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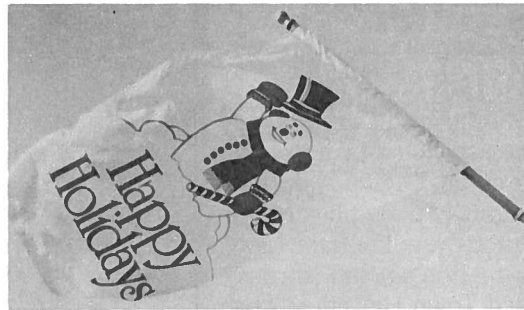


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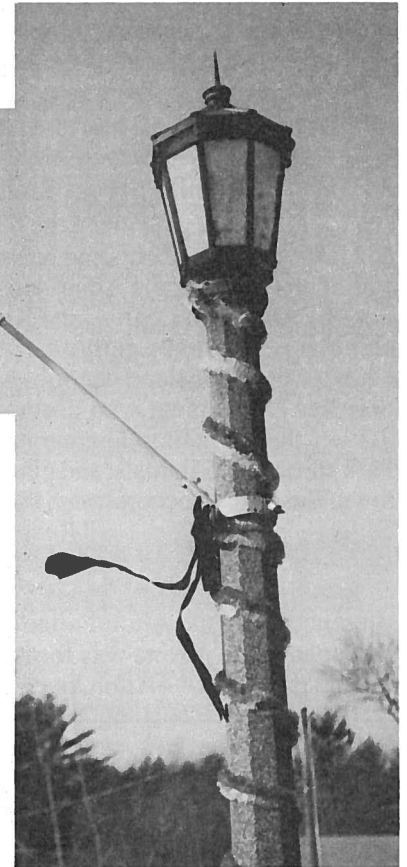


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Main Street SALUTES . . .

. . . all of you who made the holiday season so enjoyable and festive: the residents and business owners who decorated and lit up the town; the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, and Knights of Columbus for the children's Christmas party; the Alton-New Durham Lions Club for the Bandstand decorations; Alton's Administrative Services Department who decorated Town Hall, the Police Station, the Alton Bay Community Center, the Ginny Douglas Park spruce (975 lights!), and placed the holiday flags around town; the gazebo decorations; the Fireflies for remembering children in need; Parks and Recreation for its many seasonal activities; Alton School Music Department for the holiday concerts; the Town Hall staff who coordinated the "Operation Blessings" and the Alton Police Association and volunteers who made sure no one was forgotten; the churches for their special programs — Alton, once again you outdid yourself!



PARKS NAMED SUPERINTENDENT

By Bob Longabaugh

The Alton School Board has announced that Donald E. Parks of Cortland, New York, will be the new Superintendent of Schools. Parks will report to his new position on July 1. Until that time Dr. Owen Conway will continue as interim superintendent.

Parks comes to Alton with 21 years of experience as a superintendent, most recently in Cortland where he has held the position since 1994. Previous to that he was superintendent in Saranac, New York. He started his career in education as a high school teacher of English and social studies.

His academic credentials include a Bachelor of Science in history from the State University College at Brockport, New York, a master's degree in education from the State University College at Potsdam, New York, and a certificate in advanced graduate studies from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Commenting on the selection of Parks, School Board Chairman Debbie Burton cited his long experience in school administration and his success in his previous positions. "We believe that he will bring that experience to Alton," said Burton. School Board member Loring Carr chaired the search committee for the new superintendent. He said that Parks seemed to have the "right fit" for the Alton District.

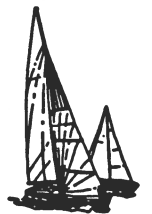
ALTON TEACHERS' CONTRACT APPROVED

The voters of Alton went to the polls on Saturday, December 11, and approved the collective bargaining agreement between the school board and the Alton Teachers Association. There were 140 votes in favor of the contract with 66 opposed. This is a one-year agreement calling for an increase of \$57,263 in salaries and benefits. Further negotiations are now in progress for the future.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO ROUTE 11

By Andrew Locke, Alton Town Planner

The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is soliciting input on improvements to New Hampshire Route 11 from Echo Shores north to Ellacoya State Park. Prior to making a proposal the NHDOT wants to find out what area residents favor in the way of improvements to Route 11. Local residents may have their greatest say as to what will happen to the highway in this area.

Among the options that NHDOT will likely be considering are a major by-pass (similar to the section of Route 11 south of Echo Shores past Mt. Major to Rand Hill Road), minor by-passes (cutting off corners, etc.), and basic improvements (in sight distances, shoulder widenings, reconstructing the road base, etc.) on the existing alignment.

The public meeting will be hosted by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. It will be held on Wednesday, January 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Gilford Town Hall. Inasmuch as the sole purpose of the meeting is to gather public input on what should happen to this section of Route 11, all interested persons are urged to attend.

14TH ANNUAL ICE-OUT CONTEST DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 29

For the 14th year, Main Street is giving you the opportunity to win a dinner for two. The locale for the Millennium year winner will be Shibleys' at the Pier in Alton Bay.

This is an annual contest won by the person who comes closest to the date of "ice-out" in Lake Winnepesaukee as decided by the official ice watchers around the "Big Lake." Last year "ice-out" occurred at 4:32 p.m., April 8. The earliest date was March 28, 1921, and the latest, May 12, 1888, the first year there was an organized contest. Records date from 1887.

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

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 29 and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

ICE-OUT ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED BY SELECTMEN

The Alton Board of Selectmen has decided to hold a special town meeting on Saturday, January 15, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Alton Central School gymnasium. The meeting is designed to review options for dealing with HB 999 and provide guidance and direction to the Board of Selectmen in the school-funding challenge faced by our town.

A debate will look at some proposed solutions and alternatives to HB 999, the newly enacted statewide education property tax law. This law was adopted to comply with the New Hampshire Supreme Court ruling known as "Claremont II." Scheduled participants include State Senator Mary Brown, Fred Bramante, Senator Mark Fernald, and Senator Clifton Below. No appropriations action is involved in this meeting. No binding action will result, but, hopefully, the Selectmen will catch the general will of the people. Following the debate there will be questions and answers.



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTS

Scott Dunn, who has been the Town Administrator for Alton since July of 1992, will be leaving his duties on December 28 in order to assume a similar position in Stowe, Vermont, on January 3.

Dunn came to Alton having been selected from 150 applicants for the position. He came to the job with both a bachelor's and master's degree in public administration, the latter from the University of New Hampshire. He left the directorship of parks and recreation in Plymouth to become Alton's Town Administrator.

Reflecting on his 7 1/2 years in Alton's top government position Dunn believes that the improvements to Town Hall, the successful closure of the landfill, and the Alton Bay revitalization are some of his noteworthy accomplishments. Additionally, he points with pride to the fact that the Town has not had to borrow money in six years.

In his resignation letter to the Board of Selectmen, Dunn stated: "Although I make no claim to having been perfect, I can honestly state that I have worked hard in a professional manner to do what I felt was in the best interest of Alton, and I have diligently implemented the decisions of the Board."

As it was in Alton, Dunn was selected from among 150 applicants for the position in Stowe.

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MT. MAJOR SNOWMOBILE CLUB

By Judy Geer

Trail work has been coming along slowly. With such a hot summer it was hard to get back into thinking about colder weather. It's on its way though. We have had a couple of meetings and still have a few projects that need to be finished up. Manpower seems to be a problem.

A Safety Course for ATV and Snowmobiles was held at Merry Meeting Park on October 23. Our own Virginia Bergeron, who runs these courses, has been made the Safety Coordinator for the Belknap region. Congratulations! We knew you were doing a good job. There was a good turnout for this course. One was held with the New Durham club on December 11 at the New Durham Library and another one will be at Larry's Sales on January 9.

We are planning a Familiarization Ride In on January 9, with a rain date of January 16. Meeting place will be Bob Bergeron's house on Route 140 in Alton. Our Poker Run and Radar Run will be held tentatively on February 20 in conjunction with the Alton Winter Festival 2000.

On December 18 there was an election of officers. Anyone interested in joining us in any of the activities, coming to a meeting, or donating some free time to help with trail work, please feel free to call Dave Geer 889-4697 or our Trailmaster, Bob Bergeron at 875-6714.

On a sad note we were very sorry to hear of the passing of our Vice-President, Dick Langille. Dick was instrumental in keeping the Mt. Major Snowmobile Club going over the years. He was always out there helping with trail work, selling ads for the maps, and coming to help out at all our functions. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

PTSA NEWS

By Judith Pellowe

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) craft fair was a great success again this year. Over 40 crafters filled the gymnasium with all sorts of handmade crafts and goodies. The sixth grade made reindeer pins and had a pie sale. The event raised over \$800 for the PTSA. Next year's craft fair promises to be even better.

In addition the Aiwa boombox raffle winner was drawn at the Holiday Concert held Thursday night, December 16, and the winner was Laurie Griggs!!! This raffle raised \$75 towards the playground fund.

The PTSA plans to continue sponsoring dances which have been very popular. They are in need of chaperones; so if you can help, please contact Rick at 875-2572 or Marcy at 875-7116. In addition, anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend the PTSA meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the High School Library.

Over 100 students in all grades contributed in building a gingerbread house, which was entered in a contest sponsored by Strawberry Banke. Over 15 groups entered. The Alton School gingerbread house won first prize. It was on display for a period of time in the school lobby.

VNA-HOSPICE ELECTS OFFICERS

The VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity (Alton) elected officers for the new year at its recent annual meeting. The President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively are Wolfeboro residents David Booth, Edward Roundy, and Harry Widman. Named Vice President was Alice Ziegler Calvert of Alton who has served on the Board of Directors for the past three years and has chaired their Evaluation Committee.



ALTON BAY REMAINS PORT OF CALL

By Joe Harris

After many months of rumors and speculation, the 2000 summer schedule for the MS Mount Washington has been released. To the relief of many residents and local businesses, Alton Bay will continue to be a weekly stop. The cruise schedule will remain the same as last year with the "Mount" stopping in Alton Bay on Thursday mornings at 11:15 a.m.

Scenic cruises will still depart from Weirs Beach twice daily and once each day from alternate ports around the lake. Cruises are expected to begin in late May and continue through October. For more information on events and cruises, you can contact the main office at (603) 366-5531 or toll free at (888) 843-6686.

The 2000 schedule has not been updated on their web site as Main Street goes to press, but it can be viewed at www.msmountwashington.com for future changes and scheduling.

"P.D." GOES TO SEA?

By Bob Longabaugh

The Alton Police Department ("P.D.") may be getting a boat to enable them to do their job on the "Big Lake," as well as on land. At the Town Meetings in 1997 and 1998 there were proposals on the agenda to purchase a boat for the P.D., but it was not to happen in those years. The year 2000 may be different.

Hearing the sentiments expressed at the Town Meetings of why wouldn't a used boat fill the bill, Police Chief Kevin Iwans kept his antenna up. Through the informal grapevine that law enforcement officials have, he recently got wind of a used boat that had been declared government surplus. He moved with dispatch, and for only the cost of towing a loaded boat trailer from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to Alton, a 21-foot McKee center console boat has taken up temporary residence in the police station garage awaiting some repair work, and — not exactly a minor omission — an engine.

Chief Iwans remains optimistic that between private donations and modest town government outlays, he will be able to repair and equip the boat to get it up to the standards required for law enforcement work. Department personnel and other volunteers are beginning to renovate the hull and make repairs on their own time. The boat will be marked "Alton Public Safety" so that the town's Building Inspector, Tax Assessor, and other departments will not have to hire a water taxi when carrying out their duties on any of the 14 islands within the town's borders.

Of Alton's total area of 84 square miles, a little over half is water. When the public safety boat goes into service, the Alton police will be better able to render their services over the entire town.

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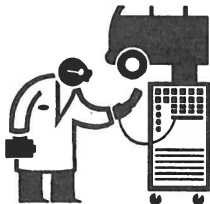
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HISTORIC ALTON:



THE WHITE LODGE

By Judith Pellowe

Located on the corner of Main Street and Route 140, the White Lodge is unusual in that it is built in a Grecian style not often seen in New England.

Built around 1875, the White Lodge was originally a lavish private residence. The building had living quarters on the first and second floors and servants' quarters on the third floor. D. Melvin Mooney later operated a tavern and rooming house. In 1903 William Rockwell Clough purchased the property and used it for his business and residence.

In 1930 when the shoe factory across the street burned, a portion of the White Lodge caught fire, but was rebuilt. In 1952 the property was purchased by Norman Griffin, who named the building the White Lodge and ran a tourist home and restaurant there. In recent years the property has been used as a private residence in the form of apartments.

ALTON BUSINESS RECEIVES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD

In its annual awards banquet the Greater Laconia-Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce announced winners of their Annual Awards. Presentations included several "Golden Hammer" and Golden Trowel" awards, recognizing contributions in Building Improvement and Landscaping.

The Bay View Pavilion of Alton Bay was singled out in the "Attractions/Recreation" category as having made significant improvements to building structure. As many have seen, the efforts have greatly improved the facilities' image, the effects of which have been felt in the community, as well as the entire Lakes Region.

PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP RELIEF

Taxpayers in Alton who meet certain criteria are eligible for whole or partial relief of the percentage increase of their property tax bill. It is not simple, but worth looking into if you think you may qualify.

Households with one adult member with an income of up to \$25,000, and households with two or more adult members with an income of up to \$50,000, may be able to obtain relief on their education property tax on their primary residence with a valuation cap of \$200,000. Submission of the applicant's 1998 and 1999 property tax bills and a copy of the 1998 Federal Income Tax Return are required. Refunds may take up to three months to process. The application deadline is 60 days after the due date of the town tax bill.

If your household comes close to meeting the requirements outlined above, ask for Form DP-6 at the Tax Collectors office in the Alton Town Hall.



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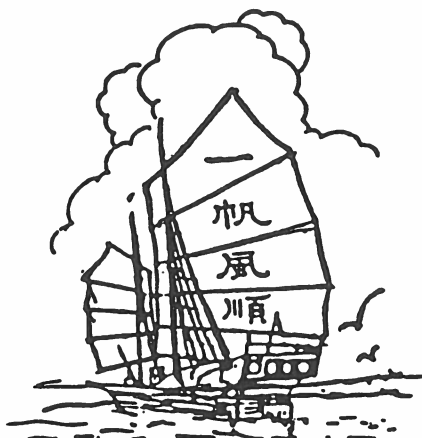
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(see Information Center for worship times)

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

There will be a family New Year's Eve party hosted by the Community Church, the Bay Church, and St. Joan of Arc. All are welcome to attend. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. and will include games and movies at the Community Church on Church Street, as well as volleyball and basketball at the Alton School gym (7 - 9 p.m.). Pizza and Chinese will be ordered for refreshments. The evening will end with a service at 11:30 p.m. Come and join us for family fun!!!

A hymn sing is planned on January 16 at 6 p.m. at the Church Street building. It will be a fun time of singing your favorite hymns and will be followed by dessert and coffee in the vestry. Mark this on your calendar.

On Wednesday afternoons from 3 - 5:30 p.m. is the Kid's Klub. All children in grades K - 6 are welcome. The program we use is Patch the Pirate, which includes singing and crafts with a spiritual message. A snack and light dinner is provided. Call 875-5561 for more information.

At our fall business meeting it was voted that we have two Sunday morning worship services on a trial basis during January. The times are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. All are welcome to come and worship with us.

ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) continues to serve the community with its food pantry, medical supplies, and varied items which have been donated by caring citizens.

The food pantry served 37 adults and 52 children in October, 42 adults and 51 children in November, and as of December 14 had already served 38 adults and 43 children.

Thanks go to all of you who have donated time, money, food, and many other items. You are responsible for the success this program has achieved in meeting many and varied community needs.

Our next meeting of volunteers will be held on Thursday, January 27, at 7 p.m. in the Alton Town Hall first floor conference room. Please call Elizabeth Sweeney at 569-1881 to let her know if you will be attending.

The Community Services Program cannot survive without the financial support of local businesses and other groups and individuals. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to The Bay Church and mail it to the attention of Elizabeth Sweeney, R.R. #1, Box 90J, Alton 03809. We are grateful for all contributions.

All of us at the Alton Community Services Program wish all in our community a Happy, Healthy New Year!

MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

Attention, Moms! Here is a chance for you to become part of "Moms in Touch International." It is a group of mothers (regardless of church denomination and no political agenda) who meet one hour each week to pray for their children and the schools they attend. I am inviting Alton Moms to join me as we "stand in the gap" for our children. We know our children face many pressures at school, and I believe prayer is one of the best gifts we can give them. Prayer goes places we can't. If you wish to be part of this praying support group, call me at 875-2866. The first meeting is tentatively planned for Tuesday, January 4, the time and place to be determined.

ELECTIONS: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SET FOR FEBRUARY 1

The long-awaited Presidential Primary, first of four elections in the year 2000, will be held Tuesday, February 1, at the Alton Central Fire Station from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. This election traditionally has a big turnout, but is a quick trip through the polls; you vote for one candidate on your ballot of choice.

Absentee ballots can be secured by written or personal application to the Town Clerk's office (no fax requests). They must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, January 31, at 5 p.m. to be counted.

TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS ARE TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Annual voting for town and school offices is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Anyone planning to run for either a town or school office must file with the Town Clerk between Wednesday, January 26 and Friday, February 4. On the last day that office will stay open until 5 p.m. One must be a registered voter to run for office; new voter registration will be available from 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25. There is a \$1 filing fee for any office which receives compensation, with no fee for an office receiving no compensation.

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

- Town Elections**
- Selectman for three years (William Ryan)
- Town Clerk for three years (Laurie Ann Dunn)
- Tax Collector for three years (Anne M. Kroeger)
- Treasurer for Three Years (Helen M. Sullivan)
- Trustee of Trust Funds for three years (Muriel Stinson)
- Highway Agent for three years (Kenneth G. Roberts)
- Library Trustee for three years (EllaMarie Carr)
- Fire Ward for three years (Russell E. Jones)
- Fire Ward for one year (David Birdsey)
- Moderator for two years (Robert L. Calvert)
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- Cemetery Trustee for one year (Florence Shaw)

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(Donna Briggs)

Planning Board for three years [elect two]

(Vacancy, Pamela Canuel)

Planning Board for one year

(Fran Washburn)

Supervisor of the Checklist for six years

(Kellie Troendle)

Supervisor of the Checklist for four years

(Laurie Boyce)

Supervisor of the Checklist for two years

(MaryBee Longabaugh)

School District Elections

School Moderator for one year

(Terri Noyes)

School Clerk for one year

(Christine Whalen)

School Treasurer for one year

(Shirley Young)

School Board Member for three years [elect two]

(Loring Carr, Joyce Hopper)

The School District Deliberative Session will be held in February, so watch for that date in your next Main Street.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

The Alton Budget Committee has appointed Donna Briggs to fill the vacancy until the March 14 election. Remember, if you wish to file to run for any of the positions opening up on this committee, you must do so between January 26 and February 4.

The public hearing on the Town Budget will be Thursday, February 3, with a storm date of Tuesday, February 8. The public hearing on the School Budget will be Thursday, January 13, with a storm date of Saturday, January 15.

The schedule for the town departments who have yet to give their presentations of budget 2000 are listed below. The meetings will be at Town Hall at 7 p.m.

January 4: Conservation Commission; Hazardous Waste Day; Emergency Management; Fire Department; Gilman Museum.

January 6: Recreation Department; Solid Waste Operations; Fire Hydrants; Water Department.

January 11: Library; Capital Improvements.

In addition to Briggs, other members of the Budget Committee are: Virginia Bergeron, Laurie Boyce, Frank Decoster, Greg Fuller, Anna Griffin, Ruth Messier, Alan Sherwood, and Scott Sweezey as Chairman. Representing the School Board are Robert Loprete with Joyce Hopper as alternate; representing the Selectmen is Harold Bothwick.

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JANUARY EVENTS

- Fri. 12/31 FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, sponsored by the three churches, Community Church, 7 p.m., service at 11:30 p.m., see story
- Sat. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR, Y2K IS HERE!
- Wed. 5 GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Nute, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Nute, 8 p.m.
BINGO, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 7 GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Linwood, 6 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Linwood, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. 8 K OF C FREE THROW, New Durham School, 2 - 4 p.m., see story
- Sun. 9 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Mon. 10 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m., see "Checkout"
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Calvary Christian, 6:30 p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING, Zoning Amendments, Town Hall, 7 p.m., see story
- Tue. 11 BOYS BASKETBALL @ Calvary Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 12 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, Christian Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
PUBLIC MEETING ON ROUTE 11 IMPROVEMENTS, 6 p.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 13 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
SCHOOL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Budget Committee, Alton Central School, 7 p.m. (snow date 1/15), see story
- Fri. 14 GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Groveton, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Groveton, 7 p.m.
- Sat. 15 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, Statewide property tax, Alton Central School, 1 p.m., see story
- Sun. 16 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 8 p.m.
HYMN SING, Community Church, 6 p.m., see story
- Tue. 18 GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Sunapee, 7 p.m.
- Wed. 19 BINGO, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
MT. MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER, annual meeting, West Alton Fire Station, 6:45 p.m., see story
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Sunapee, 7 p.m.
- Thu. 20 GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Derryfield, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 21 BOYS BASKETBALL @ Derryfield, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 22 SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST, Voter registration for Presidential Primary, Town Hall, 11 a.m. - 12 noon
- Sun. 23 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Tue. 25 SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST, Voter registration for Town Election, Town Hall, 7 - 9 p.m.
- Wed. 26 BALLOT FILING PERIOD BEGINS, Town and School positions, see story
BINGO, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 27 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM, volunteer meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m., see story
- Fri. 28 GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Laconic Christian, 6 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Laconic Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 30 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 8 p.m.

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ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

By Andrew Locke, Alton Town Planner

The Town of Alton Planning Board has selected Monday, January 10, at 7 p.m. for the first public hearing on Zoning Amendments to be put forth at the 2000 Town Meeting. The Board will hear comments on both their own amendments and those that will have been petitioned by town voters.

The amendments proposed by the board are as follows:

1. Section 220, Non-conforming Uses. This will clarify treatment of non-conforming structures and correct grammatical errors.

2. Section 227, Setback Requirements. This places the setback requirements for structures located in the Shoreland Protection Overlay District into the general setback requirement section. The section also clarifies what line setbacks are to be measured from.

3. Section 256, Camping and Use of Recreational Vehicles. This creates a new section that regulates camping and the use of Recreational Vehicles (RV's). Camping in RV's would be allowed only when constructing a dwelling, or when parked in a campground or RV park.

4. Section 312, Restrictions Governing Use (Lakeshore Residential (LR) Zone). This revises the LR Zone to require a minimum road frontage of 30 feet for all mainland waterfront lots.

5. Article 500, Definitions. This adds three new definitions: Building Envelope, Contractor Equipment Storage, and Outdoor Recreation.

6. Section 301, Table of Uses. This revises permitted uses as follows: permits single-family and combined dwelling and business in Zone RS; prohibits Manufactured Homes in Zone RS; permits Boat Service in Zone RC; adds Contractor Equipment Storage as a Special Exception in Zones RC, RR, and RU; Permits Recreational Uses - Not for Profit in Zones RR and RU; adds Outdoor Recreation as a Special Exception in Zones R, RR, and RU; Permits Marinas in Zone RC.

Copies of draft amendments are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Alton Town Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Once the selectmen have certified the petition amendments they will also be available at Town Hall.

HELP WANTED

SECRETARY/CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Town of Alton seeks energetic, detail-oriented person to fill position of Secretary/Clerical Assistant in Land Use/Property Records Department. Primary responsibilities: taking minutes and tracking applications/files for Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Conservation Commission.

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Applications available at Town Hall, or send resume to Town of Alton, Land Use & Property Records Department, P.O. Box 659, Alton, NH 03809. E.O.E.

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; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor
 Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Services, 8:30 a.m. and 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
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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 — 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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ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN

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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.

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 — 3rd 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 MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.

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.

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NH SENATE

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

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LANDFILL PERMITS

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New Landfill Permits went on sale as of December 1. You may buy your permit(s) either at the Town Clerk's Office or the Solid Waste Center. Each permit costs \$1.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

By Peter Gerbino, Knights of Columbus

All boys and girls ages 10 - 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2000 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 8, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the New Durham School, Bay Street, New Durham.

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

This event is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus. The winners progress through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls ages 10 - 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year more than 218,000 sharpshooters took part in 3,453 local competitions.

ALTON'S SOCCER STARS

For the second year in a row Zach Christy has captured the Tri-County All-Star Soccer Boys' Player of the Year award. He scored 39 goals during the season and had 16 assists. He broke his own school record and had one of the highest totals ever in the state. He is "one of the most unselfish players" says his coach, Gary "Bubba" Noyes.

Jeremy Morris also deserves recognition for playing on the front line when needed, even though he is a fullback. He gives 100 percent in participation, according to his coach.

Not to be left out, the Tri-County Girls' Team had Jenny Martin who was an all-star last year and is co-captain of the Apache team. She plays striker or midfield, depending upon the need. Coach Brian Hikel states Martin "has an excellent work ethic." Also the midfield included Deanna Hillsgrove, a senior and co-captain, with strong defensive skills and an ability to control play. That is what defense is all about.

Main Street congratulates these fine young athletes, as well as all the other young people who are out there participating and giving their all for the team and the game.

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Ice fishing season should begin this month with some "hard water." As always, be sure to check the regulations for the body of water you fish and the species you go after. But this year, get the lead out!

As of January 1 no lead sinkers of one ounce or less, and no lead jigs less than one inch long may be used in fresh water in the State of New Hampshire. Steel and tin sinkers are available at most fishing supply stores. What to do with the old lead sinkers and jigs? They may still be used in the ocean or convert them into muzzle-loading bullets.

January 1 is the opening of the night hunting season for coyotes. Special regulations allow night hunting with written landowner permission. This type of hunting entails going into the woods at night and calling to imitate a hurt or dying rabbit to attract the coyote within range. It can be exciting since the coyotes come running in expecting to find their next meal. Night hunting is allowed because these wary animals are nocturnal and move the most after dark. Daylight coyote hunting is allowed year round. With a healthy, local population hunters should give this elusive predator a try. You will need all your best hunting skills.

Loading ammunition, tying flies, and attending sportsmen's shows and gun shows will help beat cabin fever this month.

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POLICE ADVISORY GROUP FORMS

On November 30 a group of seven Alton residents came together for the first time in response to a Police Department call for citizen assistance. The Department recognizes that a part of their mission is to be responsive to the needs and wishes of those who live in the community, and this was a "reach out" to do that.

In September, 1998, the Alton "P.D." distributed a questionnaire in Main Street asking readers to rate the department on their performance and let them know what the respondents believed should be given the most attention in their work. At that time traffic enforcement was rated highly in what the people wanted. The department was not satisfied for that one "snapshot" in time, however, and has been looking at other means to stay tuned in on what the townspeople expect of their police force.

Last October's Main Street put out the word that the P.D. was looking for "about" seven people to come together every other month to form a two-way communication link and advise the department on its operations. As the notice said "Anything and everything will be open for discussion, including policies and procedures, patrol functions, budgetary matters, personnel issues (to the extent allowed by law), and whatever else may come up."

The first meeting of the new group was, of course, one of getting acquainted and discussing some of the possibilities for future attention. Police Chief Kevin Iwans and Lieutenant Tracy Shattuck hosted the meeting (with pizza). The citizens attending were Sherry Barsanti, Pat Corless, John Dwyer, Phil Laurion, Bob Longabaugh, Tom Maximchuk, and Steve McMahan.

The next meeting of the group will be at 6:30 p.m. on January 18 at the Police Station. The public is welcome to attend. Also, there is still room for another person or two on the panel. Let Lieutenant Shattuck know of your interest by calling him at 875-0757, during office hours. Even if you are unable to spend three hours every other month on assisting the police department in this way, pass on your ideas to one or more of the people listed above.

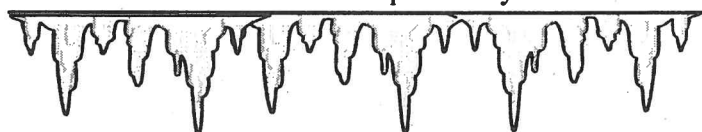
MOUNT MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER

By Sandy Jackson, President

The Mount Major Community Center (MMCC), complete with its new driveway and handicapped accessible entrance, has closed for the winter months. Thanks to the joint efforts of many community members and businesses, the Center is now sporting a new look. Be sure to check us out when you drive by on Route 11.

This rental facility is available from April until October. The past 1999 season was a big success thanks to the many different groups who found their way to our hall for a variety of events. We look forward to the return of warmer spring weather so that our doors can be reopened to the public. If you would like to receive a brochure with rental information, please contact Pam Reynolds at 875-7669, or P. O. Box 374, Alton Bay, 03810.

On January 19 the MMCC Operating Committee will be holding its annual meeting. At this time we will share the 1999 Annual Report and elect officers for the year 2000. Anyone interested in learning more about our group is welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. at the West Alton Fire Station. Hope to see you there!



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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "2000 Luncheon" on Wednesday, January 12, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Calendar Sing-A-Long" will be the Special Feature by Laurette Morley from Ashland; Robert Radford from Nashua will provide the Special Music entitled "Timeless Music;" and Mona Radford from Nashua will be the Special Speaker presenting "Song for a Lifetime."

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.

NEW AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY

FICTION

Ansay, A. Manette	Vinegar Hill
Baldacci, David	Saving Faith
Brown, Dale	Battle Born
Steel, Danielle	Irresistible Forces

NONFICTION

Glenn, John (w/Taylor, N.)	John Glenn: A Memoir
Hillier, Malcolm	The Book of Container Gardening
Irving, John	My Movie Business, A Memoir
Whitefield, Charles	Healing the Child Within
Rule, Ann	If You Really Loved Me

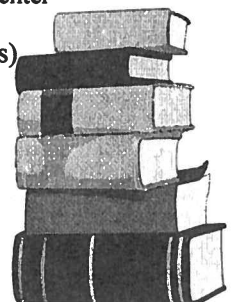
CHILDREN

Barkan, Joanne	A Pup in King Arthur's Court (Wishbone Series)
Bernthal, Mark S.	Barney & Baby Bop Go to the Library
Blackstone, Stella	Bear's Busy Family
Brenner, Barbara	United Nations 50th Anniv. Book
Butcher, Nancy	Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Dog (Wishbone Series)
Dadey, D. & Jones, M.	Frankenstein Doesn't Slam Hockey Pucks; Trolls Don't Ride Roller Coasters; Wolfmen Don't Hula Dance
Doherty, Gilliam	Ghosts: Evidence & Arguments (Usborne Paranormal Guide)
DuBosque, Doug	Draw 3-D
Fiorello, Frank	Pumpkin Patch Scarecrows
Gaines, Isabel	Pooh's Surprise Basket
Harvey Gill	Pooh & The Storm That Sparkled ESP? Evidence & Arguments (Usborne Paranormal Guide)
Harvey, Miles	Look What Came From Italy
	Look What Came From Mexico
	Look What Came From China
	Look What Came From Egypt
Jablonski, Carla	Homer Sweet Homer (Wishbone Series)
Jenkins, Steve	Top of World: Climbing Mt. Everest
Reinagle, Damon J.	Draw Sports Figures
Steele, Alexander	The Last of the Breed (Wishbone Series)
Steele, Michael A.	Digging to the Center of the Earth (Wishbone Series)

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Our library has also been chosen as a location for AARP's new Legal Services Network. This program, offering legal services to AARP members at reduced rates, can meet the older American's need for easy access to reasonably-priced legal services. For more information regarding this new benefit please contact the library.

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Monday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library. They will be discussing *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakaur. Copies are available at the library.

Start the new year with a resolution always to return your library materials on time. Many of you already do and for that we are very grateful. For those who have overdue materials, we are willing to help you start your New Year's resolution. Bring back any past-due books between January 3 and 17 and there will be no overdue fine. Returning your books on time is greatly appreciated, especially during this period, as we are presently doing inventory.

Good News! Our date stamps are Y2K compliant, so don't hesitate to come in and check out library materials! Happy New Year.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Now is the time when the lakes and ponds begin to freeze and become solid ice so we can walk or snowmobile on them. It is important to ensure that we do not venture out on these areas unless they are safe. The best way to do this is use a chisel to chop a hole in the ice to determine its thickness. Make sure you do this as you venture out on the ice for its thickness will not be uniform. There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before foot travel takes place and eight to ten inches before snowmachine or ATV travel begins.

Never allow children to go out alone on the ice. The areas of danger on the water are: where a current or spring holes exist; where an object like a rock is imbedded in ice which is thinner due to the sun's warmth; around bridges, docks, or between islands near each other; and rivers and streams where currents keep them from freezing solid.

Due to the extreme cold water temperature, a person has very few minutes to get out and into a warm environment before he/she becomes hypothermic. The proper method of getting out and back onto safe ice is: place your arms on the ice and kick your legs in a swimming motion getting them horizontal to the ice; continue kicking until you slide onto the ice; then roll away from the hole to safe ice. Do not stand and walk away; the ice may be very thin.

In the event you see someone fall through the ice, do NOT attempt a rescue by walking to the hole. Get a rope, branch, ladder, or extendable item to the person and then pull them onto the ice. Alert rescue personnel; — call 911.



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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HONORS GOOD CITIZENS

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

Grade Two - Ashley Barsanti, Casey Beranger, Lindsey Daniels, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, James Goodwin, Kelsey Hopper, Megan Hopper, Brian Jones, Daniel Lang, Levi Liedtke, Stephanie Moulton, Kimberly Sykes, and Zachary Whissel.

Grade Three - Shaida Anderson, Marina Avery, Nathan Barrett, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Felicia Carter, Shanelle Chagnon, Felicia Drewniak, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Katie Gage, Samantha Golden, Kimberly Grant, Andrea Hillsgrove, Michael Jensen, Justin Kantar, William MacDuff, Stephanie Macdonald, Heidi McGlone, Vincent Meuse, Katelyn Ordway, Thomas Pellowe, Britney Perkins, Katie Powers, Meagan Rojek, Stephanie Roy, Kelsea Scerra, Kathleen Sykes, Olivia Varney, and Rick Yeaton.

Grade Four - Josh Austin, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Kelsey Crathern, Matt DiVito, Meagan DiVito, Natasia Drewniak, Emily Folan, Gary Ford, Michael Fulp, Ryan Gillan, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Logan Hopper, Makina Itchkavich-Levasseur, Jeremy Kim, Jesse Lane, Andrew Levasseur, Christopher Loprete, Alina Loynd, Karol Anne Mansfield, C. J. Moulton, Corine Pearce, Chantal Pearson, Amanda Pellowe, Tricia Perry, Tara Prescott, James Richardson, Jennifer Shafer, Julie Shafer, Robyn Shibley, Stephen Talon, Brianna Tidd, Krystal Vigue, Caitlin Wenzlau, and Jessica Wilcox.

Grade Five - Dottie Jean Bailey, Bradley Bissell, Jennifer Boucher, Mara Cook-Hamer, Jeffrey Delemus, Katie Dunn, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Kim Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Daniel Keniston, Marc Roy, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, and Julie Thoroughgood.

Grade Six - Shannon Cornelissen, Nicholas DiVito, Chris Frost, Michelle Fulp, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan, Daniel Pitman, Patrick Quinn, Amber Richardson, Jessica Rothwell, Aimee Terravechia, and Jamie Turner.

Grade Seven - Amanda Boudreau, Vanessa Gilbert, Ashley Marren, Ashley Waterman, Christina Jamieson, Whitney Marston, Brenna Quann, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Erin Hannafin, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Shayna Randall, and Lyndsey St. Laurent.

Grade Eight - Lyndsey Caron, Tamara Cornelissen, Carl Dickson, Robyn Ford, Lindsay Kenerson, Stephanie Keniston, Melissa Kim, J. P. Latchaw, Dylan Laurion, Kyle McAuliffe, Tracy McGovern, Crista Perkins, Megan Pickard, Tonya Prescott, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, Cherie Royer, Krista Shibley, Matt Sydow, Stephanie Tanguay, Lindsey Tinlin, and Kelsey Yelle.



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

Fourth Grade - High Honors: Tony Castagnaro, Jesse Lane, and Caitlin Wenzlau; Honors: Kelsey Crathern, Courtney Emerson, Emily Folan, Gary Ford, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Tyler Houghton, Andrew Levasseur, Alina Loynd, Chris Moulton, Amanda Pellowe, Tara Prescott, Mathew Rojek, Jennifer Shafer, Julie Shafer, Christopher Stewart, Jason Tanguay, Briana Tidd, and Krystal Vigue.

Fifth Grade - High Honors: Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, and Jeffrey St. Cyr; Honors: Dottie Jean Bailey, Hannah Barnett, Jennifer Boucher, Jeffrey Delemus, Katie Dunn, Caila Kantar, Daniel Lampman, Josh Liedtke, Nicholas Lundy, Kelly Main, Marc Roy, Travis Staples, Bryce St. Cyr, Wesley Taggett, and Ty Tremblay.

Sixth Grade - High Honors: Owen Laurion; Honors: Jamie Bilodeau, Johanna Dickson, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan, Jacqueline Piaseczny, Patrick Quinn, Amber Richardson, and Katrina Tidd.

Seventh Grade - High Honors: Anne Farrell; Honors: Amanda Boudreau, Kelly Eagles, Erin Hannafin, Christina Jamieson, Ashley Marren, Brigitte Proctor, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, and Lyndsey St. Laurent.

Eighth Grade - High Honors: Lyndsey Caron, Krista Shibley, and Stephanie Tanguay; Honors: David Currid, Elspeth Dana, Carl Dickson, Lindsay Kenerson, Dylan Laurion, Kyle McAuliffe, Tonya Prescott, Daniel Quinn, Meredith Roy, Matthew Sydow, and Kelsey Yelle.

Ninth Grade - High Honors: Katie Brooks and Terese Hopper; Honors: Hilary Ballentine, Scott Baumgartner, Jill Feger, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Amanda Jones, David Snell, and Erin Wood.

Tenth Grade - High Honors: David Benedetto, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Dana Lang, and Marissa Peterson; Honors: Kayla Ballentine, Daniel Bemis, Scott Blair, Joshua Carr, Morgan Fuller, Rebecca Howard, John McAuliffe, Anthony Sanborn, David Shibley, Jane Varney, and Steven Wood.

Eleventh Grade - High Honors: Zachary Christy, Renee LaFreniere, and Katie Morrill; Honors: Amy Beauregard, Katie Boles, Kelsie Croes, Sara Dore, Alicia Mansur, Karine Marchand, Lorin McGovern, David Osborn, Ashley Southwell, and Meghan St. Cyr.

Twelfth Grade - Honors: Michael Caverly, Kimberly Collins, Korin Eagles, Terry Feger, Brian Fuller, Christopher Harris, Jerusha Hayward, Kristofor Hulett, Frederick LaCrosse, Jenny Martin, Eric Morrill, Katharine O'Meara, Elizabeth Quindley, Jon Russo, Marissa Southwell, and Victor Stone.

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. If you, the advertiser, have new — or changed — advertising copy, YOU are expected to deliver it to the Alton Printing Company on Church Street no later than the close of business the same date. Your payment is due by the 15th, either by mail to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay 03810 or by hand to the Farmington Bank on Main Street.

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**WHAT TO LOOK FOR
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The Highway Department is ready to start preparations on our summer construction projects. Some of these projects are: 1) reconstruction of Fort Point Road; 2) widening of Rines Road to the pit (brush and stump dump); 3) widening of Lily Pond Road and blasting the ledge to straighten out the roadway; 4) widening (ditch lines) on upper Bay Hill Road.

With time and money permitting, we will widen Davis Road and Sunset Estates Road, as well as still doing our normal maintenance of cleaning culverts and ditches, pot hole patching, cutting back brush on the roads, grading, crack sealing, chip sealing, overlaying and shimming the roads, fixing street signs, and helping residents in any way possible, staying within town guidelines.

On my last note of 1999 I would like to thank the residents of Alton for their support and phone calls to make our town a better place in which to live. For the future of Alton, see you at the Town Meeting!



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

FUN BEGINNING THE YEAR 2000

Dance Attack Lessons with Julie Libby

Dance Attack with Julie Libby is an after school program open to all students in Grades 1 - 8. Classes feature: Street Funk, Hip Hop, and Video Funk. Learn the newest, coolest dance moves and do something fun after school. No experience needed. From January 10 - February 14 classes will be held at the Alton School Cafeteria on Mondays. Grades 1 - 4 from 3 - 3:45 p.m. and Grades 5 - 8, 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Program fee is \$29 for the six-week program. Register at Parks and Recreation Department before January 6 to guarantee a space.

Kinder Rec, Ages 3 - 5

Kinder Rec is a great program designed for toddlers exploring the world with real elements, including sharing, cooperation, imagination, and laughter. Activities include interactive play, cooperative games, art projects, musical instruments, and much more. Classes will be held Tuesdays from January 11 through February 1 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Program fee is \$2/class. Register at Parks and Recreation before January 4 to guarantee a space.

Body Works Exercise Program with Lisa Jones

Body Works with Lisa Jones is a target training class that is designed to build strong lean muscle while reducing body fat through strength training. Class pays special attention to waistline, biceps, triceps, lower abdomen, chest, quadriceps, inner and outer thighs, and back. Classes are held at the Alton Bay Community Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m.; classes are ongoing. \$3/class or \$20/month. Drop in anytime. Bring a mat, light hand weights, and water.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

Line dancing lessons for adults of all ages are held at the Alton Bay Community Center every Tuesday from 1 - 3 p.m. Classes resume January 11. Drop in anytime. Program fee is \$3 for the entire winter season of lessons. What a deal!

Co-Ed Adult Volleyball

Join adults 18 and over at this fun and active indoor program. Pick up games are held Saturday nights at the Alton Central School Gym from 7:30 - 10 p.m. The program is free and everyone is welcome. For more information see John Caley or call Parks and Recreation.

Winter Festival 2000

The Annual Winter Festival (formerly Winter Carnival) sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department is scheduled for February 13 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the bandstand on Lake Winnepesaukee. The event will feature the famous Alton Bay Bed Race, Family Scavenger Hunt, Fly-In, games, contests, and more. Great prizes will be awarded, including Gunstock ski passes. Organizations that would like to get involved by sponsoring an event or food booth should contact the Parks and Recreation Department. There will be more information in February.

For information on these and other events, call 875-0109.

SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY?

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

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January 10 - 14: Mon., Country Style Chicken Breast; Tue., Meatballs/Gravy; Wed., Hearty Beef Stew; Thu., Veal Parmesan; Fri., Hot Dog/Baked Beans.

January 17 - 21: Mon., Closed for Civil Rights Day; Tue., Sliced Turkey/Gravy; Wed., Pork Chow Mein; Thu., Yankee Pot Roast/Onion Gravy; Fri., Macaroni and Cheese.

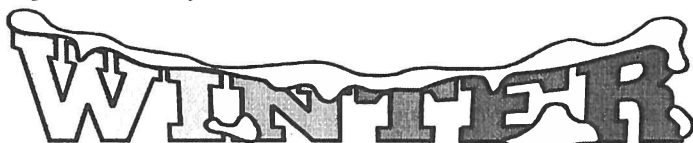
January 24 - 28: Mon., Pollock Filet/Sherry Cream Sauce; Tue., Teriyaki Chicken; Wed., Roast Beef; Thu., Roast Pork Loin/Gravy; Fri., American Chop Suey.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Assistant Chief Robert Reinholz retired after thirty years of service with the Alton Fire Department . . . the Alton-New Durham Lions Club celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary, noting that it had helped support eyesight, hearing and diabetes awareness, community projects, and donates two scholarships annually . . . Alton pilot, Ed Dadura, had an important passenger as his flight returned to New York from Budapest, Hungary — Nadia Comaneci was among his passengers as she defected to the United States.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Students at Alton Central School were fortunate to have a Russian Exchange Teacher for several days — she explained to the students what schools and life were like in Russia and hoped to take new ideas and information back to her Russian school . . . the Mount Major Snowmobile Club was looking for new members to help with and enjoy its expanded trail system.



CARD OF THANKS

A TARDY THANK YOU to the wonderful person who retrieved a Christmas parcel that fell along the snow covered road somewhere between Prospect Mt. Road and the Alton post office. I had "momentarily" placed it on the roof of my car and then drove to town! Bless you for picking it up and depositing it into the USPS mail stream. It was delivered for Christmas 1998.

/s/Patricia Diliberto

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

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Because of the warm weather we have been experiencing, people who were using their stoves have been shutting them down. Don't forget that the chimney does get dirty and therefore should be checked out before using it again. Cleaning chimneys and proper installation are the two most important aspects of fire safety.

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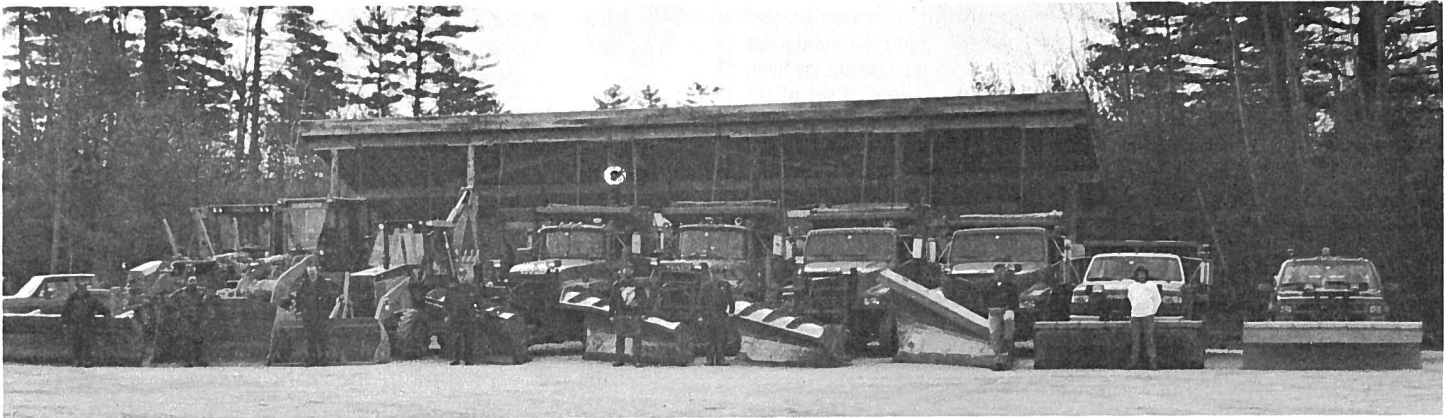
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