a chance to discover your skill in a variety of design techniques in time for Spring! This course will meet for four weeks from 7 to 9p.m. beginning March 1. The registration fee is \$20 with additional supplies costs per week based on the class project, approximately \$10. The instructor is Cathy Roy. Equipment needed includes a pocket knife, scissors, wire cutters, and, if available, a glue gun.

CERTIFIED CPR

American Heart Association certification in CPR for infant, child and adult. This course will be three weeks from 6:30 to 9:30p.m. beginning March 1 with a \$3 fee. The instructors are Nancy and Alan Rabb.

SLIMNASTICS

Mat work, jump rope routines, exercises and dancercises to music. Low impact routines for all ages to stay slim and trim. The instructor is Elaine Conboy. This class will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings for eight weeks from 7 to 8p.m. starting March 1. The fee is \$25.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball occurs every Monday night from 8 to 10p.m. in the gym. Pick-up games are arranged depending on participation.


WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pick-up games every Thursday night from 7 to 9:30p.m. in the gym. Every ability welcome. Great exercise and lots of fun! For more information, call Cecile Gagnon at 364-6561.

ADULT ADVANCED VOLLEYBALL


Matches are Saturday evenings at 7p.m. Participants must be 18 years or older and have some understanding of the game. Play is competitive but fun. Further information, call Jay Sydow at home, 875-6792, or at work, 875-2600.

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The class is aerobics with a different style. It is with dance and movement to the Caribbean beat, the fun way.

Did you forget how to move those hips? Instructor Sonia, from Jamaica, will show you how to move as you participate in a reggae hip roll. You will laugh and lose yourself in the steel drums and you won't even know you have had a workout until you get home.

The Caribbean dancing program provides cardiovascular cleansing without a forced feeling. You can't help but benefit from this unique cultural experience.

Classes are held at the Alton Bay Community Center every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30p.m. starting February 11. All levels are welcome and everyone is invited to attend. The cost is \$20 a month or \$5 a class.

There will be a special introductory class at 6:30p.m. on February 4 for only \$2 to let you try out the program.

For more information or to register by phone, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-2161.

47 FIFTH GRADERS COMPLETE DARE COURSE

Members of Alton's fifth grade celebrated the completion of the DARE course with a graduation ceremony featuring entertainment, certificates and T-shirts.

Four students, Jessica Benedetto, Buffy Quindley, Jillian Sample, and Victor Stone were honored for their essays on "What DARE Means To Me". They were selected by students, teachers and DARE instructor Sergeant Susan Roberts of the Alton Police Department.

Also recognized for being major sponsors of the drug and alcohol awareness program were Farmington National Bank and Winnepesaukee Masonic Lodge #75.

"ANNUAL ICE-OUT" CONTEST REMINDER

By Lori Durkee

This is a reminder to all Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street who wish to try their luck at guessing the correct date and actual time the ice will leave the Big Lake, allowing the M/S Mt. Washington to safely reach each of its tourist ports.

Hurry! Entries must be postmarked no later than February 28 and become the property of Voice of Alton, Inc. The judge's decision is final.

The lucky winner who guesses closest to the date and time receives a William Tell Inn gift certificate (dinner for two) compliments of Peter and Susan Bossert.

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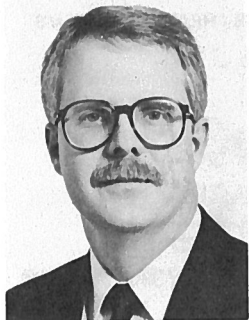
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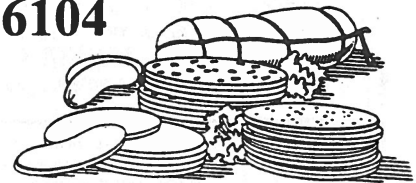
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VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1993

Sherman Brown has been elected president of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service for 1993. Anyone in need of information or assistance may call him at 875-7337 or any of the other officers. They include Richard Brown (875-5867), vice-president; Hope Elliott (875-5589), secretary; Dexter Brown (875-3155), treasurer; and Eric Elliott (875-5089), Training Officer.

Four members are currently enrolled in an EMT course. At the conclusion of the course, there will be 11 EMTs, one EMT-I, one nurse, and seven members with Advanced First Aid training.

President Brown said "the Service would like to thank the townspeople for their donations which we have received so far for this year's annual fund drive. These generous contributions and the donation of the members' time has made it possible to offer this volunteer service. Without this support, our tax rate would have to increase significantly to hire out appropriate service coverage."

The new mailing address for the organization is Post Office Box 357, Alton, 03809. The emergency phone number is 875-3752.

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By Pat Merrill, Librarian

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual Candidates Night on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30p.m. in the Music Recital Room at the Alton Central School.

Each candidate will be asked to make a brief statement of his/her candidacy and then questions from the audience will be directed to the candidates. This is an informational meeting designed to let the voter get to know the candidates.

Candidates also have the opportunity to have a brief statement of their candidacy printed in the March issue of Main Street. Deadline for these statements is February 15.

Voting will take place Tuesday, March 9, from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140.

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

According to a town ordinance, automobiles are not permitted to be parked on any highway in Alton between midnight and 6a.m. from December 1 through April 1.

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- Mon. 1 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 7p.m.
- Tue. 2 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 6p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 3 - STORY HOUR, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
- BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 4 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 7:15p.m.
- Fri. 5 - REPORT CARDS ISSUED
- BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 6 - 58th CARNIVAL BALL, Alton School, 8p.m.
- Mon. 8 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Belmont, 7:45p.m.
- Tue. 9 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 6:30p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 8p.m.
- Wed. 10 - STORY HOUR, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
- BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 11 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Moultonboro, 6:30p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL at Moultonboro, 8p.m.
- Fri. 12 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 13 - WINTER CARNIVAL, Alton Bay, 7p.m.
- Sun. 14 - WINTER CARNIVAL, Alton Bay 11a.m.
- Tue. 16 - BOYS BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 8:30p.m.
- Wed. 17 - STORY HOUR, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
- BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 18 - BOYS BASKETBALL at Epping, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 19 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Mon. 22 - SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS
- PRESIDENTS DAY - Town Hall, Landfill Closed
- Wed. 24 - STORY HOUR, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
- BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 26 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 27 - VOTER REGISTRATION, Town Hall, 10a.m. to Noon

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS PROCEDURES

Absentee ballots for the town and school elections on Tuesday, March 9, are available through the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

An original application for each individual seeking an absentee ballot must be on file before the absentee ballot will be mailed.

Completed ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 5p.m. the day before the election.

SARA ELIOT WINS ESSAY CONTEST

Sara Eliot, a tenth grader at Alton Central School, has been selected the winner of the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Essay Contest. In her essay, Eliot detailed her interest in education and the community. She will be attending a statewide leadership conference with other contest winners at Waterville Valley in the Spring.

DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

The Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of its annual Christmas Decorating Contest.

In the residential category, Kristin Noyes took first place followed by Mr. and Mrs. Ron DiGiovanni in second place, and Mr. and Mrs. Rawland Dore in third.

In the business category, Alton Day Care Center was the winner. It was followed by Miss Pat's Beauty Shop, in second, Alton Bay Busy Corner Store, third, and honorable mention for Buchanan Associates, Inc.

Boards and Committees

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman David Jensen, 875-5637.
- BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Meets 1st Thursday at 7p.m. at Gilman Library.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets Mondays at 9a.m. Chairman Reuben Wentworth. 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 David Countway.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES - Meet 1st & 3rd Monday at 1p.m. Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets 2nd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Tom Hoopes, 875-3400.
- FIRE WARDS - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833 or Anna Haase, 875-5611.
- *LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on Call, Chairman Juliette Peveryly.
- OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Cathy Mars, 875-5095.
- *PLANNING BOARD - Meets 1st Tuesday at 7p.m. Chairman Larry Alting. Call 875-5095 for Appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD - Meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 6p.m. at School. Chairman Jack Henderson, 875-6030.
- 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 Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION - Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6p.m. Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-2910. Office, 875-4200.
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on Call. Chairman Milton Jensen, 875-5990.

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ELECTION DAY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Town Moderator John Duffek is seeking volunteers to staff the polls for the Town/School Election on March 9. Individuals will be needed to check in voters, provide voter assistance and booth supervision, and count ballots at the close of the polls.

Any registered voter interested in helping should call Duffek at 875-7300 or 569-4441.

Remove and Save

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Schedules

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Community Church - Sunday, Congregational Meeting House, 11a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, 875-5561
Cornerstone Bible Church - Sunday 9:30a.m. & 6p.m., Sunday School 11a.m., Pastor Scott Button, 875-2865
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Selectman's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
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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, September thru June
MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday
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FIVE YEARS AGO.....

Carolann Simpson and Daniel LaCroix were elected Queen and King of the 53rd Annual Carnival Ball.....Judy Fry was elected president of the Historical Society.....Marion MacDonald succeeded Jean Sample as president of the Alton Fireflies.....Alton - A Town To Remember was published by the Old Photo Committee.....A snow sculpture contest was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Classified Ads

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad. Ads must be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of the preceding month.

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Voting in Town and School Elections will take place from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station, Route 140, on Tuesday, March 9.

A limited amount of sales space (baked goods, raffle tickets, calendar sales, etc.) for community organizations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for space must be submitted to the Town Clerk to insure a reservation.

PRE-SCHOOL VISION/HEARING CLINIC SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4 BY LIONS

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will sponsor its annual Pre-School Vision and Hearing Screening on Thursday, March 4, from 9 to 11a.m. at the American Legion Hall.

This screening is conducted by the NH Department of Health and School Nurse Connie Racine assisted by Lions Club members, National Honor Society members, and volunteers. This service is offered to all pre-schoolers, ages 4 to 6.

For more information, contact Racine at 875-0375.

LICENSES AND PERMITS REMINDERS

Town Clerk Gwendolyn Jones reminds residents that new dog licenses are required by April 30 and that a rabies shot certificate is required. Also, anyone who installs an aqua therm pump at their dock is required to obtain a permit prior to installation.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

American Legion Post #72 is sponsoring a gala Las Vegas Night at 7p.m. on Saturday, February 13, at the American Legion Hall.

Celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with an evening of chance, fun, prizes, and refreshments.



BONNIE SIMPSON IN FEDERAL PERIOD COSTUME

**HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER
RECEIVES ASSOCIATION AWARD**

Bonnie Simpson, home economics teacher at Alton Central School, has been awarded the New Hampshire Home Economics Teacher of the Year Award by the NH Home Economics Association, Inc.

The Association has recognized her "A Taste of History" programs as being unique and innovative. In these cooking demonstrations, Simpson, in appropriate costumes, portrays historical characters as a way to inform students of the many important and varied roles ordinary women have played throughout American History. Her programs encompass the Pilgrim Period, the Revolutionary Period, the Federal Period, the Prairie Period/Laura Ingalls Wilder, and

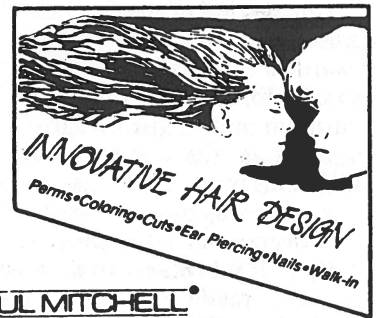
the Turn of the Century/1890's.

The Association states that "through her dedication to the program, she has encouraged students to take home economics, has introduced her concepts to members of the community, and has shared her expertise with other teachers in New Hampshire."

At the annual spring meeting of the NHHEA in April, Simpson will be awarded the honor. In addition, she will be attending the National Meeting of the Association in Orlando, Florida, in June of this year where she will have the opportunity to share her program with teachers from throughout the United States and to compete for the National Home Economics Teacher of the Year Award.

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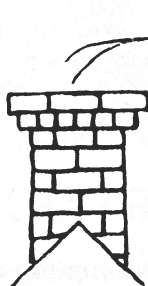


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ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: THE FINAL DAYS

By Lori Durkee

This is the last of the four-part series of the victorious six months and two days trek on the Appalachian Trail made by Calvin and Mary Batchelder.

Here's Mary to lead us through the final days starting at Glenciff NH where we left off in the last issue.

From Glenciff we started on the last almost 400 miles of the Trail with a hike up Mt. Moosilauke (4,802 feet) which is the first mountain on the Trail above tree line. Some of the southern mountains are higher than the Presidentials, but the tree line there is above 6,000 feet.

This section of the Trail in New Hampshire and western Maine is eagerly anticipated by most thru-hikers, who look forward to the challenge of the steep trails and spectacular views. Unfortunately, this year the weather was often rainy or misty in mid-August to early September. We did not mind too much as this was familiar territory to us. Some of our trail friends from other areas were disappointed. This section is the most rugged on the Trail, with many steep ascents and descents, lacking many of the switchbacks that made the high hills down south a bit easier to climb. This was one factor that made our daily mileage shrink to less than ten miles a day. The other was the need to go from shelter or



hut to the next shelter or hut. Camping is allowed only below tree line, and not easy to plan. For us, the weather was not usually good enough for just the rain-fly.

Because the A.M.C. huts tend to be fully booked during the peak hike-thru season and are also more expensive than the average long-distance hikers can afford, there is an option for them to work with the hut crew in exchange for meals and a place to sleep, if help is needed. We were fortunate in being able to do this at four of the huts: Lake of the Clouds, Madison, Pinkham Notch, and Zealand. At Lake of the Clouds we had bunks in the crews quarters. At Madison we also had bunks in the regular dorms. At the other huts we rolled out our pads and sleeping bags on the dining room floor after the evening meal was over. The crew members at the huts were extremely kind to us, feeding us great meals.

We had never hiked north of Route 16 so the stretch beyond the Pinkham Notch Camp was new to us. The Wildcats, Carter Dome and Moriah were fairly strenuous

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hiking, but rewarding with great views. This was equally true of the western Main mountains, with the stretch between Gorham NH and Stratton ME being called the toughest on the Trail, with the famous Mahoosuc Notch deemed the toughest mile. We saw our first moose, a large bull, in the Sabbath Day Pond near the shelter there. Calvin had found half a moose antler near the trail the previous day.

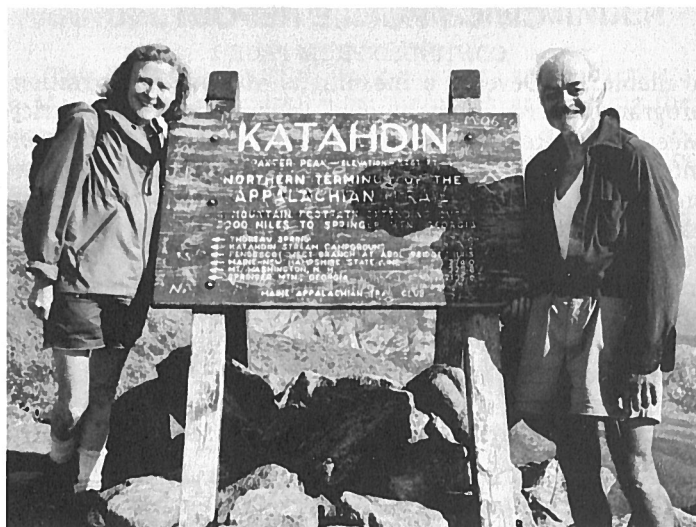
Near the end of August we had several very wet and windy days (the last hurrah of Hurricane Andrew) which made the trail wet and very slippery. By this time, too, we were having to ford several of the Maine streams. We took off our boots to keep them dry, wearing sandals with socks over them to give us better footing. We spent one night in the Sugarloaf Summit House, which is left open for hikers, and really enjoyed the woodstove to get boots and clothes dried out. The sunrise was spectacular.

On the 3rd of September, we had breakfast at Harrison's Camps on Pierce Pond, which is run during the summer by a couple from Meredith, who work at Gunstock winters. That day we crossed the Kennebec by canoe ferry. Until 1985 when a hiker was drowned, this was one of the rivers to be forded. Now the Appalachian Trail Conference and the Maine A.T.C. pay for a ferry service during two hours each day.

On the 5th of September, we met a south-bound hiker who introduced himself as "Moose", otherwise known as Mark Mills, from Alton Bay, who worked at Camp Kabeyan. He hoped to make it all the way to Georgia.

On September 7, we reached Munson, the last chance to restock before the hundred mile wilderness, where we

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available. B) Develop a meaningful volunteer recognition program featured at the annual Town and School District Meetings. C) Reactivation of the combined Town and School informal and non-binding "Summer Town Meeting". D) Take steps to change the town's fiscal year from the current calendar year to the New Hampshire approved alternate of July - June and then adopt an alternate Town Meeting date in May. E) Set up a "fun contest" between the School Board and Selectmen for the "best voter turnout" at Town and School District Meetings. F) Establish a personnel pool of specific volunteer talents and use the pool to fill vacancies. G) Utilization of the cable channel recommended by the Information Sharing Task Force for securing greater participation in affairs of the town.

Doctors say that if you eat slowly, you will eat less. Anybody raised in a large family will tell you the same thing.

ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

DRESSING RIGHT FOR THE OUTDOORS

For the outdoor person, February is the month to stay warm! If you want to enjoy Alton outdoors this time of year, you must dress for it. There may not be much visible evidence of the temperature (snow), but the ground is frozen. Even if the air temperature is higher, your feet are in contact with 32 degrees or less, and feel the cold first.

In our family, the felt-lined, rubber-bottomed, leather-topped "pack" boots keep us enjoying the coldest of activities. For shorter excursions in light snow or wet conditions, insulated rubber-bottomed boots work just fine. Some people with a higher tolerance for the cold, may stay warm with insulated work boots. I am not one of them. Sneakers do not make it!

Do not overstuff a boot with too many socks. You may actually slow down circulation and it prohibits moisture (sweat) from moving away from your foot, making your feet feel colder sooner. One good sock with a heavy wool blend sock over it should be sufficient. This past Fall, I tried a new type, high-tech, super-insulated bootie inside my full-length rubber boots and was quite pleased with them.

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Planning has been underway for some months now, The Alton Youth Baseball League has obtained dimensions of the actual Fenway Park and it is now prepared to begin construction in the very near future.

Funding for the project has been creatively thought out. Billboards are being sold to advertise area businesses. The number to be sold is limited and they will be displayed on the outfield walls to add authenticity to the miniature Fenway. For businesses and private patrons of Alton Youth Baseball wishing to make smaller donations, a plaque will be displayed at the refreshment stand listing their names.

Anyone interested in making a donation or purchasing a billboard is encouraged to call Jack Baggaley at 776-5862 as soon as possible.


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Once you dress warmly, there are many things you can do in Alton this month. There is ice fishing, where the ice is safe. Rabbit and hare can still be hunted as well as coyote and fox -- their fur is the thickest right now. Be sure to get your new license and read the regulations for this year.

A fun activity for the whole family is to track animals in the new snow. Pick a piece of woods and go for a walk. If you vary the type of terrain you walk through, you are more likely to find different tracks. You might find fox, coyote, grouse, snow shoe hare, red or grey squirrel, turkey, deer, moose, mice, voles, ermine (white weasel), otter, raccoon, muskrat, beaver, and small birds. Be sure to bring along an animal track ID book. You might be lucky enough to find a shed deer antler, too.

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APPALACHIAN TRAIL

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stayed overnight at Shaw's Boarding House, which has hosted more than 12,000 hikers since it opened in 1978. From there the trail leveled out and we began to increase our daily mileage. With good weather, the longest spell of good weather we had on the whole trip, we camped out again several times, enjoying the scenery, the ponds, the loons, and the views of our goal, Katahdin. Finally, on the 16th, we left Katahdin Stream Campground, where we spent the night, at 6a.m. and were on the top of Mt. Katahdin at 9:35a.m. on a glorious day, a fitting end to our adventure.

Calvin and Mary were asked about their lasting memory.

Mary: "Hiking the Appalachian Trail has reinforced my feeling that it is people not things that are the most important aspect of our lives. We tend to let our lives become cluttered and frantic with unnecessary possessions and activities, when we really need only a few things to make us comfortable. Family, friends, neighbors, and the others in our lives are what we really need. That, and the time to enjoy them."

Calvin: "My most lasting memory of the Appalachian Trail will be: there are more people out there ready to be friendly and to give a helping hand than I ever imagined. All the way from Georgia through all 14 states to Katahdin, Maine."

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By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

1993: HOPEFUL AND OPTIMISTIC

With a new governor and many new faces, we are starting 1993 with a hopeful feeling. We are optimistic that funding will not be as overwhelming a problem as it has been. The Federal Clean Air Act has been addressed and has compliance to a great degree. This year we must work on statewide emission standards.

A health care solution for New Hampshire has several bills attempting to find a feasible direction. Moose hunters will have more permits if their bill passes. Rabies in raccoons has mandated cat vaccinations but enforcement is complicated with no licensing. Rabies is increasing necessitating refinement of these controls.

AIDS and Hepatitis B in health care workers is in a bill to handle problems as they arise. Lead paint poisoning safeguards are being proposed as this continues to be a problem.

These are but a few of the directions we will be taking this session. I will be at the Alton Town Hall from 2 to 3p.m. on Monday, February 1. Meanwhile, contact me at 875-2151 anytime.

ALTON PTCO GRATEFUL FOR RAFFLE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Alton Parents, Teachers, Community Organization (PTCO) extends thanks to the many businesses that contributed to the Christmas Raffle that raised over \$550 to be utilized in various educational programs.

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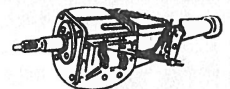
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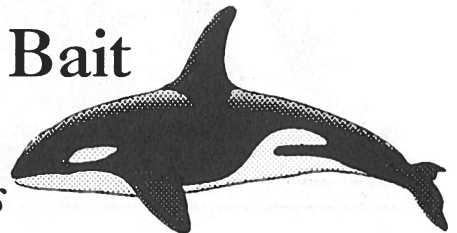


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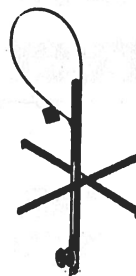
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VOTER REGISTRATION - EASY, QUICK AND PAINLESS!

By Crystal Newlin

Did you know that registering to vote is easy, quick and painless? Simply stop in at the Town Clerk's Office anytime Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. and fill out a Voter Registration Card. It shouldn't take you more than 10 minutes and there are no trick questions.

You don't even have to wait for a formal registration session to change your party affiliation. This can be done at any time at the Town Clerk's Office.

March is right around the corner and in order to vote in Town and School Elections you must be registered 10 days before election day. Voice your opinions through your vote.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session from 10a.m. to noon on Saturday, February 27, and from 3 to 4p.m. on Wednesday, March 3.

Many people with the gift of gab don't know how to wrap it up.

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL PLANNING 58th ANNUAL CARNIVAL BALL

The 58th Annual Carnival Ball will be held on Saturday, February 6, from 8 to 11p.m. in the Alton School Gym.


The candidates for king are Jeff Irvin, Adam Johnson, Matt Northridge, and Michael O'Brien. The queen candidates are Jocelyn Kellar, Keri Pelletier, Lisa Racine, and Heather Swabowicz.

The princes and princesses of the court are juniors Scott Duntley and Lisa Wentworth, sophomores Brendon Mitchell and Rachel Irvin, and freshmen Mark Damon and Stephanie Osborn.

Last year's King Bo McMullen and Queen Amelia McKinney will crown this year's royalty during coronation ceremonies at 9p.m.

The theme for this year's dance is "Masquerade Ball" and tickets are \$10 each or \$15 for a couple.

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