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IS HE GOING UP OR DOWN?

Lt. James King, Alton Fire Department (AFD), rappells for students at Alton School during Fire Prevention Week. Other AFD personnel were Firefighter EMT Gary Hannafin, EMT's Sharon Hannafin and Laurie Brown, Firefighter Scott Johnson, and Student Firefighters Michael O'Brien, Matthew Rebehn, Benjamin Warshaw, and James Wheatley.

GIVING THANKS AND SHARING WITH OTHERS

By MaryBee Longabaugh

We are now, once again, approaching the season of giving thanks. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have the necessities and the niceties are very lucky people — a reason for giving thanks. We also have the ability of being able to share our good fortune with others who, at this point in their lives, are perhaps not in a position to afford even the necessities. 'Tis' the season of giving and sharing, helping others get over the hard times.

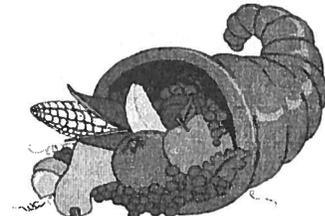
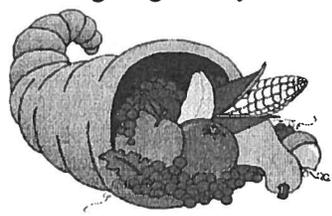
In Alton we have many caring and giving people belonging to groups who go out of their way, "go the extra mile," to ensure that friends, neighbors, or residents we do not know have a chance to give thanks.

Let's look at the groups/organizations in town that are involved in the caring and sharing with those who need some help with their holiday "wish lists." "Operation Blessings" is handled by the Alton Town Hall staff. They distribute, with the help of the Police Department and donations from townspeople, Thanksgiving baskets to those who otherwise might not have a turkey dinner. Additionally, there is the "Mrs. Santa Fund" which makes sure that children and seniors have a holiday season worth celebrating. The gifts and warm clothes they distribute come from you who want others to be able to give thanks as you do.

This year another group has come forward with a way to help make the holiday season bright for the children in Alton who might otherwise have an unfulfilled wish list. The Junior Girl Scouts are setting up a recycling program to ensure that unused toys do not get thrown out, but rather get turned over for rehabilitation and redistribution by the troop members. And not to be overlooked is the new Community Services Program which will be a year-round operation rather than a seasonal endeavor. There too the citizens of Alton are stepping forward to support the needs of our fellow townspeople.

See the stories in this issue of Main Street on pages 3 and 20 about these groups, what they need from you, and how you can help those who want the chance to give thanks as you do, at this very special time of year. Your donations, large or small, are what make this town such a special place for all of us.

The entire staff of Main Street wishes you a very happy Thanksgiving holiday.





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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).

PTSA CRAFT FAIR

By Laurie Boyce

The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Craft Fair is scheduled for November 20. As has been in the past, it will be a fun time for everyone to get a head start on what the Christmas season has to offer.

The Fair begins at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium of the Alton Central School and goes throughout the day until 3 p.m. There will be crafts of all kinds and booths from every class. Come see what the students have done. There will also be refreshments and a lunch offered by the 9th grade class.

Hope to see you on the 20th.

DR. OWEN P. CONWAY NAMED INTERIM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Owen P. Conway of Manchester has been named interim superintendent of SAU 72 following the recent resignation of Richard Pike.

Pike, who served as superintendent since June 1997, left to return to SAU 29 where he is the assistant superintendent for the City of Keene schools.

Conway was most recently the assistant superintendent for human resources and staff development for the Hudson and Litchfield schools. Prior to that he was the personnel director for SAU 12 in Londonderry from 1995 to 1997 and the superintendent of schools in Goffstown from 1991 to 1995.

A committee has been formed by the School Board to find a permanent replacement. The group expects to complete its search by January 2000.



IN MEMORIAM DOROTHY WILLIAMS (1905 - 1999)

The Library Community mourns the passing of Dorothy Williams, long-time summer resident and benefactress of the Gilman Library. Gifts from her totaling \$161,300 have resulted in the Adult Wing being dedicated at her request "In loving memory of John D. and Anna L. Williams given by their daughters Dorothy Williams and Marietta Williams Sharp."

Educated at Wellesley College and the University of Southern California in Library Science, she served as library director in East Orange, New Jersey, for close to 30 years. She spent many summers in Alton with her parents where she came to admire the Gilman Library greatly.

She cared deeply for this community and left a legacy that will enrich Alton's quality of life for many years to come. Energetic, considerate, generous and thoughtful with a delightful sense of humor, Dorothy Williams will be sorely missed and long remembered.

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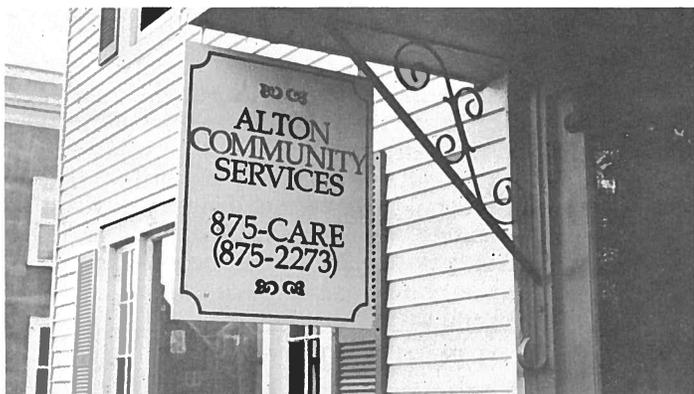
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PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Community Services Program (CSP) now has a food pantry, medical equipment, and an extensive referral service to meet almost any need. A total of 12 trained intake coordinators are available to work with any family. A coordinator can meet not only emergency food and medical equipment requirements, but also assist with directing individuals to other services: fuel assistance, Health and Human Services, The Healthy Kids Program (medical coverage for uninsured children), child support services, tenant information on security deposits, evictions and tenant rights, referrals for debt assistance, and housing referrals, etc.

In addition, we have as volunteers representatives of both the Salvation Army and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offering financial assistance to qualified families for rent, prescription vouchers, assistance with past due electric bills, and many other financial needs.

The CSP held its second meeting of volunteers on October 7. Some of our newest volunteers include: Arlene Fiore, Theresa Glidden, Connie Van de Meulebroecke, Bebe Finethy, Ellie Daignault, Marilyn Loud, Marie Sheldon, Karen Alden, Brad and Ginny Jones, Carol Pearson, Louise Petelle, Margo McGovern, and Lois Snow.

Representing the Alton School were Terese Hopper, freshman class, Emily Sydow, junior class, and Renee Lafreniere, High School Student Council. These students

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"OPERATION BLESSINGS"

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets operation is being coordinated by the Town Hall staff. Donations will be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check, or money order, made payable to "Operation Blessings," and may be delivered to Paulette Wentworth in Town Hall or mailed, P. O. Box 659, Alton, New Hampshire 03809.

Donations of canned goods can be dropped off at Town Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before November 18. The Police Association will again be contributing toward the turkeys, which is, as always, much appreciated.

If you are interested in helping distribute baskets or are able to suggest the home of a shut-in or needy family, please call Paulette Wentworth at 875-0204 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please help make sure that everyone in Alton can give thanks on Thanksgiving Day.

"IT IS BETTER TO GIVE..." SUPPORT MRS. SANTA FUND

It is the time of year when our thoughts turn to family, friends, and the joy of giving. Put the spirit of the season into the lives of your less fortunate neighbors by supporting the Mrs. Santa Fund.

Many community service organizations, led by the Alton Fireflies (the women's auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department), come together to provide the less fortunate children of Alton a Christmas bright with promise. For several years now the Mrs. Santa Fund has provided gifts for children newborn to age 17 and some of our senior citizens as well. The list gets longer each year. Once again 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 4. Cash donations are also welcome. The money is used 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 2. Call Elf #1, Daryl Czech at 875-3815 or Elf #2, Sharon Hannafin at 875-3079. Donations, made payable to Mrs. Santa Fund, can be mailed to: Mrs. Santa Fund, c/o Farmington National Bank, Main Street, Alton, New Hampshire 03809.

Help make this holiday season a merry one for all our friends and neighbors in the Alton community.

TOWN EVENTS IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

By Bob Longabaugh

If you are unable to get to Town Hall to observe local laws and policy matters being discussed and decided by your elected officials, you have not missed your chance to do so. Neither do you have to have cable TV to catch the Alton Selectmen's meetings on their first Channel 25 re-run.

Through the initiative of the Selectmen, and the cooperation of LRPA-TV, the video recordings made for showing on the local public access channel will be deposited in the Gilman Library after Channel 25 has finished putting them "on the air." At the library they will be available for checking out in the same manner as the other videos in their collection.

At the present time the videos of the Selectmen's meetings are the core of what is available. It is hoped that the selections will become more varied as more volunteers come forward willing to use LRPA-TV camcorders to record Alton events. School board meetings are largely uncovered at this time due to a shortage of volunteers.

Official functions are not the only subjects eligible for videorecording. Athletic events and just plain "fun" things in Alton can be shot for showing on Channel 25 and later check out from the library. An "in between" example is the video made by the Alton Police Department of their citizen's fire-arm academy held in October. Similarly, the Department hopes to record this month's Women's Safety Seminar for showing on Channel 25 and later library loan.

If you are willing to be trained in the use of LRPA-TV equipment and have the results of your talents be seen on Channel 25, call Peter Pijoan weekday afternoons at 528-3070.



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
by Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

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Fall is here. Snow is just around the corner. We will soon be in the Winter Wonderland!

Safety Reminders

Check your culverts for leaves; try to keep those culverts clear of obstructions. This could save your driveway and save the road.

Once again we are asking residents to put markers on their mail boxes. Find a small stick or pole, seven to ten feet long, and tie it to the back of your mail box with some colored tape. When the snow gets deep or is coming down fast, we want to be able to identify the boxes when we are out plowing.

Winter Storm Operations

We wait until there is approximately two inches of snow on the roads before we begin plowing. This will continue until the end of the storm or approximately 9 p.m. At that time we may shut down our operations until 1 a.m. This gives us enough time to open the roads for the morning commute and the school buses.

One storm will take about 18 hours to plow and sand if it is only snow. A storm of freezing rain is another story all its own. In case of emergencies we are standing by.

Putting down sand on one mile of road during an ice storm is a tough job. By the time we get to the end of the road, the first half of the road is iced over again. Having 87

miles of town roads to maintain makes it almost an impossibility to keep up with during the freezing rain. We start spreading the sand out on the town roads after it stops raining; it is very time consuming having to go back over the roads. To do the entire 87 miles of town roads in any storm will take about 20 hours. REMEMBER, WE ARE ON OUR WAY.

Other Safety Tips

When meeting a snow plow, please slow down or even stop to allow the truck to pass safely. When the trucks are sanding, please stay back about 200 feet. This is for two reasons: 1) it prevents getting any sand on your vehicle; 2) it insures the safety to both you and the truck driver. These trucks loaded weigh about 18 tons and it is very difficult to handle one while sliding. Be safe! PLEASE STAY BACK.

Hunting season has begun. Please be safe and wear bright colors, such as orange or red, when walking.

Have a happy and safe fall.

**REPUBLICAN TOWN
COMMITTEE ORGANIZING**

The Republican State Committee is in the process of organizing local town committees where they do not presently exist. An initial organizing effort conducted by state committee personnel attracted about 12 Alton residents. Former State Representative Milton Jensen was elected organizing chairman.

The committee hopes to add several people in the next few months and become an active force in the election of Republican candidates in partisan elections. The town used to have such a committee, but it ceased to be active when Alton chose to have non-partisan local (town) elections.

The next meeting will be 7 pm. November 17th at the Gilman Library (lower level). Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact Milt Jensen.



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THE SHAPLEIGH HOUSE

By Judith Pellowe

Located in Alton Village, almost across from the Laundromat on Main Street, the home of Bob and Sheila Shapleigh consists of an old cape with a good sized attached barn and a large addition in the front. The older part of the house appears to have been built in the early 1800's. The Shapleighs purchased the property in January of 1977.

The first settlers to Alton came from New Durham, Rochester, and the Seacoast region. Originally, there were several separate, small, clusters of homes along the New Durham Road in East Alton, in Alton Village, and Alton Bay. Land was granted in large parcels in the 1770's and then subdivided by the original grantees.

An atlas from 1796 shows only one house in the area of the present Alton Village, that being marked "Rodgers." In 1829 Charles Rogers conveyed to Thomas W. Bickford a parcel of land located on the Bay Road, "being the stand where I now live." Charles Rogers was a signor on the original Petition for Incorporation of Alton signed June 6, 1796, a Selectman for the Town, and a Town Clerk.

LAMINATION is for "keeps"

Happy Thanksgiving





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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER
By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**November skies have turned to slate
Leafless trees seem to stare
But we are grateful for our full plates
And friends and kin whose love we share.**

The Seniors turkey basket raffle is under way, and we appreciate your helping us out by buying chances when a senior approaches you. The drawing will take place at our November 10 meeting. The basket will contain everything one needs for a Thanksgiving dinner. (A real bargain for one dollar a chance!)

CAP director, Claire Fitzgerald, urges members to sign up for the bus trip to the senior center in Meredith on Thursday, November 18. There will be entertainment before the noon meal, and everyone should be back for the regular card party at 1 p.m. Call Claire at 875-7102 to add your name to the list. It will be fun to go to a different meal site for a change.

Welcome and Thanks

A hearty welcome goes to the newcomers who have joined us: Joan Bourgeois, Marie Cinelli. Ginger Chicoine, Bob Ferruccio, Kathy Joy, and Julie Roberts.

Thanks to Tony Mariano for the wonderful dinner he put on recently. We are happy he is feeling better and able to be a "chef" again; we missed his talents. A big thank you to William Cimikoski of Gilmanton who recently donated several volumes of National Geographic Magazine to the center. John Brooks and Mona Glover won the attendance raffle prizes. Our thanks to Ginny Myers and Liz Roberts for providing refreshments.

On November 11 let us remember the veterans whose

service to their country should not go unrecognized.

Meetings — Is There An Auditor Out There?

Our next meeting day is November 10. The Steering Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. All members should attend to discuss plans for the winter months and future trips. Then at 1 p.m. we will have our regular monthly meeting. Now that our "snowbirds" have left, we need all the "year-round" members to make an extra effort to be present so we will have a quorum.

President Nardo is still seeking someone to volunteer as an auditor, an annual task only. Please call her if you are willing to help us out.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

ADVENT CELEBRATION

By Pastor Bob Hett, The Bay Church

Do you find that the celebration of Christmas reaches deeper into your wallet than your heart? That is a common complaint during the holiday season. So what can you do to make sure you are preparing yourself, along with the gifts, cards, fancy meals, and decorations?

The people of the Bay Church invite you to join them, beginning Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, and continuing into the new year as they work through an all-church series called, "A Season of Wonder: Opening the Door to Christmas and Beyond." Everyone in the church — children and adults, couples and singles — will be sharing practical suggestions for overlooking meaningless busyness and materialism to experience the true wonder of the season.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone wanting to join this seasonal Advent celebration. Attend Sunday worship in the Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. For more information, call 875-6765.

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100 YEARS YOUNG!

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ALTON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By Margaret Birdsey

Summer has drawn to a close, and we have put away our shovels and trowels and rakes and watering cans for another year. It is time to thank our friends whose contributions have helped us continue our work. Administrative Services have kept community lawns mowed, shrubs trimmed, and implemented our many requests. By working together with this department, we have helped Alton put its best foot forward as a Lakes Region community. We have been able to continue in our beautification commitment.

Our most recent accomplishment is the new look at the Police Station. This was achieved through the talented and conscientious efforts of our members, Betty Locke and Adelma Messenger, who planted and cared for the new garden and landscaping. A job really well done! The Alton Police Association showed their appreciation for this with a generous contribution to our club, for which we thank them. We would also like to thank our friend June Sanborn for her thoughtful, generous, and completely unexpected contribution. We really appreciate it.

We have had a busy and rewarding summer and hope to continue with our many projects in the spring. See you then.

WARM YOUR HOUSE**(BUT DO NOT BURN IT DOWN!)**

It is the time of year to talk about wood stoves and furnaces. We need to warm our houses now, and with a few minutes of effort, we can be safe and warm.

Speaking of furnaces, when was the last time you had a qualified person inspect, clean, and adjust yours? Have your filters been changed recently? Do you know if your furnace has an emergency shut-off switch? Do you know where it is located?

As for your wood stove, when was the last time it was checked out and chimney cleaned? Also, when you remove ashes and dump them, do you make sure there are not still live coals ready to ignite dried materials?

Finally, when were the batteries in your smoke detectors changed? These are all safety tips to help you make sure you are in control of what is happening in your home.

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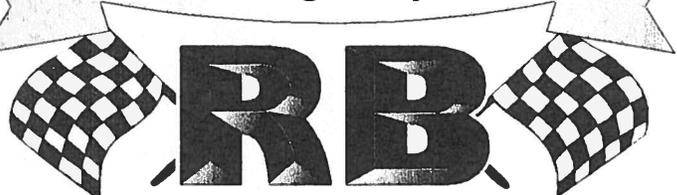
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Special thanks to our "storytelling moms," Catherine Fraser, Mari Swift, and Louise Jones, for their tireless efforts to make the Halloween celebration for the month of October a great success.

The book discussion group will be meeting on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room to share their thoughts on *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve. If you would like to take part in this discussion and need a copy of the book, please let us know.

Telesensory users take note! Santa has left a message here indicating that he has finished his lists, catalog shopping, cards, etc. The machine is now available for those of you who would like to address your holiday needs. Please stop in at the library or call 875-2550.

SARAH SPENCER WINS HONORS

Congratulations to Sarah Spencer of Alton, a 1998 graduate of Alton Central High School. Spencer was recently inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, a national freshman honor society. She attends Elmira College where she achieved a 3.5 or better cumulative grade point average at the end of the first year.

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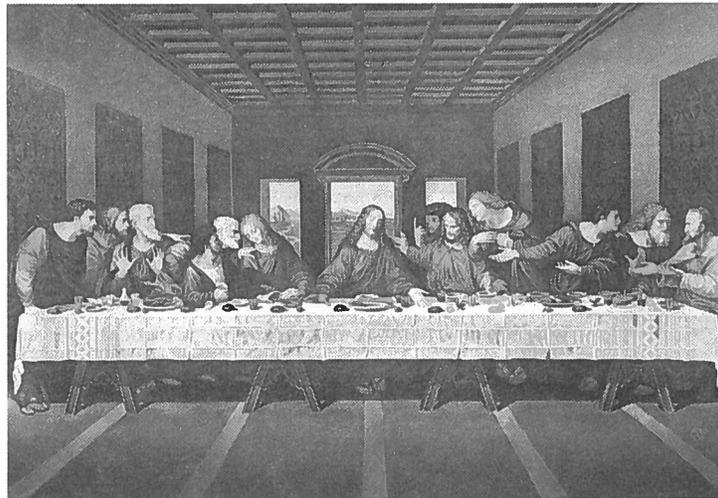
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It wasn't celebrated back then, but something tells us Jesus would have liked Thanksgiving.



The turkey part may be new, but the idea of surrounding yourself with loved ones and giving thanks isn't. Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the original Thanksgiving supper.

The Christian Churches of Alton
The Bay Church ~ The Community Church ~ St. Joan of Arc
(see Information Center for worship times)

ALTON JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

By Lisa Goodwin, Co-Leader

As our fun-filled year begins, I'd like to welcome back: Leann Fuller, Megan Beaupre, Courtney Goodwin, Erin Brackley, Susie Sherwood, and Jennifer Shafer. I'd also like to give a big welcome to my new co-leader, Terry Beaupre, and to my new troop members, Rebecca Davis, Marina Avery, Kelly Main, Hope Shafer, and Katelyn Ordway.

The girls have many plans set for the year. If anyone is interested in joining our meetings, they are held on Wednesday nights from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center.

One of the events for the month of October was "Baby Day." The founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Low, was born on October 31 (1860). So instead of celebrating her birthday, the girls celebrated the birth of the first baby girl born on that day at the Lakes Region General Hospital. They put together a basket filled with baby items. Mrs. Beaupre made a baby afghan and they planned to give the mom one dozen pink roses.

The month of November is recycle month. The girls will see how much they can recycle at home, at school, and at our meetings. See our story, "Toys to Recycle," on page 20. They are going to keep track of each day and week to see how much can be recycled. They will then compare at the end of the month among themselves to see who is a better recycler.

Our cookie sale will be starting soon, so watch for our notice in the December Main Street.



TIME FOR DEER

Boy, how time flies. Here it is November already. Archery deer hunting and small game seasons opened last month, and with everything going on, I forgot to tell you that muzzle loading deer hunting season opened October 30. It continues through November 9.

These dates are the same for all Wildlife Management Units (WMU), of which Alton is in WMU J2. Bucks or does may be taken in Alton; however, antlered deer only may be taken in WMU's C1, E and F at this time. Be sure to check the regulations for the area in which you plan to hunt.

November 10 is the opening day of firearms deer hunting season statewide. Any deer may be taken in WMU J2 from November 10 - 12 and antlered deer only from November 13 - December 5. Again, be sure to check the regulations for your hunting area.

The dry season has had a lasting effect on the nut crop. There seem to be very few beechnuts, and many on the ground are dry inside. Red and white acorns do seem to be plentiful though. Good luck finding where the deer are feeding.

The farmer's almanac predicts four measurable snow falls for November. There just might be good tracking snow this month!

While archery deer hunting and small game hunting this past month with my wife, we noticed several fresh buck rubs and many small scrapes. This seems earlier in the season than usual. Could this be effects of the dry summer, or perhaps a forecast of an early or hard winter? Time will tell.

Good luck!

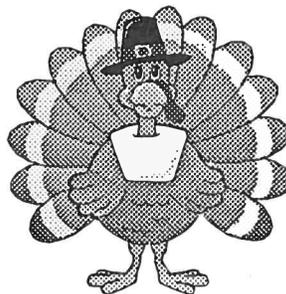
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COPING WITH ASBESTOS

By Joseph Harris

One of the most widely recognized and dangerous hazardous wastes is asbestos. It can be found in over 3,000 products and over many years enjoyed great appeal to manufacturers and builders for a variety of reasons.

Asbestos was first commercially mined in Canada in 1870 and was most recently mined in South Africa during the 1980's. It is a very strong, but light, material and it will not burn. It is a poor conductor of electricity but a very effective insulator. Asbestos is also highly resistant to corrosion. Few materials possess these qualities, therefore explaining its widespread use.

When introduced to the United States in the early 1900's, it was originally used as an insulator of steam engines but saw a decline in use by the 1940's. After World War II it found new life as contractors used it for fireproofing, soundproofing, insulating, and decorating. It was used extensively in the construction and renovation of schools and public and commercial buildings. It can also be found in older plastics, paper products, automotive brake linings and clutches, and floor tiles. Sealants, cement pipe, and cement sheets contain higher percentages of asbestos.

So what makes asbestos so dangerous? Unlike most substances, which turn into dust when crushed, asbestos breaks up into microscopic fibers that cannot be seen by the human eye. Individual fibers often mix with other materials, producing asbestos containing material, or "ACM." Because the fibers are light, they can remain airborne for long periods of time, increasing the risk to exposure.

Asbestos fibers can be inhaled or absorbed through the skin and remain in the body. The fibers attach themselves to airways, aggravate lung tissue, and cause scarring. This is the respiratory disease known as *asbestosis*. Common symptoms are shortness of breath and a dry crackling sound when inhaling. Heart failure is common in the advanced stages of this disease. Lung cancer is responsible for the greatest number of deaths related to asbestos exposure.

How do you identify asbestos in the home? While it is common to suspect that a material or product may contain asbestos, actual determination can only be made by instrumental analysis. When in doubt, consult a professional abatement service prior to any demolition, renovation, or repair. Some products or materials that may contain asbestos include: older appliances, shingles and siding, roofing felt, vinyl asbestos flooring, linoleum, insulation, plumbing and duct work used in older heating systems [especially steam systems], and acoustic ceiling materials.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warns that asbestos becomes dangerous when it has deteriorated to the stage where its fibers can be released into the air and inhaled. There are several asbestos removal contractors in this part of New Hampshire: Alpha Asbestos Abatement Inc., in Bedford (603) 626-5757; Lead Source of Dover (800) 640-5323; and DesMaris Environmental, Inc., located in Barrington (800) 498-5520. Alton Town Hall, 875-2161, also has a list of "Potential Vendors for Small Quantities of Asbestos," which was supplied by Waste Management of NH in Rochester. Companies offering abatement and removal services are licensed and regulated by federal law, so don't be afraid to ask for references.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Wed. 3 LIBRARY STORY HOUR, see Checkout Desk
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 4 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM, meeting,
American Legion Hall, 7 p.m., see story
- Mon. 8 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m.,
see Checkout Desk
- Tue. 9 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, Annual Meeting and Holiday
Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 10 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, Christian
Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
LIBRARY STORY HOUR, see Checkout Desk
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 11 VETERAN'S DAY
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road
Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Sat. 13 WOMEN'S SAFETY SEMINAR, Alton Police
Department, Preregistration required, 875-0757
- Mon. 15 ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN BEGINS, see notice
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK begins with "the hug"
at Alton Central School, 8:05 a.m., see story
- Wed. 17 LIBRARY STORY HOUR, see Checkout Desk
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
GOP Town Committee meeting, Gilman Library, 7 p.m.
- Sat. 20 PTSA CRAFT FAIR, Alton Central School, 9 a.m.,
see story
- Sun. 21 AMERICAN LEGION TURKEY RAFFLE, 1 p.m.,
see story
- Thu. 25 THANKSGIVING DAY
- Fri. 26 MAIN STREET. Come help us collate your newspaper,
Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 27 CHRISTMAS TREE SALE BEGINS, Alton Fireman
Association, see story

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:
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(Main Street box). **Be sure to include a phone number.**

LOOKING AHEAD AT THE POLITICAL CALENDAR

Your Town Moderator feels that you should have the following dates early for posting to your own calendars.

FILING PERIOD for town offices at the March 2000 elections: January 26 - February 4, 2000.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY:
Tuesday, February 1, 2000.

LAST DAY TO PETITION SELECTMEN for warrant article for Town Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2000.

TOWN ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Wednesday,
March 15, 2000.

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.

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

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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 Services, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Moore Chapel; Wed. "Pot-Faith" Supper, Lombard Center Dining Hall, 6 p.m.; Wed. Study, "Becoming a Contagious Christian, 7 p.m. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor
- Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Service, 11 a.m.; Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor
- 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.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

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Rines Road Pit — Sat. and Sun. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

TOWN HALL: 875-2161

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:

Acoholics 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. Auxiliary — 1st Tue., 6 p.m., Legion Hall

Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station

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 — 1st Tue. (in season), Library

Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House

Girl Scout Jr. Troop 630, Wed., 5 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center.

Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

Historical Society — 3rd Tue., Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum 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

P.T.S.A. — 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.
 - BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8:30 a.m., Chairman William Ryan, call 875-2161 for appointment.
 - BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Scott Swezey, 776-5566.
 - CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
 - CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.
 - FIRE WARDS — Meet on call, Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.
 - GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
 - LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
 - LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call, Chairman Dick Jones, 875-3855.
 - PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
 - PLANNING BOARD — 4th Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Bonnie Dunbar; call 875-5095 for appointment.
 - SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Deborah Burton, 875-6045.
 - SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meet on call, Chairman to be announced; check with Town Clerk.*
 - TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:30 p.m., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 875-2550.
 - TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
 - WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8 a.m., Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
 - ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.
- *DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION
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OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Robert C. Smith, 307 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-2903; Phones: (800) 922-2230, (202) 224-2841, Fax: (202) 224-1353; e-mail: opinion@smith.senate.gov

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John E. Sununu, 1229 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515; Phones (202) 225-5456, (603) 641-9536, Fax (202) 225-5822; e-mail: Rep.Sununu@mail.house.gov

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Ray Burton, 271-3632 (Concord), 747-3662 (Woodsville)

NH SENATE

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

NH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Robert Boyce, 875-7371; rboyce@worldpath.net

Stanley Czech, 875-3815

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman, William Ryan, 875-2112

Harold M. Bothwick, Jr., 875-6262

James C. Washburn, 364-7413

Arnold ("Pete") Shibley, 875-2849

Reuben Wentworth, 875-3388



ALTON STUDENT COUNCILS ELECTED

Students at Alton Central School have elected representatives and officers for the High School and Middle School Student Councils for the 1999-2000 school year.

Meghan St. Cyr is the president of the High School Student Council. Other officers are Nicole Wentworth and Renee LaFreniere, vice presidents; Marissa Southwell, secretary; and Caleb Gagne, treasurer. Homeroom representatives from the freshman class are Brian Richardson, Amanda Tharpe, Sarah Harper, Chris Langer, Katie Brooks, and Hillary Ballentine. The sophomore class is represented by Leanne Kenerson, James Harrell, Kayla Ballentine, BK Brown, Jason Snell, and Jane Varney. Junior class representatives are Geoff Scholl, Emily Sydow, Rob Levesque, Ryan Loynd, Sarah Dore and Derek Atwood and senior class representatives are Deanna Hillsgrove, Jessica Benedetto, John Russo, Victor Stone, and Kris Hulett. Kim Kelliher, high school social studies teacher, is the council advisor.

Dylan Laurion, president; Dan Quinn, vice president; Tonya Prescott, secretary; and Elspeth Dana, treasurer lead the Middle School Student Council. Homeroom representatives are Amanda Boudreau, Jessica Coigley, Tamara Cornelissen, C. J. Cutter, Allyson Dudman, Crystal Eastman, Dana Fuller, James Grant, Jillian Green, Travis Hopper, Sonya Itchkavich-Levasseur, Owen Laurion, Emily Lowthian, Patrick Quinn, Derek Rondeau, Matthew Sydow, Sara Tinkham, and Lyndsey Caron. The advisor is Lisa Mathieu, Middle School English teacher.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

By Patti McMullen

If you happen to read this article before October 30, please remember that the Legion Auxiliary will hold its annual Halloween Dinner Dance Saturday night the 30th from 7 p.m. - 12 midnight. Admission is \$8 a person, which includes a buffet dinner and music by K. J. the D. J. Come in costume and be judged in the contest.

Are you in need of a turkey for Thanksgiving? If so, stop by the Ladies Auxiliary Annual Turkey Raffle to be held on November 21 in the Dugout Lounge. The raffle starts at 1 p.m. with many chances to take a bird home with you. You might win your entire dinner for the cost of a raffle ticket.

Watch the football games in the lounge on Sunday afternoons. There is a luncheon provided for those who attend. So stop by and relax with friends. Members and guests are always welcome.

Let us not forget November 11 - VETERANS DAY! Many men and women have given their lives for our country and are in our prayers on this day.

THE CCA CORNER

By Elizabeth Sweeney

Mariah Winsor of Alton, a student at Cornerstone Christian Academy, attended a luncheon at the Bittersweet Restaurant on October 19. The meeting was a part of the Health, Safety, and Manners curriculum established for third graders at the Ossipee-based school. Mariah, along with her classmates, learned many things about proper etiquette and fine dining.



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Cecil Chase, Branch Manager of the Farmington National Bank in Alton (on the right), selects the winning entry in the bank's "Generation Gold" drawing that features a different local business each month. In October Alton's Tire Warehouse was highlighted. Tire Warehouse's Dave Hewes, Manager, and Judy Nicastrow, Owner, witnessed the drawing which proclaimed Bill Grahn the winner of a free 4 wheel balance and tire rotation.

FIRE PERMITS AND SEASONAL SAFETY

By Mary Jane Dascoli

Fire Chief Russell Sample would like to remind residents that fire permits are required by state law until such time as the ground is snow covered. Permits may be obtained at the Alton Central Fire Station on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or by calling the station at 875-0222 to make other arrangements.

Now that the heating and Holiday Season is upon us, the Alton Fire and Rescue Department would like to remind residents that chimneys should be checked to see if they need to be cleaned. Additionally, inspect your holiday decorations to be sure that they are "fire safe."

Anyone with a desire to provide services to your community and/or your neighbors is encouraged to become a member of the Alton Fire and Rescue Department. We welcome anyone wishing to become involved with our certified emergency medical services on the ambulance and/or firefighting responsibilities. You may find out more by contacting the Department at 875-0222.

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) will convene two regional meetings to highlight the conservation and protection of natural, cultural, and historic resources. The first meeting will be held at the Wolfboro Public Library on Wednesday, November 3 at 7 p.m. The second meeting will be at the Gale Memorial Library in Laconia on Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. For more information call 279-8171.

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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTES AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

By Lawrice Ballentine

Alton Central School will celebrate American Education Week November 14-21. The American Legion and the National Education Association worked together to hold the first observance of American Education Week in December of 1921. The week affords an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our public schools.

Several activities are being planned for the week. As part of the opening celebration, everyone is invited to the school "hug" at 8:05 a.m. on Monday, November 15. Students, administrators, faculty, parents, and townspeople will join hands to form a human chain around the school.

Please visit during the week and see the future take shape before your eyes. Also look for exhibits of students' work at various public locations throughout the town that week.

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.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL QUOTES FROM SCIENCE EXAMS OF 11 YEAR OLDS

(Continued from our February issue)

- "Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away."
- "Planet: A body of earth surrounded by sky."
- "Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot."
- "Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives."
- "Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative."
- "To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose."
- "For a nosebleed: put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops."
- "For drowning: climb on top of the person and move up and down to make Artificial Perspiration."
- "For Fainting: Rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead, or put the head between the knees of the nearest medical doctor."
- "For dog bite: put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it."
- "For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead."
- "To prevent contraception: wear a condominium."
- "For head cold: use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat."
- "To keep milk from turning sour: keep it in the cow."
- "The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects."
- "The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana."
- "The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to."

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ALMOST DONE . . .



The progress on the Town Hall front entryway continues to move forward. The front steps are in place, as are the upper and lower ramps. At the time of photo what remains to be done is the finishing concrete to be poured.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The Alton Garden Club will hold its Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon at "The Pier" in Alton Bay, 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9. Voluntary contributions to the "Mrs. Santa Fund" for the children of Alton will be happily accepted.

Doris Barnes is the chairman with a committee comprised of Nancy Alden, Dorothy Folsom, and Pat Merrill. Under the guidance of the chairman, festive decorations are planned for us all. You'all come!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Vintage Fashion Revue" Luncheon on Wednesday, November 10 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"A Vintage Fashion Revue" will be the Special Feature, bringing "alive" Fashions from the Past. Stephen Neill from Meredith will provide the Special Music, "Fashionable Notes for the Present." Nicky McCarthy from Framingham, Massachusetts, will be the Special Speaker, presenting "A Designer's Original."

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

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"Saint Francis: Troubadour of God's Peace" is an award-winning one-man drama to be presented Sunday, November 7, 7 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Laconia. For all ages, running about one hour, tickets are \$6/adults and \$3/students; call Linda Hlasny, 524-1442 or Janet Leroux, 524-7503.



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The open houses will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. On November 1 there will be one in Meredith at the Humiston Building on High Street and on November 9 there will be another in Ossipee at the Ossipee Library on Main Street.

For more information call 279-8171.

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joined us both to learn more about us and to let us know of the many activities they have planned throughout the school year to support the Community Services Program. College bound individuals who participate in our program will be provided with a "Letter of Thanks" that can be submitted with their transcripts to colleges.

At this time we would like to thank a few of the many businesses that have come forward with monetary donations for the program: A-Bay Carpet, Alton Village Pizza, Gillan Marine, Jeri's Barbershop, Shibley's At The Pier, Curry Realtors, Band M Homes, and Dr. and Mrs. Louis Bortnick. We also thank Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Santomango for their very generous furniture donation.

If anyone would like to join these caring citizens, your tax-deductible donation can be made out to The Bay Church (specify The Food Pantry Fund). A "Letter of Thanks" will follow. We are deeply grateful to all who are presently working on food drives and funding for our program. Food donations can be left at any of the churches, the Town Hall (Pat Rockwood's office), or delivered directly to the Food Pantry (72 Main St.) during our regular hours: Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 12 noon; and Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m. We are also open by appointment to meet the needs of Alton's citizens. Call 875-CARE to schedule a time.

We would like to thank The Board of Selectman whose support is greatly appreciated and Main Street for providing a wonderful forum for all of Alton's residents.

The next meeting of volunteers will be held on Thursday November 4 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to join us. Many more individuals are still needed to assist with this program. If you plan to attend this meeting, please call Elizabeth Sweeney at 569-1881.

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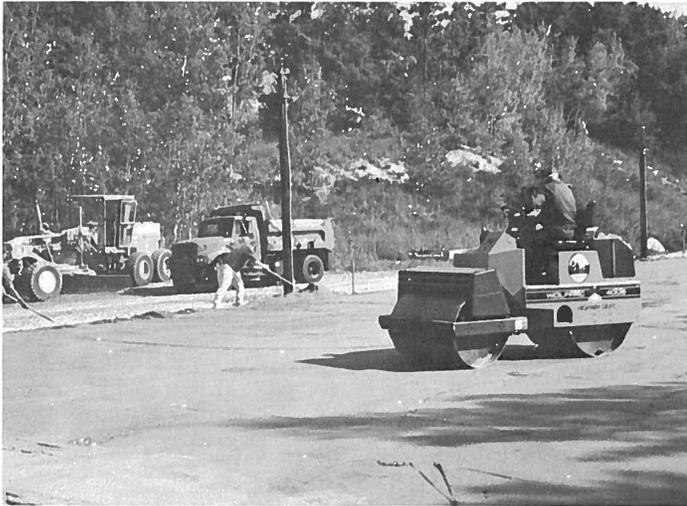
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BELKNAP COUNTY SERVICES

This is another in a series of articles attempting to show the effects of county government on the lives of you and your neighbors.

Belknap County Human Services Department

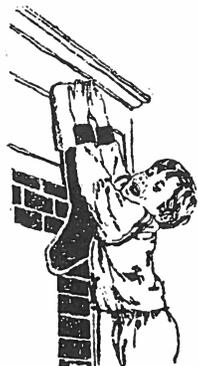
This department administers programs that serve our youth, elderly, and residents with disabilities. The cost is shared with the State of New Hampshire. Some of the funds that the county receives are targeted towards encouraging the development of community-based programs for children and young adults who may have committed a crime, be habitually truant from school, or are victims of abuse and neglect.

"Incentive funds" have been received annually since 1986 for encouraging the development of community-based diversion and alternative disposition programs for the youth. For example, on July 14 at a meeting of the County Commissioners, recommendations for awards totaling \$123,173 were submitted and approved for 12 programs, the majority of which were for the youth.

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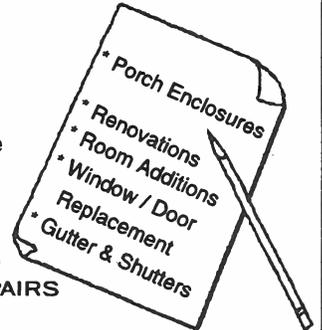
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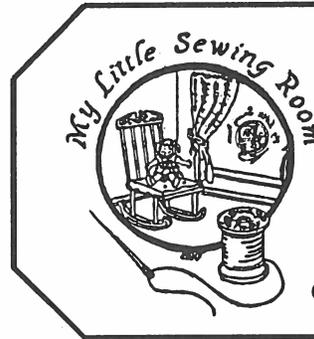
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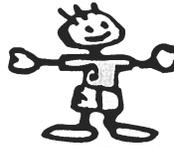
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Recreation Director

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Saturday Fun Day: Ages 7-12, November 13, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Alton Town Hall. Program includes a new release movie, scavenger hunt, candy bar bingo, snack, games, and more. Join Director Kellie Troendle in a full morning of fun, games, and movies. Program fee is \$2/person. Register at Parks and Recreation before November 10 to guarantee a place. Space is limited; register early.

Body Works Exercise Class: Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, Body Works with Lisa Jones is a toning and strength training exercise program. It is a target training class designed to build strong, lean muscle while reducing body fat through strength training. The class pays special attention to trouble areas including: inner and outer thighs, lower abdomen (pot belly), waist line, hips, buttocks, chest, triceps, biceps, and back. Lose inches and reduce stress by participating in this great program. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6 - 7 p.m. Drop in anytime; dress is casual. Beginners are welcome. Bring a mat, hand weights, and water bottle. \$3/class or \$20/month.

Country Line Dancing: For adults of all ages, these lessons are held every Tuesday from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Learn new dances every week. Program fee is \$3/6 months and classes are ongoing. Drop in anytime.

"Funtastic Holiday Crafts:" For ages 7-11. Join in the fun and create your own keepsakes or holiday gifts with instructors Kellie Troendle and Meghan St. Cyr on Saturday, December 4 at the Alton Town Hall from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Participants choose a project and decorate, design, and create. Projects include: 1) "Kids Craft" brand picture frame or 2) wooden plaque. You will decorate with fabric, sponge paint, rubber stamps, buttons, beads, and tessel tiles. Program fee is \$3/project and includes all supplies, instruction, gift wrapping, and refreshments. Register at Parks and Recreation before November 30 to guarantee supplies for your project.

For more information on these or other events, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

ADULT WALKING PROGRAM

The Alton Central School is continuing its adult walking program, which began three years ago. It takes place inside the school where it is warm and safe. You can walk from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. in the mornings and from 3 - 5 p.m. in the afternoons, Monday through Friday when school is in session. Participants walk at their own pace. You must register at the Main Office on each visit. For more information please call 875-7500.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Alton residents may place classified ads in any issue of Main Street. As a public service ads are primarily for *noncommercial* private individuals who have items for sale (except real estate for sale or rent), items or services wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each noncommercial ad of 35 words or less. Each additional 35 words costs \$1. (There is no charge for "Cards of Thanks" or ads under the "Free" classification.) The rate for commercial ads is \$12.50 per column inch. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad, or edit it for length/style. Ads must be submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may also be placed in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington Bank. Ads **must** contain a phone number.

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The Hart and Klein families would like to express their gratitude to the Alton, New Durham, and Gilmanton Fire and Rescue Departments, and the Alton Police Department, for all they did and all they tried to do for Janet and Michael at the scene of the accident on Saturday, October 16.

Thank you very much.

s/The Hart and Klein families.

BE PART OF Main Street ON NOVEMBER 26

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call co-editors MaryBee or Bob Longabaugh at 875-5067.

No talent will be turned away! Reporters for general and feature stories are needed, as well as salespersons to call on prospective advertisers. **The most immediate need** is for collators and staplers to help put the next issue together on Friday, November 26 (day after Thanksgiving). We meet at the Pearson Road Community Center 6:30 p.m.

ALTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS

Program is open to all age 60 and older. Meals served Monday-Friday, 12 noon (875-7102). Suggested \$2 donation.

November 1 - 5: Mon. Country-style Chicken Breast/Gravy; Tue., Swedish Meatballs on Egg Noodles; Wed., Hearty Beef Stew; Thu., Veal Parmesan & Pasta; Fri., Hot Dog & Beans.

November 8 - 12: Mon., Fish Fillet w/cheese on a roll; Tue., Hot sliced turkey/gravy; Wed., Pork Chow Mien on Rice; Thu., Closed for Veteran's Day; Fri., Macaroni 'n Cheese.

November 15 - 19: Mon., Fish Fillet; Tue., Herb Baked Chicken; Wed., Meatloaf/gravy; Thu., Baked Ham; Fri. Shepherd's Pie.

November 22 - 26: Mon., Stuffed Shells/Sauce; Tue., Thanksgiving Dinner; Wed., Lemon Pepper Fish Fillet; Thu., Closed for Thanksgiving Day; Fri., Salisbury Steak/gravy.

November 29 - 30: Mon., Pollock Fillet/Sherry Cream Sauce; Tue., Teriyaki Chicken.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . One of a pair of heavy cast iron urns, which was stolen from Riverside Cemetery, was recovered from an antique dealer in Portland, Maine . . . the Alton Garden Club gathered in the parking lot of the Congregational Meeting House to find out the destination for their Mystery Christmas luncheon . . . final preparations were being made to restore the Alton Bay Bandstand which sits on a rock ledge in the middle of the lower bay.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . A special Town Meeting was held to consider the collective bargaining agreement between the Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees . . . the Apache Players presented Neil Simon's famous comedy, "The Odd Couple" . . . a pewter medallion, displaying the Alton Town Hall, was designed by Hampshire Pewter to commemorate the town's bicentennial . . . the first of many Bicentennial organizational planning meetings was held and suggestions for a theme were brought up — details were to be worked out at future meetings.

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NEED A HOLIDAY TREE?

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Yes, once again the Alton Firemen's Association will be selling Christmas trees. If you are looking for a nice holiday tree, the sale will begin on Saturday, November 27, at the Alton Village 5 & 10.

Don't wait too long to check out what is available. Last year the trees disappeared very quickly. For additional information, please contact Lt. Chris Johnson at 875-4265.

Happy holidays to everyone.

TOYS TO RECYCLE

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS PROJECT

From November 1 to December 1 the Junior Girl Scouts will be holding a toy recycle drive. The troop is looking for (good condition) toys that are not being used. Any trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, etc., not being played with may be dropped off at the Farmington National Bank on Main Street in Alton. There will be a box for the collection.

All these items will be cleaned up, polished, repaired, ribbons, etc., and will be given to the Alton Fireflies for the Mrs. Santa Fund to help others at Christmas time.

If you have any questions or need help getting your toys to the bank, please call Lisa Goodwin at 875-6202 or Terry Beaupre at 875-7335. They will be glad to pick up the toys.



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