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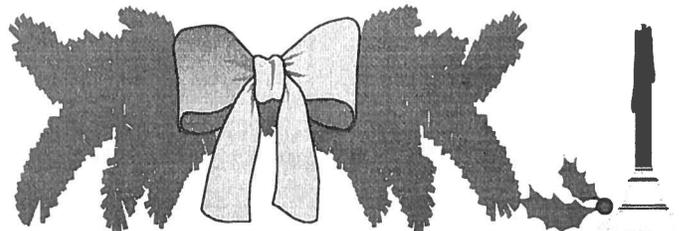


"A TIP FROM DASHER"

By Patti McMullen

Ho! Ho! Ho! Yes, it is that time of year when the Alton American Legion is visited by none other than that jolly old man from the North Pole. As I was driving up Route 140 the other day, Dasher came out of nowhere and flew along beside my car. He was so kind as to tip me off that there will be a surprise visit from Santa Claus on Saturday, December 5, at 1 p.m. He did tell me this is supposed to be a secret and not to tell anyone. So please, tell only your friends and family. When Santa arrives we can all pretend that it is a big surprise.

This annual Christmas party is held for Alton children up to 12 years of age and is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Post 72. The auxiliary would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all members, organizations, and private citizens in the town who have helped make this possible. Many children's lives will be made a bit happier through your efforts.





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TREE OF MEMORIES DEDICATION

By MaryBee Longabaugh

Once again the VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity is getting ready for their annual "Tree of Memories Dedication." This will be the second year the ceremony will occur in Alton.

Saturday, December 12, is the date and people should gather by 1:30 p.m at the Alton Town Hall. The service will last around one hour and consist of words of remembrance of deceased loved ones, Christmas music, and the opportunity for participants to hang small ceramic weatherproof doves on the evergreen tree. The ornaments will remain on the tree throughout the holidays.

If you wish further information concerning this ceremony or wish to honor the memory of a loved one or friend, call Betty John, Chairperson, Alton Tree of Memories, 569-2729.

A "FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY"?

By Richard M. Pike, Superintendent of Schools

At a recent school board meeting there was an interesting discussion about the importance of educational partnerships, particularly the relationship between the parent and the school. Years ago when parents dropped off their children at the schoolhouse gate, there was a widespread belief that the school could (and would) "do it all." Times have changed. It is abundantly clear as we head into the next millennium that schools cannot do it alone.

What can parents do? (1) Don't wait until the annual open house or parent conference to talk to a teacher. Pick up the phone and call. (2) Support the local PTSA. (3) Attend a school board meeting to learn more about the operation of YOUR school system. (4) Consider becoming a school volunteer. (5) Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual deliberative session on January 30, 1999, to become better informed about the school district budget. (6) If the school district decided to establish a "First Day of School Holiday," ask your employer if you could have time off (possibly paid time off) to participate in First Day programs and activities.

Think about that for a moment — parents as partners in their children's education. Sounds exciting to me! What do you think?



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Main Street's Inside Front Page



PENNY JONES TO BE HONORED DECEMBER 10, TOWN HALL

By MaryBee Longabaugh

"Penny Jones Day" (or should that be "Week" or "Month") will be on Thursday, December 10, at Town Hall. A special reception will be held for her in recognition of her 25 years of service to the community as Town Clerk. She will be retiring at the end of the month.

The reception will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Heidke Conference Room on the first floor. All are not only welcome — but encouraged — to stop by and wish Penny well. Mark your calendar for this important day.

Penny has made the Town Clerk's office what it is today — effective and efficient. A front-page article was written up in the November *Main Street* concerning both Penny's and Russ' (her husband) life and accomplishments. She has done so much that not everything could possibly be listed.

Besides being a member of the New Hampshire City and Town Clerk's Association, serving on several committees, she also was a member of the New England City and Town Clerks Association and served on the Uniform Procedures Committee and the Convention Committee. Along with her many other commitments she was School District Clerk for ten years; member, International Institute of Municipal Clerks since 1981; appointed Municipal Agent by the State since 1983; served as Deputy Tax Collector for 11 years; and from 1993-1995 was on the NH Tax Collector-Town Clerk Certification Committee. But was that enough to keep her busy? Read on.

On top of all her municipal duties, Penny managed to volunteer within the community. She was the Alton representative to the Visiting Nurse Association from 1971-1996 and a Charter Member (1974) of the Alton Fireflies, auxiliary for the Alton Fire Department. She also was on the Old Home Week Committee, Old Photo Committee, and Bicentennial Committee.

Penny has given so much to the Town of Alton. We can never repay her, but at least let us acknowledge her achievements and gifts of time and talent by saying, thank you, Penny, on December 10.



ON THE BRINK?

By Bob Longabaugh

What you see above may become a thing of the past if the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service (AVAS) does not receive a healthy number of new volunteers in short order. It takes two trained persons to make the AVAS ambulance roll, and it is becoming more and more difficult to find those two volunteers during the working day.

This is the story that Sherman Brown, president of the AVAS, presented to the Alton Board of Selectmen at their November 2 meeting. Brown told the board he felt it was the responsible thing to give the town advance notice that there was a real possibility that the ambulance service may be forced to shut down due to a shortage of qualified people. He recited recent cases when he was unable to get two volunteers to the station in a timely manner and had to call upon adjacent towns to send their ambulance to take care of Alton's medical emergencies. This mutual aid assistance arrangement only works if Alton is able to respond in kind when called upon and that, too, could come under jeopardy if the AVAS continues to be unable to muster an emergency response crew whenever needed.

At this time Brown has but 14 qualified volunteers on his active roster and — worse yet — only three of them are usually available in Alton during the workday. Even then, it means when the call comes, Ed Consentino, Stark Lidtke, and/or Linda Perkins have to be able to break free in fast order from earning their livelihood to get the ambulance on the road.

The Selectmen took the matter under advisement pending the outcome of this and other newspaper coverage describing the need for more volunteers. Training expenses are covered, but a significant commitment in time is required of those willing to undertake this valuable community service. For further information contact Sherm Brown at 875-7337.

SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY?

After a night of stormy weather there is only one way to find out if the kids have to be bundled up and put out the door to go to school. The *official* school closing announcements for Alton Central School are broadcast over radio stations WASR (1420AM), WLNH (98.3FM), WOKQ (97.5FM), WZNN (930AM) and shown on WMUR-TV (Channel 9).

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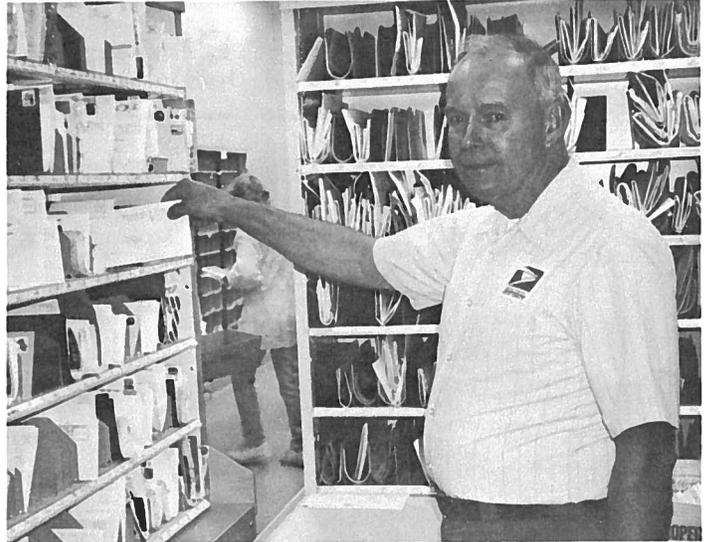
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BOB WITHAM MAKES FINAL MAIL RUN

By Bob Calvert

Veteran Rural Route 1 postal carrier Bob Witham made his final mail run on Friday, October 30, as he retired after 29 years with the U.S. Postal Service. He began as a substitute in 1969 and was appointed full time in 1975.

The route has grown over the years until currently there are 522 boxes that require about six hours per day "on the road" and close to 10 hours total daily with sorting and doing related work in the office.

Plans for retirement? He and his wife, Kay, plan to spend about three months each year in Florida and the rest here in Alton. In Florida he will enjoy parking cars during the spring training baseball season for the Kansas City Royals and the Houston Astros. He notes that it's fun to meet and get to know the several ballplayers. He will continue to serve as Deputy Chief of the Alton Fire Department, a role he has played with distinction.

This Lynn, Massachusetts, native and "almost native" of Alton (he came here with his family in 1950) is a graduate of the Alton School system. He enjoys a unique hobby in the form of collecting historical postcards of this area. He has quite a collection, but has room for more and will gladly accept any you may find stashed away in the attic.

Unique experiences while making the rounds? You better believe it! Years ago he was attacked and chastised by an elderly person because her social security check didn't arrive when she felt it should. More significantly, he has actually saved two lives during his tenure on his long route. Elderly people living alone in somewhat remote areas and not having frequent visitors know that "their mailman" will be coming by daily. One older woman had fallen in her yard a long time earlier and could not get up. Something flashed on her garment and Bob caught the signal. He rushed in and arranged for medical services and stayed with her until she was out of danger. A second person in somewhat similar circumstances later on was saved because Bob Witham was "on schedule."

As he went out for his final rounds, this still youthful community servant smiled as he headed down the road, happy for his choice of service career and loaded with personal satisfactions over so many years. To that add the personal thanks and a hearty salute from this writer who happens to have been one of his 522 stops along the route for the past 15 years.



THE TALE OF THE BLUE SPRUCE

by Carol Murtagh

It was delightful to see my grandmother's (Marion Dube) blue spruce on the front page of last December's issue of Main Street. It compelled me to write you expressing my thanks and giving you a little history around it, as I remember.

As background information, my father bought a piece of land in Alton in 1946. It is about three miles or so from town. My dad gave my grandmother a small tract of land and built her a cottage on it. I can still remember the beautiful garden she maintained on weekends. She also bought and planted two little blue spruce trees in the lawn next to the garden. She kept a wire fencing around them in hopes that the animals would not eat the tender shoots.

When she and her husband, Bill, retired to the village in the early 1960's and decided to sell their last car, she asked the Town if she could donate one of the blue spruces, locating it centrally so she could see it grow.

I don't know who made the decision about the location of the blue spruce, but I have quietly watched it grow. Now that my grandmother has "passed," it seems like a living memorial of her. We have watched people put yellow ribbons on it during Desert Storm and we have seen various amounts of Christmas lights on it also. Now it shades a gazebo.

My grandmother's tree has served many functions — she would be proud of her gift to Alton.



SQUELCHING A RUMOR...

In response to much speculation along Alton's Main Street (the place) Main Street (the publication) has requested and received the following statement from the office of Denise Merritt, M.D.:

Effective December 4, 1998, Dr. Merritt will discontinue her partnership affiliation with the Laconia Clinic. She is pleased to announce that she will remain in her practice in Alton and will continue to work closely with the physicians in the clinic who are providing to her patients.

She will once again be an independent practitioner. The Alton staff will remain intact and we expect no disruption of our normal service. We are very pleased to announce the addition of Judy Cole, ARNP, to the staff. She has recently received her certification in Family Medicine and will bring to our office her incredible energy and years of experience working in the Huggins Hospital Emergency Room.

We here at Dr. Merritt's office wish to thank you all for your patience in this transition — the rumors were certainly wild! Dr. Merritt will continue to care for your health care needs when ill, but she also intends to broaden the scope of the practice to include preventive measures and alternative therapies.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to the administration of Huggins Hospital for their understanding and financial support without which Dr. Merritt's continuation in practice would not have been possible. It is an exciting time for the Alton office and we look forward to seeing you soon.

NEW SENIOR HOUSING FOR ALTON

By Warren B. Harris

Plans are underway to provide additional housing for senior citizens in Alton. A non-profit organization has been formed to help meet this community need. The organization has an option to buy a 1.7 acre site off Hutchins Circle on which they hope to build a 14-unit housing development designed for seniors. The project has been given the name "OASIS" (Older Adults, Still in Service).

As in the country in general, Alton is experiencing growth among its seniors. This project should serve as an encouragement to this segment of the population. They will be able to remain in town. The current plans are to have OASIS underway by early spring.

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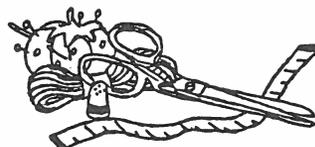
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DATES FOR YOUR 1999 CALENDAR

By Gwendolyn Jones, Alton Town Clerk

December is the time of year when many people want to know about Town Meeting dates and deadlines to enter on next year's calendar. Below are answers to some of the more commonly asked questions.

Petitions for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are being accepted through December 9.

Filing period for being on the ballot for Town offices is January 20-29, 1999.

Last day to submit petitions for Warrant Articles is February 2.

Town Meeting/Elections will be on March 9 with the continuation (the actual Town Meeting) taking place the next night. We are now accepting applications for absentee ballots for the Town election for those who will not be here on March 9.

Applications for the School Election, also to be held on March 9, are filed with the School Clerk, Cynthia Duffek at the Alton Central School.

Those of you who will have bubblers or circulators in the water, don't forget your "Aquatherm" permit this winter. The cost is \$1.50, and it expires July 1 each year.

Motor Vehicle permits issued to date are 5,271, an increase over last year at this time. We are happy to report that total revenues through October for the office are \$451,857.

Remember, free notary service is offered by the staff of the Town Clerk's Office. All employees in the office are a Notary Public.

LAKES REGION HUMANE SOCIETY SEEKS "SPONSORS"

By Bob Calvert

The Lakes Region Humane Society is a non-profit animal welfare organization that operates a shelter for abandoned and abused animals in this area. Headquartered in Tuftonboro, it also offers a number of educational and outreach programs for area teens, the elderly and the physically challenged.

The agency does not euthanize animals as a means of population control. So now to help ensure that their average residency population of 115 such animals receive the needed food and care until the agency can find these pets a new home, they are launching a "PROTECT THE 115" finance and informational campaign. They hope to attract individuals, businesses, and organizations in the area as sponsors for specific pets and share personal information on each such pet with the "sponsor." For more information, call Jane Avery (569-2545), Caroline Hess (569-9372), or Jayne Jarvis (569-1865).

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HOSTS ADMISSIONS/FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

The Guidance Office at Alton Central School has planned a College Admission/Financial Aid Workshop on Wednesday, December 2, in the High School Library. The program is intended for juniors and seniors and their parents. However, all interested students, parents, and community members are invited to attend.

Guidance Director Marilyn St.Cyr will discuss the college admission process at 6:30 p.m. followed by a presentation on financial aid at 7:30 p.m. by Michael Spillane, financial aid administrator at the University of New Hampshire. Participation may include one or both of the sessions. For additional information, call the Guidance Office at 875-0382.



CONCORD CORNER
relative to our retiring
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ONE OF MANY CAREERS CLOSES

By Bob Longabaugh

Regular readers of this Main Street feature, "Concord Corner," will be missing the long-time author of this column as Alice Ziegler Calvert this month concludes five terms as one of Alton's State Representatives in Concord. Alice chose not to run for re-election so that she could do a few "other things" in 1999 and beyond.

Alice brought a unique personal touch to the job of representing her constituents by establishing regular office hours in the two Town Halls in her New Hampshire House of Representatives district. Because of this and her countless other involvements many, many, Altonians can claim to be on a first name basis with their elected representative to the State legislature. She was — and remains — a "people person."

Before going to the legislature she was a School Board member, library trustee, Supervisor of the Checklist, and Salvation Army Treasurer. These last two assignments spanned 27 and 24 years, respectively. Once she arrived in the State Capitol she was appointed by Governor Merrill to the Governor's Committee for Cancer and Chronic Diseases, and she had a similar appointment to the Diabetes Advisory Committee where she was reappointed by Governor Shaheen in 1998. As if that were not enough she also served three terms as Clerk and one term as Vice Chairman of the Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee of the House.

One assignment dealing with research on lead paint issues and the changing of the law pertaining thereto found her as vice chairman of the committee while now Governor Shaheen (then a Senator) served as the chairperson. Additionally State reps have county responsibilities, which in Alice's case resulted in her serving as Vice Chairman of the Belknap County Legislative Delegation for three terms.

In addition to her involvement in lead paint issues Alice is pleased that she was able to contribute to early laws regarding day surgical centers and efforts for long term health care whereby people could stay in their homes longer. Coupled with all the other contributions Alice made while serving 10 years in the legislature, the residents of Alton can only feel that they have been served well by Alice Ziegler Calvert.

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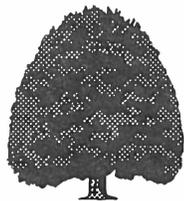
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LIONS ACTIVITIES

By Peter M. Gerbino

Alton-New Durham Penny Sale proceeds from last spring have helped purchase two defibrillators. These machines have been put into service by the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service (AVAS) which provides emergency medical care for the town of Alton. These sophisticated devices are able to monitor a patient's heart rate and pulse and — most importantly — restart a person's heart in case of failure. The equipment will be demonstrated by the AVAS at the Lions Club meeting to be held at the Edgewood Restaurant on December 3 with the presentation beginning about 7:30 p.m.

This past summer the Alton-New Durham Lions Club sent a local youth to Lions Camp Pride in New Durham for an entire week. This is a camp for special needs children.

During the month of October almost 200 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected which will ultimately be distributed to people throughout the world who cannot afford to purchase eyeglasses for themselves.

Once again this year the Alton-New Durham Lions Club will decorate the bandstand in Alton Bay with Christmas lights.

ALTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

By Linda Perkins

The Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service has been able to purchase two new Defibrillator machines. These units will be a very important asset to us in giving better patient care by recognizing onsets of other medical problems a patient may be experiencing.

We would like to thank the following organizations and people who made these purchases possible: Alton-New Durham Lions Club, Prudential Helping Hearts Program, Alton Firemen's Association, Charlie and Helene Shields, Dr. Henry Lincoln and family, and American Legion and Auxiliary.

New Officers

At the November 12 meeting the following people were elected.

President:	Sherman Brown
Vice President:	Eric Elliott
Treasurer:	Diane MacDonald
Secretary:	Linda Perkins
Training:	Dexter Brown

ALTON SCHOOL STAFF PRESENT SESSION AT NEW ENGLAND READING MEETING

Three members of the Alton Central School staff presented a session at the recent New England Reading Association 50th Anniversary Conference held in Nashua. Deidre Welch, reading director, and grade 3 teachers Sue Blair and Maureen Smith presented a session titled "Developing a Complete Literacy Program, K-3."

The session was created at the request of the New Hampshire Department of Education to share the K-3 program because of the school's repeated success on the End-of-Grade-Three Assessment Test administered by the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program. The focus of their presentation was on the language arts assessment tool that was developed by the school for use at grade one. That tool is presently being further developed for use in grades two and three. Also the instructional strategies that are used were demonstrated by providing examples of lesson plans from a grade three unit.

Welch has been the reading director at Alton Central School since 1996. Blair has been an elementary teacher at the school for 13 years and Smith for 22 years.

**ALTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA
TO PRESENT ANTIGONE**

On December 3, 4, and 5, Alton High School Drama will present Jean Anouilh's *Antigone* at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Recital Hall.

This retelling of the classic Greek tragedy of the clash between political law and moral obligation depicts the situation which occurs when Antigone goes against her uncle Creon's orders and buries her brother, a supposed enemy of the state. Anouilh's play, translated and adapted by Lewis Galantieri, draws many parallels between this ancient story and modern times.

The title character is played by senior Amber Locke and senior Andy Fuller plays the part of Creon. Other cast members include Greg Salvatore, Michael Langer, Michael Hallin, Jessica Benedetto, Nicole Wentworth, Toby Shea, Jason Snell, Morgan Fuller, Leanne Kenerson, and Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur. The production is under the direction of faculty member Elizabeth Lent.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door on the nights of production. For more information call 875-7500.



**SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER
by Nancy Mooney Hebert**

The leaves have fallen — the air has a chill
But hearing old carols still gives us a thrill.
Our hearts are filled with warmth and delight
As we share with each other our Christmas Light.

Our November 11 meeting was well attended. Thanks to all who brought delicious and interesting casseroles and desserts for our pot-luck lunch that preceded the meeting. The only major decision made was to keep the Steering Committee intact, as this committee helps to give the Alton Senior Citizens Association direction in terms of finance and activities, and it expedites the regular meetings.

Congratulations to Connie Stevenson for continuing her lucky streak! She is the proud winner of our turkey raffle, a huge basket full of goodies for the Thanksgiving table.

Two events are coming up that you will not want to miss. On Sunday, December 6, from 1 - 4 p.m., the Seniors will have a Christmas luncheon at Gateway Restaurant in Somersworth. The cost is \$8, including tip. CAP busses, paid for by ACS, will pick you up at the center at 12:30 p.m. Please call Edith Scott at 364-7406 if you have not yet made a reservation.

The second event is our annual Yankee Swap Christmas Party that will take place after our December 9 meeting. Please bring a man's or woman's gift costing no more than \$3. Special refreshments will be served.

CAP Director Claire Fitzgerald reminds everyone who comes to the meal site that in case of bad weather, tune into a local radio station (see School Closings, p. 3) to see if the site will be closed. Do not call her, please. If you have not been to the meal site since Concord became our provider, do give it a try. Nearly everyone has noticed an improvement!

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Justina Feinman who passed away on November 10. She moved here over a year ago from Swampscott, Massachusetts, and soon endeared herself to us. We will miss her.

The next meeting is December 9 at 1 p.m.

This writer wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a healthy winter. This column should reappear in Main Street sometime in the spring after our sojourn in the South!

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DECEMBER EVENTS

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The following events have been scheduled for the Advent season: On December 6, "JESUS" video will be shown in the Moore Chapel, 6 p.m.; Children's Christmas Party, December 12, 12 noon - 3 p.m., Lombard Center Dining Hall; Annual Christmas Dinner/Semi-Annual Meeting, December 13, 6 p.m., Lombard Center Dining Hall; December 20, Christmas Carol Community Hayride, leaving Moore Chapel 6 p.m.; Christmas Eve Celebration, Bay Church, December 24, 7 p.m.

Making Christmas Meaningful

Is your celebration of Christmas a mile wide, but only an inch deep? If you would like to transform the "trivial pursuits" of this season into a more meaningful and memorable time for you and your family, we have a gift for you. Pastor Bob Hett of the Bay Church, 875-6765, will gladly deliver an Advent Calendar to you, giving you the daily readings and family fun ideas.

If you would like to share in worship experiences tracking with the calendar readings, join the Bay Church family every Sunday morning at 10:45 as they celebrate the season in the Moore Chapel.



SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH HOLIDAY SERVICES



The Saint Joan of Arc Church will have the following schedule of Christmas Masses: On Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4 p.m., and this will include a Children's Pageant. There will also be Mass at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Day Mass will be held at 9 a.m.

Please note Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul Mission on Route 28 in Barnstead at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24.



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

"The Meaning of His Coming" is the theme for the Advent Season at the Community Church of Alton, meeting at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street, Robert C. Decker, Pastor. A special speaker on December 20 will be Arthur N. Foye, D.Min., retired Area Minister of the ABC/VNH. This series will culminate with a candlelight service on Christmas Eve, 8 p.m., along with Christmas anthems sung by the adult choir under the direction of Mrs. Louise Shields, traditional carols sung by all, and a presentation by the handbell choir under the direction of Barbara McKenney.

Other special events occurring during December are: Annual Women's Christian Fellowship Christmas Banquet, Monday, December 7, 6 p.m., featuring the Parson Main Bell Ringers of Rochester; Sunday School Christmas Play on December 13, 4 p.m., along with a puppet show, carols, and potluck dinner; Youth Caroling for grades 7 - 12 on December 20; and Family Sunday, December 27, which is entitled "Focus on the Family."

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| Tue. | 1 | GIRLS VARSITY ("V") BASKETBALL, vs. Calvary Christian, 7 p.m. |
| Wed. | 2 | INDOOR SOCCER, Final registration for Lakes Region Soccer Club, 4 - 6 p.m. (see story)
COLLEGE ADMISSION/FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP (see story), High School Library, 6:30 p.m. Admissions; 7:30 p.m. Financial Aid |
| Thu. | 3 | "ANTIGONE," Alton High School, Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri. | 4 | "ANTIGONE," Alton High School, Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. |
| Sat. | 5 | SANTA CLAUS VISITS CHILDREN'S PARTY, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m. (see story)
"ANTIGONE," Alton High School, Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun. | 6 | "JESUS" VIDEO, Moore Chapel, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 6 p.m. |
| Mon. | 7 | WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS BANQUET, Community Church of Alton, 6 p.m. |
| Tue. | 8 | GIRLS "V" BASKETBALL at Derryfield, 5 p.m.
BOYS "V" BASKETBALL at Derryfield, 6:30 p.m.
HOLIDAY CONCERT, Grades K-3, ACS, 6:30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 9 | CHRISTMAS HOLLY DAZE LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, Christian Conference Center, 11:30 a.m. (see story) |
| Thu. | 10 | "PENNY JONES DAY," Alton Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (see story)
GIRLS "V" BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christ., 6:30 p.m.
BOYS "V" BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 8 p.m.
PARENT SEMINAR, Adult Development for Parents of Adolescents, Alton Central School, Library, 7 p.m. (see November story, p. 6) |
| Fri. | 11 | MRS. SANTA'S FUND (see story), Last day for drop off |
| Sat. | 12 | "TREE OF MEMORIES" CEREMONY, Alton Town Hall, 1:30 p.m., VNA-Hospice sponsored (see story)
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Lombard Center Dining Hall, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 12 noon - 3 p.m. |
| Sun. | 13 | HANUKKAH, begins at sundown
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY, Community Church of Alton, 4 p.m., followed by POTLUCK DINNER AND CAROLING |
| Mon. | 14 | GIRLS "V" BASKETBALL vs. Moultonborough, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS "V" BASKETBALL vs. Moultonborough, 8 p.m. |
| Thu. | 17 | HOLIDAY CONCERT, Grades 4-12, Alton School, 7 p.m. |
| Sun. | 20 | CHRISTMAS CAROL COMMUNITY HAYRIDE, Moore Chapel, Alton Bay Christ. Conf. Ctr, 6 p.m. |
| Mon. | 21 | GIRLS "V" BASKETBALL at Laconic Christian, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS "V" BASKETBALL at Laconic Christian, 8 p.m.
WINTER SOLSTICE, 8:58 p.m. EST |
| Thu. | 24 | MASS AND CHILDREN'S PAGEANT, Saint Joan of Arc Church, 4 p.m.
MASS, St. Paul Mission, Route 28, Barnstead, 6 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION, Bay Church, 7 p.m.
MASS, Saint Joan of Arc Church, 7:30 p.m.
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, The Community Church of Alton, featuring the adult and handbell choirs, 8 p.m. |
| Fri. | 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS, Saint Joan of Arc Church, 9 a.m. |
| Sun. | 27 | FAMILY SUNDAY, Community Church of Alton |
| Tue. | 29 | <u>Main Street</u> COLLATING SESSION, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 p.m. PLEASE JOIN US! |
| Thu. | 31 | NEW YEAR'S EVE |



INFORMATION CENTER

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
 Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Worship, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wed. Cottage Prayer Meetings in selected homes, 7 p.m.; Sun. Worship, Moore Chapel; other services, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; Pastor Robert H. Hett
 Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Service, 11 a.m.; Congregational Meeting House
 First Free Will Baptist Church — Sun. School, 9:45 a.m.; Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason
 St. Joan of Arc — Sat., 5 p.m., Sun., 8 and 11 a.m., Mon. - Sat., except Wed., 8 a.m.; Confessions, Sat., 4 p.m. or by appointment; Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
 Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. (Summer 10 a.m.); Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

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- Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
 American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
 American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
 American Legion Jr. Members — 3rd Mon., 6 p.m., Legion Hall
 Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station
 Brownie Scout Troop 329, Mon., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe.
 Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
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 Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House
 Girl Scout Junior Troop 630, Wed., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe.
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 Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., 6:30 p.m., Edgewood Restaurant
 Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu., when meeting, 875-7448
 PTSA — 3rd Tue., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.
 St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild — Last Thu., 7:30 p.m., Church Hall
 Senior Citizens — 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
 VFW — 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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The holiday season is a time for giving and being thankful for what we receive from others. We are very grateful to all our volunteers and what they do for us throughout the year — regulars and temporary helpers have donated 990 hours so far.

We have six regular volunteers who give an average of one to six hours each week, and each brings a special talent or skill with them. Members of The Friends of the Gilman Library helped us by attending meetings, providing refreshments for various events, organizing and maintaining fund raisings, and establishing a special committee to promote the use of the new telesensory machine. Members of the "Kitchen Cabinet" have donated time and effort toward the construction of the new library and fund raising efforts continue to benefit the building fund.

Temporary volunteers have been on hand to help with special projects and events which have occurred during the year, including placing books on shelves and moving material from one building to another. Words cannot express our appreciation to these people for all their donated time and their help in making our library the best it can be.

Looking for a unique gift for someone? Please consider giving a 1999 calendar, canvas bookbag, T-shirt, bicentennial print, commemorative brick, afghan, or one or both Alton Village collectibles.

Just a reminder — the next Friends of the Library meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!



TO PROTECT AND SERVE
by Officer Steven T. Holly
Community Liaison Officer

"SNOW DRIVING 101"

First, I'd like to tell all of you who were not at this year's Citizens' Firearm Academy that you missed a great time! We had 12 participants and fun was had by all. Remember to keep checking the APD website to get the latest information about community programs sponsored by the police department.

I'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to McGrath's Food Center for once again donating the food for the academy. McGrath's has been wonderful for the last two years in donating food for the events that we put on.

Next, as you all are probably well aware, winter is knocking loudly on the front door. Along with the cold weather and Christmas decorations comes that word we all "love" to hear, SNOW. Take a few minutes to refresh yourself with "Snow Driving 101;" it may well keep you out of an accident. And speaking of driving and accidents, the police department is continuing its dedication to keeping Alton roads safe, which means strict traffic enforcement. Try and leave plenty of time when traveling somewhere. Speeding can either give you a ticket or an accident. Either one can put a serious damper on your holiday. And, please, if you do get stopped for a traffic violation, keep in mind that we are out trying to keep you and others safe. The best bet: obey the law.

Have a safe and prosperous holiday season. Do you have questions or comments? Surf over to the APD website at www.worldpath.net/~apd, or contact me at either 875-3752 or P.O. Box 240, Alton, NH 03809.

INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION

Final registration for participating in indoor soccer with the Lakes Region Soccer Club will be on Wednesday, December 2, from 4 - 6 p.m. The fee is \$25 and sign up will take place at the Alton School. Please bring your child's Social Security Number for insurance purposes.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

By Patti McMullen

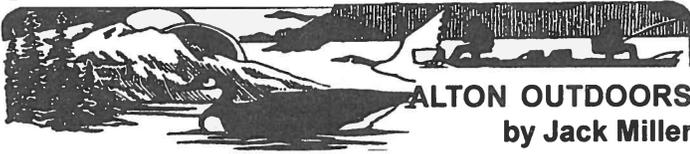
Post 72 observed Veterans Day with a large gathering of members attending the services. With the upcoming holidays let us remember our men and women in the Armed Forces. Our thoughts go out to all.

The lead article on page 1 gives the details of our annual Christmas party complete with the Ho Ho Ho celebrity.

The Junior Auxiliary will hold their dance at the Post on Friday, December 11, 6:30 - 9 p.m. To be eligible you must be in grades 5 - 8. It costs \$3 per person. Bring a canned good and it is only \$2.

Once again the Post will be sponsoring two events in 1999 at the Tilton Home for Veterans, Valentine's and St. Paddy's Day Dances. We all look forward to seeing their smiling faces.

Have a happy and safe Christmas holiday.



ALTON OUTDOORS
by Jack Miller

AS THE YEAR CLOSSES

December is the month that closes out the year and most of the outdoor hunters' seasons. The 6th is the last day of firearm deer hunting throughout the state. December 15 closes the archery deer season, the fall archery turkey season, and crow hunting. The 15th also ends bear hunting season in WMU C1, D2, E, and F.

There are some hunting seasons that close the end of the month. Gray squirrel and pheasant may be hunted until the 31st. Ruffed grouse may also be hunted until the 31st in all units except A (Pittsburg area) which closes December 1. Quail hunting likewise ends on the 1st throughout the state. Fishers may be hunted December 1 through 31.

One may continue to hunt for cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, red fox, mink, muskrat, and raccoon. Coyote is another animal with no closed season. Their numbers are on the rise with many reported sightings. December is a good month to hunt these elusive predators. Night hunting runs January 1 through March 31. You must have written landowner permission to do this.

Deer cuttings make good bait for coyotes and will attract them from quite a distance. If you choose to bait, you must have written landowner permission to leave it. Calling with a predator call also works to attract coyotes. I was lucky enough to observe one (and a mink, too) while deer hunting this season.

While the hunting seasons wind down, there are other seasons to look forward to. Ice fishing starts as soon as the ice is in, so get your gear ready. I spend the winter tying up my fishing flies for the spring season. A fly tying kit would make a great Christmas present for the fishing enthusiast. There are always lots of items an outdoor person can use at Christmas.

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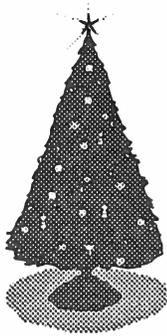


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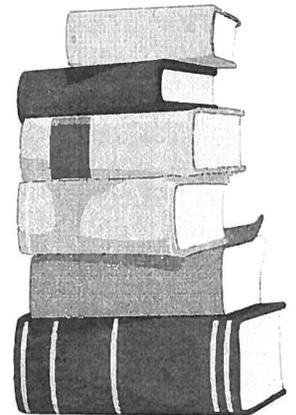
AUDIOCASSETTES

McCourt, Frank
O'Connor, Carroll
Reeve, Christopher
Roberts, Nora

Angela's Ashes
I Think I'm Outta Here
Still Me
Homeport

VIDEOS

The Far Country
Funny Girl
The Great Gatsby
Disney - Lantern Hill
Joan Lunden Workout America
Marked Woman
Mighty Joe Young
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by Kellie M. Troendle
Recreation Director**

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I am in the process of planning the January - March calendar of events. The schedule will be available January 4 and will be passed out to grades K-8 at the school. The activities will include: Winter Carnival, after school programs, Senior Bingo, sleep over at Town Hall, Kinder Rec, special events, and much more.

For December, we are offering the following activities:

Country Line Dancing Lessons

Adults of all ages, join the fun and learn new dances every week. This is great exercise and an opportunity to meet new dancers. Beginners are welcome. Classes held Tuesdays, Alton Bay Community Center, 2 - 4 p.m.; fee is \$3 for six months — what a deal! Drop in anytime. All abilities are welcome.

Body Works With Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified
An exercise class that is fun and produces results with strength training for all abilities. Work every major muscle group. Classes held every Tuesday and Thursday, Alton Bay Community Center, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$3/class or \$20/4 weeks. Bring a mat, hand weights, and water. Dress is casual. Everyone welcome. Call 875-0109 for the schedule of weeks December 21 and 28.

School Vacation Scavenger Hunt

Parks and Rec is sponsoring a fun scavenger hunt December 28 - 30. It is free and all ages are invited to participate. Get out of the house and join in the hunt. Great prizes will be awarded. Pick up the first clue at 9 a.m. on December 28 at the office.

Teen Dance

The next teen dance is December 11 at the Alton Bay Community Center from 7 - 9:30 p.m. General admission is \$3.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

A Christmas Holly Daze luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 9, 11:30 a.m. at the Conference Center off Route 11 in Alton Bay. Linda Paradis and Donna Heatley from Linen World & Home Interiors in Waterville, Maine, will present the special feature. Marie Gromblom from Meredith will provide the music, and Nancy Williams from Salem will be the speaker.

To make reservations for the luncheon and the available complementary nursery, please call Janet Benedetto in Alton at 875-2032 between 2 and 6 p.m. or Thelma Osborne in Laconia at 524-6505 by Wednesday, December 2.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, an interdenominational group with no formal membership, is the sponsor of the luncheon.

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YOU AND THE LAW - PART II

AN INTER-ACTIVE PROGRAM OF THE ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

By Muriel Walker

Continuing from last month's article on how the "You and the Law" program began with a curriculum for grades seven and eight and then expanded to grade nine because of the positive response, we will now look at reactions from various people at the Alton Central School.

In the interview with Sergeant Susan Roberts she stressed how supportive Principal Tom Parker and the school staff has been towards the "You and the Law" program. Roberts said, "This support is a big part in the success of the program."

The Principal Says...

An enthusiastic Parker said, "Any opportunity kids have to establish positive role models has merit, and with this program, kids get to establish positive relationships with police personnel." Parker feels it is a logical follow up to the school curriculum at that age level. "Students have a lot of information, as well as some misinformation, concerning their legal rights and responsibilities, and this program helps clarify things," Parker added. The principal was most emphatic in expressing his appreciation to the police department for the involvement of their officers in the school.

What The Seventh Grade Thinks

Seventh grade teacher, Mike Folon, is an active participant in the program "You and the Law" and credits much of its success to Roberts' enthusiasm. "It affects the kids, too. With Officers Roberts and Holly here at the school, the kids get to know them as 'real people,' not just policemen!"

Folon noted that the program compliments the constitutional theories taught in class by Roberts' use of practical examples and realistic experiences to illustrate the theories so they understand. He added, "She gives the students chances to ask questions and explains the 'why' of things. It's an 'out-of-the-seat-hands-raised' environment!"

Ninth Graders And The Law

Ninth grade teacher, Nancy Merrill, echoed the prevailing enthusiasm. She and Holly initially incorporated the "Ride-Along" program and instructional sessions with her civics class. Merrill explained, "Our objective was for students to observe first hand the daily workings of the law, how it is enforced, how our rights are protected, and the procedures involved. The program directly ties into our civics curriculum with study of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights." Merrill added, "Because of the rapport initially established with Officer Holly, some students became interested in the Cadet Police Academy and perhaps pursuing the law in the future."

A Graduate Of The Program Speaks

Tenth grader Derek Atwood participated in the "Ride-Along" program and associated class sessions last year. Through Holly (an advisor for the Police Cadet Academy) Derek became interested in attending the Academy and completed the intensive one-week course last June. Derek explained, "We started the day with physical training, followed by breakfast. The rest of the day was mostly classes. Officers from all over the state taught classes, gave demonstrations, showed various firearms, and even brought in police canines." Derek continued, "There were three levels for us. They were basic, advanced, and leadership levels that I completed during the week. It was really interesting and challenging

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and hopefully more students will go this year!" Derek said that he had always been interested in police work; the program at school and the Cadet Academy have increased that interest.

Its A Team Effort

In discussing the "You and the Law" program with Roberts, she emphasized the role of other officers in the department. She said, "This program is a team effort. Credit needs to go to Chief Kevin Iwans and the other officers. We couldn't do this without them. Even though they are not visible at the school, they take calls and schedule their time to free Steve and me to be at the school. The success of the program is due to the commitment of the entire Department, the enthusiasm and support of the school, and of course, the students."

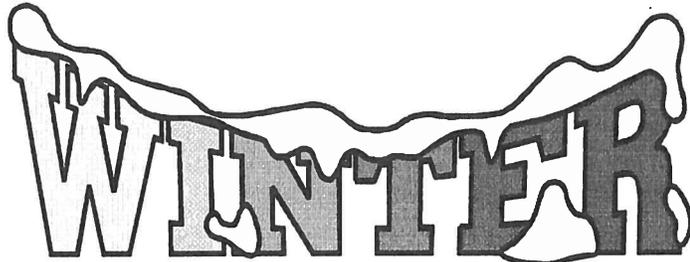


**ALTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
ARE "COMMENDED STUDENTS"**

Desiree Crossley and Michael Langer, seniors at Alton Central School have been named Commended Students in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. School Principal Thomas D. Parker presents the Letters of Commendation as Marilyn St.Cyr, Guidance Director, looks on.

Some 34,500 Commended Students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

A Merit Program spokesman commented, "Recognition of academically talented students and of the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation. The young men and women named Commended Students are honored for their outstanding scholastic potential demonstrated by their high performance in the very competitive Merit Program. We hope the recognition received by these able students will encourage them to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education and to diligently pursue their professional goals. The nation will benefit from the full development of this valuable intellectual resource."



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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Additions to Alton Central School were dedicated to the late John Laurence Bucher, the late Dan Francis, Mary Batchelder, and Ted Bense . . . Ted Cole received a Municipal Volunteer of the Year Award from the NH Municipal Association . . . Mary Batchelder was named Assistant Librarian at the Gilman Library . . . Cub Scouts Mark Damon and John Herman received Arrow of Light awards.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Gold Circle Partnership Achievement Award was given by the Governor's office to the Alton Community Work Experience Project, a joint venture of the Alton Central School and the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce . . . the Gilman Library unveiled its proposed expansion plans . . . local poet Sylvia Dyck was at the Friends of the Gilman Library Christmas Tea, proceeds of autographed copies of her book going to the Library Building Fund . . . Edna Twombly recounted her experience of going to the Kennedy Space Center to watch the launch of the shuttle "Discovery" with her former student Lt. Colonel Richard Searfoss on board.



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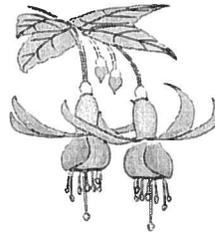
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Our heartfelt thanks to the Alton community for the many good wishes, cards and celebrations in honor of our retirement from public service. We will surely miss being involved in the town and seeing everyone each day. It has been very humbling for us to experience your sincerity and congratulations, and we want you all to know we genuinely appreciate your kindnesses and the support we've had throughout the years.

/s/Russell and Gwen Jones

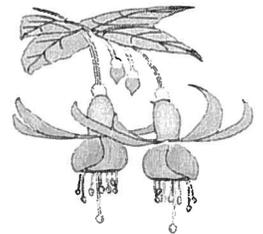


We would like to thank the ambulance, fire and police personnel that responded to our son's 911 call for help on November 11. Words cannot express our feelings of gratitude. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to each of you for all you did to help our son.

/s/ Sue and Chris Blair

Cub Scout Pack 53 wishes to thank the kind and generous members of our community for their donations to "Scouting for Food." The drive was a huge success. Also, popcorn orders are in; see your local cub scout.

/s/Becky Pellowe



Operation Blessings would like to thank all who made a donation this year. A special thanks to the Alton Police Association for the turkeys. The response this year was overwhelming, which made for a plentiful Thanksgiving.

/s/Paulette Wentworth, Alton Town Hall

REMINDER TO AUTHORS/CONTRIBUTORS

As a "home town" newspaper Main Street not only welcomes manuscripts for publication which deal with Alton events and other items of local interest, but we are dependent upon them to fulfill our motto of being "the Voice of Alton." Therefore, we are anxious to receive articles and stories that meet the above criteria.

Submit your material to be received by the 15th of the month at P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, or place it in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington Bank by 3 P.M. of that day. All submissions **must** contain a name and phone number so that its author can be verified and additional details obtained as needed.



IT'S TIME FOR STUDENTS TO RECYCLE

Everyone who uses Alton's Solid Waste Center recycles. Are you, the residents of the Town of Alton, aware that the Alton Central School (ACS) does not recycle?

The students feel strongly about protecting the environment and conserving our natural resources for future generations. Therefore, they are looking for people to donate the following to start the process: containers, barrels, or time to help sort/transport recyclables. If you would like to help, please contact Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur at 569-1624.



VISIT SANTA'S HUT

SHOP FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

You may have noticed that the Alton Fire Department has a Christmas tree sale already in progress. It began on Friday, November 27 at the Alton Village 5 & 10, Alton traffic circle.

On Saturday afternoons Santa Claus, himself, will visit his hut for photos and visits. Watch for an announcement of his expected arrival — it can vary from week to week. All must remember he does have a busy schedule.

Trees are available for sale daily and evenings until 7 p.m. Sizes will begin at three feet and go as high ten feet. They will be balsam fir, all locally grown.

All monies raised through this project will be designated for a project to be announced.

Think of the Alton Fire Department when you begin to do your Christmas tree shopping. Thank you, and do come by to Santa's Hut!

MRS. SANTA'S ELVES

It is the time of year when our thoughts turn to families, friends, and the joy of giving. Help the Elves put the spirit of the season into the lives of your neighbors who are less fortunate.

Many community service organizations, led by the Alton Fireflies — the woman's auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department — have joined to provide a Christmas bright with promise for the less fortunate children of Alton. The Mrs. Santa Fund has provided gifts for children newborn to age 17 and some of our senior citizens for several years. Each year the list grows, and the generosity of the community is needed by Mrs. Santa's Elves.

New and good used clothing and toys may be dropped off at the Alton Town Hall until December 11. Cash donations are always welcome. We use the money to purchase warm coats and boots.

If you need assistance in providing necessities for your children or know of a family who would benefit from this program, please contact Mrs. Santa's Elves by December 9. Call Elf #1, Daryl Czech, 875-3815, or mail a donation to: Mrs. Santa Fund, P. O. Box 1207, Alton, NH 03809.

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