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FEBRUARY 14 IS WINTER CARNIVAL

Among all the other good things Alton is becoming known for is Winter Carnival. Unlike most other winter carnivals, it does not depend on having snow. But it does depend on having Alton Bay frozen solid to hold the weight of all the revelers.

On Sunday, February 14, the Alton Parks and Recreation Department will be continuing its now long tradition of sponsoring its Annual Winter Carnival at the Alton Bay Bandstand *on Lake Winnepesaukee* (NOT the bandstand on the shore, but the bandstand in the middle of the bay!). Events begin at 1 p.m. and the Great Alton Bay Bed Race is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments and T-shirts will be available for purchase. Gunstock skiing and tubing passes, as well as other prizes, will be awarded for the special events. For additional information on how you can enter the events, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

Be a part of the 1999 Winter Carnival by participating in an event, or just come by and watch the fun. Either way, you'll be glad you did.

Schedule Of Events:

1 - 3 p.m.: Disc Jockey at the bandstand, snowmobile radar run, fly-in

1 p.m.: Scavenger Hunt, Snow Sculpture Contest, Poker Run

1:30 p.m.: Obstacle Course

2 p.m.: Tug-of-War (see photos below)

2:30 p.m.: Limbo Contest

2:45 p.m.: The Parade of Beds

3 p.m.: The Great Alton Bay Bed Race

[Bed Race Rules: A five-person team pushes, pulls, or slides the bed to the finish line. No cleats. Beds can be made with skis or skates, and any size bed is welcome.]

PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL TO GO ON THE AIR

By Peter Pijoan

Alton's cable access channel 25, PEG (Public, Education, and Government), has as its goal to be on the air by early March in time for Town Meetings. This PEG access channel on MetroCast cable channel 25 results from the contract negotiated with Community TV, now MetroCast, by the Lakes Region Cable Television Consortium (LRCTC). This is a group of ten Lakes Region towns and cities that was formed so that one organization is dealing with the cable company, not ten.

The LRCTC agreement with MetroCast calls for the cable company to supply funds for equipment for the PEG cable TV station. This funding was supplied late last year.

Peter Pijoan of Alton Bay, who serves as Coordinator of the cable channel, and Scott Davis, the Director of the Huot Technical Center at Laconia High School, have been purchasing and assembling equipment and putting the studio together at the technical center.

Once the channel is on the air persons in Alton who have cable service will be able to watch events that they missed if they were videotaped for later showing. (Live telecasting is in the future.) Given that volunteers step forward to videotape such things as parades, concerts, plays, meetings, athletic events, how-to shows, and so on, they will be able to be aired subsequently. Also persons may borrow equipment and, once trained, video their own show to be aired. The Huot studio may also be used for this purpose, and training courses will be offered.

Questions or comments may be directed to Peter Pijoan at sdavis@laconia.k12.nh.us. The cable channel will have its own E-mail address in the near future.





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DOING THE RIGHT THING By Richard M. Pike, Superintendent of Schools

Peter Drucker, management guru extraordinaire, once noted that it is not enough to do something right; the important thing is to do the right thing! I have always maintained that the ultimate yardstick in the education profession is "what's best for kids." As a high school principal, I used to tell my staff with respect to their innovative instructional proposals or their budget requests, "Show me how this will benefit students, and you have my full support." This was classic "doing the right thing."

I recently asked myself why this line of thinking wasn't as prevalent today in public education. My sense is that we try to be all things to all people. In doing so, our focus becomes so broad that it is difficult to define excellence. Most of our evaluation systems today measure how well something is being done, but when was the last time we asked the question if the thing in question should be done at all? It becomes a matter of what we value as important.

There is an inexorable link between quality and excellence. Ultimately, we all know who defines excellence — the consumer! In Alton, the consumer is the parent, the taxpayer, the student, the community. State mandated testing scores and national norms provide us with useful information, but they should not be the driving force in the community's quest for educational excellence. The strategic plan for our district should be customized, not standardized! After all, it is the right thing to do!

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Main Street's Inside Front Page

LOTS OF GOVERNMENT IN ONE ROOM

By Bob Longabaugh

The night of January 11 saw something unusual for Alton: the Town's Selectmen, School Board, and Parks and Recreation Commission meeting together. Not only were they in the same room at the same time, but they were munching pizza and sipping soda (at no cost to the taxpayers) between uttering profound statements.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore topics of mutual concern and see if cooperative efforts might not advance the objectives of all three bodies. After all was said and done there seemed to be a consensus that it was worth doing and should be done again.

The meeting started with subjects dear to the hearts of the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, namely being sure that both indoor and outdoor spaces would be available in the future to accommodate their recreational program. While the school, so far, has been able to fit in outside activities, the gymnasium is virtually at its limit and will not be able to meet demand very much longer. There did not seem to be any disagreement that a second gymnasium and a better auditorium were both needed in Alton. There even appeared to be a good number of nodding heads that a new school would be the best way of accomplishing this.

Since so much of the Town's recreation program is directed at the school-age population, it was thought that it would be desirable to have the Parks and Recreation staff headquartered in the school. But, again, there is no room to spare in Alton's one and only school.

With both the Fire and Police Chiefs in attendance at the meeting the discussion moved to safety considerations at the school. Fire Chief Russell Sample was concerned with fire lane access while Police Chief Kevin Iwans responded to questions about what could be done to improve the traffic situation at the beginning and ending of the school day. Many ideas were explored. The Board of Selectmen and School Board agreed that a joint effort was called for, and a committee was appointed on the spot to report back on the best way to proceed. The membership of the committee included a parent who came to the meeting to address traffic and parking issues.

This was the second meeting where the Board of Selectmen met with other governmental entities to explore mutual concerns and solutions. Last May they met with the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment to discuss development issues. The same Selectman tapped his salary to provide pizza and soda to make for a more congenial atmosphere at that meeting as well.

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TO PROTECT AND SERVE
By Detective Steven T. Holly
Community Liaison Officer

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON SCHOOL STREET

Some of you who drop off your children at school in the morning or pick them up in the afternoon have probably noticed an officer walking around in front of the school during these times. The officer is there to provide a friendly face for the students, help the students safely across the street, and try to help with serious traffic problems should they arise. The officer will be at the school between 7:30 - 8 a.m. and 2:30 - 3 p.m. (unless busy with a priority call for police work). This new detail was put into effect by Police Chief Iwans in response to a growing concern for the safety of the students due to the increasing amount of traffic at the school during drop-off and pick-up times.

To help us keep our children safe, please try and drop your children off on School Street from the lane *closest* to the school so that they do not have to cross two lanes of traffic. Also, drive with extra care around the school and watch for children running across the street.

Students, this is a great opportunity for you to expand your cop card collection; go up and ask the officer for his or her card.

Check out our website at unix.worldpath.net/~apd. For questions or comments please contact me at 875-3752 or hollywd@worldpath.net.

ALTON SOCCER CLUB KICKS IN ITS 3RD SEASON

By Marcy Lowthian

Are you ready for some soccer?

The Alton Soccer Club is finally up and running again for a third year of exciting indoor competition. "Futsal" is the international term for indoor soccer, derived from the Spanish "futbol" and the word "sala" for indoor. Relatively new to New Hampshire, the indoor modification of this sport is played around the world. Thrilling 5 v 5 competition, with two 20-minute halves, no throw-ins, off-sides, or penalty kicks, makes for a fast-paced game. You are welcome to watch and enjoy these exciting games every Sunday at the Alton Central School gym from 4 - 7 p.m.

We are affiliated with the Lakes Region Soccer Club, an organization initiated by soccer enthusiast Terry Stamp of Wolfeboro four years ago. This ever-growing club has a roster of 23 teams with a membership of over 200 players and coaches. We are a division of the New Hampshire Soccer Association and a member of the United States Soccer Federation. Adults that may have played in high school or college and wish to keep fit and have a bit of fun during the winter months are invited to join the Adult Division.

The Alton Soccer Club would like to thank the Alton School Board and Athletics Director Scott Hutchins for making our third season a continuing successful program for the youth of Alton. Come join in the fun.





ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

THE MIDDLE MONTH

February is a middle month — middle of winter, the middle of the outdoor seasons. The snowmobile, skiing, and ice fishing seasons are in full swing now.

The snow machine trails have been cleared by the local clubs and cover many miles of Alton's outdoors. If you do not own a snow machine, the trails are usually packed down enough to simply walk them. It's a great way to help cure "cabin fever" this month.

On a "warm" sunny day, you can pack a lunch, grab the binoculars, wear warm boots, and take a hike. A vehicle may be left on one side of Alton Mountain (Rt. 140) and another can be driven to the base of Alton Mountain Road and a family can walk through. It's cheap entertainment and you may see some moose, deer, and other animal tracks to identify. "Highway 22" is the main snowmobile trail through Alton. Trail maps are available for sale at many local establishments.

Always remember the main purpose for any place you enjoy. These are snowmobile trails. They are often narrow and windy, with blind corners, and snowmobilers are not expecting to come across hikers on them. When you hear the snowmobiles coming, be sure to get a good distance off the trail immediately so they may pass by in safety. That way, all parties may enjoy the area.

There should be enough ice now for safe ice fishing. Again, this can be an inexpensive sport the whole family can enjoy. A fishing license, some ice "traps" or "tip-ups," bait, and a tool to cut through the ice and you're off. Bring a lunch, lawn chair, blanket, Frisbee for the kids, tennis ball for the dogs, a good book for yourself, and you will have plenty of entertainment between "flags."

Some families go hi-tech. I've seen radio controlled cars and trucks running around on the ice and model rockets being launched. However, one does not have to bring anything to enjoy the time between bites. Our dogs love to help dig out the ice holes and then spend hours chasing the ice chunks around. Our daughters love to "flush" out the holes and get the last little ice chips floating around. If you bring children, don't forget many extra dry mittens and socks. Dress in layers and wear a good vest to leave your arms free to pull up the hooked fish.

Hunting, fishing, and gun shows are also popular this month. Check the advertisements in the free *Hawkeye* paper at local sports shops.

See you out there, in Alton outdoors.







WINTER SAFETY TIPS

It is that time of the year when the lakes and ponds are supposedly solid ice, meaning we can walk or snowmobile out on those expanses. It is important for us as adults to make sure that our children don't venture out on these lakes and ponds until we have determined that it is safe. The best way to do this is to use an ice chisel to chop a hole in the ice to determine its thickness. Make sure you do this as you venture further out on to the ice, for the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the pond or lake you are on. The Cold Region Research Laboratory in Hanover states that as a "rule of thumb" there should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel takes place. There should be eight to ten inches of hard ice before snowmachine or ATV travel begins.

Never allow children to just go out by themselves on the ice. There are always areas of danger on these ponds and lakes. Any area where there is current, such as inlets and outlets, the ice will be dangerously thin. Areas where there are spring holes will also have thin ice. If an object is imbedded in the ice such as a rock, the ice around the rock will be thinner due to the rock's absorption of the sun's warmth. Other areas for caution are around bridges, docks and between islands in close proximity to each other. Never allow children to venture out on to the ice on rivers and streams because of the current.

Because of the extreme cold temperature of the water during winter months a person has very few minutes to get themselves out of the water and into a warm environment before a person becomes hypothermic. You should instruct your children in the proper method of getting out of the water and back on to safe ice. This is done by placing their arms on to the ice and kicking their legs in a motion similar to swimming, which gets them horizontal to the ice. They should continue kicking until they can slide on to the ice. They should then roll away from the hole and on to safe ice. They should not stand and walk away from the hole because of the likelihood of again falling through the ice.

In the event a person witnesses someone fall through the ice, that person should never attempt to rescue the individual by walking out to the hole. They should get a rope, branch, ladder or some other item that they can extend to the person in the water and then pull them up on to the ice. Rescue personnel should be alerted as soon as possible by placing a call, dialing 911.

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**ALTON TEACHERS AND SCHOOL BOARD
NEGOTIATE THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT**

Joyce Hopper and Deborah Burton (left), representing the Alton School Board, and Paul Thornton and Barbara Enos (right), representing the Alton Teachers' Association, recently negotiated a new proposed three-year collective bargaining agreement, beginning with the 1999-2000 school year. Under the terms of the agreement, Alton teachers would receive 2.47%, 3.03% and 2.98% salary increases over a three-year period. In addition, teachers will have five additional teacher workdays built into the school calendar for each of the three years. Both sides also agreed in a side-bar to the contract to meet during the 1999-2000 school year to explore a retirement plan for Alton teachers. Approval will be decided by the voters at the polls on Tuesday, March 9.

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

There's still time for you to enter the 13th annual ice-out contest. Main Street will accept all forms postmarked no later than February 27 and the prize to the winner for this year is a dinner for two at the J. P. China Restaurant 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.

Participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street. Most important is the fact that your entry must be postmarked by February 27 and be sure that you indicate a.m. or p.m. on your form.

ICE-OUT ENTRY FORM

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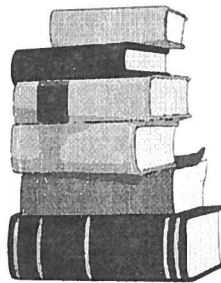
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GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

For your information Girl Scout cookies are available, but you have to call Lisa Goodwin at 875-6202 during the month of February to place your order. Goodwin is the leader of the Junior Troop 630 and says that the troop will be selling at a couple of different events during the month of March. Watch the EVENTS column in March for the day, date, time, and place for you to buy your favorite cookies and help the troop earn money.

TREE AND SHRUB SALE

Despite the cold it is time to start thinking about spring planting. Earth Day, Arbor Day, and Soil and Water Stewardship Week all come up in April.

Young bareroot trees, shrubs, and other plants are being offered through the Belknap County Conservation District's (BCCD) fund-raising 1999 Tree, Shrub and More Program. Orders must be received on or before the first week in March. Plants are available in small or large quantities. Free workshops will be held to discuss and demonstrate proper planting and care of the plants. If you wish to receive an order form or attend workshops, call BCCD at 528-8713.

Each year BCCD has been responding to local interest by changing some of the varieties and types of plants offered. Among these are evergreens, pears, peaches, semi-dwarf apples, dwarf apples, flowering and native trees and shrubs, blueberries, raspberries, rhubarb, asparagus, nut trees and shrubs, damp area perennial flowers, and plants to encourage wildlife habitat and shoreland protection. The order form will have information sheets with a description of each item.

BCCD is now researching new plant varieties to add to the list of items offered on this year's order form. Some key elements being considered are the climate of the Lakes Region, whether the plants are invasive or not, size and condition of the seedlings, if each item is prone to disease, and possible benefits to wildlife and shoreland protection.

Customers can choose to pick up prepaid purchases at the Gilmanton Iron Works Fire Station or the Longridge Farm in Meredith in late April and there will be a surplus plant sale at each location. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or wish to be put on BCCD's mailing list, please call 528-8713.

**PHILLIP CONSENTINO
CONGRESSIONAL INTERN**

Phillip Consentino of Alton is presently participating in a Congressional Internship in the Washington, D. C. office of William Delahunt - D., Massachusetts. Consentino is a third-year student at Middlebury College studying International Politics, Economics, and Russian. He is preparing for an upcoming semester abroad. A graduate of Northfield - Mount Hermon School, he is the son of Ed and Chris Consentino.



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The 1998 Federal Income Tax forms have arrived and are located in the adult wing of the library. At present we have a supply of Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ, along with their instruction booklets. In addition we have forms for Earned Income Credit, Child Care and Dependent Care, Interest & Ordinary Dividends, and Schedule A Itemized Deductions. If you should require a special form, it should be located in our Reproducible Tax Forms binder. We also have received the forms for the New Hampshire State taxes. Since we only have single copies of the special forms, you will have to make copies at the cost of ten cents each.

The next Book Discussion Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in the meeting room. The book chosen is *The Lilac Bus* by Maeve Binchy.

The Friends of the Gilman Library have not scheduled their next meeting at this time. Please check with us at the desk for the date and time.

**LOCAL CONGREGATION MAKING
 BIG PROMISES!**

A person's word may not count for much these days, but in the Town of Alton members of The Bay Church hope to change that as they launch a 50-day Spiritual Adventure called "Promises Worth Keeping: Resolving to Live What We Say We Believe."

The 50-Day Adventure, an all-church spiritual growth event, will take place from Sunday February 14 through Sunday, April 4. It is an annual event created by Mainstay Church Resources and The Chapel Ministries for use in thousands of churches nationwide. This year's topic was developed in cooperation with Promise Keepers, the national men's outreach. The series will take the seven promises of Promise Keepers and expand them for use by everyone, men, women, and children.

Pastor Bob Hett, who can be reached for further information at 875-6765, encourages anyone interested in learning about life promises and priorities to attend Sunday service at 10:45 a.m. and/or 6 p.m. The church meets in the Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

**BAY CHURCH TIME CHANGE FOR
 WINTER CARNIVAL**

The Bay Church usually begins the Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m. However, on Sunday, February 14, the services will begin at 9:30 a.m. due to the Winter Carnival activities that weekend.

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HARLEM ROCKETS COME TO ALTON!

By Jodi Fisichelli

The Alton Senior Class is sponsoring a Harlem Rockets Comedy Basketball game on March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Alton School gym. Tickets are \$6 each.

This is a game played by comedian basketball players against faculty/senior all-stars. If you would like to purchase a ticket, you can do so in the High School Library or from any senior, or at the following locations: Alton Circle Grocery, Alton Bay Lakeview Market, Alton Village 5 and 10, McGraths Food Center, and The Harvest Grille. All proceeds go to the seniors for the senior class trip.

Thank you and we hope to see you there.

VOLUNTEERISM ALIVE AND WELL

By Bob Longabaugh

Readers of Main Street who pay attention to detail will recall in last month's issue there was a "help wanted" notice for a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Town's Budget Committee. In the past this committee has experienced difficulty in maintaining full strength because the pay is low - like none - and the hours are long (two night meetings each week from November through February with only Christmas week off).

This time though it was not difficult to fill the vacancy. Not one, but TWO volunteers applied for the job. Both were *extremely* well qualified and, as newcomers to Alton, they wanted to get involved in their new community. After truly agonizing deliberations the Budget Committee appointed Alan Sherwood to fill the vacancy.

Sherwood and his wife, Janis McKittrick, recently moved to West Alton from Danville, New Hampshire. During Alan's 14 years in Danville, he served on the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board and, most recently, as a Town Selectman. As a Selectman he set-up the Town's computerized cost accounting system and was: the Selectman's Planning Board representative; liaison to the Conservation Commission and the Library Trustees; overseer of Assessing; and interface with the Town Auditor. He holds a masters degree in electrical engineering, served as a commissioned officer in the Air Force and worked as an engineer and technical manager at The Mitre Corporation and GTE Government Systems, both Massachusetts companies. He is now semi-retired and looking forward to starting a second career.

WAY TO GO VOLUNTEERS!

By Laurie Boyce

The Alton School Volunteers have once again won the Blue Ribbon Award given out by New Hampshire Partners in Education (NHPIE). The award came as a result of the tremendous number of volunteer hours given in helping the students at school in various ways. Last year the 184 volunteers gave a total number of hours just short of 10,000! This was done with the help of 114 students in the higher grades reading to the students in the lower grades.

I feel the volunteers are a BIG plus to the school. As one of the school's volunteer coordinators - Ruby Hawkins is the other - I would like to say THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers.

The volunteers this year are just as good, if not better. If you have some free time, think about joining this "elite" group. Call me at 875-7371 if you would like more information.

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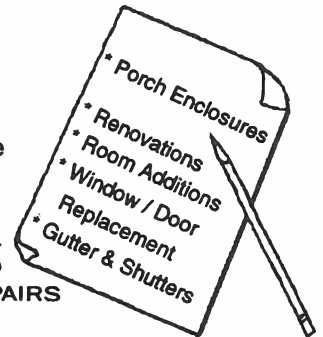
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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Tue. 2 GROUNDHOG DAY — What's your prediction?
LAST DAY TO SUBMIT TOWN BUDGET
PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Linwood, 6 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Linwood, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 3 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
- Thu. 4 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road
Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
TOWN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Town Hall,
7 p.m. (Snow date 2/6 at 10 a.m.)
- Fri. 5 GIRLS BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 6 SNOW DATE FOR SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE
SESSION, Alton Central School, 1 p.m.
- Sun. 7 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 7 p.m.
- Tue. 9 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, Alton Central School,
3 - 7 p.m., (see story)
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Moultonborough, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Moultonborough, 8 p.m.
- Wed. 10 CONFECTIONS BY JEANNE SMITH LUNCHEON
Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, Christian
Conference Center, 11:30 a.m. (see story)
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library, 6 p.m.
(see Checkout Desk)
BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING, warrant article petition to adopt
official ballot voting form of Town Meeting,
Alton Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.,
- Fri. 12 GIRLS BASKETBALL at Nute, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Nute, 8 p.m.
- Sun. 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
SWEETHEART PANCAKE BREAKFAST, American
Legion, 8 a.m. (see Legion story)
ALTON WINTER CARNIVAL, Alton Bay Bandstand
1 - 3 p.m., (see story)
INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 7 p.m.
- Mon. 15 PRESIDENT'S DAY
- Tue. 16 BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Sunapee, 7 p.m.
- Wed. 17 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
BASKETBALL Preliminary Rounds begin, Place TBA
Check Alton School for details
- Sun. 21 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 7 p.m.
- Wed. 24 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
- Sat. 27 ICE-OUT ENTRY FORM must be postmarked by
today
- Sun. 28 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 7 p.m.

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(1) P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay 03810 or (2) Farmington National Bank
(Main Street mail box). Be sure to include a phone number.

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).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to RSA 40:13 (SB-2) Official Ballot Voting on All Issues

The Alton Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 10 at the Town Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in response to a warrant article petition to adopt the official ballot voting form of Town Meeting.

CIVIC "STUFF" ...

STILL TIME FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

By Bob Calvert, Town Moderator

If you will be out of town/state on Tuesday, March 9, and unable to get to the polls at the Alton Central Fire Station on that date, you can still vote in the town and school elections. Please note: there are *two* elections and *two* separate ballots. So unless you use both, you're not doing your total voting service. Also please be reminded that the school ballot will have not only candidates for school-related offices thereon, but also all the school warrant articles, including the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

You can request an absentee school ballot from School Clerk Cindy Duffek at the Alton Central School or get both school and town ballots from the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall. An application must be filled out and original signatures are required. Therefore, fax applications cannot be accepted. Ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 8, to be counted on Election Day (the next day).

ELECTION VOLUNTEERS BEING SOUGHT AND SALES SPACE AVAILABLE FOR ELECTIONS ON MARCH 9

Town Moderator Bob Calvert and School Moderator Terry Noyes expect a high voter turnout on Tuesday, March 9, for the town and school elections at Alton Central Fire Station from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A talented corps of volunteers is pretty much in place for this event, but new and additional volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

How To Help

If you would like to help by taking a four-hour tour of duty (7 - 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; 3 - 7 p.m.; or 7 p.m. until the final count), call Bob Calvert at 875-2151 and sign on. The daytime poll workers help sign people in, guide them to voting booths, and assist in any way needed. The 7 p.m. evening crew count the ballots that the machine was unable to tally. This involves "write in" names which the machine cannot read, or ballots that are machine-rejected for whatever reason. A small group will also be needed at the Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 10, to sign voters in, handle any needed ballot votes, and to perform standing counts if required.

Sales Space On Election Day

Traditionally, sales space has been available up to the capacity of the exit area at the Central Fire Station for local (Alton) non-profit organizations. To reserve space, contact — as always — the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall.

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.

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

GILMAN LIBRARY:

Mon. and Wed., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Tue. and Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Thu. and Sun.

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

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

SOLID WASTE CENTER:

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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. 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 — 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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Monday, 8:30 a.m., 5th Monday, 7:15 p.m., Chairman Stan Czech; call 875-2161 for appointment

BUDGET COMMITTEE — 1st Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894

CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220

CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388

FIRE WARDS — Meet on call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510

GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833

LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232

LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call. Chairman Ken Gilbert, 859-2021

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets once a month, day varies, 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 Monday, 6 p.m., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meet on call. Chairman Cindy Duffek, 569-4441

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WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8 a.m., Chairman Charles B. Adams, Jr., 875-7246

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Glen McLean, 875-5095

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

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

Stanley Czech, 875-3815

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Week of February 1 - 5: Monday, Chopped Steak/Gravy; Tuesday, Chicken Cacciatore; Wednesday, Beef Stew; Thursday, Roast Pork/Gravy; Friday, Vegetable Lasagna.

Week of February 8 - 12: Monday, Lemon Pepper Cod; Tuesday, Roast Beef/Gravy; Wednesday, Chicken Ala King; Thursday, Mild Chili; Friday, Manicotti and Sauce.

Week of February 15 - 19: Monday, CLOSED for President's Day; Tuesday, Chicken Croquettes/Gravy; Ash Wednesday, Lemon Herb Cod Fillet; Thursday, Swedish Meatballs; Friday, Meatless Ziti Casserole.

Week of February 22 - 26: Monday, Southern Baked Chicken; Tuesday, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce; Wednesday, Curried Chicken; Thursday, Sauteed Beef with Onions and Peppers; Friday, Macaroni and Cheese.

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A few days later six mice are killed in a tragic farming accident and go to Heaven. Again there is the Lord to greet them with the same offer. The mice answer, "All of our lives we have been chased. We have had to run from cats, dogs, and even women with brooms. Running, running, running; we're tired of running. Do you think we could have roller skates so we don't have to run anymore?" The Lord says, "Say no more," and fits each mouse with beautiful new roller skates.

About a week later the Lord stops by to see the cat and finds him snoozing on the pillow. The Lord gently wakes the cat and asks him, "How are things going since you came here?" The cat stretches and yawns and replies, "It is wonderful here. Better than I could have ever expected. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending by are theeeeeee best!"

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS

Joshua Alan Tuck, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph C. Tuck, and a student at Notre Dame College, Manchester, has been selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

He will be included in the 1998 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES, an annual directory of outstanding students first published in 1934. A campus nomination committee and editors of the publication have included the name of this student based on his academic activities and potential for continued success. Joshua Alan Tuck joins an elite group of students selected from institutions of higher learning throughout the United States.

**ANDREW FULLER NAMED
ALTON GOOD CITIZEN BY D.A.R.**

Andrew Fuller, a senior at Alton Central School, was selected as a Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) Good Citizen of the year. Members of the faculty selected three members of the senior class who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their home, school, and community. From these three, the senior class chose their school's Good Citizen.

Acceptance by the D.A.R. followed review of a written application detailing his school activities, service in the community, future plans, work experience, and hobbies. An essay on "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility to Preserve It" also was judged by the organization.

Fuller was honored at a luncheon meeting of the Winnepesaukee Chapter of the D.A.R. and will attend the Annual State Awards Luncheon this month.

Fuller, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fuller of Alton, will pursue a four-year college program in the sciences next year.

POST 72, AMERICAN LEGION

By Patti McMullen

Mark you calendars! The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding its annual Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 14, 8 a.m. - 12 Noon. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Bring your lady for a fantastic meal and a great start to her day.

The Cub Scout Pack 53, sponsored by the Legion Post, has announced that their annual Blue and Gold Banquet will be held at the Foxy Johnny Restaurant in New Durham. Also they will be holding a Pinewood Derby at the American Legion Hall again this year.

In the past month the kitchen received a new face lift and the Dugout Lounge has been brightened up. So, now is the time to book the hall for any upcoming events. There is seating for up to 125 people with an available full bar. Many a bride and groom have passed through these doors and many a retiree through these walls. For more information on the rental, call 875-3461. Your call will be directed to the person in charge.

As the winter months press on, be sure to check in on your local veterans. With the weather being rather nasty this time of year, a lot of vets find it hard to get out and can use some assistance. If nothing more, a smiling face is always nice to see on a snowy day.

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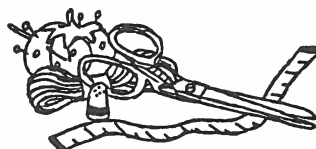


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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Confections by Jeanne Smith of Laconia will be the special feature at a luncheon that will take place on Wednesday, February 10, at the Conference Center, Route 11 in Alton Bay. Heather Rushing from Moultonboro will provide the music and Lois Watts from South Easton, Massachusetts, will be the speaker.

To make reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery, please call Janet Benedetto in Alton at 875-2032 between 2 and 6 p.m. or Harriet Ireland in Gilford at 524-7194 by Wednesday, February 3.

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

ABOUT MAIN STREET

Alton's monthly newspaper, Main Street, was created in 1985 to fill a need identified by a task force which was part of a major effort to inventory community needs. On the task force were representatives from the School Board, Alton Garden Club, Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, and three citizens at large. The group recognized that the means of getting the word around Alton were not up to what was needed. A recommendation was made that some sort of community newsletter would be useful.

Consequently, in the Spring of 1985 the group applied to the New Hampshire Secretary of State for an official non-profit corporation status, which was granted. Volume 1, number 1, of Main Street appeared in July of 1985.

From the start it has been an all volunteer effort with the revenue from advertising, plus a few private donations, paying for the cost of printing and distributing a copy to every mailbox in Alton without charge. Additional free copies are made available at the Town Hall and the various businesses around town.

Without the advertisers the paper would cease to provide its community service. That's why we urge our readers to "Support our Advertisers," and let them know you saw their ad in Main Street.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

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

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

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material with a 250-word maximum being desirable. The name of the person who prepared the submission, and a telephone number, *must* be included. Typed (and "scannable") text is preferred, but handwritten material will be given equal consideration. Text saved on a floppy disk is especially appreciated — contact the editor at 875-5067 to arrange details.

A REMINDER TO ADVERTISERS

The deadline for placing new ads in Main Street is the 15th of the month, or the first business day thereafter. Payment for new ads, or for continuing an existing ad, is due at the same time. New — or changed — advertising copy if not accompanying payment, must be delivered to the Alton Printing Company on Church Street no later than the close of business the same date.



**MOUNT MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER
THANKS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT**

By Sandy Jackson, Committee President

The Mount Major Community Center Operating Committee met in January to review its annual report and elect the following officers for 1999: President, Sandy Jackson; Vice President, Priscilla Farrell; Secretary, Kitty Croes; Treasurer, Pam Reynolds; Members-at-Large, Dan Downard, Dave Merfeld, and Jane King.

During the year the MMCC, located on Route 11 next to the West Alton Fire Station, was rented for a sports team supper, 16th birthday party, family reunion, and neighborhood association business meeting. If you would like information about a rental, contact Pam Reynolds, 875-7669 (P. O. Box 374, Alton Bay 03810) or Kitty Croes, 875-7165.

Many greatly appreciated donations were received. They include: outdoor sign, Milton Jensen; yard sale treasures, John Farrell; materials to construct a porch, Bill Finethy; cash donations, Bea Faulkingham and Alice Calvert; door prize for open house, Farmington National Bank; outdoor potted plants, Doug and Terry Smith; smoke detectors, Larry Bangs and Bob Goings.

It would be difficult to count the many hours donated by members, their families, and neighbors. We especially thank Larry Croes, Tim Croes, and Milt Jensen (porch construction), Ed Shilo (electrical wiring), and Brian Fortier (pathway site work). Thank you all for your support.

We welcome newcomers. Join us at our monthly business meetings or address our building needs (fund raising, publicity, painting, maintenance, etc.) Our group is open to anyone interested in helping us achieve our goal of providing the community-at-large with an inexpensive rental/meeting facility.

FEDERAL GRANTS SOUGHT

The Alton Board of Selectmen conducted a public hearing on January 20 to consider whether the Town should apply for Federal funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Board decided to proceed with three applications for CDBG monies.

One application would be for \$33,500 of Federal funds to assist in the construction of a septic system for the Alton Bay Community Center and build a parking lot on the west side of Route 11. The second would be for \$10,750 to be used in roof, siding, and drainage improvements at the Pearson Road Community Center. The last application would seek \$30,000 to install an elevator in the Gilman Library. When the library was expanded an elevator shaft was installed, but completion of the project was deferred until additional funding could be obtained.



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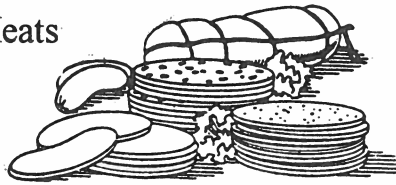


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BUSY CALENDER FOR THE NEW YEAR

This is my first installment of news from the Legislature. My colleagues, Rep. Stan Czech, Rep. Paul Golden and Rep. Gordon Bartlett (not to mention the 396 who represent other districts in the state) and I have started working through the new crop of legislation that has been proposed. This includes over 1000 Legislative Services Requests (LSR's) either being drafted or already printed up as bills.

Stan and Gordon are on the Transportation committee (could that bode well for some improvements to Rt. 140 perhaps?), Paul is on the Municipal and County Government committee and I am now on the Finance committee.

The hottest topic of course is the solution to the Claremont situation. At least 40 bills dealing with that are in the hopper. These range from broad-based tax proposals to property tax reduction to constitutional amendments. Several House committee hearings on Claremont bills have already been held and the plan is for all of them to be heard before the middle of February so they can "cross over" to the Senate. That April first deadline set by the Court is rapidly approaching.

Another pressing topic is the State Budget for the coming biennium. The Governor is scheduled to submit her budget proposal to the Legislature by the fifteenth. To comprehend the size and complexity of the State Budget, take the town and school budgets and multiply them by about a thousand. Last biennium it totaled over five billion dollars. My new committee has the daunting task of dissecting and making sense of it all.

Webster

The State has been updating and upgrading their Internet information system, called Webster (for Daniel Webster and a play on words for "the Web"). Some of the new information to be found there includes all the LSR's, all the House and Senate bills, schedules and dockets for hearings of bills, the complete set of the state's laws (RSA's), the state budget and much more. If you need information about the state this is a good place to start. The address to browse to and bookmark is www.state.nh.us

Besides the legislative information nearly all state departments and agencies have information available on Webster: the winning Megabucks numbers, abandoned property searches, on-line job searching. Check it out!

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Thomas Varney was elected worshipful master of Winnepesaukee Lodge #75 F. & A. M. . . . Rolf Dutzmann was named state curriculum coordinator by the Young Astronaut Council of Washington DC . . . Marilyn Dame and Robert Witham were co-chairpersons making plans for a gala combined Class Reunion to be held in July . . . plans were being made for the 54th annual Winter Carnival Ball . . . Reverend Dwight Meader and his wife, Lois, were honored on his retirement as pastor of the Community Church.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Sons of the American Legion were planning the very first Winter Luau on the ice in Alton Bay (grass skirts were optional) . . . other events, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, included Snow Golf, a Limbo Contest, and THE GREAT ALTON BAY BED RACE . . . creative cooking classes for students in Grades 5-12 were offered at the Alton Bay Community Center.



FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie M. Troendle
Recreation Director

A FUN, FUN, FUN FEBRUARY

Body Works With Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified
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No Charge for February Classes

Cardiovascular and strength training for muscles, heart, and body. Aerobic conditioning for 30 minutes and strength training with weights for 30 minutes. Classes ongoing at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. \$3/class or \$20/4 weeks. Beginners and all abilities welcome. Bring light hand weights, a mat, and water. Register with instructor at class.

Cooking Creations

Students ages 8-10 will learn basic food preparation techniques, including frying, baking, boiling, measuring, and slicing. Foods prepared will include chicken, beef, vegetables, salads and desserts. Classes will be held after school in the Home Ec room from 3 - 5 p.m. on February 3 and 10 at \$3/day, meals included. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department.

February Vacation Fun Week

If you are 7-10 years old the Alton Bay Community Center is the place to be from February 22 - 26, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Participants will have a great vacation week with the recreation staff. Activities include movies, games, crafts, sports, creative cooking, ice cream sundaes, and more. Program fee is \$25/week or \$7/day. Early drop off at 8 a.m. and late pick up at 4 p.m. available for an additional \$2/day.

Deadline to register is February 12.

Up All Night

Participants in grades 6-8 can sign up for the "Up All Night" to be held on February 19 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Join in the fun at the Alton Town Hall and see if you can stay up all night. You will be "locked in" with pizza, movies, music, creative games, ice cream sundaes, and more. The program fee is \$10 — wow , what a deal — which comes out to be only \$.83 per hour of total fun and excitement! Bring a flashlight, sleeping bag, and pillow. Deadline to register is February 12. This event is always a blast, and you can sleep at home all day Saturday and Sunday.

Karate Lessons

Karate lessons with Kwoon Karate Academy for ages 6-10 will be held after school in the cafeteria on Wednesdays, February 6 - March 10 — no class February 24. Participants will learn discipline, respect, karate techniques, and essential life skills. Program fee is \$25/five weeks. Register at Parks and Recreation Department. Parents are asked to meet their child at the cafeteria after each class at 4 p.m.

Fun and Games Day

Fun and Games Day, an event for ages 7-10, will be held on Saturday, February 6, Alton Town Hall from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Activities include: scavenger hunt, pizza party, candy bar bingo, movies, and crafts. Program fee is \$5. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

For adults of all ages. Learn new dances every week at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome. Great exercise and the instructor is a lot of fun. Program fee is a one-time payment of \$3 for six whole months of classes. Register with the instructor at class.



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SCIENCE EXAMS OF 11 YEAR OLDS**

"Water is composed of two gins, oxygin and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water."

"When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire."

"H20 is hot water, and C02 is cold water."

"To collect fumes of sulphur, hold down a deacon over a flame in a test tube."

"When you smell an odourless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide."

"Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state."

"Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes, and caterpillars."

"Blood flows down one leg and up the other."

"Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration."

"The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader."

"Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull."

"Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire."

"A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold."

"Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas."

The body consists of three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five - a, e, I, o and u."

Cards of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to every individual, organization, club, committee, commission, Town Departments and staff, and The Christian Conference Center for your contributions and generosity towards the Open House and Retirement Dinner for Alton Town Clerk, Gwendolyn "Penny" Jones.

We also appreciate the volunteers and staff who gave of their time and talents making these events very memorable for Penny.

Thank you all!

/s/The Party Committee

The Alton Welfare Department wishes to thank Operation Blessings, the volunteers, Mrs. Santa Fund, and all of you who contributed so generously to help needy families in our community over the holidays.

/s/The Alton Welfare Department

The American Legion Auxiliary would like to thank the American Legion Post 72, Masonic Lodge 75, The Knights of Columbus, and the Police Association for their donations that helped to make the Christmas party and baskets a success. There were about 125 children at the Christmas party and 14 food baskets and 41 children received gifts. Once again thanks.

/s/Millie Pierce, Treasurer, Unit 72

**IN MEMORIAM****JOHN F. HANLEY**

John F. "Frank" Hanley, 79, of Medford, Massachusetts, a summer resident of Alton Bay, died on November 19 at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston after a long illness.

Born and raised in Malden, he was educated in Malden Schools and had been a resident there for 36 years. He was a retired postal service employee and co-owner of Sunset Printers in Medford. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Force.

His family members include his wife, Lucy; and his children, Linda Bates of New Durham, Deborah Hanley of Scottsville, Virginia, Kevin Hanley of Medford, Sheila Shea of Alton, and James Hanley of Malden. He had 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John's passing is noted because of his involvement in the growth of Main Street during its early years. John was particularly enthusiastic about its formation and its benefit to the community, often offering great suggestions. Through the resources of his printing company, John loaned numerous items to help collate and staple the early editions.

We are grateful for his many contributions to Main Street.

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BE A KNOWLEDGEABLE VOTER

Do you know who is running for selectman? Have you heard anything about the candidates? How can you find out?

Main Street will give you answers to those questions in two ways. First, all candidates will be asked to detail their reasons for running for office. These responses will be printed in the March issue. Second, all candidates will be invited to present their views and respond to your questions at a public meeting.

Candidates' Night will be sponsored by Main Street on Tuesday, March 2, in the Alton Central School Recital Hall at 7 p.m. Mark Northridge, assistant town moderator, will again coordinate the presentations and questions.

This will be your only opportunity to compare the candidates first-hand and make intelligent choices in the polling booth. Plan to attend!

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

By Ann Norman-Burke

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, February 9 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Alton Central School. Regular donors, plus first-time donors, are encouraged to attend to give the gift of life. This blood drive is being sponsored by Farmington National Bank. Donors will be treated to a well-stocked canteen table provided by the generous support of volunteers and local businesses. Support local children like Chris and Tyler Finethy and Mitchell Boutwell who need regular transfusions of blood products.

Requirements to be a blood donor are quite simple; you need to be at least 17 years of age and weigh 110 pounds or more. For more information about General Health Guidelines, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-262-2660. You can contact local organizers Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492 or Lisa Finethy at 875-7653.



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