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**A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME (AGAIN)  
THE OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDUM**

**By Richard M. Pike, Superintendent of Schools**

A year ago at this time I informed the residents of Alton that the school district would be operating under a different district meeting format in 1998. Again this year the district will be operating under the umbrella of Senate Bill 2, officially known as the "Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting." At last year's meeting the district's proposed budget was defeated. As a result the board opted to adopt what is known as a "default budget" to operate the school system for the 1998-99 school year.

Whether this new process is familiar to you or if this is your first experience with SB2, I urge you to become involved in the budget process as it unfolds in the weeks ahead. The highlights of the new process include the following important dates:

**January 30 — The Deliberative Session.** The purpose of this session, in addition to inform and to debate, is to discuss and possibly amend the warrant articles. The first session is not a public hearing on the budget. The Budget Committee will still have its public hearing on the budget on January 14 at 7 p.m. (with a "snow date" of January 16 at 10 a.m.). It is just as important now to attend the "first session" on January 30, 1 p.m., as it was to attend the prior school district meetings when all business was completed in one session.

**March 9 — Balloting.** This will be where the "rubber meets the road" as all ballot votes will be decided by a simple "Yes" or "No."

It is no longer a requirement for the school board to conduct a public hearing between the first and second sessions; however, the Alton School Board has tentatively scheduled an informational meeting for March 6 at 10 a.m. at the Alton Central School. The purpose of this meeting will be to inform voters of the questions that will appear on the March 9 ballot.

The Alton School Board looks forward to seeing you on January 30, 1 p.m., Alton Central School.

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# Main Street's Inside Front Page

## GOING INTO THE VOTING BOOTH ON MARCH 9

When Altonians go into the voting booth on the second Tuesday in March they will have to reckon with two ballots. The school district ballot is likely to be more formidable because it will contain not only the candidates to fill school district positions, but also ALL the warrant articles that emerge from the School District Deliberative Session on January 30.

The Town ballot should be simpler with just the Town elected offices to be filled and a few articles dealing with zoning amendments. It may also contain a "SB2" proposition for the town if the expected petition is received by the February 2 deadline.

### Town Elections

The Town offices to be filled in the March election (and the name of the present holder of the office) are:

Selectman for three years [elect two]

(Stanley Czech and Robert Longabaugh)

Town Clerk for one year (to fill unexpired term)

(Gwendolyn M. Jones)

Trustee of Trust Funds for three years

(Shirley Copeland)

Library Trustee for three years

(Shirley Copeland)

Fire Ward for three years

(Russell Sample, Jr.)

Cemetery Trustee for three years

(Florence Shaw)

Water Commissioner for three years

(Charles Adams, Jr.)

Budget Committee for three years [elect three]

(Pamela Canuel, Gregory Fuller, and Peter Pijoan)

Budget Committee for two years (to fill unexpired term)

(Vacant)

Planning Board for three years [elect two]

(Earl Bagley and James Varney)

As Main Street went to press in late December the following persons had declared their intentions to run for reelection: Shirley Copeland "expects to" for both positions and Charles Adams for one. Stanley Czech intends to focus his full attention on his new State Legislator office and will not be running. Gwendolyn Jones retired December 31. Florence Shaw has said that she is "retiring from public life." Pamela Canuel, Gregory Fuller, Peter Pijoan, and Earl Bagley had not returned calls as of press time. Bob Longabaugh, Russ Sample, and James Varney were all undecided.

### School District Elections

Shifting focus from Town Hall and moving down School Street the following School District offices will be on the ballot (the present holder of the office is shown in parentheses):

School Moderator for one year (Terri Noyes)

School Clerk for one year (Cynthia Duffek)

School Treasurer for one year (Shirley Young)

School Board Member for three years (Wayne Fraser)

School Board Member for two years (Robert Loprete)

Of the School District incumbents Shirley Young told Main Street she will seek re-election and Cynthia Duffek said she will not. The others were either not reached, or undecided.



## VOLUNTEERISM ALIVE AND WELL

By Bob Longabaugh

Shown above is one of Alton's stalwart citizens involved in hard labor for no pay whatsoever, other than the satisfaction of knowing Alton will present a neater appearance. In the photo Richard Doerre of Lakewood Estates has just completed two day's duty picking up litter along the 1.6 miles of Rand Hill Road from Alton Mountain Road northward to Route 11.

Alton's Board of Selectmen had approved a local "Adopt-a-Road" program for Town roads, but when the Selectman author of the program presented the "how-to-do-it" details at their December 7 meeting, they abolished the program. The vote was 4-1 for not proceeding with implementation. The predominant feeling among the Selectmen seemed to be that the program would be more trouble than it is worth. One opinion expressed was that there did not need to be a formal program in order to encourage townspeople to keep the roads in front of their houses neat.

Doerre's private endeavors seem to prove their point. He was cleaning up Lakewood Road long before the local "Adopt-a-Road" program was proposed. As can be seen in the photo, he has fabricated or adapted common household devices to make his task easier. When he completed the three (1.6 x 2) mile job on Rand Hill Road last month prior to the threat of snow hiding his quarry, he had four of the barrels you see above full of roadside trash. Doerre agrees with the other volunteers we've heard from: When it comes to the beer of choice for litterbugs, it's Budweiser 9 to 1.



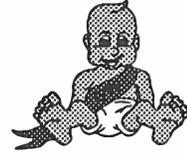
## SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY?

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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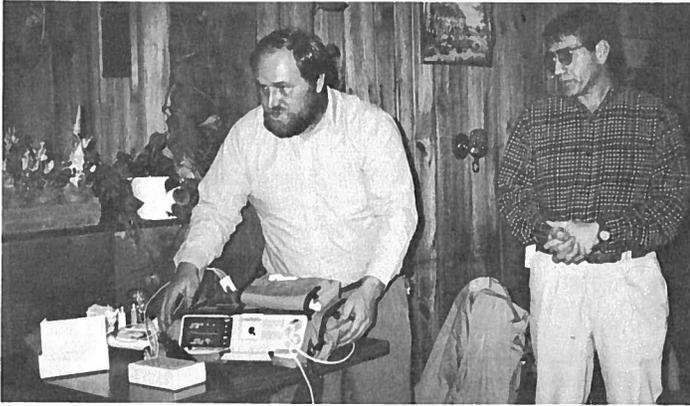
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Eric Elliot (pictured on the left), Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service, and Ed Consentino, Alton Fire Department, at a Alton-New Durham Lions Club meeting in December demonstrating the Defibrillator, which the Lions Club helped purchase for the ambulance service.

**ALTON'S FRASER APPOINTED**

The New Hampshire Community Technical College (NHCTC) Laconia recently announced the appointment of a new Admissions Counselor, Wayne Fraser of Alton. Fraser is a member of the Alton School Board and since June of 1997 he had been serving as Admissions Recruiter for New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord. Prior to his position there, Fraser was Admissions Representative for Johnson and Wales University (J&W) in Rhode Island, a well-known college in the hospitality industry. He will be the recruiter for NHCTC Laconia's new Restaurant Management Program.

**13TH ANNUAL ICE-OUT CONTEST  
DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 27**

For the 13th year, Main Street is giving you the opportunity to win a dinner for two. The restaurant hosting the 1999 winner will be J. P. China in Alton Bay.

This is an annual contest won by the person who comes the closest to the date of "ice-out" as decided by the official ice watchers around the Big Lake. Last year "ice-out" occurred at 1:58 p.m., April 7. The earliest date was March 28, 1921, and the latest, May 12, 1888, the first year there was an organized contest. Records date from 1887.

"Ice-out" is defined as that moment when the M/S Mt. Washington can reach each of its ports unobstructed by ice. A group of local residents who are considered experts in the art of ice watching, supplemented by observations from aircraft, pinpoints the exact date and time when the last large section of ice disappears from Lake Winnepesaukee.

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 27 and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

**ICE-OUT ENTRY FORM**

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### ANNOUNCED BY ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

The following students were named to the honor roll for the first quarter at Alton Central School. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects and Honors requires a grade of at least 83 in all subjects.

**Fourth Grade** – High Honors: Jane Farrell and Ty Tremblay; Honors: Dottie Jean Bailey, Robbie Boudreau, Mara Cook-Hamer, Ashley Dwyer, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Daniel Lampman, Nicholas Lundy, Courtney Marston, Kendra Merluzzo, Kelsie Moore, Marc Roy, Bryce St.Cyr, Jeffrey St.Cyr, Travis Staples, Wesley Taggett, and Ben Varney.

**Fifth Grade** – High Honors: Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan, and Patrick Quinn; Honors: Shannon Cornelissen, Johanna Dickson, Allyson Dudman, Dana Fuller, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Brittany Moore, Kathryn Pellowe, Daniel Pitman, Amber Richardson, Jessica Rothwell, Aimee Terravechia, and Katrina Tidd.

**Sixth Grade** – High Honors: Stephanie Tanguay; Honors: Amanda Boudreau, Brittany Chapman, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Vanessa Gilbert, Cassandra Golden, Sonya Itchkavich-Levasseur, Morgan Locke, Tara Loprete, Ashley Marren, Whitney Marston, Nathan Peterson, Brenna Quann, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Michael Tidd, and Ashley Waterman.

**Seventh Grade** – High Honors: Daniel Quinn; Honors: Lyndsey Caron, Tamara Cornelissen, David Currid, Carl Dickson, John Latchaw, Dylan Laurion, Kyle McAuliffe, Tonya Prescott, Krista Shibley and Kelsey Yelle.

**Eighth Grade** – High Honors: Scott Baumgartner, Katie Brooks, and Nicholas Hallin; Honors: Megan Audette, David Bailey, Hilary Ballentine, Jennifer Carr, Patricia Currid, Christopher Duffy, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Terese Hopper, Amanda Jones, Joshua Kern, Marc Levasseur, Thomas Malone, Kristin Murray, Dane Peterson, Patrick Quann, David Snell, and Erin Wood.

**Ninth Grade** – High Honors: Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Dana Lang and Jane Varney; Honors: Joshua Albair, Kayla Ballentine, David Benedetto, Joshua Carr, Jessica Chabot, Morgan Fuller, Rebecca Howard, Leanne Kenerson, Kathryn McGlone, Jonathan Owen, Anthony Sanborn, David Shibley, Dennis Sweeney and Steven Wood.

**Tenth Grade** – High Honors: Renee LaFreniere and Katie Morrill; Honors: Amy Beauregard, Zachary Christy, Kelsie Croes, Sara Dore, Shawn Hillsgrove, Kristy McDonald, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St.Cyr, and May Varney.

**Eleventh Grade** – High Honors: Danielle Moore; Honors Amanda Pacheco and Victor Stone.

**Twelfth Grade** – High Honors: Tonia Elliott; Honors: Daniel Alting, Rebecca Blair, Carly Blanchard, April Boles, Desiree Crossley, Andrena Dore, Jennifer Emanouil, Andrew Fuller, Ennasea Guyette, Michael Hallin, Christy Holway, Joseph Irving, Amanda Lambert, Amber Locke, Sarah McDonald, Victoria Peters, and Nadine Vailette.

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### TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS

By Bob Longabaugh

Alton has recently added two new officers to its police force. Shown above are Christopher Kelby and Aimee Laflamme who came to Alton as a result of the Federal "COPS" grant approved by the voters at the 1998 Town Meeting. COPS funding pays 75 percent of new officers salaries the first year with diminishing Federal shares in subsequent years until the community is paying the full tab in year four.

Kelby comes to Alton from Exeter, NH, where he was a police officer in the Town of Kensington. Prior to that he was the security officer trainer for the Fox Run Mall in Newington. Laflamme has a similar background coming from Exeter where she was a public safety officer at the Fox Run Mall and a part-time police officer with the Town of Kensington. Kelby started in Alton first, and as a result of his professional association with Laflamme she learned of the Alton opening and applied for the job.

The addition of these two officers brings the force up to nine full-time officers with another position being vacant. This number of officers is the minimum needed to provide two officers on each shift if no one is on sick leave or vacation.

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### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Happy New Year to one and all. We begin the year by dealing with the vacuums created by the retirements of Russ and Penny Jones. It will be impossible for anyone to fill these shoes, and yet we must carry on in the tradition that they have established.

### Street Signs and E-911

You have probably noticed the new signs (one pictured above) that are everywhere these days as a result of a Town Meeting vote to spend money on signs for all streets in Town. This is part of the E-911 process whereby everyone in Town will have an official address someday soon. We are still waiting for the State to complete the numbering system so this can be tied into telephone numbers, but in the meantime, most street names have been finalized. If you don't like living on a Fire Lane or if you want to change your street name, send a petition to the Selectmen with as many signatures as you can get. The cost for a street sign on a private road is \$50.

# E-911

Anyone who removes a street sign may have to live with the knowledge that their action resulted in bodily harm or death in the event a residence cannot be found. This especially could be true if the emergency vehicle was responding from another town in a mutual aid situation.

### Changes at the Solid Waste Center

Effective January 1 the "dump" will be open Sundays, Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please note the Solid Waste Center (SWC) will be closed every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. This was done to increase the number of hours the facility is open to the public (especially on Sunday) while providing consecutive days off to the staff. Also, fees have been increased for disposal of demolition debris and bulk items because of cost increases passed on to the Town. For example, the Town used to receive revenue for selling scrap metal such as washers and dryers so there was no charge to drop these items at the Solid Waste Center. However, it now costs money for the Town to get rid of these items and these costs are passed on to customers. A reminder — every dollar paid by those who make use of the Solid Waste Center is a dollar that does not have to be obtained through taxation.

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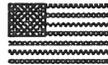


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### ABOUT THE ELECTIONS IN MARCH . . .

By Bob Calvert

Reminder is given that Tuesday, March 9, is the date for both annual town and school district elections. Both elections, with separate ballots, will be held at the same time and place — the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Under the school district plan (SB 2), ALL school warrant articles will be on the school elections ballot. (See separate article giving the school process and dates.)

The next night, Wednesday, March 10, starting at 7 p.m., the continuation of the town government process (annual town meeting as we know it) will be held in the Alton Central School gymnasium.

#### About Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for both elections will be available. Town government ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office, and school election ballots will be available from the School Clerk (Cindy Duffek) at the Alton Central School, as well as from the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall. Applications must be filled out by each voter needing one. Original signatures are required on the applications. For this reason fax applications cannot be accepted. Ballots must then be mailed or hand-delivered to the voter and returned by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 8, the day before the election. They can be returned to either the school clerk or to the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall.

The filing period for being on the ballot for either election (school or town) is Wednesday, January 20, to Friday, January 29. The last day to submit petitions for warrant articles for the Town Warrant (town meeting) is Tuesday, February 2.

#### AUTO LICENSE PLATE CHANGE

The retirement of Penny Jones as Town Clerk and the resignation of the Deputy Clerk has necessitated a fundamental change in the way automobile registrations are now being handled at Town hall. Vehicles located in Alton still need to be registered at Town Hall, but license plates are no longer available there. This part of the motor vehicle registration process will have to be completed elsewhere with the closest locations being the Town Halls in New Durham and Wolfeboro, or the NHDMV office in Rochester.

If you have questions on where to go for what, a call to the Town Clerk's office at 875-2101 may be worth doing. The Town's Board of Selectmen are working on restoring State Municipal Agent status for Alton as soon as possible so that this inconvenience will be of a short-term nature.

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

By Laurie Boyce

A member of the Alton Budget Committee has had to resign due to schedule problems. We would like to have a full committee during this busy but interesting time of the year. You could learn a lot about how the Town runs. If anyone would be interested in serving on the committee until the elections in March, when you could run as an active member or get replaced, please contact us. We will be meeting at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday during January and part of February in the Town Hall.

Please contact Peter Pijoan, the committee chairman, at 875-8894 if interested. Thanks.

## JANUARY EVENTS

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|------|----|---|
| Fri. | 1  | NEW YEAR'S DAY — Have you made your resolutions?  |
| Mon. | 4  | GIRLS BASKETBALL at Calvary Christian, 6:30 p.m.<br>BOYS BASKETBALL at Calvary Christian, 8 p.m.  |
| Wed. | 6  | GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 6:30 p.m.<br>BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 8 p.m.<br>BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.  |
| Thu. | 7  | BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon  |
| Fri. | 8  | GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 6 p.m.<br>BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Sat. | 9  | FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP, New Durham School, 10 a.m., Registration required (see story)  |
| Mon. | 11 | JOINT MEETING OF SELECTMEN, SCHOOL BOARD, AND PARKS AND RECREATION, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  |
| Wed. | 13 | VINTAGE FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, Christian Conference Center, 11:30 a.m. (see story)<br>GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Sunapee, 6 p.m.<br>BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 7 p.m. (see story)<br>BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m. |
| Thu. | 14 | SCHOOL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Budget Committee Alton School, 7 p.m.   |
| Fri. | 15 | GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Gorham, 5:30 p.m.<br>BOYS BASKETBALL, vs. Gorham, 7 p.m.   |
| Tue. | 19 | GIRLS BASKETBALL at Sunapee, 6:30 p.m.<br>BOYS BASKETBALL at Sunapee, 8 p.m.  |
| Wed. | 20 | BALLOT FILING PERIOD BEGINS, both town and school (see story)<br>BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.   |
| Thu. |    | GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 5:30 p.m.<br>BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 7 p.m.  |
| Sat. | 23 | FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY MEETING, 1:30 p.m., meeting room<br>GIRLS BASKETBALL at Colebrook, 3:30 p.m.<br>BOYS BASKETBALL at Colebrook, 5 p.m.  |
| Wed. | 27 | BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.  |
| Fri. | 29 | BALLOT FILING PERIOD ENDS, both town and school<br>GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Laconic Christian, 6:30 p.m.<br>BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Laconic Christian, 8 p.m.   |
| Sat. | 30 | DELIBERATIVE SESSION FOR SCHOOL BUDGET, Alton Central School, 1 p.m.  |

## ALTON SPECIAL EDUCATION

In an effort to comply with State and Federal Laws governing special education, to maintain eligibility for Federal Funding, to engage in sound long-range planning, and to provide evaluation and programming where appropriate, the school districts of Alton, Barnstead and Pittsfield are making a conscientious effort to identify any potentially disabled individuals residing within their jurisdiction.

Parents of children 0-6 years of age who suspect that a child may be educationally disabled, are invited to contact their local school special education director. Assessments will be performed to determine if children qualify for special education programs and services. Areas to be screened will include hearing, vision, communication and motor functioning.

For further information, parents in Alton should contact their Special Education Director, Dorothy Bristol, at the Alton Central School, 875-7500.



# Main Street's 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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### SENIOR MEAL SITE:

- Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Pearson Rd. Community Center

### SOLID WASTE CENTER:

- Sun., Mon., Fri., and Sat., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Tue., Wed., and Thu.  
Rines Road Pit — Closed until April 3.

### TOWN HALL:

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.  
Parks and Recreation — 875-0109 for info and appts.  
Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

### ORGANIZATIONS:

- 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
- Eastern Star — 2nd Tue., when meeting, 875-5211
- Flying Club — 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900
- Friends of the Gilman Library — Watch "Checkout Desk"
- Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House
- Girl Scout Junior Troop 630, Wed., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe.
- Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- Historical Society — 3rd Tue., Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., open by request, 569-2629
- Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
- 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.
- 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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## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510
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- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 1st Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894
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## FILLING THE CHAMBER VOID

By Bob Longabaugh

The November, 1998, issue of *Main Street* reported (page 3) that the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce had disbanded. Recognizing that many of the Chamber's efforts were worthwhile for Alton, a local businessman is attempting to put an organization in place that will strive to continue some of the activities for which the Chamber was noted.

On December 19 Stephen Sheldon, of Foundation Mortgage Corporation in Alton Bay, filed papers at the State Capitol to create a corporation to be known as "Alton Business and Home Owners Association." Other participants in the corporation will be announced at a later date after Sheldon has canvassed the community for persons who share his interests in providing certain services to residents, visitors, and small businesses in Alton.

Even before incorporation Sheldon had started efforts to continue the Barbershop Jamboree for which Alton has gained much acclaim over 49 years. It now appears that the show will go on for the 50th Annual Jamboree. Discussions have also commenced for a revival of Alton "Old Home Days." Sheldon is giving thought as well to no-charge business services that might make a difference to start-up and small commercial enterprises in town.

Of course for now it's too early to judge how successful this new effort will be for perpetuating and adding to Alton's business community's track record of service towards the common good — but it certainly bears watching.



ALTON OUTDOORS  
by Jack Miller

### MAKE YOUR LICENSE PAY

Here comes the New Year along with the new seasons for the outdoor person. With the ice in this month (hopefully) the ice fishing season will begin. Be especially careful this year to make sure the ice is safe before you venture out on it. Alton is located in the heart of the "Lakes Region" so finding a good fishing spot should be no problem.

A resident fishing license costs \$23.25. With fishing prices rising, you merely have to catch four pounds of good fresh fish to pay back your license fee. A good way to rationalize your fishing time, isn't it?

Be sure to check the NH Freshwater Fishing Digest for the ice fishing rules pertaining to the body of water you wish to fish. The Fish and Game Department publishes a booklet called *Fishing Waters of NH*. The waters are listed by town, county, acreage, species of fish, and accessibility. It's a great way to help you find your own fishing spot.

Fishing on cold water lakes are limited to two fishing devices. Most warm water lakes and ponds are allowed six devices or tip-ups, which greatly enhance the chances of catching a fish. Warm water fish such as pickerel, perch and bass bite more readily and will keep your day lively. One may always "jig" to keep things lively, too. That is when a lure or baited lure is lowered into the water and wiggled or "jiggled" up and down to attract a fish.

Ice fishing is a sport the whole family can enjoy. It doesn't cost much, gets you outside, possibly provides a meal or two, and can even give you a tan on a sunny day.

Always respect your environment. Pick up after yourself, release all unwanted fish, do not leave them on the ice, and never release any live bait fish into any body of water.

Good luck! I'll see you out there, Alton outdoors.



Fran Washburn, Secretary of the Happy Hobby Doll Club, presents one of the many dolls collected by members to Daryl Czech, Elf #1 of the Alton Fireflies, sponsors of the Mrs. Santa Fund.

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*Granite State News* issue of December 2, 1998:

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

By Mike Whaley

#### ALTON'S ZACH CHRISTY RECEIVES TOP TRI-COUNTY SOCCER HONOR

Alton sophomore Zach Christy pretty much did it all this season for the Alton Central School boy's soccer team.

So it comes as no surprise that he was picked as the 1998 Tri-County Boys' Soccer Player of the Year, after leading the Apaches to a solid 10-8 season. After walking past postseason nemesis, Sunapee, in the opening round, Alton lost in the Class S Tournament second round to eventual champion, Calvary Christian, by a goal in overtime.

"He was definitely a team leader out there," said veteran head coach Gary Noyes. "He really matured as a player. He knew how important defense was to win close games."

Last year, Christy scored 28 goals as a freshman, but the knock on him was he wasn't a complete player. He changed all that this season, providing Alton with a versatile talent who could move most anywhere on the field when needed.

He still found time to score a team-high 27 goals. In the quarters against Calvary Christian, he moved to sweeper to anchor the defense. The result was that Alton gave the Eagles their toughest postseason game, forcing the issue into overtime before the verdict was decided, 2-1.

With Christy and a number of starters back next year, there's good reason to believe the Apaches will be among the Class S favorites, a position they haven't been in since the '93 team went 15-3 (the best record in school history) and lost in the playoff semifinals double overtime.

#### ALTON SCHOOL CLASS OF 1930: SEVEN RESPOND "HERE"

By Robert T. Rollins

The Class of 1930 of Alton High School consisted of 11 students — seven girls and four boys. As of December 1998 seven of this class are now living. They are: Mrs. Isabel (Twombly) Fowler; Mrs. Elizabeth (Stevens) Beaudette; Mrs. Thelma (Ricker) Varney; Mrs. Geraldine (Willey) Titus; Mrs. Ruth (Emerson) Emerson; Mrs. Beulah (Perkins) Thayer; and Robert T. Rollins.

This may not be a record, but it is remarkable.

## ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HONORS GOOD CITIZENS

Students in grades one through five received special recognition in ceremonies at Alton Central School. Awards were presented to those students who earned good citizenship status for the first quarter of the school year. They are:

**Grade Two** – Shaida Anderson, Marina Avery, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Richard Finethy, Steven Giani, Samantha Golden, Kim Grant, Colin Hammond, Andrea Hillsgrove, Michael Jensen, Justin Kantar, Kaitlyn Kirchoff, Ashley Lionetta, Stephanie MacDonald, William MacDuff, Heidi McGlone, Laura Merluzzo, Katelyn Ordway, Thomas Pellowe, Katie Lynn Powers, Maegan Rojek, Stephanie Roy, Kelsea Scerra, Michael Stevens, Kathie Sykes, and William Wenzlau.

**Grade Three** – Erin Brackley, Amber Couture, Jacob Dore, Courtney Emerson, Ryan Finethy, Emily Folan, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Brian Jones, Makina Itchkavich-Levasseur, Jesse Lane, Christopher Loprete, Alina Loynd, Samantha MacDonald, Karol Anne Mansfield, C.J. Moulton, Sean O’Toole, Amanda Pellowe, Thomas Philbrick, Tara Prescott, Jennifer Shafer, Stephen Talon, Chad Tenander, Brianna Tidd, Olivia Varney, Krystal Vigue, and Caitlin Wenzlau.

**Grade Four** – Dottie-Jean Bailey, Brett Belanger, Kristopher Callahan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Jane Farrell, Charlotte French, Melissa Pryor, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, Merrill Stone, Wesley Taggett, Julie Thoroughgood, and Ben Varney.

**Grade Five** – Amanda Chamberlain, Shannon Cornelissen, Johanna Dickson, Nicholas Divito, Allyson Dudman, Dana Fuller, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion, Nicholas Lund, Brittany Moore, Kathryn Pellowe, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan, Jacqueline Piaseczny, Daniel Pitman, Patrick Quinn, Amber Richardson, Jessica Rothwell, Sara Talon and Aimee Terravechia.

## ALTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS

The Alton Senior Center welcomes all 60 and over to their meal site, Pearson Road Community Center, Monday to Friday at 12 Noon. A donation of \$2/meal is suggested. The meals for January are below. Call Claire Fitzgerald at 875-7102 to make a reservation or obtain future menus.

Friday, January 1, 1999, CLOSED for New Year’s Day.

Week of January 4 - 8: Monday, Chopped Steak/Gravy; Tuesday, Chicken Cacciatore; Wednesday, Beef Stew; Thursday, Roast Pork/Gravy; Friday, Vegetable Lasagna.

Week of January 11 - 15: Monday, Lemon Pepper Cod; Tuesday, Roast Beef/Gravy; Wednesday, Chicken ala King; Thursday, Mild Chili; Friday, Manicotti and Sauce.

Week of January 18 - 22: Monday, CLOSED for Civil Rights Day, “Meals-On-Wheels” offer bag meal; Tuesday, Chicken Croquettes/Gravy; Wednesday, Swedish Meatballs; Thursday, Turkey/Gravy; Friday, Lemon Herb Cod Fillet.

Week of January 25 - 29: Monday, Southern Baked Chicken; Tuesday, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce; Wednesday, Curried Chicken; Thursday, Sauted Beef and Onions; Friday, Macaroni and Cheese.

## THE CHECKOUT DESK by Holly Brown Librarian



### RETURN YOUR BOOKS...DISCUSS A BOOK

Need an idea for a New Year’s Resolution? Why not return your library books on time. To help you start on this resolution, bring back any past-due books between January 1 and 16 with no overdue book fine. We commend those of you who always return your books on schedule.

We are pleased to announce that our Book Discussion Group is up and running. Participants are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Gilman Library. The selected book for discussion is *One True Thing* by Anna Quindlen. New members are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the group and have not read the book, we would be glad to lend it to you. For more information, please call the library at 875-2550.

Just a Reminder: The Friends of the Gilman Library will be meeting on Saturday, January 23, 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Gilman Library. We hope to see you there!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S LUNCHEON

A Vintage Fashion Show will be the Special Feature at a luncheon that will take place on Wednesday, January 13, at the Conference Center off Route 11 in Alton Bay. Paul Moynihan of Laconia will provide music for the luncheon. The speaker will be Anne Nolan of Alton.

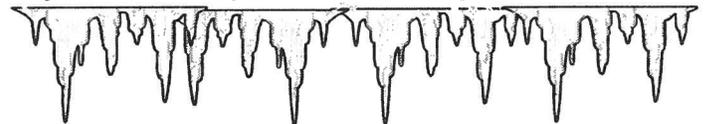
Reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery, may be made by calling Janet Benedetto in Alton at 875-2032 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., or Harriet Ireland in Gilford at 524-7194 by Wednesday, January 6.

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

### ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

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

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**FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

**By Peter Gerbino**

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1999 Knights of Columbus (K of C) Free Throw Championship. This competition will be held on Saturday, January 9, 10 a.m. - 12 Noon, at the New Durham School in New Durham.

The K of C Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district, and state competition. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All youth 10 to 14 years old are eligible to take part and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year nearly 219,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,497 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Registrants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Alton Central School, New Durham School, or Peter Gerbino (875-3764).

**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
SEEKING MOCK TRIAL HELP**

Members of the English honors class at Alton Central School will be participating for the fourth time in the New Hampshire Bar Association's Mock Trial in March. The Alton students will address the topic of Computer Hacking.

Members of the prosecution are Greg Salvatore, Chris Ouellette, Mike Murray, Korin Eagles, and Katy O'Meara. Andy Fuller, Mike Langer, Jessica Brownell, Jessica Benedetto, and Victor Stone are on the defense team. The support staff includes Cathy Chapman, Jerusha Hayward, Tanya Lewis, Jenny Martin, and Amanda Coughlin.

The students are excited about this challenging experience. O'Meara said, "I'm looking forward to working with my team and I'm sure we will win." Brownell expressed her confidence in the group. "I truly feel that if we work together hard enough that we will win."

The team, led by English teacher Mary Christy, is looking for advisors and consultants who can assist the students in their preparation. Anyone who has experience in computer security systems, or is a lawyer or police officer familiar with computer hacking, is asked to contact Christy at 875-7500.

**POST 72, AMERICAN LEGION**

**By Patti McMullen**

The Alton American Legion is pleased to announce that they are once again going to be sponsoring the Boy Scout Pack of Alton. There are some exciting times coming in the near future for our young men in this organization. More information will be forthcoming in the next Main Street.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who helped with Santa's visit. It was memorable for the 125 children who were eager to greet him with smiling faces. Excitement filled the hall. Each child was given a present and goodie bags were passed out. Special thanks to all organizations for their donations. As always, thanks to the members who worked so hard to make this a huge success. Santa, what can we say but THANK YOU!

There will be a leadership class held on January 16 in Lincoln for any legion member who may wish to attend.

All the members of the Alton American Legion wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season.

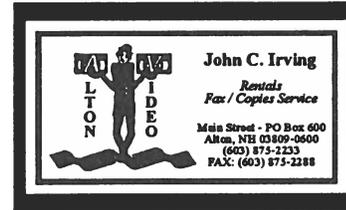
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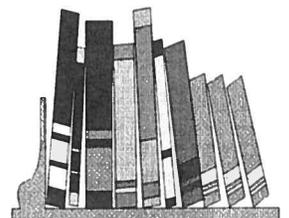
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Each month there is a registration day and time. On January 14 show up between 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at The Bay Church on Rand Hill Road (across from the campground) with your \$14 (CASH please, no checks). Next, appear on Saturday, January 30 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., same place, to pick up your food package and also sign up and pay for the next month. There are “specials” from time to time.

It is so easy, painless, beneficial to you and our community. If you have any questions, call Ellie Snell at 875-0669.



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

**SCAM ALERT**

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. From all of us at the Alton police department, we wish you a safe and prosperous New Year!

To help keep you on the safe side, I want to pass along some information that we received regarding a new phone scam that may be lurking around. It seems that some not-so-honest people have been calling homeowners pretending to be a service technician from the telephone company. This thief then says that he is conducting a test of the phone line and asks that you dial 90 then the pound (#) sign and hang up. By doing this you authorize the caller to make a long distance telephone call on your line.

The thing to remember here is this, do not dial 90# for anyone. The telephone company does not need your help to access the telephone line. If you receive a call like this or any other one that you may think is suspicious, call us so we can look into it for you.

Stay safe, and Happy New Year!

If you have any questions or comments, visit us on the web at [www.worldpath.net/~apd](http://www.worldpath.net/~apd) or call at 875-3752.

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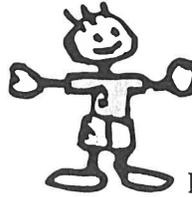
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 Recreation Director



**WINTER BROCHURES ARE IN**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department winter brochures are in. Check out the new and exciting programs that are being offered. Brochures are distributed through the school in grades K - 8 and are available at the Parks and Recreation Department and local businesses. Call 875-0109 for one to be mailed to you. Register for all programs at the Parks and Recreation Department by the printed deadline.

**OHRV Course a Success**

Thanks to Virginia Bergeron and the Mt. Major Snowmobile Club for sponsoring an outstanding OHRV snowmobile course in December. Snowmobilers over 12 are required to have a license in order to operate their vehicle. The license is also good for operating dirt bikes and ATV's. There were 25 riders who passed the course. Thanks also to the Alton Fire Department for the use of the Fire Station.

**Dance Workshop Sessions with Julie Libby**

Classes for ballet, jazz, and tap will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Saturdays, January 16 - February 27 with no class February 13. The cost is \$35/six weeks. Ages 6 - 9 from 11 a.m. - 12 Noon and ages 10 and older from 12 Noon - 1 p.m. Deadline to register is January 13.

**Hip Hop and "Street Funk" with Julie Libby**

Classes on Saturdays, January 16 - February 27, no class February 13, held at the Alton Bay Community Center, 10 - 11 a.m. at \$35/six weeks. Deadline to register is January 13. The class will be training for the Jr. Olympic Hip Hop Team. No experience necessary and beginners welcome. The class will teach you the newest dance moves and routines and you will be a member of the dancing Hip Hop team. A great chance to learn new material and dance with your friends.

**Cooking Creations**

Students 8 - 10 years old will join others in the school Home Ec room in this exciting cooking class. Make and eat your own meals from main courses and salads to vegetables and desserts. Learn food preparation techniques, including frying, baking, boiling, measuring, and slicing. Classes held after school January 13, 20, February 3, and 10 from 3 - 5 p.m. at \$3/day. Deadline to register is January 7.

**Friday Night Blast**

For ages 11 - 13 Gunstock snow tubing and trip to Funspot on Friday, January 15, 5 - 10 p.m. Meet at Town Hall with warm clothes. The cost of \$19 includes snow tubing, \$10 tokens, and transportation. Join your friends at the Friday Night Blast. Deadline to register is January 7.

**Movie Day**

Saturday, January 16 for ages 7 - 10, Town Hall from 9 a.m. - 12 Noon where participants will enjoy watching two movies on our 28" screen — "The Parent Trap" and "Air Bud-Golden Receiver." Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$1 and the deadline to register is January 11.

**Body Works with Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified**

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**Country Line Dancing Lessons**

For adults of all ages. Tuesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 2 - 4 p.m. Join in the fun and learn new dances every week. Lessons resume January 19. Program fee is \$3/six months. Beginners are welcome.

**Upcoming February Events**

Watch for Senior Bingo, Winter Carnival, Karate Lessons, February Vacation Fun Week, Up All Night, Fun and Games Day and more!

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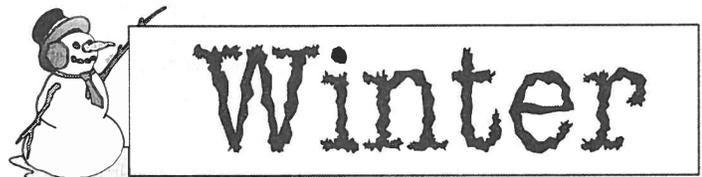
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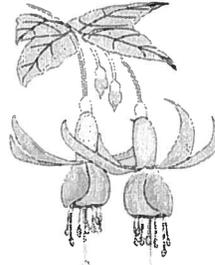


*Cards of Thanks*

A Huge Thank You to ALL of YOU — what more can we say? The generosity of our community is the stuff of which legends are made. The Mrs. Santa Fund has again this year grown to overwhelming proportions to support those in need. Thanks goes to all who participated: the Fireflies who shopped, wrapped, tied, and toted; the people who donated monies; the ones who made calls; those who donated toys, afghans, gloves, mittens, clothing, and wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon. It would take pages to name you all. You know who you are and please know how special you are in your caring for others!

Once again, Thank You Most Sincerely!

s/Elf #1



My heartfelt thanks to *all* of you who came to my rescue on November 10 when I fell and broke my ankle:

The truck driver (who responded to my cry for help);

McDonalds (for the hamburger and orange juice [hypoglycemic]);

The EMT's (for being quick to the rescue);

The New Durham Ambulance (for the comfortable transport to Frisbee hospital);

And the librarian and Alton Police Department (for notifying my fiancee of the mishap).

Thanks to all of you for the "TLC" you gave me in my time of great need, especially being a newcomer to the Alton community.

s/ Madelaine L. Charron-Laroche

The Alton Fire Department, The Alton Firemen's Inc., and The Alton Fireflies would like to say thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree from our booth at the Alton 5 & 10.

We apologize to those who could not find the tree they wanted and that we sold out almost two weeks before Christmas. Being our first year selling trees we did not know how many and what sizes to get. Next year we plan on doing better.

Again, we thank you for your good response and support.  
s/Henry J. Nowe

I would like to thank all those people who voted for me, and a special thanks to those brave souls who stood outside the fire station holding my campaign sign. I hope that I will not disappoint you in the next two years! Thanks again.

s/ Stan Czech

**TEN YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . The Gilman Concert Series presented classical guitarist, Christopher Kane . . . the Friends of the Gilman Library purchased a computer for the library and dedicated it to the late Polly Bakeman, a former president of the organization . . . the American Legion Post 72 hosted "All Clubs Night".

**FIVE YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Thomas Mynczywor, Alton's chief of police for 13 years, resigned . . . Irving Roberts and Milton Jensen retired from the Alton Fire Department . . . naturalist Sally Perkins of the Libby Museum conducted a series of natural science programs for students in grades 1 - 5 . . . Jeremy Everson reported on his summer of missionary work in Columbia, South America.

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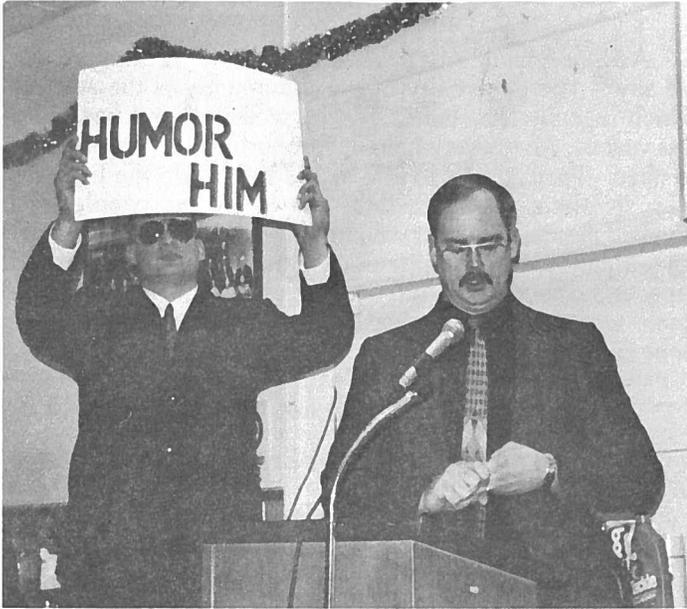
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Police Chief Kevin Iwans (on the right) "roasting" Penny Jones (and himself) with help from his "bodyguard," Officer Steven Holly. The "roast" took place at the Thank You Penny Jones Retirement Dinner on December 3.

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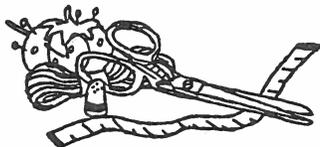
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