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LIBRARIAN HOLLY BROWN BRINGS MUCH EXPERIENCE TO GILMAN LIBRARY

By Muriel Walker

The December issue of Main Street showed a photo of Pat Merrill and Mary Batchelder. They were at a "get together" honoring Mary's many years of service as assistant librarian at the Gilman Library. In the column, The Checkout Desk, Pat spoke of her choice to "step down" from her librarian position to fill Mary's shoes as the assistant librarian. She also noted that the Trustees, after careful consideration of applications, were pleased to announce the selection of Holly Brown as the new librarian. She began her duties December 2.

Holly is no stranger to Alton. For the last few years many of us have enjoyed her friendly and helpful presence at the Farmington National Bank.

Holly was born in Rochester, New Hampshire, in 1960. Her father was in the military and the family lived in New Hampshire, Louisiana, Connecticut and Kansas. New Hampshire was always considered home for them, however, and after 20 years, the family retired to Alton.

Holly began school here as a freshman at Alton High School and graduated in 1978. She attended Trinity College in Burlington, Vermont, for a year and here acquired her first library experience working part-time in the library to help finance college expenses. Although she loved her library work, Holly was also very interested in fashion merchandising at the time and decided to take time off from school to gain experience in this field. She worked in retailing for five years, married, and had two children. Holly remained at home when her children were young and then worked part-time at the Gafney Library in Sanbornton and at the Moultonborough Public Library. She realized that library work was her "first love" and decided to return to college and finish her degree. However, for scheduling and monetary reasons, Holly left her library position

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TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS ARE TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Voting for town and school offices is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, at the Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 7a.m. to 7p.m. Anyone planning to run for office must file with the Town Clerk between 8:30a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, and 5p.m. on Friday, January 31. You must be a registered voter to run for office and voter registration will be available from 7 to 9p.m. on Tuesday, January 21.

There is a \$1 filing fee for any office which receives compensation. There is no fee for offices which receive no compensation.

Town officers to be elected and the name of the incumbent are:

- One Selectman for three years (Reuben Wentworth)
- One Town Clerk for three years (Gwendolyn M. Jones)
- One Tax Collector for three years (Anne M. Kroeger)
- One Treasurer for three years (Helen M. Sullivan)
- One Trustee of Trust Funds for three years (Jean Roberts)
- One Highway Agent for three years (Kenneth G. Roberts)
- One Library Trustee for three years (Ellamarie Carr)
- One Fire Ward for three years (Russell E. Jones)
- One Cemetery Trustee for three years (Thomas Hoopes)
- One Water Commissioner for three years (John Streeter)
- Three Budget Committee Members for three years (Charles B. Adams, Thomas Mynczywor, Ruth Messier)
- One Budget Committee Member for one year (Scott Gage)
- Two Planning Board Members for three years (David Sleeper, William A. Ryan)

One Planning Board Member for one year (Earl Bagley)

School officers to be elected and the incumbent are:

- One School Moderator for one year (Terri A. Noyes)
- One School Clerk for one year (Cynthia Duffek)
- One School Treasurer for one year (Shirley Young)
- Two School Board Members for three years (R. Loring Carr, Richard Quindley)

K OF C TO SPONSOR YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1997 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 18, at 1p.m. at the New Durham School.

The K of C Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competition. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Peter Gerbino at 875-4007.

TOWN HALL NOTES

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

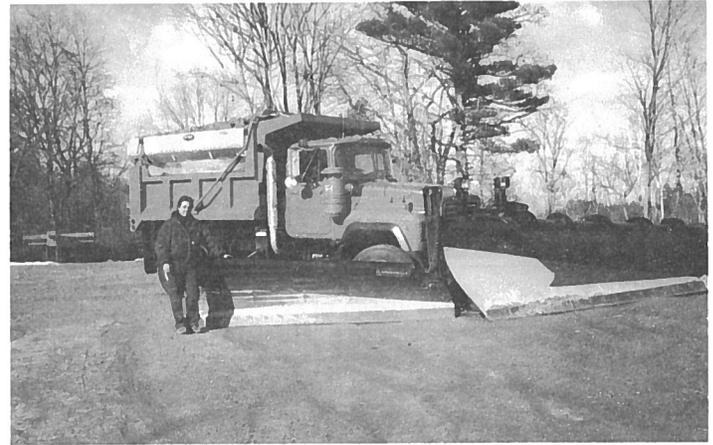
1996 IS IN THE HISTORY BOOKS

Where has 1996 gone? I guess it's in the history books now. Although there is much to remember, I am honored to have had the opportunity to be Alton's Town Administrator through a year of Bicentennial Celebrations.

While the Town closes its books on the calendar year, we prepare for the year ahead. From Town Reports and Financial Audits, it's on to Town Meeting, Elections and the Budget. Meanwhile, the day-to-day business of managing municipal affairs goes on, as does the challenge of keeping as many people as possible happy while doing a job that requires making tough decisions.

The Rines Road Pit is now closed for disposal of brush and stumps until the first weekend in April.

Welcome aboard to Holly Brown who was recently appointed as the Town's Librarian. Holly takes over for Pat Merrill who now becomes the Assistant Librarian. In other Library matters, the Trustees have recently awarded a construction management contract for the expansion project to Milestone Engineering & Construction. This project is now moving beyond the conceptual stages as actual design plans and a construction budget is being developed. There is no better time to consider making a donation. Ground breaking is planned for April of 1997.



NEW TRUCK PLACED IN SERVICE

The Mack dump truck, approved at the 1996 Town Meeting, is displayed by driver Jeff Fontaine.

An auction of town surplus property was held on December 7. The Town raised \$25,000 and put 8 pieces of property back onto the tax rolls.

A new Highway Department plow truck is now on the road with the Town's purchase of a 1997 Mack dump truck. Fully equipped with a head plow, wing plow and stainless steel sander, this vehicle cost \$95,000. Funds were appropriated at the March 1996 Town Meeting.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 1997!

VNA-HOSPICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDES THREE ALTON RESIDENTS

The Board of Directors of VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity recently elected its officers and Board of Directors for 1997.

The Board of Directors is a volunteer board and is comprised of 25 people from the communities served. Among the directors representing Alton are: Robert Calvert, Denise Merritt, MD, and Alice Ziegler.

The VNA-Hospice is a not-for-profit home care agency that during the past year made approximately 45,000 home visits, providing a full array of health care services.

ART DEPARTMENT SEEKS DONATIONS

The Alton Central School Art Department sends its thanks to all who have supplied the art room with meat trays, egg cartons, yogurt containers and plastic peanut butter jars, etc.

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This year for the eleventh time, Main Street is again sponsoring a contest to see who can come the closest to the date of ice-out as determined by the official ice-watchers around the lake. Last year it was April 17. The earliest date was March 28 in 1921 and the latest was May 12 in 1888, the first year the event was recorded.

Ice-Out is defined as that moment when the M/S Mt. Washington can reach each of its ports unobstructed by ice. An unofficial spokesman for a group of local residents pinpoints the exact date and time when the last large section of ice disappears from Lake Winnepesaukee.

First prize is dinner for two from Karen and Richard Hayman at the Alton Harvest Grille Restaurant on Main Street. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 28 and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

ICE-OUT ENTRY FORM

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Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

I predict Ice-Out will occur on _____
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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

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, fax to 569-9807 or E-mail to jduffek@worldpath.net by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Material may also be left in the Main Street mail box at the Farmington National Bank.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. For additional information call 569-4441.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FRUIT SALE

The Alton Middle School students, grades 6, 7 and 8, will be selling boxes of Florida grapefruit and oranges for \$11 from February 17 through the 21st. Delivery is expected during the first week in March.

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to work for the Farmington National Bank and attend college classes at night. Holly has enjoyed her years at the bank and has high praise for the people she worked with there. She will receive her bachelor's degree in behavioral science this summer after completion of her last two courses. Most elective courses Holly has chosen in her college program have been in library science and she hopes to obtain the Library Techniques Certificate, issued by the University of New Hampshire in conjunction with the State Library. Graduate study is a future goal.

Holly's son, Norman, is 12 years old and her daughter, Vanessa, is 10. They both attend Alton Central School. Holly's husband, Dexter, is a training and development therapist at the State Hospital in Concord.

Holly's family lives nearby and she describes them as "wonderful" and "always so supportive." She has an uncle in Rochester and her grandmother lived for many years in Wolfeboro. Holly's mother, Terry, and father, Norman, live in Alton and owned the Alton Village Video for many years. Holly's sister, Kim, and her husband, Bob, also live in Alton. They have two children, Heather and Heath. Holly's brother, Bob, is a police officer and lives with his wife, Linda, in Alexandra, New Hampshire.

Holly's favorite hobby is - yes, you guessed it! - reading. She also collects dolls and loves walking. The family enjoys barbecues and the lake in the summer. This past summer the family had a wonderful vacation at Dexter's aunt's cottage on Hog Island off the coast of Rhode Island.

Holly comes from a family of readers and developed a real appreciation of books early on. "One of my fondest recollections," says Holly, "is Mom reading to me. My favorite story was The Ugly Duckling. My sister, Kim, used to read it to me often, too."

Holly is thrilled with her new position and feels lucky to be doing what she loves. She says, "Everyone has made me feel so at home. I just feel honored to have this position. The Trustees are wonderful people and everyone is so welcoming and supportive! Everyone's thoughtfulness and support is much appreciated!"

Holly is also happy that Pat Merrill is remaining with the library. "She has done so much for the library. There has been much growth and change taking place and Pat will be here to see its completion," Holly says. She adds, "I think Pat is a wonderful lady. I look up to her and admire her expertise. I'm thrilled to be working with her. Together we'll make the library the best it can be!"

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ON A TWO-WAY STREET WITH THE COPS

by Bob Longabaugh

No doubt about it, the Alton Police Department is trying to make some serious changes to its image. At the first Community/Police Forum held on December 12 it quickly became clear that Alton's department does not want to be seen as having a "one-way street" approach to how it goes about its business. Traditional police practices across the country have generally lead to the perception that the cops do what they feel is good for the community, and any input to the contrary was simply not needed. If offered, it was not welcomed. "Just do as we say" used to be the message.

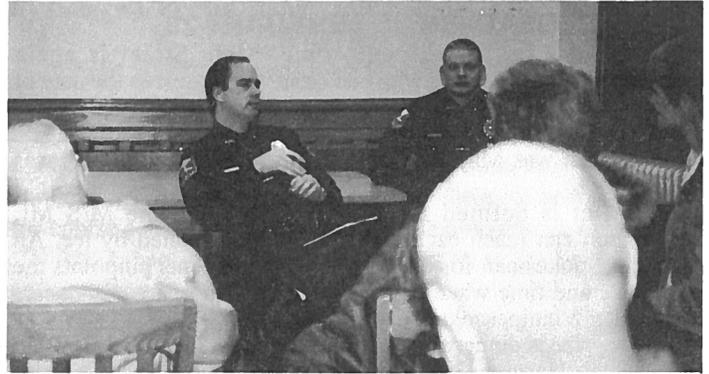
Alton's approach is completely different, according to Police Chief Kevin D. Iwans. He is seeking to achieve a two-way communication street with the community his department serves.

The Community/Police Forum was one of the steps the chief has initiated to help accomplish the two-way street of a dialogue between Alton's police and community. In opening the forum the Chief explained that he was "looking for community input, ideas, and suggestions for the way police services are being delivered here in town. Further, I want to build a partnership based on trust and commitment with this community."

He asked for it. For the next hour and a half there was plenty of input, ideas, and suggestions.

Representing the Police Department at the forum, in addition to Chief Iwans, were Sergeant Roberts, Sergeant Shattuck, and the Department's Community Liaison Officer Steven Holly.

The Chief's main question to the audience was "What police services do you want, and what improvements can the department make?" The answers were expressed in many different ways. They all could be summed up along the lines of "we don't want to be bothered by the cops, but when we want you, we want you in a



POLICE DEPARTMENT FORUM

Chief Kevin Iwans and Community Relations Officer Steve Holly responded to questions during the recent Police Department/Community Forum.

hurry."

Chief Iwans went on to explain why the second part of the expectation was so hard to deliver: With the Town of Alton being 82 square miles in size there is a built-in handicap given the size of the police force and what is available to patrol at any given time. You could easily get the bad luck of the draw when you call for police assistance, because unlike many other towns, Alton's is a 24-hour emergency service department. There is at least one officer on duty at all times. But that could be just one officer covering 82 square miles. So if that officer is at the Wolfeboro town line when you call for help in West Alton, you will be doing well if that officer can arrive within 20 minutes, because of travel time alone. Worse yet, if that officer is tied up on a domestic violence call - which almost always requires a second officer at the scene - you may have to wait for two or three hours in some cases before an officer is at your doorstep.

The chief expressed his hope that the department would not have to face two violent situations at the same time on a regular basis. But two calls of equal urgency has happened and, no doubt, will happen again. He has made some changes in work schedules which offer more coverage during peak hours, but that doesn't solve the problem of covering more than one emergency at off peak times. Increasing the department's size would do it, but without strong signals from the town that it is wanted, he has no immediate plans to request such an increase.

So far, the chief added, in the conversations that he has had with many members of the community, they almost all



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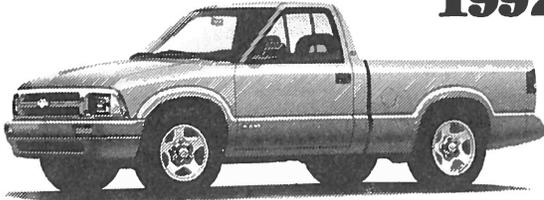


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acknowledge that Alton is a rural community and cannot expect the same services as one might in a city. They therefore say that they are willing to take the bad (poor response times, etc.) with the good.

Of the more specific concerns expressed by the Alton residents at the forum, one was why does the Alton Police Department spend so much time patrolling State highways - isn't that the job of the State Police? After noting that you cannot get to Alton's local roads without traveling a State highway or two, the chief went on to elaborate that, yes, while State highways are patrolled by the State Police, the primary law enforcement responsibility within Alton's borders is that of his department. With the greater potential for trouble on heavily traveled State routes, the Alton Police would be negligent in their duties if they just stood back waiting for the State Police to be there at the right time. The State Police are spread thin, so you cannot expect the same level of service that a local force should be able to provide. Alton's cruisers do patrol our local roads, but fewer people are likely to notice them than on the Town's most heavily traveled routes where visibility is high.

One inquiry from the audience which was handled by Officer Holly was "what about 'Neighborhood Watch,' can't Alton do that?" Officer Holly replied that he had the necessary materials, and if there was sufficient interest and willingness to follow through by the community, he would be happy to take the first steps. He noted also that only certain parts of Alton would lend itself to Neighborhood Watch, because for it to work there have to be neighbors that you can see. Chief Iwans added that you do not have to have a formal Neighborhood Watch program in effect. Fostering a community neighbor attitude of looking out for one another will do the same thing. The people who live in an area day in, day out, know what is normal and what might call for "checking out." "Call us," he said, if something doesn't look "right." "Without people getting involved, crimes do not get solved."

When the subjects turned from specifics - such as high speed areas and dangerous intersections - to the more general, one Alton resident made a rather out-of-the-ordinary observation: "We're not working as a town!" Chief Iwan's reply was neither one of agreement or disagreement. He pointed out that there could hardly ever have been any greater community coming together than in the response to last year's dam failure disaster. He went on to the importance, and need, to work together, and not to become divided or distracted by personal issues. The focus should always be on the community as a whole, and its best interest. The chief concluded that "the Community/Police Forum is centered on just this type of philosophy and teamwork within the community."

An encouraging word came out of the forum. The chief was asked about the retention of officers and the state of their training. Chief Iwans responded that there have been no further loses of personnel since the Town's people increased the department's salaries. With respect to training, the department has become somewhat of a "lighthouse." When asked to explain "lighthouse"

the chief replied that OTHER police departments are coming to Alton to learn from US.

Acknowledging his gratitude for hearing (in some cases, forcefully) what the audience had on its mind with regards to its police force, Chief Iwans also encouraged the people of Alton not to dwell on the "sins of the past." Rather, look forward to what the future can promise. The Alton Police Department today has all new personnel operating under a philosophy of listen to your community. It is not a one-way street, but a two-way street way of thinking where exchanges of ideas are to be encouraged. "Let me hear from you on what you want," he urged the forum audience. "My door is always open."

Chief Iwans plans the next Community/Police Forum for July.

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HEATHER SWABOWICZ NAMED DIVISION II ALL-AMERICAN

Heather Swabowicz, a 1993 graduate of Alton High School, was named to the 1996 National Soccer Coaches Association of American Division II All America team. This is the third year in a row that she has received this honor.

Swabowicz was a senior forward on the New Hampshire College women's soccer team and is only one of two NHC athletes to be so honored three times during their college career.

This past season, Swabowicz totaled a team-high 33 points on 13 goals and seven assists, to lead the Penwomen to their second ECAC Division II title in three years. Despite being double-teamed for most of the year, she still managed to record a point in 12 of NHC's 20 games.

A sports management major, Swabowicz played for the Alton boys soccer team for four years and was named to the Class S boys all-state team after leading the team to the state championship tournament.



CRAFT FAIR CANDLES

Catherine Roy-Moody and her son, Brian Roy, were among the many crafters displaying their gift items at the PTSA Craft Fair.

PTSA CRAFT FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

In just four weeks time the Alton Parents, Teachers and Students Association managed to plan, put together and run the biggest and most successful winter craft fair this town has ever seen. By all accounts the fair on Saturday, December 14, was a tremendous success.

The sound of holiday music and jingling bells filled the air in the school gym as shoppers milled around tables laden with fine handiwork. Nearly fifty artisans from Alton, Gilmanton, Barnstead and beyond, displayed and sold their wares. Custom wooden name signs were very popular, as were Christmas ornaments and designer jewelry.

The eighth grade cafe, the sixth grade pie table, the fourth grade children's gift table, and the ski team's fifty/fifty raffle were all very well supported by visitors to the fair. Money raised by students will help to fund field trips and money raised by the ski team will help purchase embroidered fleece vests for team members.

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| Dawson, Janet | A Credible Threat |
| Grafton, Sue | "M" Is For Malice |
| Graham, Heather | A Magical Christmas |
| Hall, Oakley | Warlock |
| Hoeg, Peter | The Woman and the Ape |
| Higgins, Jack | Year of the Tiger |
| Lindsey, Johanna | Say You Love Me |
| Lovett, Sarah | Acquired Motives |
| Penman, Sharon Kay | The Queen's Man |
| Picoult, Judy | Mercy |
| Quick, Amanda | Mischief |
| Sawyer, Corinne | The Geezer Factory Mystery |
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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB PLANS JANUARY THAW LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be holding a "January Thaw Luncheon" on January 8 from 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m. at the Christian Conference Center.

The special feature will be "Melting Chocolate" with Jeff Potter of Kellerhaus. Music will be provided by Peg Aron of Center Ossipee. The speaker will be Toni Dyer, a teacher and library volunteer.

Christian Women's Club is an inter-denominational group with no formal membership.

Reservations for the luncheon and the complimentary nursery are necessary and may be made by contacting Muriel Stinson by January 6.

PTSA MEETING TO ADDRESS CURRICULUM, SPACE, ACCREDITATION

The PTSA will meet on Tuesday, January 21, at 7p.m. in the School Library. Topics to be discussed include curriculum, space needs and accreditation.

OWNER OF MONEY SOUGHT

A small container of money was found at Wayside Market on Friday, November 15. The owner is asked to call 269-7531 after 6p.m. to identify and verify the amount.



ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

ALTON

Happy New Year! January is the beginning of the new year and the beginning of the new seasons for the outdoor person to enjoy.

The ice fishing season looks like it will be a little late this year as none of the lakes have frozen yet. (Mid December) This season, which opens January 1, is for most species of fish and for most lakes. As always, be sure to check the rule book before fishing a specific body of water.

The 1997 NH Freshwater Fishing Digest has a new format. The general rules are listed for each species like they are in the hunting digest. Then there is a "special" rules section for specific bodies of water. This change makes it much easier to find the rules that apply. There seems to be less fine print in this digest, making it easier to read.

The hunting seasons open this month are for cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, mink, musk rat, raccoon, red and gray fox, and coyote, which has no closed season. Calling with a predator call can bring in coyote and fox. Late season deer tracking revealed that the local coyote were following the same deer as I was.

Have you made a New Year's Resolution yet? How about doing something that gives back to the outdoor sports this year? A lot of us complain about what is happening with the Fish and Game Department or voice an opinion about certain aspects of our sport, but do nothing to help. It is not hard to help if you just look and listen.

Personally, I have taught a hunter safety course for 17 years, helped clean up deer wintering yards, walked on a coyote density count, and cleaned up popular hunting and fishing access points so the landowner would not close them. Both as a member and past president of Farmington Fish and Game Club, I've helped in numerous club activities that promote the future of our sports. You could participate in any of these helpful activities, too.

Hunters wishing to take up archery will have to pass a state archer hunter course now, just like all first time gun hunters. Why not get yourself qualified to teach new hunters, so they too can enjoy their experiences in the great outdoors. It is easy to do and very rewarding.

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- Baha'i Fireside - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
 Bay Church - Sunday School (all ages), 9:30a.m., Worship, 11a.m., Evening Study, 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:30p.m., Rand Hill Road, Pastor Roy Ames
 Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October-April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June-August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussakis, 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
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m. & 7p.m., Monday thru Saturday except Wednesday, 8:30a.m., Confessions Saturday, 4p.m. or by appointment, Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
 Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship, Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service, 10:30a.m. (Summer 10a.m.), Evening Service, 6p.m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7p.m., Route 28, Lee Button, Pastor

GILMAN LIBRARY:

- Monday & Wednesday 2 to 8p.m., Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m., Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

- Monday - Friday, 10a.m. to 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8a.m. to 3p.m.
 Sunday - Noon to 3p.m.; Closed Tuesday & Thursday
 Rines Road Pit - Saturday, 8a.m. to 3p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 3p.m.

TOWN HALL:

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
 Town Planner - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings by Appointment, Closed Noon to 1p.m.
 Building Inspector - Call 875-5095 for Office Hours and Appointments

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
 AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR MEMBERS - 3rd Monday, 6p.m., Legion Hall
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 53 - Wednesdays, 6p.m., Central Fire Station
 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 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
 PTSA - 3rd Tuesday, School Library
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
 SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday, 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
 VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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- ADDRESS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Russ Jones, 875-7510
 AD HOC COMMITTEE - Meets on Call.
 BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Chairman Nancy Merrill, 875-2626.
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday, 7 - 9:30p.m., Chairman Reuben Wentworth. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.
 BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3rd Thursday, 7p.m. Chairman Gregory Fuller, 875-5546
 CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. 875-2161.
 CEMETERY TRUSTEES - 1st & 3rd Monday, 1p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m. Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris.
 FIRE WARDS - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
 GILMAN MUSEUM TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
 LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on Call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
 LEVY PARK TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Jonathan Downing, 875-7243.
 OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. 875-0109
 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 1st Thursday, 6:30p.m., Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-0109
 PLANNING BOARD - 1st Monday, 7p.m., Chairman James Washburn. Call 875-5095 for Appointment.
 SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6p.m., Chairman Arnold P. Shibley, 875-2849.
 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on Call. Chairman Alice Ziegler, 875-2151.
 TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - 3rd Monday, 3:30p.m. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
 WATER COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8a.m. Chairman John Streeter, 875-2490. Office, 875-4200.
 *ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 2nd Thursday, 7:30p.m. Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.

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January Events

- Wed. 1 - NEW YEARS DAY
- Wed. 8 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Sat. 11 - CANDY BAR BINGO, 9 to 11a.m., Town Hall
- Wed. 15 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Sat. 18 - K of C FREE THROW CONTEST, 1p.m., New Durham School
- Mon. 20 - CIVIL RIGHTS/MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- Tue. 21 - VOTER REGISTRATION, 7 to 9p.m., Town Hall
- Wed. 22 - FILING BEGINS for Town and School Offices, 8:30a.m.
STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, 1 to 3p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- Wed. 29 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Fri. 31 - FILING ENDS for Town and School Offices, 5p.m.

Remove & Save

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

By Ken Roberts, Highway Agent

A LOOK BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Winter is here again and as a new year begins, it's time for me to take a look back at what's been accomplished and then look ahead to goals and objectives

During 1996, significant improvements were made to Route 11D, New Durham Road, Avery Hill Road, Youngtown Road, Prospect Mountain Road, Drew Hill Road, Marsh Hill Road, and Lot Line Road. The town roads are in better shape than ever thanks to the residents who support our efforts. Although each construction project undoubtedly caused many inconveniences, I appreciate the patience and cooperation of all.

The past year also saw the Highway Department deal with more snow storms than ever before in the past hundred years, many extensive rainfalls which set also records and the dam breach tragedy. These events kept us busy for many long hours. We have stretched our manpower and equipment resources to the limit, but the mission continues on a daily basis.

Please remember though, your traveling safety depends on our safe operations. Never tailgate a plow truck and always yield when plows go by. People who blindly pass plow trucks because they are in a hurry are a danger to themselves, the truck driver and the public. Vehicles parked along roadsides at night in violation of the winter parking ban are at risk for damages and obstruct snow removal operations. Also, please understand we are currently training three new drivers and some things may not be done the same way as past years. If you have a problem with a plow, give me a call. We are here to help.

The Town of Alton has 80+ miles of road. There are many more reconstruction projects ahead. Other priorities will include ditch line maintenance, roadside brush cutting, pavement shimming and keeping pace with street sign disappearances. We certainly welcome citizen participation, whether its a phone call or someone shoveling a culvert before a road washes away we are all in this together.

Although the key to a good road is drainage, drainage, drainage, our success depends on the resources we have available. Your Highway Department is ready 24 hours a day.

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 PO Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of the preceding month.

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PERSONAL

A very special thank you to all who contributed to the Mrs. Santa Fund. To the Fireflies for their time spent shopping, wrapping and organizing. To those who contributed money. To those who contributed clothing and toys. Your sharing has made Christmas happier for many! You are special! Santa's Elves

Thank you to Linda and Bruce Holmes of Sunflower Gardens who once again donated the lovely wreaths with bows that hang on the town's buildings. We welcome you to Alton. You are much appreciated. Alton Garden Club

Main Street

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10 YEARS AGO.....

....Pamela Andrade was named Administrative Assistant to Town Administrator Terry Clifford and Diantha Moulton replaced Sue McKenna as Assessing Clerk.....a building expansion boom was reported by Building Inspector Steve Dana.....Main Street sponsored its first Ice Out Contest.....the Old Home Week Committee was offering a \$50 Savings Bond to the winner of the contest to provide the theme of the 1987 event.

5 YEARS AGO.....

....the new Alton Solid Waste Transfer Station was scheduled to begin operation.....Alton Central School Grades 7 and 8 teacher Brian Davidson was named Conservation Educator of the Year by the NH Association of Conservation Districts.....the filing period opened for elections with 21 Town and School offices to be voted on in March.....a "bag and tag" user fee program for trash disposal was being considered by the Alton Selectmen.....Young Astronauts Danielle Decatur and Alec O'Meara, along with Chapter Advisor Rolf Dutzmann, participated in an out-reach program at the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium.....the fourth grade students in Lawrice Ballentine's and Richard Kirby's classes collected over \$100 for the Alton Fireflies holiday fund.

**ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN
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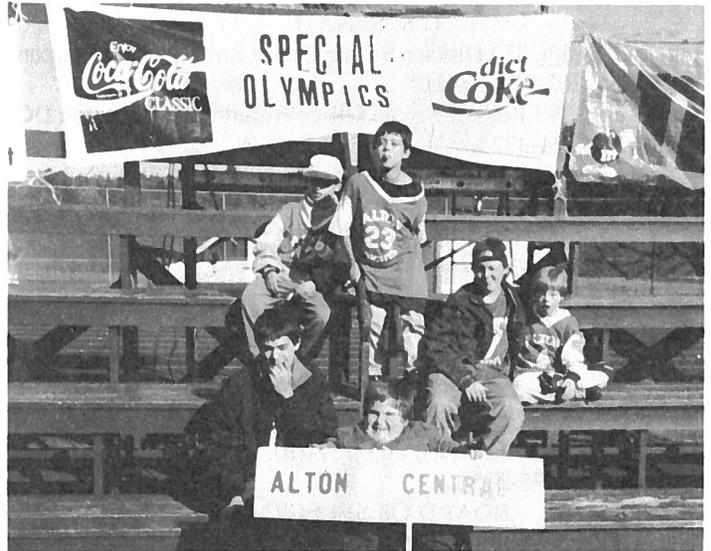
According to a town ordinance, motor vehicles or trailers are not permitted to be parked or stopped on any highway in Alton between 10p.m. and 6a.m. from November 15 through April 1 or at any other time during snow storms when snow removal maintenance is being performed.

The fine is \$10 and vehicles in violation of this ordinance may be towed away at the owner's expense.

HELP WANTED ON JANUARY 30

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek in Alton at 569-4441.

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 Friday, January 30, at 6:30p.m. Join us!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINNERS

Students from Alton Central School recently participated in the Bowling Special Olympics held in Manchester. They are Brad Bissell, silver medal; Merrill Stone, gold; Jon Choquette, gold; Josh Ahlin, silver; Josh Simonton, silver; and David Roberts, fourth place.



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NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Ray Burton, 271-3632(w), 747-3662(h).

NH SENATE

Leo Fraser, 225-3664(w), 435-6626(h).

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Gordon Bartlett, 524-1220(w), 524-6536(h).

Robert Boyce, 875-6066(w), 875-7371(h), rboyce@worldpath.net

Paul Golden, 269-4071(w), 269-5511(h).

Alice Ziegler, 875-2151.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Reuben Wentworth, 875-3388

Arnold Shibley, 875-2849

Stanley Czech, 875-3815

OPERATION BLESSINGS

The Town Hall staff which coordinated "Operation Blessings", the Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets program, extends thanks to all who made a donation this year. A special thank you to the Alton Police Association for providing the turkeys. According to Paulette Wentworth, "The response this year was overwhelming, which made for a plentiful Thanksgiving."

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FIRESIDE CHATS

By Stan Czech

WHERE IS YOUR HOUSE LOCATED?

If you had an emergency, how would you tell someone on the phone where your house is located? Some people use a number assigned by the Post Office for their roadside delivery. The Fire Department has no knowledge of these numbers since they are not part of the 911 system. The 911 numbers have not been assigned by the Address Committee yet. When those numbers are assigned, the Fire Department will then have a map with those numbers to identify your house. In the meantime, if you are going to use the Post Office box number, please make sure that the number is on your box so we can see it and save valuable time responding to your emergency.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN

The Alton Fire Department is looking for a few good men and women! If you want to help people, serve the community, and put some excitement in your life, come join us. We meet and train on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested, come to the Central Fire Station on Route 140 or call any member you might know for information.

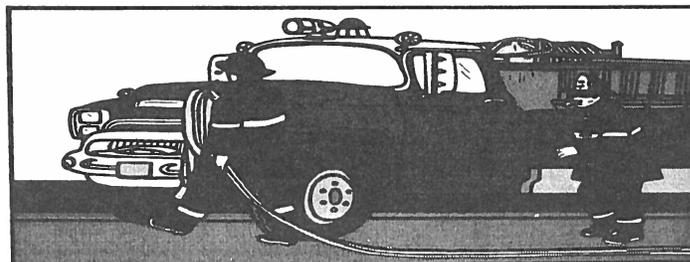
WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

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.

NOVEMBER FIRE CALLS

Below is listed the fire calls for November. Can you pick out the bad weather days?

Nov. 2	02:25	Motor Vehicle Accident	Route 28
	05:00	Flooded Oil Burner	Main Street
	14:07	Medical Emergency	Mount Major
	19:46	Motor Vehicle Accident	Route 28 North
7	14:09	Medical Emergency	Route 11
	15:51	Motor Vehicle Accident	Route 140
8	18:05	Carbon Monoxide Call	Alton Mountain Road
9	22:58	Power Lines	Pumpkin Point
11	15:05	Medical Emergency	Bay Hill Road
13	07:49	Vehicle Fire	Route 11D
15	09:06	Medical Emergency	Reed Road
16	00:23	Mutual Aid	Gilford
	06:25	Flooded Oil Burner	Trask Road
17	00:58	Accidental Alarm	Main Street
20	07:34	Motor Vehicle Accident	Stockbridge Corner
23	15:17	Motor Vehicle Accident	Route 11 West
25	00:16	Motor Vehicle Accident	Halls Hill Road
	08:59	Motor Vehicle Accident	Route 28 South
	13:07	Motor Vehicle Accident	Route 11 East
26	04:49	Accidental Alarm	Prospect Mtn. Road
27	06:12	Motor Vehicle Accident	Stockbridge Corner
	08:32	Motor Vehicle Accident	Stockbridge Corner
	18:17	Motor Vehicle Accident	Route 11
	20:51	Motor Vehicle Accident	Rand Hill Road
28	03:48	Accidental Alarm	Town Hall
	04:35	Accidental Alarm	Town Hall
	11:08	Motor Vehicle Accident	Route 28 South
29	14:08	Motor Vehicle Accident	Clay Point Road
30	11:36	Motor Vehicle Accident	Traffic Circle



SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy, Happy New Year to one and all! Now that the parties and celebrations are fond memories, January should give us some quiet moments to reflect, to read, to write some letters, to take a walk(weather permitting), to pursue our New Year's resolutions -- too dull, you say? Well, the Senior Center is the place to be - full of fun and activities.

Even though the Seniors' Association will not meet these next three months, the Steering Committee has decided to sponsor an activity for January, February, and March. On Tuesday, January 21, at 2 p.m., the seniors are invited to watch a movie (about 2 hours) and partake of refreshments afterwards. Friday, February 14, is Valentine's Day and the seniors are invited to the Center at 2 p.m. for a Valentine's Day party with games. Tuesday, March 18, at 2p.m. at the Center there will be a St. Patrick's Day theme. Please join us at the center for these activities.

The regular activities continue as well. The card party club plays cards on Mondays at Wolfeboro, and at the Senior Center in Alton on Thursdays. New members are always joining. Bingo is played at the Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, right after lunch. The Alton Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a special bingo for us from 1 to 3p.m on January 22. We all had a lot of fun with the last bingo the Department sponsored. There were many prizes and different kinds of bingo played.

Our present 1/10 club will be ending on the 3rd of January with the big \$250 drawing and smaller winnings, as well. It is hoped that we can start another 1/10 club within six weeks, as the proceeds definitely go a long way toward keeping us solvent!

Have a good January, everyone. Maybe you are tired of the white "stuff" already, but I should like to leave you with a poem I wrote a few years ago:

SNOW

Silent now, the snow
 Feathers velvet moss,
 Slides down a silvery bough,
 Follows the wind across
 A field asleep for now -
 sweeps gently o'er the marsh,
 Fluffs and whirls, and softly again
 Folds in the vaulted concourse
 Of the vixen's den.

NO SCHOOL TODAY?

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

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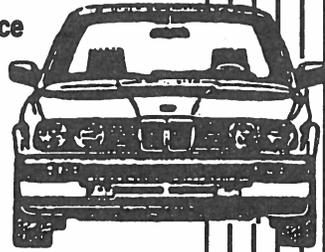


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GRADE 4 - High Honors: Anne Farrell and Stephanie Tanguay; Honors: Brittany Bartlett, Amanda Boudreau, Kelly Eagles, Vanessa Gilbert, Erin Hannafin, Christine Holmes, Morgan Locke, Tara Loprete, Ashley Marren, Camille Niquette, Brandon Pellowe, Brenna Quann, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Michael Tidd, and Ashley Waterman.

GRADE 5 - High Honors: Lyndsey Caron John Latchaw III, Kyle McAuliffe, Dakotah Nixon, Tonya Prescott, Tara Proulx, Daniel Quinn, Krista Shibley, and Matt Sydow; Honors: David Currid, Rob Clifford, Tamara Cornelissen, Elspeth Dana, Carl Dickson, Glenn Gordon, Jill Green, Lindsay Kenerson, Falon Lambert, Dylan Laurion, Meredith Roy, Chris Ryan, C. J. Timmons, and Kelsey Yelle.

GRADE 6 - High Honors: Jamie Coigley, Nicholas Hallin, David Snell, and Thomas Malone; Honors: Adam Ames, Megan Audette, David Bailey, Hilary Ballentine, Scott Baumgartner, Heath Berthiaume, Katie Brooks, Dennis Callahan, Jennifer Carr, Ashley Coughlin, Patty Currid, Christopher Duffy, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Terese Hopper, Amanda Jones, Joshua Kern, Daniel Laurin, Tyler Lowthian, John McGlone, Kristin Murray, and Mathew Scott.

GRADE 7 - High Honors: Matthew Currid, Marissa Peterson, and Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur; Honors: Joshua Albair, Krystal Cornelissen, Randi Desmarais, Dana Lang, Anthony Sanborn, and Steven Wood.

GRADE 8 - High Honors: Renee LaFreniere; Honors: Katie Boles, Sara Dore, Allyson Fortier, Shawn Hillsgrove, Ryan Loynd, Katie Morrill, Meghan St. Cyr, Ashley Southwell, Emily Sydow, and Amanda Talmadge.

GRADE 9 - Honors: Amanda Coughlin, Frederick LaCrosse, Asako Maeda, Jenny Martin, Danielle Moore, Jason Morris, Nicholas Moulton, and Korin Todd.

GRADE 10 - Honors: Rebecca Blair, April Boles, Timothy Croes, Desiree Crossley, Jennifer Emanouil, Andrew Fuller, Amanda Lambert, Amber Locke, and Anna Varney.

GRADE 11 - Honors: Jonathan Choquette, Jebediah Christy, Heather Feger, Beth Jackson, Blake Kellar, Tarsia Kenny, Jennifer Merfeld, Tammy Murtagh, Keith O'Connor, Amy Teague, Aaron Terravechia, Jacob Tharpe, and Todd Thurston.

GRADE 12 - Honors: Diana Daniels, Jessica Donahue, Matthew Fenton, Elizabeth Knowlton, Rachel Kubicki, and Rebecca Miller.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

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A HOLIDAY OF VOICES

Students in the second grade at Alton Central School performed "Jolly Old St. Nick" during the Holiday of Voices concert presented last month.

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By Kellie McGrath, Recreation Director

ALTON YOUTH SOCCER AWARDS

The Annual Alton Youth Soccer League Awards Presentation was held in November at the Alton Central School to recognize players in grades 1-6 for their outstanding achievements in the soccer program.

Team coaches presented soccer pins to all players in recognition for their participation and teamwork. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the following sponsors, teams and coaches for their role in the Alton Youth Soccer League:

Curry Realtors Team, Grades 1 & 2, Coaches Doug Rojek, Jim Varney, Chris Moulton and Mr. Tagget; Ryan and Toman Realtors Team, Grades 1 & 2, Coaches Scott Tanguay Kellie McGrath and Bridgett McGovern; Wayside Grocery Team, Grades 3 & 4, Coaches Matt Locke and Chris Peterson; Sandy Point Restaurant Team, Grades 3 & 4, Coaches Jim Lafreniere and Bubba Noyes;

Farmington National Bank Team, Grades 3 & 4, Coaches Bill Tidd and Bill Finethy; McGrath's and Piches Team, Grades 5 & 6, Coach Peter Clifford; and JP Builders, Grades 5 & 6, Coaches Rob Lowthian and John McAuliffe.

The Parks and Recreation Department would also like to recognize Peter Clifford for his fund raising efforts and leadership role in the soccer program.

A Lakes Region Indoor Soccer League is forming this winter for grades 5 & 6. Call the Parks and Recreation Department for more information at 875-0109.

HOCKEY LESSONS - AGES 5-12

The Department is sponsoring a six week Hockey Lesson Program with Instructor Jason Racine for participants 5-12 years old. Lessons will be held at the Alton Town Ice Rink on Wednesdays, January 22-February 26, from 6:15 to 7:30p.m.

Participants will learn skating, stick and puck handling, eye and hand coordination and positioning for offense and defense. Helmets, pucks and mouth guards are provided. Participants are responsible for providing their own ice hockey stick, skates and pads.

Register on or before January 10, resident \$8, non-resident \$12; after January 10 resident \$12, non-resident \$16.

SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO

The Department is sponsoring its second annual Free Senior Citizens Bingo on Wednesday, January 22, at the Pearson Road Community Center from 1 to 3p.m.

Seniors will enjoy playing novelty bingo games and winning prizes donated by local businesses and the Parks and Recreation Department. Refreshments will be served. All Alton Seniors over 60 are invited to attend. There is no fee for this event.

SATURDAY FUN DAY**CANDY BAR BINGO - AGES 6-14**

The is sponsoring a Candy Bar Bingo for participants 6-14 years old on Saturday, January 11, from 9 to 11a.m. at the Alton Town Hall. All players must register at the Parks and Recreation Department by January 10.

The admission fee is one 50¢ candy bar for one bingo card, which will be used for all of the games (example: bring three candy bars and play three bingo cards).

TODDLER PLAYHOUSE

The Department is sponsoring a new four-week program for children ages 2 to 4. Toddler Playhouse will be held at the Gilman Library on Thursdays from 9:15 to 10a.m. on January 23 through February 13. Toddlers participating in this fun program will enjoy

painting, cooperative games, music, creative movement and dance.

Registration information: register on or before January 13 - resident \$3, non-resident \$8; register after January 13 - resident \$8, non-resident \$13.

AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE COOKING - GRADES 4-7

The Department is sponsoring a four-week Creative Cooking Program for students in Grades 4-7 on Thursdays from 3 to 4:30p.m. at the Alton Central School in the Home Economics Room, January 23 through February 13.

The Creative Cooking Program provides participants with hands on experience in food preparation, serving and creative menu planning from soups and salads to main dishes and desserts.

Registration information: Register on or before January 17 - resident \$5, non-resident \$10; register after January 17 - resident \$8, non-resident \$13.

**COUNTRY LINE DANCING
FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES**

Country Line Dancing Lessons will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays from 2:15 to 4p.m. Participants will learn new dances every week. Beginners are welcome. Fee is \$3 for the entire program which runs from now until Spring.

**MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION
TO EXERCISE WITH JULIE LIBBY**

The Department is sponsoring a Hard Bodies Class with Julie Libby at the Alton Bay Community Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:30 to 6:30p.m. \$3 per class.

Hard Bodies is a "no frills" class designed to build strong, lean muscle while reducing body fat through strength training. The program is open to men and women of all ages. The class pays special attention to trouble areas: inner and outer thighs, lower abdomen (pot belly), waist line, hips, buttocks, chest, triceps and back.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

The Department is sponsoring Dog Obedience Classes for dogs 12 weeks and older with instructor Monique Tenander. Classes are held on Mondays 6:30 to 7:30p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Fee is \$50. For information on session dates contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

All cancellation information for Parks and Recreation Department sponsored activities will be announced on WOKQ, 97.5.

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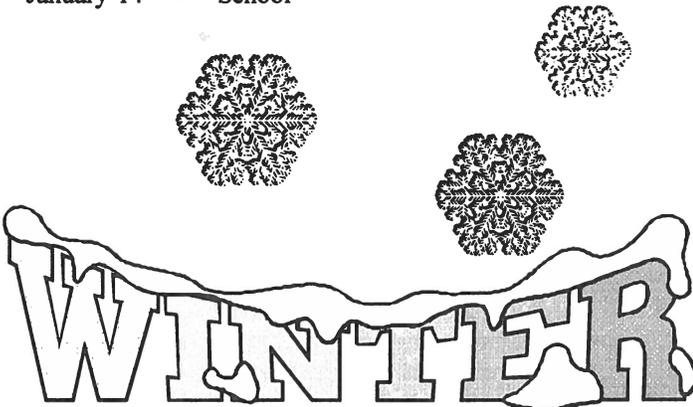
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BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The Budget Committee has announced the following hearings to be held in the Town Hall beginning at 7p.m. during January:

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| January 2 | - | Conservation Commission, Hazardous Waste Day, Emergency Management, Fire Department |
| January 6 | - | Recreation, Solid Waste Operations, Water Department |
| January 9 | - | Library, Capitol Improvements |
| January 14 | - | School |



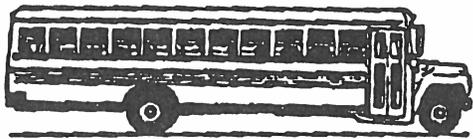
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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By George J. Rogers, Alton Central School

A BUSY WINTER SCHEDULE

I hope you all have enjoyed this holiday season. Coming into the New Year we are busy planning for the long stretch that will take us through to the spring time. Among the activities that make-up the winter schedule include: mid-term exams, college applications, basketball and ski team schedules and registering for course selections for the 1997-98 school year.

The school budget has been submitted to the School Board and subsequently the Budget Committee.

Middle and High school students will again be participating in the school's ski program which is operated by the Physical Education Department in cooperation with Gunstock Ski Area. We are looking forward to these and other events that help to make the school year seem to fly by.

The K-3 Elementary Winter Concert was held on December 12, to a standing room only crowd. Parents, relatives and community members enjoyed the holiday concerts. The children were all decked out in the holiday garb and looked like enchanting elves.

Alton Central School has again won the Blue Ribbon Volunteer Award for having an outstanding volunteer program. The Governor will present the awards in February to the principal and the Volunteer Coordinators, Mrs. Boyce and Mrs. Beaupre. Dorothy Bristol directs the volunteer program. If you are interested in volunteering please contact her at 875-0373.

Marilyn St. Cyr, Guidance Director, will be meeting with high school students in English classes in January to discuss course offerings and selections for the 1997/98 school year. Graduation requirements, college requirements, and other pertinent information will be discussed. A new Program of Studies will be distributed to all high school students and grade 8 students at that time. An informational meeting will also be held in the evening for parents of eighth graders.

Sophomores will be taking a field trip to visit the Region 9 Vocational Education Center at Kingswood High School in Wolfeboro. Ryan Whittaker, Region 9 Vocational Guidance Counselor, will be meeting with all sophomores here to discuss vocational programs. Interested students will have an opportunity to sign up with their course selections. The following programs are offered: Agri-Science, Administrative Business and Office Systems, Microcomputer Accounting, Construction Trades, Culinary Arts, Health and Human Services, Marketing Education and Power Mechanics.

Jim Montague, associate director of the College Board will be here on Monday evening, February 3, to meet with high school students, parents and other interested community members regarding the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and College Planning. Mrs. St. Cyr is strongly encouraging all college bound students to attend with their parents.

Mrs. St. Cyr would like to remind all seniors to complete their college applications on a timely basis and to be aware of admission application and financial aid deadlines. For example, the admissions deadline at the University of New Hampshire is February 1 and the Financial Aid deadline is March 1.

Mrs. St. Cyr is available to meet with parents as well as seniors regarding the college admissions process.

She would like to remind all college bound juniors to take the SAT this spring. The remaining SAT dates for the year are January 25, March 15, May 3, and June 7.

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCES 1996-97 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Alton Central School Student Council is led this year by President Jebediah Christy. Other officers include Jacob Tharpe, vice president; Jennifer Merfeld, secretary; and Rachel Kubicki, treasurer. Student Council representatives are Thaisae Whitehouse and Jason Hillsgrove from the senior class, Shemry Brown from the junior class, Shawn Blair, Andy Morse and Mike Hallin from the sophomore class, and Jessica Benedetto and Deanna Hillsgrove from the freshman class.

Class officers include: Class of 1997 - Diana Daniels, president; David Sleeper, vice president; Harlee Dain, secretary; and Dorene Lemay, treasurer; Class of 1998 - Tammy Murtagh, president; Tarsia Kenny, vice president; Todd Thurston, secretary; and Justin Herman, treasurer; Class of 1999 - Rebecca Blair, president; Andy Fuller, vice president; Desiree Crossley, secretary; and Carly Blanchard, treasurer; and the Class of 2000 - Katie O'Meara, president; Fred LaCrosse, vice president; Jenny Martin, secretary; and Jessica Brownell, treasurer.

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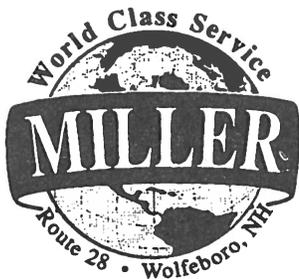
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ALTON CONCERT BAND MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN NORTHEAST FESTIVAL

Recently 10 members of the Alton Central School Concert Band, accompanied by their band director, Anne Stevens, traveled to Lake Placid, New York, to participate in the four-day Northeast Instrumental Music Festival. The students were Rebecca Miller, flute; Elizabeth Quindley, flute; Becca Blair, flute; Tarsia Kenny, clarinet; Tammy Murtagh, clarinet; Jennifer Emanouil, alto saxophone; Andrea Guttormsen, alto saxophone; Jill Gagnon, baritone saxophone; Jason Morris, trumpet; and Joseph Irving, percussion.

Over 100 students from New Hampshire, Vermont and New York gathered together for this festival weekend which included many hours of rehearsal, a festival banquet, and a final performance on Sunday to showcase all of the students' hard work.

TO PROTECT AND SERVE

By Steven T. Holly, Community Liaison Officer

POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. With the new year upon us, the Alton Police Department would like to extend a new service to the Alton Community. In every issue of Main Street you will find an article named "To Protect and Serve." This article will be written monthly and will include such things as crime prevention tips, upcoming training classes available, updates on current community programs, community "happenings" and answers to questions that can be submitted by you. I hope this new article to be informative and keep you up to date with issues in the community. If you have a question you would like answered, you can contact me in one of the following ways: drop me a letter at the Police Station, mail a letter to me (Officer Steven T. Holly, Post Office Box 240 Alton 03809) or E-mail me at altonpd@juno.com. Every question will be answered and some questions will be answered in a "To Protect And Serve" article. Any comments or suggestions are also welcome.

For anyone interested joining the Wednesday night basketball program, it has been moved to the Alton Central School gymnasium at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. If there is a school game that night, then we will play after the game. This program is available to anyone male or female, over the age of 16. Come on out, it's a lot of fun!

For those of you who have been asking about a citizen's firearm course, it's back! The course is going to be held twice a year starting this spring. Enrollment will be limited so watch for the dates to be announced.

I encourage everyone to drop me a line with your questions, comments or suggestions. Have a safe and happy 1997!

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