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Complimentary



Wolfeboro's 100-foot aerial ladder truck is shown, above, in use for a demonstration of its capabilities in fire fighting and rescue work. This was just one of the many activities that took place during the 100th Anniversary Convention of the New Hampshire State Firefighters Association held in Alton last month. For the full story, see page 3.

EXPANDED CABLE TV COMING TO ALTON

By Bob Longabaugh

After listening to the views of around 18 local citizens at the fourth and final public hearing on the subject, the Alton Board of Selectmen voted to approve the franchise renewal with Community TV Corporation for cable TV service in Alton until the year 2004. The contract, in a consortium with 10 other nearby towns, had been in negotiation for over three years. The result was a four-inch thick document, covering every conceivable aspect of providing and receiving cable TV service.

The public hearing, held in Town Hall on September 17, brought to light a wide cross-section of concerns. Primary among them was the extension of cable to areas presently unserved, with the Merrymeeting River Trailer Park being the first. A new feature of the contract is a requirement that the cable company will add service to any location where there are 20 homes per mile.

Several people spoke about adding particular channels to the cable lineup. Corporation President Bill Schmalberger responded that it is impossible to satisfy all requesters since the company will be limited to 60 channels and at some point adding channels will have an impact on the price the customer will pay.

Of high significance to Alton is the provision of three community access channels. One channel will show programming, scheduled and supplied by the "Access Provider." The second channel will be a bulletin board listing community events and announcements. The third channel will be activated when the bulletin board overflows. The "Access Provider" will be made up of representatives from the communities that make up the consortium. As it stands at this time, in addition to Alton the towns in the CATV consortium are Belmont, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, New Durham, Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton, and Wolfeboro.

Schmalberger said once the remaining towns in the consortium sign the legal instruments, Community TV is committed to having a local studio "on the air" within 180 days. The studio is proposed to be located in Laconia and could be used by community and civic groups to tape programs for later playback on the channel dedicated to public programs.

Selectman Chairman Arnold ("Pete") Shibley pointed out in an interview subsequent to the hearing that the Board of Selectmen had already agreed to include an item dealing with CATV revenues in the 1998 Town Meeting warrant. At present the funds received from the 3 percent user fee charged to Community TV subscribers goes into the Town's general fund. Shibley said that the warrant article — yet to be worded — could designate the franchise fee to be used for a specific purpose, such as increasing communications in any number of areas.



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NOTE TO OUR READERS

The regular columns "Fireside Chats," "To Protect and Serve," and "Town Hall Notes" do not appear in this issue due to Stan Czech being on vacation, Officer Steven Holly being away for training, and Scott Dunn being out of town on business in combination with a heavier than usual workload. Look for their columns to reappear next month.

AN AGENDA FOR EXCELLENCE

by Richard M. Pike
Superintendent of Schools

High on everyone's agenda these days is school improvement. Last month in this column, I stated that one of my agenda items is "the expectation that our school system will always reflect continuous improvement." I suspect that parents, politicians, business leaders, and citizens at large are equally as determined to see this happen. Some of us contend that schools are more successful than the public seems to think, but we all agree that we want them to be even better.

There is much less agreement, however, about the kinds of changes that are needed and about how those changes should be made. One thing is quite clear to me — if you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there. The Alton school system is on the road to recovery! Working with Dr. Charles Ashley, an educational consultant, the entire school staff, the board and the administration are working diligently to address many issues of mutual concern, including school climate and improved communication. I am quite confident that this process is going to translate to (1) the school being lifted from probation by the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges), (2) a desire to strive for continuous school improvement, and (3) a much better school system as a final product.

In the months ahead one of my tasks will be to develop my own assessment of our school system. Quite often this process begins with looking at deficiencies; however, I prefer to start with an assessment of strengths. If we determine where the strength of our school lies and what accomplishments or values are important to people, we can probably begin on an upbeat note that will infuse our entire school improvement process. Remember that the agenda is *excellence!*

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PLANNING ALTON'S FUTURE

by Gerald Coogan, Interim Town Planner

As part of the Alton Planning Board's effort to update the Town's 1990 Master Plan, the Board sponsored a planning forum on Saturday, September 13. Approximately 25 Alton residents turned out to assist the Board in its efforts. The focus of the meeting was on the Master Plan's chapter dealing with Goals and Objectives.

The three-hour planning forum was designed to assist the Planning Board in determining community attitudes with respect to the Town's future growth and development. Information gathered from the forum, when combined with the results of the just completed community planning survey and past planning studies, will help the Board update this very important chapter of the Master Plan.

Glen McLean, a former Town Planner for Alton, described the Town's early development pattern. In the late 1700's, when parts of Gilford and Wolfboro were included in Alton, there were 28 separate lots in the Town. Today there are over 5,500 separate lots of record. Early land use decisions regarding the location of the railroad, in combination with the establishment of the early villages around available water power, affected the shape and manner in which the Town developed and what we see around us today.

The participants in the forum broke into three groups: (1) Land Use and the Town's Economic Base, (2) Community Facilities, and (3) Conservation and Preservation. In their discussions the groups paid special attention to the rural character of Alton — those unique characteristics and qualities that contribute to the attractiveness of the Town which, generally, should be preserved.

The Land Use group, led by Ted Cole, focused on new types of development opportunities in Alton. Chief among these were increased recreational facilities for people of all ages, especially the older population, plus commercial and light industrial development. There was consensus that the Town should not construct a wastewater treatment facility for two reasons: cost, and the real possibility that sewerage being readily available could result in accelerated growth that would change the Town's character. Some members of the group explored the possibility of voluntary design guidelines for the Village area.

The Community Facilities group, led by Scott Dunn, identified the need for additional public parking in the downtown area as a top priority. Other items in the priority category included a school auditorium, enhanced educational facilities, and renovations to the second floor of Town Hall.

The Conservation and Preservation group, led by Cythnia Mekrut, listed water resource related issues — such as maintaining undeveloped shoreline around Lake Winnepesaukee, and the preservation of the aquifer and wetlands — as important priorities. The group stressed the importance of making conservation planning an integral component of the overall community planning process.

Gerald Coogan, the Town's planning consultant, stressed that Master Plan recommendations are often implemented. Glen McLean verified this by listing the many Master Plan recommendations that have been accomplished during the last seven years. Planning Board Chairman Jim Washburn stated that the planning process is ongoing, and that follow-up Master Plan meetings will be held in the future.



HUNDREDS OF FIREMEN COULDN'T BE WRONG!

by Bob Longabaugh

An official vote was not taken at the 100th Convention of the New Hampshire Firefighters Association held in Alton last month, but it was clear that the 329 registrants agreed that Alton's Fire Department and residents had provided the best of settings and hospitality to the hundreds of "visiting firemen" and their families. Alton Fire Chief Russell E. Jones reported that he received nary a negative comment concerning the Association's convention held in Alton September 5-7. Everyone seemed to have the best of times and went away with new knowledge of the latest techniques and equipment in the firefighting profession.

In addition to the out-of-town attendees, there were 22 vendors represented with products that ranged from firemen's boots to miniature statues of Dalmatian dogs. Most impressive of all, of course, were the 58 pieces of operational fire apparatus which knocked everyone's ears off with their sirens and horns as they traveled Sunday's parade route. Alton had never seen such a far-reaching assortment of the oldest and newest fire fighting equipment. The parade had hand tub pumpers, an Amoskeag steamer, antique motorized apparatus of varied vintages, and the cutting edge of new trucks from the New Hampshire Fire Academy.

Making the parade truly complete were three bands, including the Boston Fire Department's Pipe Band shown in the above photo. Always a crowd pleaser, the Shriners' minicars brought smiles to the onlookers' faces as the cars scooted to and fro.

Chief Jones said that the convention could not have achieved such a degree of success without the hard work of local arrangements chairman Sam Fisichelli and his band of dedicated volunteers, supplemented by the Alton Fireflies led by President Eileen Woodland. Also assisting were the Alton Highway and Water Departments with the Moore's providing the loan of their much appreciated tent for the vendors' area.

All in all, Alton can be proud of itself and its Fire Department for making New Hampshire's 100th such convention a tremendous success.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Russ Jones was elected president of the New Hampshire State Firemen's Association . . . Matt Locke spoke to the Friends of the Gilman Library about his recent trip to Nicaragua . . . the Alton Lioness Club held its annual Applefest and Flea Market.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Alton-New Durham Lions club presented a \$500 donation to the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service . . . the Apache Players presented the timeless classic "Our Town" . . . new regulations and fees for use of Alton Central School were adopted by the School Board . . . the Gilman Library welcomed home Mary and Cal Batchelder who had just completed their hiking trip along the *entire* Appalachian Trail.



**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL WELCOMES
FOUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS**

Four teachers joined the faculty at Alton Central School this year. They are Julia Hurley, health education; Kristine King, physical education; Scott Record, physics, chemistry and physical science; and Robert Wright, special education. In the photo above they are (left to right): Record, Wright, Hurley, King, and Alton Central School Principal Thomas D. Parker.

Hurley, a registered nurse, has a bachelor's degree in psychology/sociology from New England College and an associate degree in nursing from the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord. She has previously worked in Venezuela, Arabia, and at the Spaulding Youth Center. She has three grown children, Steven, Rebecca and Rachel. Hurley's other interests include music, drama, sports and two kittens, Sydney and Lily.

King, in her first year of teaching, is a graduate of Plymouth State College with a degree in Physical Education. She enjoys running, reading, horseback riding, teaching, and decorating her new home with husband, Joe, and their Dalmatian, Dacca.

Record has a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree in guidance from the University of Maine. He most recently taught for three years at the Rundlett Junior High School in Concord. Prior to that, he taught at the International School of Curacao and the International School in Bangkok. His wife, Deborah, is an ESL teacher for the Franklin School District and their daughter, Candace, is a senior at Belmont High School. They share their home with a cat named Crimson.

Wright has a bachelor's degree in Biology and Theater from Baker University in Kansas and a master's degree in special education from Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts. He has previously worked in Massachusetts in the Southboro Public Schools; the Lincoln Public Schools; and the Learning Center for the Multiply Handicapped in Waltham. He and his wife, Madeline, have a daughter, Anna. They enjoy hiking, gardening and their four cats.

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**LIBRARY BRICK "SALE" CONTINUES
by David Countway**

The Gilman Library Trustees recently announced a campaign to "buy a brick" for \$100 for the Gilman Library Building Fund. Fifteen bricks have already been purchased or pledged. An individual engraved plate for each new \$100 gift will be attached to a brick along a section of the new courtyard area. Previous gifts given to the Gilman Library Building Fund will be acknowledged on a donors board inside the entry area. This new fund raising opportunity and the immediate response represents another commitment of community support for the new Gilman Library.

Within weeks our new library will be complete. The excitement of construction will be a memory as we realize the comforts and possibilities of our spacious new wings and fully refurbished core areas. When the reality of construction finally began in May, I realized that the space and resources of our new library would benefit both the present and future generations of Alton citizens. The public and private financial resources of the community have made this beautiful new library come to life. A new public building is a gift from one generation to the next. Everyone who has supported votes at town meeting and the numerous fund raising activities over the past five years can now feel pride that their gifts and contributions have helped build not only a new building but also an institution that will stimulate the intellectual and social well being of all the people in our community.

The Trustees of the Gilman Library faced many decisions during the planning phase and now during the construction phase. A more modest appearing building with clapboard siding could have been constructed one year sooner to coincide with the bicentennial celebration in 1996. The Trustees remained patient with the moderate and steady pace of fund raising however, and the extra year allowed us to start the building with a more solid financial capability. The decision to have a brick exterior seems well received by library patrons. A brick exterior of course is more expensive initially than wood clapboards and therefore your contribution to buy a brick helps make this phase of construction possible. Members of your family or friends can be honored with a brick. You may contact Librarian Holly Brown at the Gilman Library (875-2550) to sign up for your brick. Please give your preference for an inscription at the time that you make your gift.

The Children's Wing of the Gilman Library still remains unnamed. A major gift of \$120,000 would complete the private fund raising.

In a recent grant request to the Culpeper Foundation in Stamford, Connecticut, four areas of remaining needs were outlined. These include: (1) Furnishings (\$30,000), (2) Elevator (\$40,000), (3) Land acquisition of the American Legion property behind the library (\$30,000), and (4) Automation/Computers (\$20,000). A major gift from a foundation or individual at this time will preserve our Agnes Thompson endowment fund. This "wish list" outlines those areas above and beyond the present building construction.

The Gilman Library Trustees are grateful for the community support to build an excellent new library. Please consider buying a brick today!

HARVEST SUPPER

There will be a "Harvest Supper" at the Masonic Temple, Route 28 South, on October 11. For a donation of \$7 you will be able to enjoy a meal of corned beef, seven vegetables, homemade apple pie with cheese, and a beverage. The dinner will be served from 5 - 7 P.M. All are welcome.

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HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Sarah Spencer has been elected president of the senior class at Alton Central School for 1997-98. Vice President Tammy Murtagh, Secretary Tarsia Kenny, and Treasurer Mandy Quindley will join her in providing leadership for the Class of 1998. Blake Kellar and Jason Martin will represent the class on the Student Council.

The junior class will be led by President Desiree Crossley, Vice Presidents Andy Fuller and Becca Blair, Secretary Carly Blanchard, and Treasurer Anna Varney. Patrick Hanley, Andy Morse, and Jen Emanouil will serve on the Student Council.

Sophomore class officers are President Katie O'Meara, Vice President Fred LaCrosse, Secretary Jessica Brownell, and Treasurer Jenny Martin. Jessica Benedetto, Jake Locke, and Nicole Wentworth are the representatives to the Student Council.

Tonya Alden is president of the freshman class and she is joined by Vice President Emily Sydow, Secretary Toby Shea, and Treasurer Josh Simonton. Meghan St. Cyr, Renee LaFreniere, and Mike Brown are on the Student Council.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL by Thomas D. Parker Alton Central School



HABITS WORTH DEVELOPING

This month's comments are directed at helping the students in grades six through twelve — those students who, because of their grade or age, we often think are capable of "taking care of themselves." However, we must keep in mind that they are, after all, still teenagers and in need of adult guidance.

Teens are creatures of habit. That can sometimes drive us all crazy, as when they always forget to put the cap back on the toothpaste. But, habits can also be positive — and students who establish these habits now will have a more successful school year.

Some habits worth developing are:

Keep a calendar. Teens' brains are filled with so many competing interests that they don't always remember when schoolwork is due. A small pocket sized assignment notebook and encouragement to write down every assignment every day may help.

Establish a regular study time. Even if there are no written assignments due, it is important to review notes or read ahead. This will make the next day's classes easier.

Spend ten minutes in the evening getting ready for the next day.

Take time to try something new. Middle school or high school may be the last time your teen can try out for a team or be involved in a play or other activity. Help students broaden their horizons — if your student has been an athlete, encourage him/her to try out for the play or debate club.

Help your child set long term goals. Long term goals help students see the need for planning and helps them set priorities; both habits that are useful as adults.

By developing these habits, your child's chances for success, not only here at Alton Central School, but in later life are greatly enhanced.

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ALTON'S PTSA IS "ON THE WAY"

by Bob Loprete

On Tuesday evening, September 16, the Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) got off to a great start for their 1997-98 school year.

With over 60 in attendance, the agenda for the evening was very upbeat and informative. Newly-elected President Bob Loprete opened the meeting with a group discussion of goals and ideas for the new school year, along with reports on membership registrations and upcoming special events.

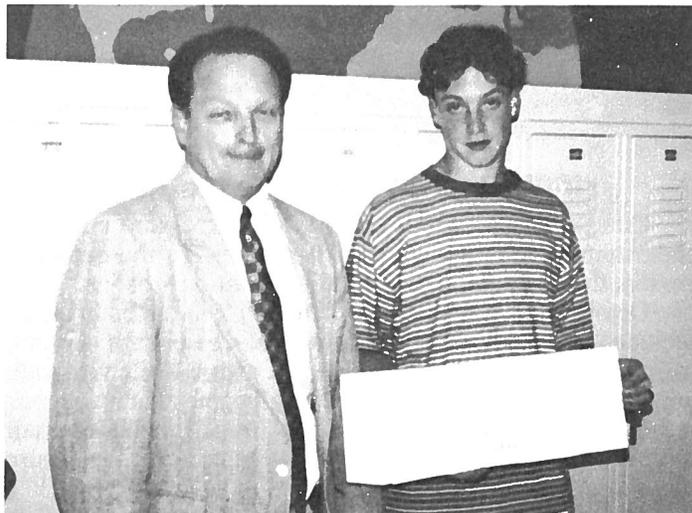
Loprete reminded everyone that the PTSA was formed to continue community communications and involvement in the educational development of Alton's youth. After introductions of the other new PTSA officers, which included Barbara Cruickshank, Vice President, Karyl Hillsgrove, Treasurer, and Linda Roy, Secretary, Loprete then introduced Alton Central School's new principal, Tom Parker.

Parker spoke for a few minutes as a way of introduction to new members. Also present was School Board Chairman Loring Carr who devoted a little time to updating the community on the three public forums held this summer concerning the proposed new high school. Carr had handouts outlining these forums available for those who were not able to attend any or all of them.

The guest speaker for the evening was Richard Pike, the new SAU Superintendent. He spoke to the group with enthusiasm about the goals and mission of Alton's educational community.

The PTSA meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 P.M. in the High School library. Please circle your calendar for October 21 when the agenda will include goals, fund raisers, and reflections. All are invited and the younger generation is especially welcome!

Remember, only \$3 is needed to join PTSA (\$2 for students). We are working to double our membership this year. You do not have to have a child in school to help us towards this goal.



ALTON FRESHMAN DESIGNS LETTERHEAD FOR NEW SAU

Establishing a new SAU for Alton has been a challenging and rewarding experience for Superintendent Richard Pike. Among the many details to be addressed was the need for letterhead, so after consulting with the school's resident experts, he called in freshman Chris Alting and asked him to come up with a design. Chris' sketch of a map of Alton was incorporated into the letterhead design and, as shown above, Pike presented him with a letter of thanks on the first sheet to be used.

Chris is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Alting of West Alton.



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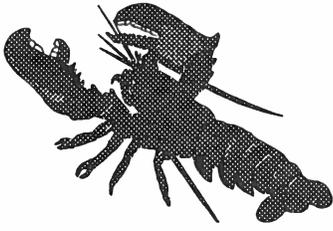


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ALTON OUTDOORS by Jack Miller

OFFICIAL DATES FOR HUNTING

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October first is the opening of "small game" season which includes cottontail rabbit, fox, gray squirrel, pheasant, quail, ruffed grouse and snowshoe hare. Be aware while you walk your favorite hunting grounds for small game, that woodcock may NOT be hunted until the sixth. Partridge and the small migratory woodcock often inhabit the same cover, so be sure of your target.

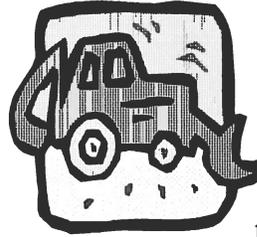
The season for inland ducks opens October second, while that for coastal ducks starts the next day. The duck numbers are up this year due to the ban on the use of lead shot and the saving of Canadian wetlands.

Moose hunting also opens in October. The lucky lottery winners should be out scouting. The moose will start calling early this month and one needs to just LISTEN as part of their scouting techniques.

For the fisher person, trout fishing in ponds listed as trout ponds and fly fishing only waters are still open until the 15th.

This is one of the most beautiful months to be outdoors. With the crisp air and fall color, a walk in the woods or a float on the local waters may provide a fish or fowl for the table along with spectacular scenery.

See you out there. Enjoy Alton — OUTDOORS!



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS by Kenneth Roberts Highway Agent

CHECK THOSE CULVERTS

Autumn is here. Leaves will begin to change and fall from the trees. We ask that you check your culverts so they do not become clogged and create a flooding problem on either the road or your property — or both!

The project on Muchado Hill Road continues. New culverts and ditch lines are being dug. Eight-tenths of a mile will be paved by winter. Drew Hill Road improvement continues to progress. This should be out to bid by October 3.

Is your street name sign missing? Is your stop sign gone? Please contact us at 875-6808. Signs are stolen every year at a total cost to the taxpayers of approximately \$3,000.

On a lighter note, the Highway Department received an unsigned letter containing a \$20 bill. The letter apologized for stealing a street sign. Unfortunately the Town still took a "hit," since street signs cost between \$30 and \$40. But it's the thought that counts.

We have had a resignation at the department. Paul Varney has decided to pursue a different line of work. We all wish him well.

I would like to thank everyone for their help, cooperation, and understanding. If you have any problems with which we might be of help, please call us at 875-6808.

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The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has announced that the annual fall drawdown of the lakes and ponds controlled by DES's Water Division will be initiated in the next few months.

Since the hydrologic conditions and recreational uses of these waterbodies vary, the degree and date of the start of the drawdown for each lake is varied and could be affected by the amount of rainfall during the period. The depth of each drawdown is from "Full Pond" level.

Drawdowns are conducted each fall so that winter ice damage to shoreline properties is minimized and so spring flooding is reduced. Drawdowns also allow property owners to conduct any necessary repairs to their waterfront property, provided they first secure a permit from the NH Wetlands Bureau. Lake levels are allowed to return to the normal full pond level in the spring.

The drawdown schedule for lakes in Alton is as follows: Sunset Lake, October 14, seven feet and Lake Winnepesaukee, October 14, two feet

ALTON - NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB ANNUAL COLLECTION OF EYEGLASSES

Since its beginning in 1917, Lions Clubs International has been dedicated to providing community and humanitarian services. Among its many activities, Lionism is best known for the many projects serving the needs of the blind and visually impaired.

In keeping with this commitment, the Alton-New Durham Lions Club is sponsoring a community-wide project to collect used eyeglasses during the month of October.

If you have an old pair of prescription glasses to donate, please call one of the following Lions Club members to arrange for pick up. In Alton Center, call George Bornheim at 875-6963; Alton Bay, Jeanne Weaver, 875-3434; East Alton, Eldon Swim, 875-5158; West Alton, A. R. Van de Meulebroecke, 875-5702; and New Durham, Nancy Moore, 859-5696

All prescription glasses, unique or otherwise, including sunglasses will be greatly appreciated.

CRAFTERS ALERT! PTSA SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

Alton's Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) is once again calling out to all local crafters to reserve their table space early.

The PTSA will sponsor its second annual "Holiday Craft Fair" on Saturday, November 15, from 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. in the gymnasium and music room at Alton Central School. Anyone interested in registering should call Fair Chairperson, Linda Roy at 875-2427 or Joyce Hopper at 776-8733.

Registration is \$20 for a 10-foot space with your own table or \$25 for a 10-foot space with the table provided by the PTSA. Each attending crafter will be asked to donate a gift to the PTSA for a raffle during the fair.

All proceeds will benefit programs sponsored by the PTSA. Hope to see you there!

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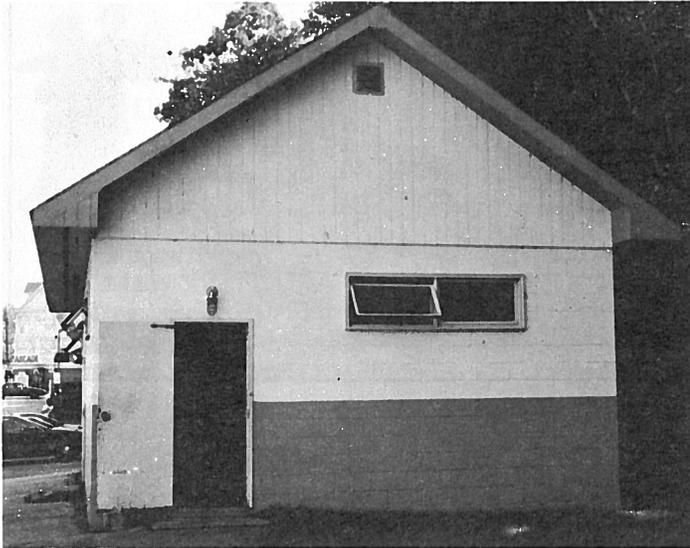


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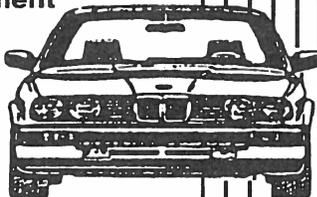
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by Peter Pijoan

Chairman, Alton Budget Committee

The following is not about introducing you to your ABC's but, rather, about the Alton Budget Committee (ABC) and their role in your town's government. Budget Committees are authorized by the New Hampshire Statutes ("RSA's") to be a local elected group to analyze the proposed School and Town budgets in order to give the voters more detailed knowledge upon which they can base their voting decisions. Further, the Budget Committee makes recommendations to the voters with regard to what they believe to be appropriate funding for department budgets.

It is important to realize that the Budget Committee's charge is not necessarily to recommend budget cuts. They may recommend *increasing* funds for particular items if the committee believes that it would be in the best interest of the town. (A case in point would be the snowmobile requested by the Police Department in the 1997 budget.)

The Alton Budget Committee is currently very active putting the necessary forms and procedures in place to review both the school's and town's proposed budgets for 1998. The form for the town's departments to justify and submit their budgets has been transmitted to the Selectmen. Similar activity is underway with the School Board. A schedule has been set for the review of the budgets. All of this leads up to a public hearing where all voters' views are encouraged.

With the advent of "The Official Ballot" ("SB 2") referendum form of town meeting for the 1998 school warrant, it becomes increasingly important that the town's people fully understand what they are voting for in their written ballot by means of the Budget Committee's public hearing(s) for the school budget.

The Budget Committee is currently verifying the exact dates of the detailed schedule for the school budgeting process, as established by SB2. The schedule will be published in a future issue of Main Street.

All of the Budget Committees deliberative sessions for the proposed budgets and meetings are open to the public. Main Street will publish the schedule of the budget sessions and the public hearing(s) if they are established in time for the next issue. Because the committee finds need for extra meetings as deadlines approach, it is best to check the bulletin board in front of Town Hall for the latest schedule.

INFORMED voters are needed to make the above process work. Please make the extra effort to find out what's going on. If you are unable to attend committee meetings and have a particular concern you want us to know about, please get in touch with me or one of the other committee members. They are V. Bergeron, L. Boyce, P. Canuel, J. Falzone, G. Fuller, S. Gage, R. Messier, and S. Swezey. The School Board representative on the committee is D. Burton and W. Ryan represents the Selectmen.

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BULLETINS

NEW TRICK OR TREAT HOURS!

The Alton Police Department has set Trick or Treat hours from 4 - 7 P.M. on Friday, October 31, Halloween Day. Note that the times are different this year. The chief and department staff hope trick or treaters will have a safe and fun time. We invite the children of Alton to stop by the Police Station for treats and candy. This event is once again sponsored by the Alton Police Association.

THE LATEST ON 911

As Main Street goes to press it appears that "911" and address numbering are back on the road again. The "semi-final" maps of Alton, showing all road names, have been returned from the State's Bureau of Emergency Communications to the Town. On September 18 the Town's Address Committee reviewed the maps for correctness, and by the time you read this the maps should be back in Concord for "finalization." According to Committee Chairman Russell Jones, when the final maps are sent back to Alton, they will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval. It is expected that the Selectmen will schedule a public hearing before official action is taken.

After the above steps are completed, the Address Committee will place all structures meriting a numerical address on the maps. This will be followed by the process of assigning addresses based on the number of feet from the road's beginning.

Main Street will make an earnest effort to keep our readership up to date on future developments. Watch this page.

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stanley Czech, 875-3815

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Arnold ("Pete") Shibley, 875-2849

OCTOBER EVENTS

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| Wed. | 1 | ADULT WALKING PROGRAM BEGINS, Alton Central School, Mon. - Fri., 6:30 - 7:30 A.M. and 3 - 5 P.M. (Register at Main Office).
GIRLS SOCCER vs. Linwood, 4 P.M.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.. |
| Thu. | 2 | ROSH HASHANAH
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 A.M. - Noon |
| Fri. | 3 | BOYS SOCCER vs. Nute, 4 P.M.
VOLLEYBALL vs. Nute, 4 P.M. |
| Sat. | 4 | GIRLS SOCCER at Moultonboro, 4 P.M.
BOYS SOCCER at Moultonboro, 4 P.M.
VOLLEYBALL at Moultonboro, 4 P.M. |
| Tue. | 7 | SENIOR CITIZENS BOAT TOUR, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 A.M.
GIRLS SOCCER at Linwood, 4 P.M.
BOYS SOCCER vs. Linwood, 4 P.M. |
| Wed. | 8 | LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, Christian Conference Center, 11:30 A.M.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Thu. | 9 | SENIOR CITIZENS FLU SHOTS, for those over 65, Pearson Road Community Center, 1 P.M.
GIRLS SOCCER vs. Wilton, 4 P.M.
BOYS SOCCER at Laconia Christian, 4 P.M.
VOLLEYBALL at Laconia Christian, 4 P.M. |
| Sat. | 11 | YOM KIPPUR
GIRLS SOCCER vs. Calvary Christian, 11 A.M.
BOYS SOCCER vs. Calvary Christian, 1 P.M.
HARVEST SUPPER, Masonic Temple, 5 - 7 P.M. |
| Sun. | 12 | COLUMBUS DAY
LEAF PEEPER BREAKFAST, American Legion Hall, 8 A.M. - Noon |
| Mon. | 13 | COLUMBUS DAY (Observed)
VOLLEYBALL at Farmington, 6 P.M. |
| Tue. | 14 | LAKE DRAWDOWN for Sunset (7') and Winnepesaukee (2'). |
| Wed. | 15 | GIRLS SOCCER at Coe Brown, 4 P.M.
BOYS SOCCER at Moultonboro, 4 P.M.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Fri. | 17 | FREE TETANUS CLINIC, Alton School, 8:30 A.M.
GIRLS SOCCER at Sunapee, 4 P.M.
BOYS SOCCER at Sunapee, 4 P.M. |
| Tue. | 21 | CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING, Alton Bay Inn, 6 P.M.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY POT-LUCK SUPPER AND MEETING, Congregational Church, 6 P.M. |
| Wed. | 22 | BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER CLINIC 9 A.M. - Noon, Call 524-6864
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Sun. | 26 | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS at 2 A.M. |
| Tue. | 28 | GARDEN CLUB MEETING, Congregational Meeting House, 1:30 P.M. |
| Wed. | 29 | BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M. |
| Thu. | 30 | A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM, Alton Central School Auditorium, 7:30 P.M. |
| Fri. | 31 | HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT, Alton Police Department, 4 - 7 P.M.
A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM, Alton Central School Auditorium, 7:30 P.M. |



Main Street's Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, Sunday, 10:30a.m. and 6p.m.; Monday through Friday, 9 and 10:30a.m., 7:30p.m., Saturday Prayer Breakfast, 8a.m.
 Baha'i Fireside - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
 Bay Church - Sunday Open Air Worship at the Bandstand, 9:30a.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, Pastor James Nason
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Monday thru Saturday except Wednesday, 8a.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, Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY:

- Monday & Wednesday, noon 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 Rd. Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8a.m. to 3p.m.
 Sunday - noon to 3p.m. Closed Tuesday and 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.
 Building Inspector - Call 875-5095 for office hours and appointments
 Parks and Recreation - Call 875-0109 for information and appointments
 Planning Director - 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

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

Main Street's motto, "The Voice of Alton," calls for it to get the information out on what's going on — and when — in our town. Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by community organizations, club meetings, and news of general interest to Alton residents and visitors. Color or black and white photos of local happenings are also encouraged, but will not be returned unless accompanied by a S.A.S.E. Label photos with the names of persons shown, left to right.

Send material to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue. Material may also be left in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington National Bank.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. The name of the person who prepared the submission, and a telephone number, should be included. Typed (and "scannable") text is preferred, but handwritten material will be given equal consideration. Floppy disks in MS "Word" are encouraged and will be returned. Additional information can be obtained from the editor at 875-5067.

- American Legion Auxiliary - 2nd Monday, 7p.m. Legion Hall
 American Legion Junior Members - 3rd Monday, 6p.m., Legion Hall
 Boy Scout Troop 53 - Wednesdays, 6p.m., Central Fire Station
 Chamber of Commerce Board - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8a.m., 875-5777
 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, 7p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
 Masonic Lodge - 2nd Thursday
 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

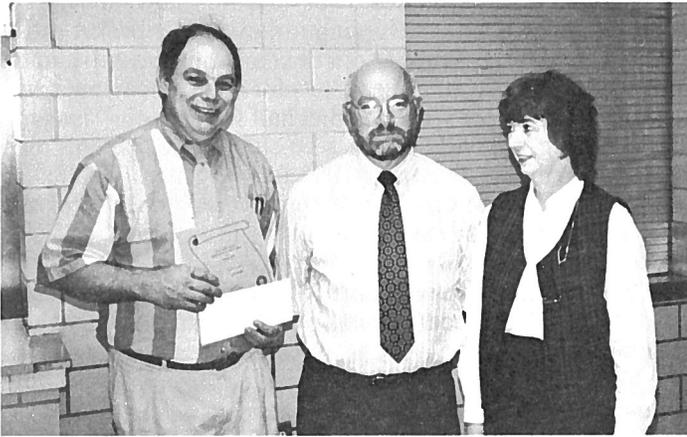
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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8:30 A.M., Chairman Arnold P. Shibley, call 875-2161 for appointment.
 BUDGET COMMITTEE — 1st Thursday, 7 P.M., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894.
 CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE — Meets on call, 875-2161.
 CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 P.M., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 P.M., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.
 FIRE WARDS — Meet on call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
 GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets 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.
 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — 4th Tuesday, 6:30 P.M., Chairman Jay Sydow, 875-6792.
 PLANNING BOARD — 4th Monday, 7 P.M., Chairman James Washburn, call 875-5095 for appointment.
 SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 P.M., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003.
 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meet on call. Chairman Alice Ziegra Calvert, 875-2151.
 TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:30 P.M., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
 WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8 A.M., Chairman Sherman Brown, 875-7337. Office, 875-4200.
 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 2nd Thursday, 7 P.M., Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.

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CURTIS NICHOLS: AUGUST EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Curtis Nichols, computer director at Alton Central School, was selected Employee of the Month for August by School Superintendent Richard Pike. Nichols was selected for his "above and beyond" effort this past summer installing new computers in the classrooms. His efforts made it possible to distribute the faculty and staff handbooks electronically, thus saving others hours of staff time.

Nichols has been the computer director of Alton Central School since 1993. Prior to that he was assistant director for academic computing at St. Anselm College, computer director at Moultonboro Academy, and a grade 4-5-6 teacher at the Montessori Learning Center in Pembroke, NH. He and his wife, Wanda, have four children: Jeffrey, 11; Ashley, 9; Gabriella 2 1/2; and Samuel, 1. Nichols has a son, Peter, from a previous marriage; he is the site manager for Manatee Outward Bound School in Myakka, FL.

The citation was accompanied by a gift certificate donated by the Dockside Restaurant in Alton..

In the photo from left to right are: Nichols, Thomas D. Parker, principal, and Linda Daggett, Dockside Restaurant.

OPEN LETTER TO POLICE CHIEF

From Mrs. Pamela Falzone

Dear Chief Iwans:

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Alton Police Department, especially Officers Steven Holly, Jamie Hathcock, Tracy Shattuck, John Lester and Sue Roberts, the Police Department Secretary, for volunteering their time, services and knowledge regarding the Safe Bicycling Program developed for the community of Alton held on August 23.

My husband and I attended the Safe Bicycling Course and were extremely impressed with the individuals who without their involvement the entire program would probably never have happened. The literature presented and passed out was informative and well designed; the course setup appeared to be a positive challenge and learning experience for the children. My husband and I even learned a few techniques watching the children going through the obstacle course.

The officers described the different parts of the bicycles and offered a few maintenance tips and instructed the children on the proper riding techniques, as well as the rules of the road. The officers also performed a bicycle inspection on each one of the students' bikes. The children were very attentive and you could see they wanted to learn. There wasn't a peep out of any of them except to ask questions; they were all eyes and ears. A job well done by all.

Keep up the good work everyone. Great Job!!!

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL RENEWS INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

The Alton Central School will renew its adult walking program October 1. This program, which began last winter, takes place inside the school where it is warm and safe from 6:30 - 7:30 in the mornings and in the afternoons from 3 - 5, Monday through Friday on school days. Participants walk at their own pace and must register at the Main Office on each visit. For more information call 875-7500.

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**Our pumpkins are carved and all in a row
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A common refrain these days is "Oh where has the summer gone?" Many of our "summer seniors" have left already, and we will miss them, but we have the splendor of autumn days to savor and many activities to keep us busy.

First, let us congratulate the money winners from the Bingo party the Parks and Recreation Dept. recently sponsored for us. \$10.00 winners were Brenda Desautell, Dominic Giuliano, and Nancy Mooney. Helen Stanford walked off with the \$25 prize — her Irish luck consistently prevailing!

A boat tour of Squam Lake (Golden Pond) is our trip offering for this month. The CAP bus will leave the Pearson Rd. site at 10:30 A.M. on October 7. Call Ginny Myers now at 875-5713 to sign up or be put on a wait list. The cost is \$16.

The many volunteers who have "put in their time" helping out at the meal site will be honored at the big Volunteer Banquet on October 8 at Pheasant Ridge Country Club. This will be an extra special occasion, as the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Under the Older Americans Act signed by President Nixon, the elderly have greatly benefited from congregate and home-delivered nutrition services. The theme for this anniversary year is "Celebrating Community — More Than a Meal." The words speak for themselves.

The Steering Committee is busy planning new fund raisers for the seniors. A Thanksgiving turkey dinner basket raffle will get under way soon. At our next meeting we will launch an attendance raffle of three tickets for a \$1. The winner will get half the proceeds with the other half going to our Treasury. In the Spring, we will begin a 1/20 club. Also, we will plan two special theme dinners in 1998 for the general public.

Two important dates to remember: October 2 for the blood pressure clinic and October 9 flu shots at 1 P.M. for those over 65.

We would like to welcome two new members: Charles Psolto and Constance Stevenson. You have brought our membership total to 54.

See you at our October 8 meeting. Have a bewitching Fall!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

by Laura Smith

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be holding their next luncheon on Wednesday, October 8, from 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. The luncheon will take place at the Christian Conference Center on Rt. 11 in Alton Bay.

The Special Feature will be presented by Steve White from the Wild Bird Depot in Gilford. The Special Music will be presented by Arlene Carlson, who will be playing the guitar and singing. Judith Warren from Sudbury, Massachusetts, will be the Special Speaker. To make reservations please contact Mrs. Helen Harris in Alton or Mrs. Thelma Osborne in Laconia.

Reservations must be made by Monday, October 6. The Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.

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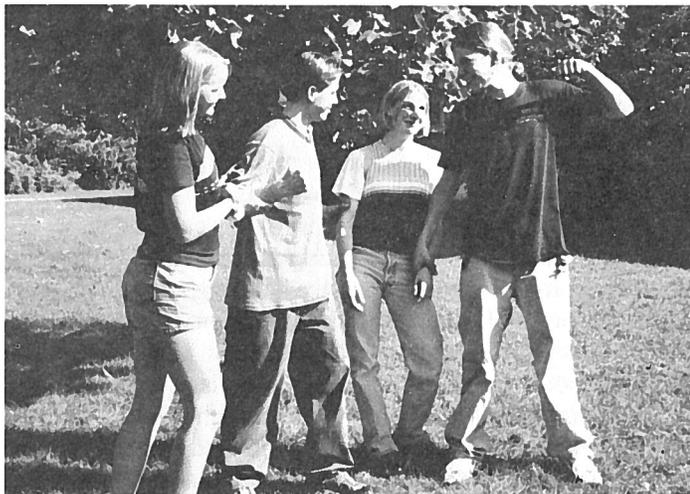
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By Elizabeth Lent**

Impish fairies, bewitched lovers and stolid tradespeople will traverse the stage at the Alton Central School as the Alton High School Drama Department proudly presents William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* October 30, 31, and November 1 at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium.

In this energetic production, Shakespeare's mixture of farce and fantasy, which forms one of the Bard's most playful comedies, will be set in America early in the 1970's.

Under the direction of faculty member Elizabeth Lent, the cast of talented student actors will bring to life the denizens of fairy land, Oberon, Titania, and Puck; the mixed up lovers Hermia, Lysander, Helena, and Demetrius; and the tradespeople led by Quince and the irrepressible Bottom.

Shown above (left to right) in an "undress" outdoor rehearsal are cast members Becca Blair, Mike Hallin, Jessica Benedetto, and Andy Fuller. Other members of the cast are Greg Salvatore, Jeb Christy, Deanna Hillsgrove, Amber Locke, Justin Herman, Melissa Strout, Anna Varney, Howie Sanborn, Meghan St.Cyr, Keith O'Connor, Nadine Vailette, Jill Gagnon, Kayla O'Brien, April Boles, Becca Kilday, and Desiree Crossley.

Senior Jill Gagnon is designing the production, and production stage managers are Brandi Smith and Melissa Southwell.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

UNITED ASSOCIATIONS NEW OFFICERS

At its annual meeting in late August, the United Associations of Alton elected officers for the next year. President will be Bob Calvert, succeeding Tom Todd who has served for the past two years. The new vice president will be Ted Stocker.

Reelected were Recording Secretary Ann McCoubrey, Corresponding Secretary Kay Petitt and Treasurer Tom Todd.

TOBY AND ZACH SHEA IN NORTH CAROLINA

This summer Toby, 13 years old, and Zach, 11 years old, traveled to North Carolina to explore the Carolina Piedmont area with their brother, Thad, and sister-in-law, Melissa. While there Toby attended North Carolina Basketball School in Chapel Hill with boys from all over the country and was coached by UNC basketball players and Coach Dean Smith. Zach attended sculpture camp where he and other children concocted such things as a magic carpet, huge foam house, musical instruments, and other original creations.

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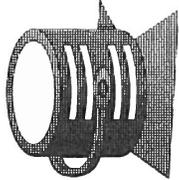
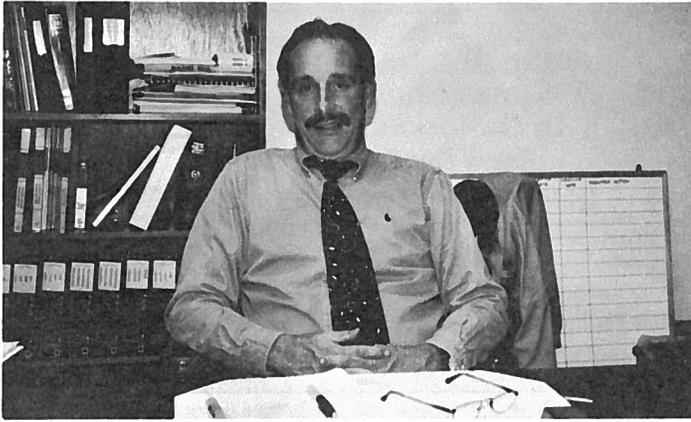
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Brian Boyers took over the duties of Alton's Code Official/Health Officer on July 1. In this position Brian serves as zoning and building inspector and the officer dealing with the related public health issues.

As a lifelong New Hampshire resident, Brian was born in Epping, attended elementary school there and graduated from Exeter High School. After graduation Brian began working in the field of construction. He has worked in all facets of construction for contractors and in his own business.

With the exception of about five years, during a building "slump" a number of years ago (when he worked representing a hazardous waste company), Brian has made his career in construction. He was also employed as the part-time Building Inspector in Milton for five years.

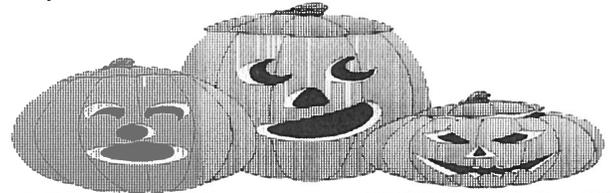
Brian's mother and stepfather reside in Exeter, his sister in Hampton, and a brother in Newfields.

Brian has lived in Milton Mills for 17 years and he serves as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board there. His wife, Kathryn, runs a nursery school in a building adjacent to their home. Brian and Kathryn have two children. Their daughter, Sarah, is 14 years old and is a freshman at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover. Their son, Tyler, is 11 years old and in the fifth grade at Rochester Catholic School.

Both Brian and Tyler enjoy fishing and hunting in their leisure time. The family owns two horses and Kathryn and Sarah are avid riders. In the winter the whole family enjoys skiing and a large garden keeps them busy in the summer.

Questioning Brian on his favorite part of the job, he responded, "Oh, unquestionably it's the people I work with. The townspeople are great and my co-workers in all departments are very helpful, supportive, and friendly." He added, "I hope to remain right here for a long time."

Thank you, Brian, and welcome!



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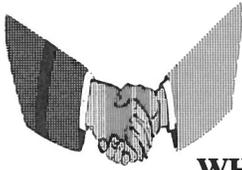
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 by Cecile Chase
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WHERE IS THE HORSE BURIED?

We've survived another busy summer in Alton - Alton Bay, and we can all take a deep breath before gearing up for fall foliage season.

Darlene Sargent did an outstanding job at the Chamber office this summer. She fielded hundreds of phone calls and innumerable queries from visitors to the bay. One of the most asked questions was "Where is the horse buried at the cemetery?" Darlene knows that, along with almost anything you want to know about Alton or Alton Bay.

Our annual meeting is set for 6 P.M., October 21, at the Alton Bay Inn. Police Officer Steve Holly will be our guest speaker. Chamber members should watch the mail for their invitation.

Our goals for 1998 are set and we will be working hard over the fall and winter to accomplish them.

We are beginning work on the 1998 Area Guide and Summer Calendar of Events. We would like to gather information this year. Many of you already have a tentative schedule for your event. We ask that you please get that information to the Chamber as soon as possible and know that adjustments to the calendar may be made up until April 1, 1998.

The Information Kiosk at Alton Bay has been approved by the Selectmen and will be in place by May '98. We are looking for a few good women (and men) to help with construction. Call Darlene if you can help.

If you own or manage a business in Alton and you haven't joined us yet, sign up now. A strong Chamber of Commerce means better business for us all.

Our next meeting will be held at the Alton Harvest Grill on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:30 A.M.

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Halloween

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

by Patti McMullen

The Alton Post would like to announce that there will be an official visit from the district officers on October 13. The Sons of the American Legion will be hosting a dinner for the district officers, Post members, Ladies Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion in honor of the event. Our gratitude goes out to the S.A.L.'s for their generosity.

In the last article published there was an error on the drawing date for the Ladies Auxiliary raffle. The date should have read October 1, so there is still a little time left to purchase your chance for the Sears gift certificate. The officers of the Post are pleased that over half of the membership dues have been paid and would like to remind every one that your '98 dues need to be paid if you haven't already done so.

Renovations are still taking place. The ceilings are being painted and new windows are on order for the upstairs.

The Alton American Legion would like to thank everyone for their support on the fund-raising events held. It is greatly appreciated by all. Word has been passed along that a great time was had by all at the recent dance on August 23. It is also noted that the craft fair on September 6 was a great success.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to remind you of two upcoming events: First, "The Leaf Peeper Breakfast" will be held on October 12 with our delicious pancakes as the main course. The time is from 8 A.M. - noon, and the cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. The public is invited. The second is the "Halloween Dance" on November 1. The time will be from 8 P.M. - midnight, and the cost will be \$5 per person. Members and guests are invited to this annual event for a howling good time. Prizes are awarded for best costumes.

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 Reynolds, Cheri
 Roth, Philip
 Russo, Richard
 Rutherford, Edward
 Steel, Danielle

Endangered Species
 Power of a Woman
 Durable Goods
 Joy School
 The Cove
 Cold Mountain
 Stones From the River
 A Thin Dark Line
 The Green Mile
 Chasing Cezanne
 The Waiting Time
 Rapture of Canaan
 American Pastorale
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NONFICTION

Clark, Marcia
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Without a Doubt
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CHILDREN

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Auel, Jean
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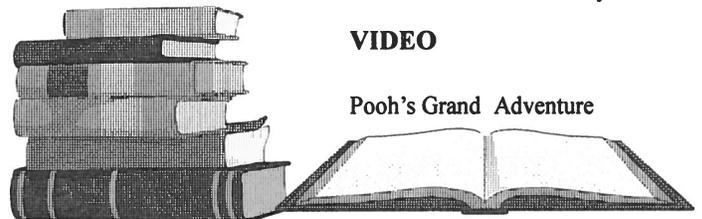
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LINDA C. ROY: JULY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Linda C. Roy, guidance secretary at Alton Central School, was selected Employee of the Month for July by School Superintendent Richard Pike. Fellow employees who noted that she is "always willing to help other staff," has such a cooperative spirit," and "projects a positive attitude towards students" nominated Roy. The citation was accompanied by a gift certificate donated by the Dockside Restaurant in Alton. In the photo, above, Roy (on the left), is receiving the award from Linda Daggett, Dockside Restaurant and Pike.

Roy has been the guidance secretary for the last three years and worked as a secretary in the Main Office for one year before that. She and her husband, Dan, have three children - Meredith, a sixth-grader at Alton Central School; Marc, a third grader; and Morgan, who is in pre-school.

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STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

An experienced team of seniors will provide the leadership for this year's Student Council at Alton Central School. Mark Murphy, council advisor, announced the following newly elected officers.

Jacob Tharpe, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tharpe, will serve as president. Tharpe returns to the council this year having served as vice president and council representative to the School Board last year. Tharpe also is a member of the varsity soccer, basketball, and baseball teams.

Shemry Brown, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sherman Brown, will fill the vice president position. Brown has served as a council representative for three years and is in the culinary arts program at the Region 9 Vocational Technical Education Center in Wolfeboro.

Jennifer Merfeld will be the council secretary. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Merfeld and a member of the National Honor Society and the journalism staff.

Jebediah Christy, who served last year as council president, returns this year as treasurer, a position he held in his sophomore year. Christy recently represented the State of New Hampshire in a national academic competition and is active in sports and journalism. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Christy.

This roster of veteran officers has high hopes for a successful year. Among their goals are a successful prom and a reexamination of the current grading system.

Other council members representing the four high school classes are: seniors Blake Kellar and Jason Martin; Juniors Jennifer Emanouil, Patrick Hanley, and Andy Morse; sophomores Jessica Benedetto, Jacob Locke, and Nicole Wentworth; and freshmen Meghan St, Cyr, Renee LaFreniere, and Mike Brown.



LIONS CLUB HOTCAKES FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Alton-New Durham Lions Club King Lion, Dick Gwinn, and Pancake Breakfast Chairman, "Van" Van de Muelebroecke, flank Alton Fire Chief Russell Jones in the front of Alton's 1917 fire truck.

On Saturday, September 6, the Alton Fire Department hosted almost 100 fire departments from throughout the entire state, and the Lions provided more than 200 breakfasts for firefighters and their families.

Chief Jones stated that the 1917 fire truck in the picture was used to announce the end of World War I in 1918 when the fire chief at that time and his wife drove throughout the town ringing the bell announcing the glad news.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held on October 28 at 1:30 P.M. at the Congregational Meeting House. The program this month will be "HIKING, Where and What to See." The speaker will be Priscilla Bourgault. Hostesses will be: Peg Dore, Dot Folsom, Doris Gray, Winona Houle, Myra Meier, and Mariolla Phyllides.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

by Nancy Mooney

The Alton Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and pot-luck supper on Tuesday, October 21 at 6 P.M. in the Congregational Church. Please bring your favorite covered dish and place setting. Guests are cordially welcome. After dinner the business meeting and election of officers for 1997-98 will take place. Hostesses are Jessie Bakeman, Shirley Copeland, Phyllis Draper and others. For more information call Nancy Mooney at 875-3374.

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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL TO OFFER TETANUS VACCINE CLINICS

The State of New Hampshire now requires all students to have tetanus vaccinations every ten years. To help students at Alton Central School comply with this requirement, Karen Stover, school nurse, has planned two Tetanus Vaccine Clinics. The first will be Friday, October 17, at 8:30 A.M. and the second on Friday, November 21, at 1:30 P.M. There is no charge for the vaccine.

Also, the State now requires all students born after January 1, 1993, to have three doses of hepatitis B vaccine to enter school. If anyone has any questions about these new requirements, they are encouraged to call Stover at 875-0375 between 8 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.

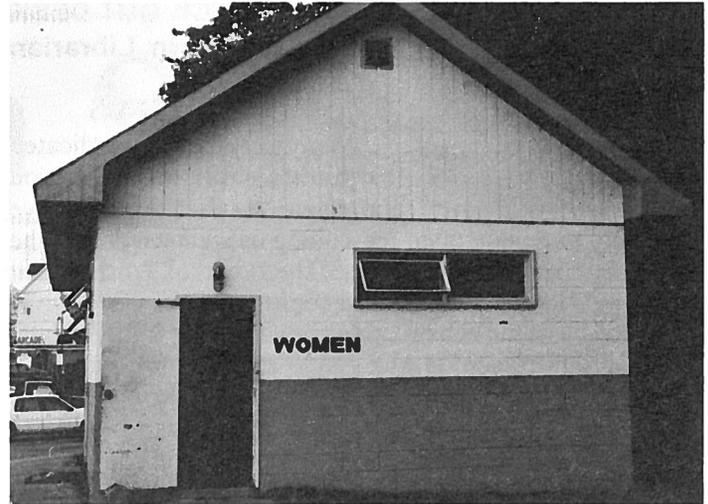
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS COORDINATED BY TOWN HALL STAFF

Coordination of the Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets has begun. Donations will be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check, or money orders, made payable to "Operation Blessings," and may be dropped off at the Town Hall or mailed to Town Hall, P. O. Box 659, Alton, NH 03809.

Canned goods donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall from 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The Police Association will prepare the fruit baskets and also donate turkeys for the food baskets.

If you are interested in helping distribute baskets or can suggest the home of a shut-in or needy family, please contact Paulette Wentworth at 875-0204 or 875-7579.



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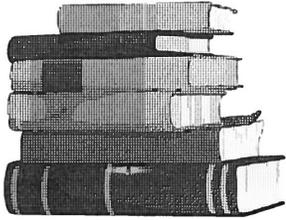
The question on page 10 asked whether you could tell what the purpose is of the above building owned and operated by the Town of Alton? The best kept secret in Alton Bay is no longer a secret. The Board of Selectmen accepted the offer of a citizen to provide the materials and labor to make clear the function of the building when the doors are propped open — as they usually are in the summer.

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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL IS ON THE WEB

Alton Central School now has its own Website on the Internet. The address is <http://www.acs.k12.nh.us>. Parents and community members are encouraged to visit the site to obtain up-to-date information about the school. It contains the full text of the high school program of studies, as well as the K-8 and 9-12 Student and Parent Handbooks. There is a list of the names and assignments of the faculty and staff. The school calendar is also in the site. Parents can check on the dates of school vacations. There is a bulletin board that eventually will include news postings from many departments. The virtual library provides helpful links to many useful sites elsewhere on the Internet.

Students John Irving and Justin Herman, under the direction of Librarian Marjorie Mohr, designed the Website during the 1996-97 school year. It was complete enough to post by September. Irving graduated in June, but Herman who is a senior this year is continuing with the project. He and Jebediah Christy, another senior, will act as Student Webmasters. Their job is to manage the website and continue to develop it. They will assist other people throughout the school to create web pages that will be incorporated into the site. The many new computers on the school network will be helpful as the students and teachers design their pages and participate in the exciting new project.



THE CHECK OUT DESK
by Holly Brown, Librarian

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Many of you have indicated that you are surprised and that you appreciate the fact that we have been able to remain open for as long as we have during the construction of our new library. The Board of Trustees, Pat and I would like to commend our construction manager, David Baer, and all of the construction crew for their ability to help us make this transition as easy as possible for everyone. Having only asked us to close for two days, they have gone out of their way to be very accommodating and to allow us to operate so that we may continue to serve our community. Their efforts are greatly appreciated, not only by us but also by our library patrons.

Due to construction, at present there is a limited amount of light at the entrance of the library. Also, the fact that is getting dark earlier now, we have found it necessary to close

at 7 P.M. on Monday and Wednesday nights. As we come to the final stages of construction, it may become necessary to close for a longer period of time so that construction may be completed safely and without interruption. We will do our best to keep you informed as to when we may need to close. Again, please do not hesitate to call ahead in the event that we may not be open. We appreciate your ability to remain patient and flexible.

The Mum Sale which took place on the weekend of September 13 and 14 was a great success. We thank Linda and Bruce Holmes, owners of Sunflower Gardens located on Rt. 28, South, in Alton, for their generous contribution to The Gilman Library Building Fund. We would also like to thank Maxfield Real Estate, Farmington National Bank, our volunteers, and all of you who purchased the mums, calendars, bicentennial afghans, and bicentennial posters that were made available during the sale, for your efforts. Without your support, making the Gilman Library the best it can be would not be possible.

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