

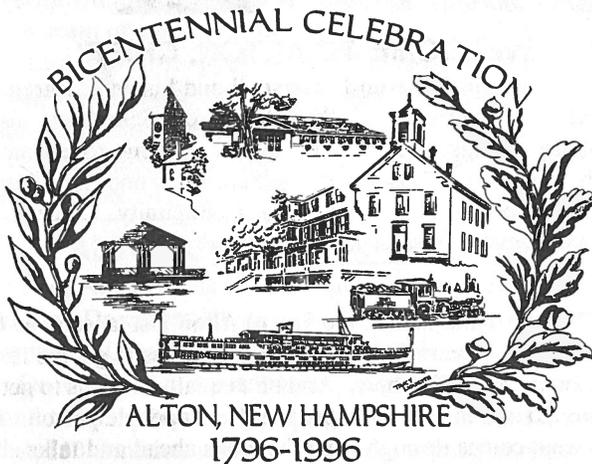


Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire



BICENTENNIAL THEME SELECTED

The theme for Alton's 200th birthday celebration in 1996 is "Alton N.H. 1796-1996 Reflections on Our History". The wording of this theme will give focus and directions to the many activities that will take place in honoring that important date.

Several mini-histories are underway. Two murals for the walls of Town Hall, depicting the Village and the Bay, by artist/instructor Joan Chase, have begun to take shape in recent weeks. The family of Mrs. Richard E. Dame (Marilyn) are sponsoring the first mural in memory of her parents, Arthur Perley and Mildred Proctor Varney. Funds for the second mural are being raised by individual donations from townspeople.

The first fund raising project was a resounding success during the recent State Election on November 8. The first 100 pewter medallions sold out. A new order has arrived in time for holiday gifts and may be purchased from Muriel Stinson (875-5211), Nancy Merrill (875-2626, evenings), and Ginnie Dore (875-3451).

Tracy Lionetta's design, pictured above, was selected for Alton's Bicentennial celebration from among the entries submitted to its logo contest several months ago. The design will be used on all bicentennial signs, stationery, tee-shirts and other memorabilia. It depicts familiar Alton landmarks and representations of the town's history. Alton's 200th birthday will be Sunday, June 16, 1996.

SURPLUS LAND AND EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

There will be a public auction of surplus land and equipment by the town on Saturday, December 3, at the Town Hall, beginning at 11a.m.

The sale will be conducted by F.D.Peverley and Sons, auctioneers and appraisers. It will include not only land, but bicycles, jewelry, office equipment, vehicles, and other property.

Packets specifying the land and equipment for sale, as well as the terms for purchase, are available at the town secretary's office for \$3.

For more information, call 875-2161.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT PASSED AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

36 voters turned out for the Special Town Meeting on Saturday, November 19, to unanimously approve the collective bargaining agreement between the town and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The business of the meeting, which required a simple majority of those present, was completed in 10 minutes.

Under the agreement, employees covered by the union will receive a retroactive pay increase of 10 cents an hour for 1993 and 20 cents per hour for 1994. A raise of 30 cents per hour was included for 1995 along with possible merit increases of two to four percent next year.

Union members will pay 10 per cent of the health insurance and will accept a health plan with an increased deductible.

The agreement was endorsed by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Budget Committee has announced the following schedule of meetings with department heads and public hearings:

December 1 - Employee Benefits, Planning Board, Board of Adjustments, Legal.

December 8 - Town Buildings, Cemeteries, Insurance, Advertising and Regional Associations, Police Department.

December 15 - Fire Department, Building Inspector, Emergency Management, Highway Department.

December 22 - Street Lighting, Landfill, Hazardous Waste Day, Town Water, Water Department.

December 29 - Humane Society, Health Agencies, Welfare, Parks and Recreation, Library.

January 5 - Patriotic Purposes, Conservation Commission, Long Term Principal, Long Term Interest, Interest-TAN, Revenues, Capital Improvements.

January 12 and 19 - School Budget

All meetings are at the Town Hall and begin at 7p.m.

A public hearing on the town budget will be held on February 9 at 7p.m. at the School and a public hearing on the school budget will be held February 11 at 10a.m. at the School.

NEW TAX RATE ANNOUNCED

The 1994 tax rate for Alton is \$10.45, up from \$9.90 for 1993. The county portion has been raised one cent to \$1.45; the school has shown the biggest increase of 54 cents to \$6.12; and the town remains the same at \$2.88.

A VISIT WITH ALTON'S NEW POLICE CHIEF

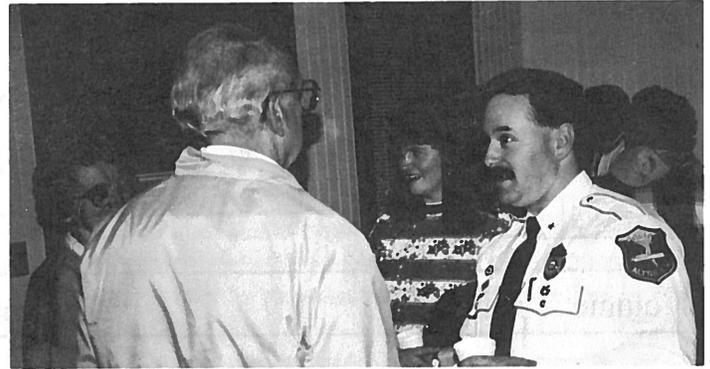
By Bob Calvert

What do you get when you combine a second generation Eagle scout with someone who chose his future career while in the 7th grade and demonstrates a very likeable personality with a strong sense of mission? That's easy. You get Alton's enthusiastic new police chief in the person of Steven I. Marshall who started his new role in Alton on October 25, 1994.

This reporter enjoyed a pleasant visit with Marshall, sitting by his desk and looking at his "Scouting Wall" as he calls it, where numerous certificates, plaques and memorabilia attest to the depth of his twenty plus years of affiliation with the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. His most recent role was as Advisor to Police Explorer Post 326 in the city of Claremont, where he served as Lieutenant on the local police force and some 11½ years on the force in total. And it wasn't just routine service or duty. Marshall took his Explorer Post, as one of the leaders of the New Hampshire delegation this past summer, to the National Explorer Conference at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana; and the Claremont Post finished 6th place in the nation in police work competition!

Other hobbies? Well, how about scuba diving? And he is a certified EMT in auto racing activities. A strong family man, he suggests that being with and doing things for his two young Girl Scout daughters is a kind of special hobby. Cadet Scout Moriah and Brownie Ariel are very special to the chief. He likes to think that "home repairs" is another hobby, but his wife Karen suggest "home destruction" is a more apt term for his so-called expertise. Now I can readily relate to this description., I have the same reputation!

How did he choose this profession? Interestingly enough, he doesn't really know, except that as far back as the 7th grade, he just knew that this is what he wanted to do. His desire to help and serve people began at an early age, and it is obvious that he has responded to the "call".



WELCOME TO ALTON, CHIEF!

Alton Police Chief Steven I. Marshall and his wife, Karen, are greeted by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen James Washburn and his wife, Frances, at the welcome reception last month. The party, sponsored by the Selectmen and the Chamber of Commerce at the Alton Bay Community Center, was attended by over 50 residents.

The Marshalls will be moving to Alton just as soon as they can sell their home in Claremont. He's anxious to get his family moved and "settled in" here. And he's equally anxious to get out and around and meet a lot of people. He's a people person. And that's what comes through when he looks ahead and talks about "community policing". He defines it as officers genuinely involved in the community and neighborhoods to the extent that they are each not just thought of as "a" policeman but rather "our" policeman. After a really long interim period with no permanent chief, the need develops, he says, for getting the staff "focused".

He hopes to make greater use of modern technology with officers using laptop computers to cut through the heavy paper trail. And he has creative thoughts about more effective home security for the many local unoccupied homes in winter. Marshall holds a BS in criminal justice from Northeastern University and is pursuing an MBA degree at Plymouth State in his spare time to enhance his service effectiveness.

As our visit was ending, his delightful personality reminded me that there are enthusiastic and people-oriented public servants who possess a high measure of service and volunteer involvement; and that Alton has a higher share than the average town of such people. As Steve Marshall joins us, the trend gets even more pronounced!

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**PLANNING BOARD SETS
PUBLIC HEARING DATES**

The Alton Planning Board has set dates for public hearings on the proposed zoning changes which will be presented to the voters at Town Meeting this coming March.

Dates for which the public will be able to view these amendments and provide input and ideas for the planning board to consider before they are presented to the voters are as follows:

Tuesday, December 13, 1994 - Zoning Amendments (1st)

Tuesday, January 10, 1995 - Zoning Amendments (2nd)

An additional date of Tuesday, January 24, has also been set aside for an additional public hearing date if needed. All meetings will start at 7 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m.

Some of the items the planning board has been dealing with include a comprehensive shoreline protection district, an aquifer protection regulations, amendments to the floodplain regulations, and other changes to the Town's zoning regulations. If you have any interest in these or any other items, please come to the hearings. Call or stop by the planning office if you want any information on any of the proposed changes.

The last day for citizens who may be interested in presenting petitions to the selectmen for zoning changes is Monday, December 12, 1994.



FUTURE CHEFS

Members of the high school foods class at Alton Central School stand in readiness as they recently prepared an Italian buffet for members of the high school faculty. The program was under the supervision of home economics teacher Linda Gaulin

**OVER 80 CHILDREN
ENTERED PUMPKIN HUNT**

Over 80 children attended the 2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Hunt in October, sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department and DeVylder Farm of Wolfeboro.

Participants were to find pumpkins hidden throughout the park and each received the pumpkin they found and a bag of Halloween candy.

Winners of the "Decorate your pumpkin contest" were: Ty Tremblay, age 6 of Alton, for the Carving contest and Jesse Lane, age 4 of Alton, for the Decorating contest.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to congratulate the participants who entered decorated pumpkins, they were all very well done. Special thank you to the volunteers for coordinating the event and DeVylder Farm of Wolfeboro for supplying the great pumpkins.

WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

Anyone contemplating the installation of a woodstove is urged to contact Fire Department Lieutenant Jack Woodland, 875-2691, for a free consultation on guidelines and safety measures. Lt. Woodland also is available to inspect existing installations.

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 TUESDAY: Hockey - 8-11a.m., 2-4:30p.m., 7-9p.m.; General - 11a.m.-2p.m., 4:30-7p.m.
 WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: Hockey - 8-11a.m., 4-6p.m., 7-9p.m.; General - 11a.m.-4p.m., 6-7p.m.
 FRIDAY: Hockey - 8-9a.m., 1-3p.m., 4-7p.m.; General - 9a.m.-1p.m., 3-4p.m., 7-9p.m.
 SATURDAY: General - 7-9a.m., Noon-3p.m., 5-7p.m.; Hockey - 9a.m.-Noon, 3-5p.m., 7-9p.m.
 SUNDAY: Hockey - 7-9a.m., 4-7p.m.; General - 9a.m.-4p.m., 7-9p.m.

General skating is for ice skating recreational purposes only. Hockey is prohibited during general skating time. The rink will be closed for the "Sticks and Pucks" Hockey Clinic on dates to be announced. The rink schedule is subject to change and all changes will be posted at the rink.

The rink is in part maintained by volunteers and depends upon the volunteer effort of the community. Anyone interested in contributing one to two hours for maintenance is encouraged to contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its third annual Wreath Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 10, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this community event. For more information call 875-0109.

**CAROLING HAYRIDE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR**

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Caroling Hayride on Saturday, December 17, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (inclement weather date is December 18).

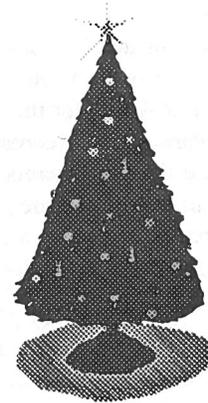
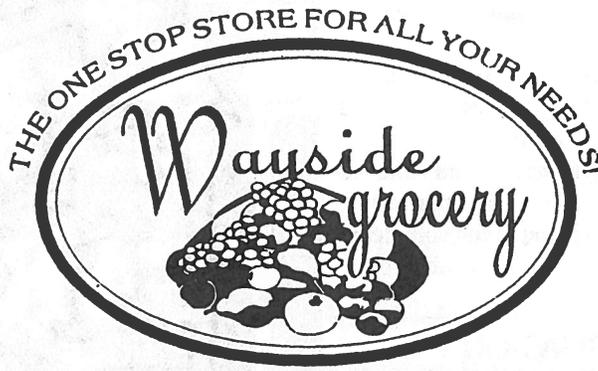
The Caroling Hayride will travel throughout town singing favorite holiday songs. There is no charge for the hayride. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this festive event; it's a great way of getting into the holiday spirit.

Hayrides leave from Town Hall and are approximately 45 minutes. The scheduled departure times are 6, 6:45, and 7:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Refreshments will be served after each hayride.

To send a carol to a friend (within a 5 mile radius from Town Hall) call 875-0109, \$5.00 donation. All proceeds will benefit the sponsorship of Christmas gifts to children in need. To make a reservation, send a carol, or for more information, call 875-0109.

**UNH STUDENT INTERN SERVES
ALTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Lauren Graveline, a master's degree candidate in public administration at UNH, is working as a student intern in the Planning Department. A native of Nashua, she currently resides in Alton where she is a volunteer EMT-Intermediate with the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service. Graveline is employed by Care Plus Ambulance Service.



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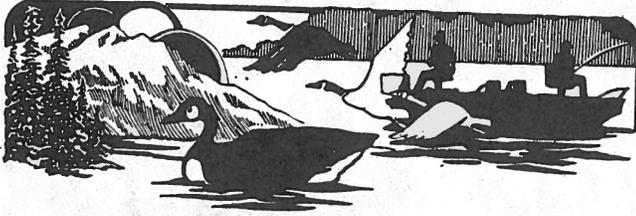
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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

PLENTY OF HUNTING IN DECEMBER

As December ushers out the year, it ushers in the new seasons for the outdoor person. With winter usually comes snow and this is the month Alton should see some.

December 15 is the end of the archery season for deer. If snow arrives, the late season archer takes on quite a challenge. Heavy clothing makes shooting a bow difficult; there are no leaves for concealment; and deer hear better in the cold crisp air. But getting out in a fresh snow and following a set of deer tracks can be a learning experience for the adventurous hunter. Knowing there is a deer at the other end can give confidence to the hunter until the deer detects him/her. After that, good luck!

Ruffed grouse and grey squirrel may be hunted until December 31. Having flushed quite a few grouse this year while deer hunting, I plan to round out the year testing my shot gun reflexes as these fast flying birds burst from their hiding spots.

The late duck hunting season ends December 4 for the inland zone and December 24 for the coastal zone. Canada geese may be hunted until December 14 inland and January 11 in the coastal zone. Be sure to check the federal regulations for the zone boundaries.

For the hunter who really wants a challenge, the fisher can be hunted this month. This Northern fur bearer can be called in or tracked in the snow. The season is December 1-31. Having only seen a fisher once while hunting, I wish you good luck.

As December ends most of the hunting seasons, it is the beginning of the ice fishing season. But please, not until there is safe ice. Until that happens, one may spend early December getting the ice fishing gear ready for the hard water.

Having enjoyed a successful moose hunt in October, and catching a deer off guard in November, the meat is in the freezer and the wood is stacked by the stove - let winter begin.

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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SIRS Discoverer contains full-text articles and graphics selected from more than 300 magazines and newspapers covering topics such as animals, art, cultures, drugs and alcohol, environment, fiction, health and human body, history, notable people, science, personal growth, social issues, sports and technology. Each topic is identified on the opening screen with a graphic icon button, enabling students to choose their area of interest. These icons launch researchers on "subject tree" searches. Certain articles are also retrievable by clicking two unique icons: "Written By Kids" and "Just For Fun." The first lists articles written by children age 18 or younger, while the second offers articles on fun topics like magic, puzzles and things to make. All articles have been carefully selected by SIRS research staff for their educational content, interest and level of readability.

SIRS Discoverer also includes a dictionary, a note-taking accessory, article summaries and three reading level categories. Users can quickly locate information by the subject tree search or by keyword search. With keyword search, students simply type one or several words into the computer. The system then compiles a list of articles containing those key words.

For the benefit of teachers, the program comes with an Educator's Guide complete with sample lesson plans, classroom and library exercises, and worksheets. SIRS Discoverer is updated twice a year.

The program is published by SIRS, Inc., a 20-year publisher of educational reference materials for schools and public libraries. SIRS materials, available in print and CD-ROM formats, are used in nearly 30,000 institutions worldwide. For more information, please contact Marjorie Mohr or Cindy Miller at the school library by calling 875-7500.

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ALTON SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 14

This year's Holiday Concert at Alton Central School, featuring performances by the school's Band and Choral program, will be held on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m.

The Beginning Band consists of students in the 4th and 5th grade who have only been playing for a few months. This will be their first performance and will highlight what they have learned in the short time they have been practicing.

The Intermediate Band, featuring members of the 5th and 6th grade will be performing five pieces with a very traditional holiday theme. These students rehearse twice a week as well as meeting once a week for lessons.

The Alton Central School Concert Band with students in grades 7-12 will close this year's concert. The band, which consists of 40 members, has worked very hard to present a program both challenging and entertaining. Holiday numbers such as "Angels We Have Heard on High" will highlight their program. The students will also be performing "Hey Jude" by the Beatles as well as selections from Bizet's "Carmen". An appearance by the High School Jazz Band is also planned.

The choral program opens with the Elementary Choir singing various selections such as "Little People" from Les Miserable and "Hot Cup of Cocoa". A small chorus of selected students will also be performing.

The Middle School Choir will be singing various two-part songs such as "The Gift" and "Everything I Do" from the movie Robin Hood. Emily Sydow has a solo.

Lastly, the High School Choir will perform various three and four-part seasonal pieces such as the "Christmas Canon" and "Shout Hallelujah" in which Jaime Sample will solo.

The instrumental music program is under the direction of Anne Stevens and the choral program is under the direction of Lindsay Cameron.



YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

The Alton Youth Soccer League, sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department, had over 50 youths enrolled in the first year program. The Alton Youth Soccer League played teams from Gilmanton, New Durham, Barnstead, and Belmont.

The Youth Soccer League team records are: first and second grade - 6 wins, 1 loss, 0 ties; third and fourth grade - 6 wins, 1 loss, 0 ties; fifth and sixth grad - 6 wins, 0 loss, 1 tie.

An awards presentation is planned for all Youth Soccer League participants in December.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to congratulate the players on a great season and thank the coaches who made the Soccer League possible: Peter Clifford, Rob Lowthian, John McAuliffe, Chris Peterson and Jim Grant. For more information about the Alton Youth Soccer League call 875-0109.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The American Legion Auxiliary will have its annual Christmas Party at the Legion Hall on Saturday, December 3, from 1 to 3p.m.

Children from infant to age 12 are invited to visit with Santa Claus. The party is sponsored by the Auxiliary, American Legion Post, Sons of American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus.

SUPPORT MAIN STREET ADVERTISERS

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FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR LIBRARY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Q. Has there been a "break in the action" of the Gilman Library expansion campaign?

A. Yes...a short one to get approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a needed variation. That has now been granted in a rehearing. So, it's full steam ahead again!

Q. Can we take a tax deduction for our contribution?

A. Definitely. In the case of a 3-year pledge, one can take it for each of the three years for the actual amount paid each year. But for 1994, time is running out. Why not make a gift before year-end?

Q. It's not clear to me what the total goal of this capital campaign is. What is the grand total actually?

A. With revision to eliminate and modify some of the originally suggested features and in the spirit of economy and not "overbuilding", the grand total will be in the area of \$450,000, exclusive of any new furnishings which might be needed.

Q. Are pledges and gifts coming in well?

A. Yes, indeed, but in a long 3-year campaign, many prospective contributors take a little longer to decide. By this year-end, it is hoped to have at least 33% of the total pledged or paid, including prior town meeting appropriations.

Q. What about fund-raisers or special events?

A. This is a capital campaign, and it would take at least 20 years to get the job done just with fund-raising events. There will be some later in the campaign, no doubt. One being planned now is a beautifully unique "Alton Afghan" project, featuring Alton highlights and historical significance.

TWO SPORTS CARD SHOWS PLANNED FOR DECEMBER

Alton Cub Scout Pack #53 is sponsoring two sports card shows in the month of December. The first will be held on Saturday, December 10 and the second will be held on Saturday December 17. Both shows will be between the hours of 9a.m. and 3 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Cub Scout Pack.

It's a great opportunity to buy, sell or trade sports cards of any kind. You can also come in and purchase a Christmas gift that will be enjoyed by that special boy or girl.

Alton Cub Scout Pack # 53 would like to thank the American Legion for the use of the hall for its card shows in the past months. The shows have turned out to be great fun for all.

If you have questions about the shows, you may call Mike Currid at 875-5375.

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ALTON FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ATTEND STATE CONFERENCE

Denise Stone and Linda Cross, foreign language teachers at Alton Central School, attended the Fall Conference and Annual Meeting of the NH Association for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NHATFL), October 28-29, held at the Nashua Marriott Hotel.

The conference consisted of workshops addressing the classroom needs of foreign language educators and featured a special session on the proposed new standards in foreign language education. There was also an exhibit of available foreign language textbooks, teaching aids and computer technology.

With its present membership of 250 teachers, the organization continues to support the pedagogical efforts of New Hampshire's foreign language teachers by sponsoring the annual conference, providing fellowships for professional development, and keeping the membership informed through the publication of its newsletter, The Polyglot.

TOYS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING BEING COLLECTED BY FIREFLIES

Members of the Alton Fireflies, the auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department, are asking your help in making Christmas a little brighter for some Alton boys and girls.

New clothing and toys may be dropped off at the Farmington National Bank, the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, and the NH Electric Coop office on Main St. by Monday, December 19. Boys and girls sizes 10 to 16 are needed.

Canned goods and donations of money are also welcome. Checks should be sent to Mrs. Santa, 230C Stockbridge Corner Road, Alton, 03809. This money will be used to purchase warm jackets and boots.

Last year, 55 children ranging in age from six months to 17 years were provided with Christmas gifts. The list promises to be even longer this year, so your help is truly needed.

If you have any questions, call Judy Fisichelli at 776-6172 or Daryl Czech at 875-3815.

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Prizes include a customized sweatshirt from Tracings Graphics; a tape measure/utility knife from Alton Service Star; \$50 savings bonds from Farmington National Bank, Ferns Energy, Parker Marine and Gillan Marine; computer books from Robert Boyce and Company; a signature doll from My Little Sewing Room; a wall hanging from Alton Office Services; a NH sweatshirt from Village 5 & 10; a knife set and telephone from Alton True Value; a canvas bag from Rust Pond Workshop, an 11 x 14 print from The Looney Bin; a day skiing pass from Gunstock; and gift certificates from Foxy Johnny Restaurant, Jeff's Diner, Village Video, Shibley's at the Pier, Alton Bay Pavilion, The Art Place, Karen's Country Kitchen, Alton Village Store, East Alton Store, Wayside, Mama Rina's Restaurant, Busy Corner Store, Innovative Hair Design, and Alton Bay Inn.

Ticket design and layout was donated by Robert Boyce and Company and printing was provided by Alton Printing Company.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Alton Historical Society held its annual meeting and pot-luck supper in October and the following members were elected to office for the year 1994-1995:

President - Jessie Bakeman; Vice-president - George W. Stone; Recording Secretary - Nina Liedtke; Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Mooney; and Treasurer - Elizabeth Locke.

Warren Bodwell, Phyllis Draper, and Judith Fry were elected directors.

ART DEPARTMENT SAYS THANKS FOR DONATIONS

The Art Department at Alton Central School thanks all who responded to the call for goods to recycle through the art program. We are now well-stocked and will put out another request when the stockpile diminishes.

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NEW LIBRARY SERVICES:

"READ TO ME" AND "ARTICLE EXPRESS"

Exciting news for the children of Alton! The New Hampshire State Library is offering a program to provide parents who are inexperienced readers, with inspiration and information that will help them help their children to become readers. Participants will learn why reading aloud with children of all ages is vital, how to interest children in books, how to read aloud with children, how to choose age-appropriate books, and how to use local library resources - including the librarian!

Parents who enroll in this program will see read-aloud techniques modeled, discuss strategies for responding to TV, and build a repertoire of stories, poems, and finger plays that they can practice with each other, and then begin to use at home with their children. Each participant will receive a set of 10 READ-TO-ME books to keep for the family library, as well as supplementary bibliographies to use on return visits to the library.

The library will provide child care, if necessary, and light refreshments. Registration is limited to 10 parents, to ensure that everyone will have plenty of opportunity to actively participate.

Participants will meet at the library for 3 sessions, scheduled at one or two week intervals. At this time, parents practice reading aloud with each other, talk about what works at home (and what doesn't!), and report their children's responses to the books and reading.

The sessions will be related to the age of the children: Session I is birth to age 3; Session II is 3-5 year-olds; and Session III is 5-6 year-olds. In addition to the book discussions, there will be "trips into the stacks" to become familiar with the selection and availability of books in the Gilman Library.

Any interested families are asked to please contact the Gilman Library at 875-2550. This will be an exciting program and we are looking forward to signing up 10 participants!

ARTICLE EXPRESS

The New Hampshire State Library is introducing Article Express, a document delivery service which will support over 400 periodical titles. To provide this service, the State Library has subscribed to UMI's General Periodical Ondisc which contains these periodicals in image format on CD-ROM. A list of the 400 periodicals that the service supports is available at the Gilman Library.

This service will provide in an expeditious manner copies of articles from periodicals that our library does not own. It will provide copies of articles from a periodical that is owned by the library when a particular issue is missing. Finally, if the library has discarded older issues of magazines because of lack of shelf space and/or use, we will still have access to them through Article Express.

If you have any question about this service, please come in and talk with the librarians. We are excited about both projects!

The little boy dropped his ice cream cone and to his mother's horror, he said a naughty word. Of course, she had to admonish him strongly for an obscene cone fall.

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- Bay Church - Sunday School, 10a.m., Church, 11a.m., Small Chapel on the Campground, Roy Ames, Pastor
- Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October-April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June-August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor
- 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, James Nason, Pastor
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ORGANIZATIONS

- Alcoholics Anonymous - Tuesday, 8p.m., Alton Bay Community Center.
- American Legion - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
- American Legion Auxiliary - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
- Cancer Support Group - Tuesday, 6:30p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- Country Drifters Dance Club - Thursday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center.
- Cub Scout Pack 53 - Last Tuesday, 6:30p.m., Legion Hall
- Eastern Star - 2nd Tuesday
- Garden Club - 4th Tuesday
- Flying Club - 2nd Wednesday
- Happy Hobby Doll Club - 4th Friday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center.
- Historical Society - 3rd Tuesday, April-October
- Knights of Columbus - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall.
- Lions Club - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Mama Rina's Restaurant.
- Masonic Lodge - 2nd Tuesday
- Parent Teacher Community Organization - 3rd Wednesday, 7p.m., Alton Central School.
- St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall.
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DECEMBER EVENTS

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Legion Hall, 1p.m.
- Mon. 5 CHRISTMAS BANQUET, Congregational Meeting House, 6p.m.
- Sat. 10 SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5 to 7p.m.
WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY, Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Sun. 11 SPORTS CARD SHOW, Legion Hall, 9a.m. to 3p.m.
CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER & CAROLING, Congregational Meeting House, 5p.m.
- Tue. 13 ZONING AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING, Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Wed. 14 YANKEE SWAP, Pearson Road Community Center, 3 to 5p.m.
HOLIDAY CONCERT, Alton Central School, 7p.m.
- Sat. 17 SPORTS CARD SHOW, Legion Hall, 9a.m. to 3p.m.
CAROLING HAYRIDE, Town Hall, 6, 6:45 & 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER
- Sat. 24 CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE, Congregational Meeting House, 8p.m.
- Sun. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
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- Sun. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
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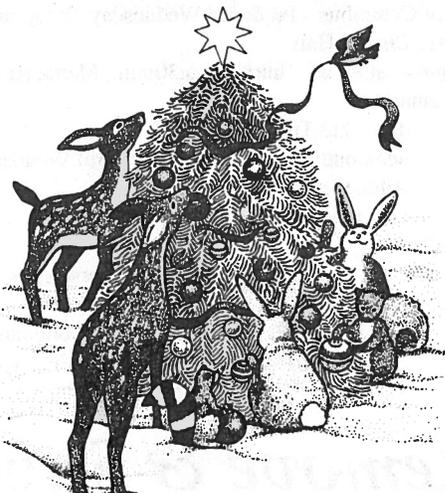
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FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS

Participants from Alton Central School in the Northeast Instrumental Music Festival were (left to right) Tammy Murtagh, Marisa Kelley, Jeremy Collins, Jessica Emanouil, Jennifer Laurin, and Rebecca Miller.

ALTON STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Thursday, November 10th, 1994, six students from the Alton Central School Band traveled to Lake Placid, NY to participate in the Northeast Instrumental Music Festival. This annual festival consists of 150 students from New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Students are chosen for this festival based on their director's recommendation. This year's representatives from Alton were Jessica Emanouil, flute; Rebecca Miller, flute; Jennifer Laurin, flute; Marisa Kelley, clarinet; Tammy Murtagh, clarinet; and Jeremy Collins, percussion.

The students rehearsed for three days under the direction of Dr. John M. Long, Dean of the School of Fine Arts and the Director of Bands at Troy State University in Alabama. On Sunday, November 14th, at the conclusion of the festival, the students presented a final concert for the general public at the Lake Placid Hilton.

On Monday, November 21st, the Alton Central School Band also had a member participating in the All New England Band Festival, held at Plymouth State College. Marisa Kelley, junior clarinetist, was the only student chosen by the festival committee. A total of 308 applications from 69 high schools in all 6 New England States were received and only 115 students were chosen. Twenty high schools had students turned away altogether.

The students spent the day rehearsing under the direction of the renowned composer and conductor Jim Curnow and presented a concert that evening in the Hanaway Theatre at the Silver Cultural Arts Center.

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COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON PLANS CHRISTMAS EVENTS

With December comes holiday special events at The Community Church of Alton. On Monday, December 5, the church will host the annual Christmas Banquet at 6 p.m. This catered dinner, sponsored by the Women's Christian Fellowship, requires reservations. For further information and pricing, call Jody Horne at 875-5418. A musical program is included.

On Sunday, December 11, the Fellowship Committee of the church will sponsor a Christmas Pot Luck Supper and Caroling evening beginning at 5 p.m. The Sunday School will have its Christmas Worship Service on the 18th at 9:30 a.m. All children will be participating.

The annual Christmas Candlelighting Service will begin at 8 p.m. on the 24th. Christmas Sunday will include a Sunday School birthday party at 9:30 a.m. and the worship hour at 11 a.m.

All are welcome at all of the events and services which will be held at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street.

ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE SEEKING UNIFORMS

If your son or daughter has participated in the T-ball, baseball, or softball programs in recent years, and you still have their uniforms at home, you are requested to return the uniforms as soon as possible. This can be done by dropping off any shirts, pants or leg stirrups belonging to the league at the following locations:

1. At the Town Hall, to Kelly McGrath, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
2. At the Alton Central School, Elementary Resource Center, to Barbara Francis, during regular school hours.

Please place a paper with your name attached to the uniforms so we will know who returned them.

Also, if you have a child who participated in the town soccer program this past fall, please return any shirts that you may still have.

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BICENTENNIAL FOCUS

By Nancy Merrill

EDUCATION IN ALTON: 1900-1945

PART I

Progress in the Alton school system up to 1900 was slow, in fact almost non-existent. Throughout the years the same conditions prevailed: poorly heated buildings, unattractive rooms, primitive restrooms, and the same old methods of teaching.

During the early 1900's, the school year consisted of two terms; a fall and a spring term, each about ten weeks long. In those "good old days" the three R's were stressed with particular emphasis on reading. Many of today's problems were prevalent then, such as absenteeism, tardiness, and lack of parental visitations. The School Board Report of 1900 appealed to the community for support: "Schools need the support of the entire community. There is no better support the people can offer than by constantly making an occasional visit to the classroom. Too many absences are recorded in the registers. Good and thorough work can only be done by punctuality and constant attendance."⁽¹⁾

In 1900, the New Hampshire legislature passed the State Supervisory Law, encouraging towns to unite into districts to form supervisory unions. Alton was one of the first towns to form such a union, joining with New Durham and Newmarket on July 27, 1900. George H. Whitcher was employed as Superintendent of Schools for the term of one year at a salary of \$1000.00. In 1904, the town withdrew from the Supervisory district but by 1906 united with Farmington and Greenland under the leadership of Professor R.J. Sisk of Milford; "supervisor of the district".

Also, in 1900 Alton High School was set up on a trial basis. Seventeen students under the direction of Isaac Copp began the study of high school subjects at the village school. In 1901, Superintendent of Schools George Whitcher wrote in his annual report to the town: "The high school has started out under



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favorable conditions and I cannot too strongly urge the citizens of Alton to provide for its continuance, the evident interest taken by the scholars, as well as the work accomplished, is very credible to both teachers and scholars. The grade of the work needs advancing to be sure, but time will early correct this fault."⁽²⁾ During 1902, the high school was approved by the state and became accredited. Of the seventeen students who entered high school in 1900, only two graduated.

An extra appropriation of money in 1900 enabled the district to establish a thirty-six week school year in the high school and by 1907 it was extended in all schools. The Superintendent's report in 1907 encouraged the voters to enlarge the high school, hire teachers by the year instead of the term, provide a safe place for permanent records, and establish a definite course of study. The "definite course of study" for high school students became" English, Algebra, History, Latin, French, Geometry, Physics, and Science. Students were promoted and graduated according to points or credits, with eight credits required for graduation. A student had to take twenty periods per week which entitled them to twenty credits at the close of the school year. In an effort to raise standards, the passing grade was raised in 1910 with the following scale: 100-90 Excellent; 89-80 Good; 79-70 Fair.

Absenteeism continued to plague the district and in 1907 the Superintendent's report notes: "There is, - I find, a misunderstanding in regard to the responsibility of parents for attendance of children... The attendance in certain sections has been poor, very poor. You need a truant officer... There has been urgent need of this individual on several occasions, and his non-existence allowed to escape several chances to strike while

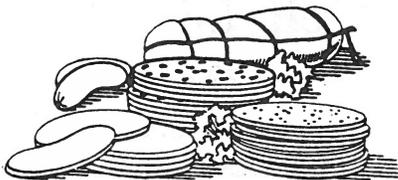
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the iron was hot. And it's hard work hammering on cold iron."⁽³⁾ The same School Report also lists wants: a large Webster's dictionary (\$10.00) and as many small dictionaries (\$1.20) as you can possibly afford. Then maps, several. "We need beautiful pictures, casts, reliefs, flowers, school grounds, music, to enrich and refine the life of our country children. For I tell you that there may be more of culture, refinement, good manners, and morals absorbed in one month through the unconscious influence of environment, than can be taught in a year by lecturing and advising."⁽⁴⁾

Between 1907 and 1910, the Superintendent's report emphasized good citizenship ("Good citizenship must remain the paramount aim of the public school"),⁽⁵⁾ the addition of industrial education, and enlarging the high school. Over a period of years, several of the one-room schools scattered throughout Alton were closed and the village school, by 1909, house one hundred and thirty-four students. The larger numbers at the village school encouraged an appropriation, in 1909, of \$4,500.00 for the purpose of adding a pair of two story wings and equipping the entire building with steam heat by 1910. Apparently the addition did not receive unanimous support as the 1910 Superintendent's Report notes, "the disinterested

efforts of the Committee and the results obtained in the present structure will be remember by Alton's people long after critical differences of opinion have been forgotten."⁽⁶⁾ However, by 1922, Superintendent Landman's report was headlined "Should Alton do away with its high school?" His remarks included the following: "I presume the only reason anyone could give for making the proposition of doing away with the high school is the extra cost of education and the tax rate."⁽⁷⁾ He pointed out that raising money for tuition by the town and the loss of state funds would cost the town \$6,000 as opposed to \$3,000 to operate it. Apparently the voters thought this over! In 1923, he wrote, "it is to the credit of the people of the Alton School District that they responded so well to the needs of the school at the last annual meeting."⁽⁸⁾

In September of 1912, the Agricultural course was added in the high school and in 1913, \$1,000.00 was raised to construct a greenhouse (only one other school in N.H. had one). "A plot of land immediately across the street, west of the (school) building has been loaned by the owner for the purpose of soil study and cultivation. The first year's work is confined to soil study, fertilizers, planting, crops and their cultivation."⁽⁹⁾ The agricultural students sold plants during the summer and with the money earned they paid for some school expenses and the operation of the greenhouse." "By 1917, students were producing 240 dozen ears of sweet corn, 71 bushels of tomatoes, 49 bushels of beans, 31½ bushels of corn, 1½ tons of squash, 3 bushels of green peas, and 247 heads of cabbage."⁽¹⁰⁾ From 1916 to 1918, Alton High School was represented at the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass. In 1918, one of the boys won \$5.00 and a "suitable" medal as a member of the N.H. Stock Judging Team, which won second place in competition with teams from other eastern states. In 1933, two students entered egg exhibits in the New Hampshire Poultry Growers' Egg and Chick Show at Concord, N.H. One of the boys won the Grand Sweepstakes Prize of 100 Rhode Island Red Chicks donated by the Cotton Mountain Farm at Wolfboro. He was judged the best out of 100 dozen eggs exhibited, in dozens, by several Agricultural Departments in the State. For the same dozen eggs, he also received \$3.00, a gold medal, and three ribbons.

In October of 1934, teams in poultry, dairy, livestock, wood, and apple judging entered contests at U.N.H. and a large silver cup was won by the dairy judging team. Profits from the agricultural department remained in the two hundred dollar range until 1932 when over two thousand dollars worth of fruit and vegetables were sold. In spite of this success, the agricultural program was discontinued in 1945.

End notes: Alton School Report (1) 1900, p.37; (2) 1901, p.34; (3) 1906, p. 39; (4) 1907, p. 53; (5) 1908, p. 35; (6) 1910, p. 36; (7) 1922, p.49; (8) 1923, p.50; (9) 1913, p. 40; (10) 1918, p.42.

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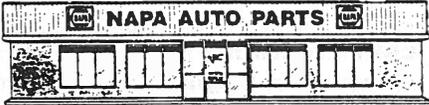



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Coyote by Gerald McDermott
Christmas in the Big House by Pat & Fred McKissack
Crossing the Starlight Bridge by Alice Mead
The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola
A Part of the Sky by Robert Peck
Color by Christina Rossetti
The Box Car Children by Gertrude Warner
Brave Minsky by Arthur Yorinks

VIDEOS

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Jurassic Park
On Our Own
Follow That Bird
Learning About Letters
Milo and Otis
Cleared For Takeoff
Mouse and the Motorcycle

CASSETTES

The Valley of the Horses by Jean Auel
The Sign of Four by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Old Fools and Young Hearts by Tom Blodgett

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

The Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its Annual Christmas Decorating Contest. There are two categories - Residential and Commercial. Judging will be held Sunday, December 18 at 6p.m. (bad weather date - Monday, December 19 at 6p.m.).

A list of previous participants will be available at area businesses so a trip through town to view the lovely decorations may be planned.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Directions: (be very specific) _____

Category: Residential Commercial

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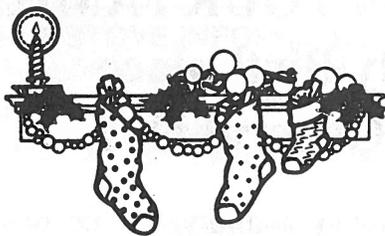
DONATIONS OF QUILT SUPPLIES TO BENEFIT AT-RISK BABIES

Alton 8th grade Home Ec classes will be making ABC quilts in December. These quilts are donated to at-risk babies across the country, through a non-profit organization started by Ellen Ahlgren of Northwood, NH in 1988. Last year 150,000 quilts were donated to babies.

Material (100% cotton or a 50/50 blend), thread, batting, needles, or any other quilting supplies will be happily accepted by Linda Gaulin, Home Economics teacher, and may be dropped off at the Alton Central School office.

ALTON WATER WORKS IN NEW QUARTERS

The Alton Water Works has relocated. The new office is located on Route 140 next to the Central Fire Station. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and the telephone number is 875-4200.



IN MEMORIAM FREDERICK C. COSTELLO 1907-1994

Alton has lost another selfless community servant. Unassuming and youthful for his 87 years, Frederick C. Costello served for several recent years as curator of Alton's Gilman Museum. His dedication, creativity and search for excellence played a major role in making the Gilman Museum one of Alton's cultural jewels and delighted hundreds of visitors from many states each summer.

This 1971 retiree as superintendent of the BOSTON GLOBE's composing room will be sorely missed by the Gilman Museum Committee and scores of others who may not have known him personally but who thoroughly enjoyed the museum's many unique displays and artifacts of yesteryear. His positive influence will live on!

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"WISH UPON A STAR" PROGRAM TO BENEFIT ALTON CHILDREN

This year a "Wish Upon a Star" program will be available for needy children in Alton, sponsored by the Farmington National Bank.

If you would like your child to be considered for this program, call Pat Rockwood at the Alton Town Hall, 875-2161, or Cecile Chase at the Bank, 875-6111. The name, age, gift desired and the size of the child if clothing is needed should be provided.

ALTON BOYS SOCCER ENDS SEASON

The Alton boys varsity soccer team finished up their 1994 season with a first round tournament victory against Wilton before losing to Colebrook in the quarterfinals.

Alton ends their season with an impressive 10-6-2 record. Although the boys fell in the tournament, it was a successful season for both them and their fans.

The boys will be looking forward to next season as the team will be losing only four seniors. David Overall, Mike Warner, Brendon Mitchell, and Justin Swain will be leaving the team due to graduation. The remaining players, Matt Pelletier, Jacob Swain, Brad Harris, Gary Noyes and Steve Noyes will be joined by a crop of second year players to fill in the gap effectively.

Congratulations to the Alton boys and best of luck for another great season next year.

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ALTON INVITED TO FIRST NIGHT WOLFEBORO

Residents of Alton and all of their friends are invited to spend this New Year's Eve in Wolfeboro. First Night Wolfeboro will be a sparkling, fun, non-alcoholic, non-commercial night to enjoy a festival of the arts from six to midnight.

Try line dancing, see a play, listen to barbershop, jazz, be at a piano or organ recital, see classic films, try square dancing, hear bell ringers, the Clearlakes Chorale, authors' readings or a story teller. Watch a magician, fire stick jugglers, a mannequin/mime, an ice skating demonstration. Take part in a "regrets" bonfire. At midnight, bring in 1995 with a fireworks display over Wolfeboro Bay.

A First Night button is the single entry price to all of the fifty-one events. Buttons go on sale in Wolfeboro Thanksgiving weekend. Buttons are \$5 each until December 25th, then \$6. Children ten and under are free.

First Night Wolfeboro offers a special New Year's Eve for all ages and for everyone in the region to enjoy without driving very far. For more information call the Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce at 569-0022.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

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. Color or black and white photos of your organization's events are also welcome.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP STARTING IN ALTON

A cancer support group meets every Tuesday evening at the Pearson Road Community Center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For information call Peter Robinson at 875-8333.

Your body is like a superbly tuned automobile. If you take care of it, use it wisely and maintain it, it will eventually break down.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

There will be a Financial Aid Workshop on Wednesday, November 30, at 7 p.m. for high school seniors and their parents. The workshop will be held in the library at Alton Central School.

Elizabeth Marcotte, a financial aid administrator from the University of New Hampshire and Ingrid Lemaire, Director of Public Relations and Marketing at the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundations, will discuss financial aid options for post-secondary education. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the FAF (Financial Aid Form) will be reviewed. The forms and other printed financial aid information will be available. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

If you have questions, please call Marilyn St. Cyr, Alton

JESSE MCKINNEY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALTON FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

The Foreign Language Club at Alton Central School recently elected officers for 1994-95. Jesse McKinney was elected President; Justin Swain, Vice-President; Jessica Emanouil, Secretary; and Dakota Benedetto, Treasurer. All are members of the senior class.

The Club held a special cooking meeting to welcome foreign exchange student, Danielle Bruhn, who is from Brazil. In her honor, the menu featured "Feijoada", a Brazilian dish of black beans, sausage and pork. Mr. Chagas Felipe, husband of special education teacher Beth Felipe and a native of Brazil, brought some "cous-cous" to accompany the meal.

The next Club activity will be a field trip to a Japanese steakhouse.



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ALTON STUDENTS COLLECT WATERSHED DATA

Alton Middle School science students collected data at the Merrymeeting River recently as part of the Merrimack River Watershed Project.

Students determined the amount of dissolved oxygen, pH, coliform bacteria levels, total phosphates, and nitrates. This data will then be entered onto the computer network at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell so that data can be shared with other students and scientists. Students learned how man's behavior within a particular watershed can affect water quality.

A team of students from Alton Central School participated in a Congress with other students from New Hampshire and Massachusetts on November 19. Students shared their data and discussed problems in the Merrimack River Watershed.

Participation in this program is under the coordination of Middle School science teacher Brian Davidson.

ALTON SENIORS PLAN EVENTS

The Alton Seniors will hold a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, December 10, from 5 to 7p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children.

On Wednesday, December 14, there will be a Yankee Swap from 3 to 5p.m. Participants should bring a \$2-3 gift to swap.

A \$50 donation was presented recently to the Alton Police Association to assist with the Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Baskets programs.

ALTON POLICE ASSOCIATION PROVIDES CHRISTMAS DINNERS

The Alton Police Association is busy making plans to brighten the holiday season for shut-ins, people living alone, the disabled, and needy families by delivering complete dinners at noontime on the day before Christmas, Saturday, December 24th.

Members of the community can help in a variety of ways. Monetary donations for the purchase of food as well as food gifts are welcome and accepted at the Police Station. Checks should be made payable to the Alton Police Association Holiday Fund. There is always a need for volunteer drivers to deliver the meals. Call Pat Pellowe (875-3752) to volunteer or to submit the name of a person or family that might benefit from this program.

Faith: What leads you to believe that there are truly two gallons of gas in the tank when the indicator is on empty.



HAUNTED HAYRIDE

The second annual Haunted Hayride sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Cub Scout Pack #53 raised over \$1,000 with approximately 700 visitors going through the Haunted House. The sponsors would like to thank the volunteers who helped make the event a success. A special thank you to Jay Sydow, Mike Currid, Debbie Burton, Reuben Wentworth, Dennis Berry, Bill Dearnley, Larry Gaffney, Barbara Howard and John Irving. The sponsors are looking for feedback from the Haunted Hayride. If you have any suggestions or comments, please call and let us know, 875-0109.

HELP WANTED ON DECEMBER 29

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 875-7300.

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collators and staplers to help put it all together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, December 29, at 6:30 p.m. Join us!



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**INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE IS
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Arthur G. Bastian, interim Chief of Police, was named employee of the month for September by the Board of Selectmen.

Bastian was cited for "his outstanding service and commitment to high quality work" as well as his "dedication on behalf of the principles of law enforcement administration".

"Arthur G. Bastian demonstrated a consistent effort which exceeded the Selectmen's expectations in every facet of his job performance", stated the proclamation.

**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.

Vehicles in violation of this ordinance may be taken to a public garage for storage at the owner's risk and expense.



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