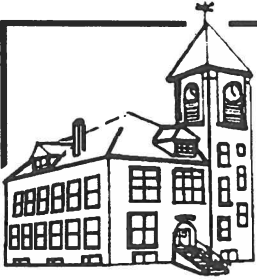


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A TOW OF A DIFFERENT KIND

Motorists and other passersby of the "traffic triangle" at the intersection of NH Routes 11 and 28A in Alton Bay have been smiling for the second year in a row. Last year a "skier" with broken skis adorned the triangle. This fall we see two paddlers in a canoe giving a water skier a hair-raising tow.

While the triangle is state property, under an arrangement with the NH Department of Transportation its care and maintenance for many years has been handled by Alton Bay's Downing family. Alton's *Boston Post Cane* holder until April, 1999, Aida Downing, was probably the provider of "T.L.C." to the area for the longest period of time. (The *Boston Post Cane* is held by the town's oldest resident.)

Four generations of Downings have been tenders of the triangle, starting with Minnie Downing, followed by Lester and Aida, thence Richard and Mary Downing and Ruth Jones, and currently Jonathan and Nancy Downing. These people have not only mowed the grass and kept the triangle tidy, but have provided and planted the various floral arrangements.

Last year Jonathan was bit by a bit of whimsy and added the defrocked skier to the display. This year the roadside sculpture grew to the canoe and "persons" shown above.

VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

By MaryBee Longabaugh

On Tuesday, November 7, the polls for the General Election will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station located on Route 140.

In this election you will be voting for many positions, including President, Vice President, and Congressman of the United States, Governor of New Hampshire, along with Executive Councilor, State Senator, and four Representatives of the House, and various county offices.

The only way you can make your views count is to get out and express your opinion on a ballot. Exercise your constitutional rights! VOTE!

For those of you who have not yet registered to vote, you

may do so on November 7 at the polls. Go to the Supervisors of the Checklist table first. Have two (2) proofs of identification with you, one of which shows a physical address in Alton, not, repeat NOT, a P. O. Box. No one lives in a post office box.





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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK By Donald E. Parks Superintendent of Schools

VOTE ON PROPERTY WAS POSITIVE

A special thanks to Alton for supporting the purchase of land to build a new school. I felt the number of votes (800) was an indication of the keen interest of the community in this event. [Editor's note: This exceeded the 791 Alton voters who came out for the September State Primary election.] The vote of 451 yes and 349 no was rather close, yet it was a 12.3 percent margin on the positive side.

The question on the minds of many people is: "What is next?" The School Board must now set up a process to look at a number of options and get community input as to what option would be the best to provide the highest quality education possible at the most efficient price.

These parcels of land will allow the district to build any type of school the district selects. There is plenty of space available to add on to whatever type of school is built should the need arise in the future. The community has "future-proofed" its educational facility needs for years to come. Let's all work together now to build a school that the whole community will support.

Thanks again for your support.

SPECIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Maria Dreyer, Director, Special Education

SAU #72 serves the Alton School district. As mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Act, public schools must provide special education for all children between the ages of 3 and 21 who are determined to be educationally disabled. The law also requires school districts to identify such children from birth through two years of age. This law applies to all children, including those in non-public school, preschools, and hospital settings.

If you suspect that a child may have an educationally disabling condition, you are encouraged to contact the school district in which the child resides to discuss your concerns. School personnel will provide you with information on the procedures for making a referral.

Please contact me at 875-7500 for more information.

IN MEMORIAM

JEANNE T. COLE

(1933 - 2000)



Another hard-working and dedicated Alton civic servant has passed away and will be genuinely missed here. Jeanne T. Cole, former Treasurer and Business Manager, as well as reporter, for Main Street died recently. She was also for many years a valued elections worker in Alton elections and Town Meetings.

Loving mother, dedicated wife, and widely-participating citizen, she was Treasurer of her Episcopal Church in Wolfeboro, enthusiastic bridge player, and frequent tournament contender, as well as golfer and swimmer of considerable ability and a world traveler.

She is survived by husband, Ted, who is also a heavily-involved civic leader in this area. We salute the highly positive and productive life of Jeanne Cole!

(RLC, for the Main Street Editorial Board)



Main Street's Inside Front Page



ALTON VILLAGE DESIGN CHARRETTE DEEMED A SUCCESS

By Andy Locke, Alton Planning Director

On October 13 and 14 a diversity of Alton citizens (as shown above) met with business and design professionals to talk and think about improvements to the "Village Area." The "Charrette," sponsored by the Alton Planning Board and Board of Selectmen, focused on Main Street (NH Route 11) from Karen's Country Kitchen to the Alton Traffic Circle, with particular attention to the area between School Street and Old Wolfeboro Road. The 25 or so participants filled the ears of Tom Sommers, CLD Engineers, and his crew with a host of ideas. Among the ideas were wider sidewalks (preferably brick or concrete) extending on both sides of Main Street from Karen's to the circle; more street trees; eliminating overhead power lines; creating shared parking between the Congregational Church and the Town of Alton; improved signage, street lighting, and benches; realignment of Old Wolfeboro Road and Main Street to create a larger Ginny Douglas Park; and a host of other ideas.

Now the design professionals will retreat to their offices, sift through the suggestions and consensus generated at the Charrette, and return in early January with a final report and cost estimates. Once adopted by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen, the final report will allow the town to start looking for funding and implementation.

It was truly rewarding to see actual planning in action — from the ground up. Citizens came and shared their visions, and the professionals helped flesh out their ideas. Thanks go out to all who participated and volunteered their time.

[Editor's Note: The Saturday summary session of the Charrette was shown on LRPA-TV's Channel 25 in October. The last showing on Channel 25 will be on Wednesday, November 1, at 8:30 p.m. After that the video cassette will be available for checkout at the Gilman Library.]

AN ERROR OF OMISSION

In the article submitted to Main Street for the October issue about the new Alton Central School playground, there was an omission.

Thanks also goes to Alton Country Supply/True Value for donating (at cost) the cement required to install the new playground and then delivering it to the site for use.



ALTON'S "TRICK OR TREAT"
Tuesday, October 31
4 - 7 p.m.



Drivers: watch out for the "little ones!"

MEET THE CANDIDATES ON NOVEMBER 2

By Bob Longabaugh

Main Street will be expanding upon its popular "Meet the Candidates Night" on Thursday, November 2. In the past these-get-acquainted-and-informed sessions have featured the persons running for school and town offices. This time the spotlight will be on the candidates for State Senate and State Representative who will be on the ballots cast in Alton on November 7.

Greater interest seems to be evident this election season in the races for state offices, due somewhat to the upset that occurred in the Republican Primary for Senate District 4. In that race 154 votes took out of the running the five-term incumbent who was representing Alton, seven other towns, and the six wards in Laconia. Additionally, the Democrats appear to be better organized and have stronger candidates in what has traditionally been a Republican stronghold.

The time for meeting and hearing the candidates is 7 p.m. in the Music Room at the Alton Central School. First up will be the two Senatorial candidates, followed by the two persons running in State Representative Belknap District 6, and concluding with the six people vying for three slots in Belknap District 5. The format will be (1) a two-minute oral presentation by each candidate for the same office, then (2) a question and answer period, concluding with (3) a one-minute summary by each candidate. Alton's Town Moderator, Mark Northridge, will recognize questioners in the audience, call time, and otherwise preside at the meeting.

With state funding for education and similar significant issues likely to dominate the legislative agenda in Concord next year, this is your — the voters — biggest opportunity to learn exactly how each candidate would represent your interests if elected. And in a district where winning margins of less than a hundred are not uncommon, YOUR particular vote may count more than ever.

PAVILION AUCTION CANCELLED

By Joe Harris

At the last moment Carl Hoitt, owner of the Bay View Pavilion in Alton Bay, decided against auctioning the historical landmark (see October's Main Street, page 7). Bidders and spectators were informed of the cancellation only minutes before the auction was to begin. The decision was made to sell the building and business privately.

Mr. Hoitt and his wife purchased the pavilion two years ago and painstakingly restored the structure and re-established the business. This past year the pavilion hosted many weekend music festivals, featuring top names in bluegrass, country, and folk artists, along with many local musicians.

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN

IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

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

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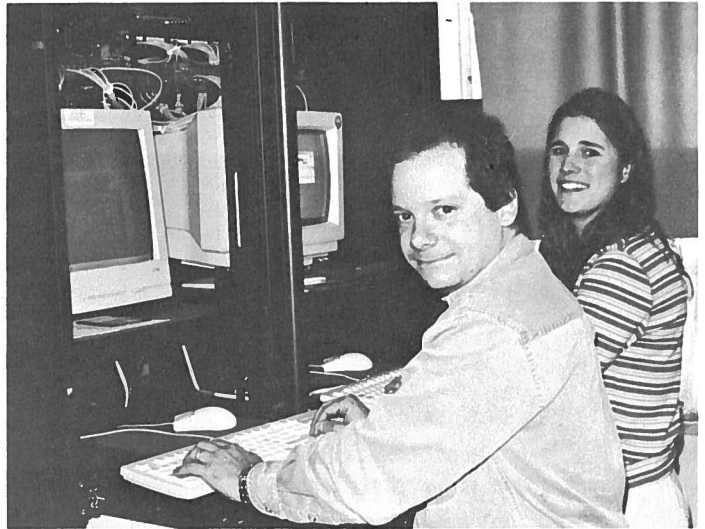
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A DIFFERENT KIND OF BIRTH

A new child has been born and this is a birth announcement of a different sort. The Alton School District is now the proud parent of a brand new computer network. The network came on line October 5 at 12:34 p.m. and weighs an estimated 1,200 pounds (wires not included). Its length is the whole building. Births are usually thought of in terms of a nine-month gestation; this birth culminated after three months of preparation and coordination. It completes a major renovation in technology for the school.

Over the past six years the Alton Central School has grown not only in population but also in its use of technology. During this time a computer network more or less grew on its own using Category 3 wiring (good telephone wire, but not Category 5 required for today's technology). Miles of these wires connected the two servers the school utilized to interact with more than 100 computers throughout the building. Growing like Topsy, as it did, some of the electronic gear used for the task of switching ended up in environments inhospitable for such sensitive equipment.

This past June the school district hired a new Technology Director, Andrew Fishbein. He began the foundation for the restructuring of the network during the first weeks of the summer after assessing what was in place within the school. Fishbein is shown above, with technology teacher Karon Place, at the "controls" of the rebuilt network's hardware.

"When I came on board and began assessing the technology situation, many things became clear. One of those things was the need to address a networking issue that was barely operational, and had very little life in it," Fishbein commented. As with many old systems, they can cause problems of slow or inconsistent movement of information.

He further explained "The decision to create a new network infrastructure was not an easy one. This not only meant a re-allocation of technology funding but also a huge amount of time to plan and implement. However, the fruits of that labor have ripened and an industry standard network that has a 25-year warranty was installed." New technology these days helps students learn and produce more. This in turn brings quality to their work, which leads to their desire to learn even more. After all, this is the 21st century.

The network was created to allow students the ability to utilize technology so they can be productive and able to do what their teachers ask of them on a daily basis. These tasks often take the form of research, communication, and the creation of reports or presentations. This network has been designed to allow for future growth and for longevity.

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THREE CHURCHES JOIN IN A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

The Bay Church, the Community Church, and St. Joan of Arc will be offering a joint community Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the former Baptist Meeting House on Main Street. There will be music presented from all three church groups. This is meant to be a service for everyone in Alton, no matter what your faith. It is a gathering of community to offer thanks at this special time of year.

As far as Main Street can ascertain, this is the first time that the three Alton churches have come together in a common service. Join with your friends and neighbors to give thanks.

MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

Moms in Touch is on the move! By special request, we have decided to move back to our former location, The Bay Church on Rand Hill Road. Beginning on November 6 we will also start at 8:30 a.m. each Monday instead of 9 a.m.

To refresh your memory, Moms in Touch is a group who desire to "stand in the gap" for their children with prayer. We are committed to meeting for one hour each week together in one accord, praying for our children and their schools. We are non-denominational with no political agenda. Child care is provided; don't let the wee one keep you away from such a blessed time.

Quoting a fellow mom from Pennsylvania, "I've learned that prayer is not so much about changing things or fixing problems, but it changes me." Call me at 875-2866 if you want to attend and need child care.

COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Alton Community Church will be holding its Annual Christmas Fair at the Congregational Church on Church Street on Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. A Baked Chicken Breast Luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The cost will be adults \$5, children \$3.

Thank you for your support. Come join us!

ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) completed the month of September having served 25 adults and 28 children in its food pantry. They also assisted another homeless family in finding housing as well as providing financial assistance through St. Vincent dePaul for payment of rent, mortgage, and electricity to several additional families.

The ACSP thanks its many volunteers for their ongoing dedication and would particularly like to mention those who are celebrating their one-year anniversary. These wonderful people are: Phyllis Draper, Ruth Jones, Dorothy Ellison, Brenda Vachon, June Sanborn, Karen Alden, Louise Petelle, Carol Pearson, Theresa Glidden, Dakota Benedetto, Connie Van DeMeulebroecke, Bebe Finethy, Bertha and Patrick Corless, Kitty Croes, Brad and Ginny Jones, Sandra Boutelier, DeeAnn Bishop, Barbara and John Critchley, Carol Baxter, Marie Sheldon, and our Assistant Director Dorothy Wentworth. We are grateful to all our dedicated volunteers, plus the many who have joined ACSP over the past year.

The annual Board of Directors meeting for ACSP was held in October. The officers elected for a two-year period are: Pastor Peter Bolster, President; Pastor Bob Hett, Vice-President; Marie Sheldon, Treasurer; Dorothy Wentworth,

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The Christian Churches of Alton
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(see Information Center for worship times)

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Assistant Treasurer; Pat Rockwood, Secretary. The Board voted to appoint Elizabeth Sweeney as Director and Dorothy Wentworth as Assistant Director.

There will be a meeting for all volunteers on Thursday, November 30, at 7 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall. This meeting is open to anyone interested in volunteering or desiring to learn more about the program. Coffee and pastries will be served. The annual report will be presented and guest speakers will inform us of the various services they can provide through their affiliation with the ACSP. Included will be people from St. Vincent dePaul, The Salvation Army, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Alton Town Welfare Office, Focal Point, Healthlink, Caregivers and many others. If you are interested in joining us on November 30, please leave your name and telephone number at 875-2273.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

By Paulette Wentworth

The staff in Alton Town Hall are continuing the coordination of the annual Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need. Donations are still being sought and gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check, or money order (made payable to "Operation Blessings"). They may be dropped off at the Town Hall in my office or mailed to P. O. Box 659, Alton, New Hampshire 03809.

Canned goods donations are also appreciated and may be left at the Town Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before November 17. The Police Association will once again be contributing toward the turkeys; we thank them very much for their involvement.

If you are interested in helping distribute baskets or can suggest the home of a shut-in or needy family, please contact me at 875-0204 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APPROVES HIGHWAY CONTRACT

By Joe Harris

About two dozen Alton voters attending the October 11 Special Town Meeting overwhelmingly passed an article to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Selectmen and the Town's Highway Department. The town employees are represented by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 534.

The article approves \$255,208 to fund the cost items included in the budget. This incorporates the projected increases from Fiscal Year 1999-2000 in the amount of \$26,287, \$14,165 for Fiscal Year 2000-2001, and \$10,736 to cover Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Following the presentation of the article, Town Administrator Raymond Houle and Selectmen Jim Washburn, Pete Shibley, and Steve McMahon fielded questions from voters. Despite concerns raised by members of the Budget Committee and the public regarding procedure and the projected cost increases in insurance, the budget was passed by a wide margin through a showing of hands. It was all over in 35 minutes.

TOWN'S PLANNER LEAVING

Andrew Locke, Alton's Planning Director since May of 1999, will be leaving his post with the town on November 2. Locke not only made significant progress in advancing Alton's planning program (for instance, see the "Charrette" story on page 3), but also served as the interim Town Administrator from January until June of this year. He leaves Alton to take a position with a geographic data company in Lebanon.

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MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHT! SUPPORT MRS. SANTA FUND

Each year many community service organizations, led by the Alton Fireflies (the women's auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department), come together to provide the less fortunate children of Alton a Christmas bright with promise. For several years now the Mrs. Santa Fund has provided gifts for children newborn to age 17 and some of our senior citizens as well. This list grows longer each year.

Once again your generosity is needed by Mrs. Santa's Elves. New and good-used clothing and toys may be dropped off at the Alton Town Hall until December 1. Cash donations, which are used to purchase warm coats and boots, are also welcome. Donations are to be made payable to Mrs. Santa Fund and are sent to either P. O. Box 755 or c/o Bank of New Hampshire, Main Street, Alton 03809.

If you need help in providing necessities for your children or know of a family who would benefit from this program, contact Mrs. Santa's Elves by December 8: Elf #1, Daryl Czech (875-3815), or Elf #2, Sharon Hannafin (875-3079).

Make this holiday season a merry one for all of our friends and neighbors in Alton by supporting Mrs. Santa's Elves.

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), WLKZ (104.9FM), WLNH (98.3FM), WOKQ (97.5FM), WZNN (930AM) and shown on WMUR-TV (Channel 9).



PTSA CRAFT FAIR

By Joyce Hopper, Chair, Craft Fair

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) will sponsor its 5th annual "Holiday Craft Fair" on Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alton Central School.

Spaces are still available to area craftsmen. A 10-foot space without a table is available for \$20 or \$25 with a table. Call me at 776-8733 to reserve a space.

Each attending craftsman will be asked to donate a gift to the PTSA for a raffle to be held during the day.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Betty Locke

The Alton Garden Club will hold its Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon at Shibley's at the Pier on Tuesday, November 14 at 12:30 p.m.

Individual donations for the Mrs. Santa Fund will be collected at that time.

Committee members are: Doris Barnes, Chairman; Dorothy Folsom, Barbara Ingoldsby, Barbara Itchkawich, and Pat Merrill.

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTION RESULTS

The 2000-2001 officers for the Alton Historical Society were elected at the society's annual meeting on October 17. They are: Jean Roberts, President; Barbara Ingoldsby, Vice President; Ann Morse, Treasurer; Dorothy Folsom, Recording Secretary; and Pat Merrill, Corresponding Secretary. The three directors are Dorothy Folsom, Warren Bodwell, and Phyllis Draper.

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THE HOME RULE QUESTION

There is one question on the state ballot this month. It is an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution and concerns the adoption of home rule. Home rule is the ability for the Town Meeting to adopt anything it wants *as long as* it is not specifically prohibited by New Hampshire state law or elsewhere in the constitution. There are of course two sides to any amendment, and changing our constitution cannot be taken lightly. Below Main Street presents the "pros and cons" as we understand them.

Arguments For

Home rule enables people at the local level to have greater control over their town affairs. New Hampshire does not now have home rule except that each town can determine what its form of government should be. No town can take an action that is not specifically authorized by the state legislature. That is, if there is not a specific statute allowing a municipality to take action, it cannot act in that situation. Home rule will allow the local legislative body (the Town Meeting) to act. Home rule would not allow municipalities to impose new taxes. The New Hampshire Constitution delegates the sole responsibility of imposing taxes to the state legislature, unless they specifically delegate that authority to municipalities. Under home rule decisions will not be left to a few or to any one person in the community. All voters will have an opportunity to debate these issues in a town meeting and the legislature will continue to have oversight. The legislature could preempt a municipality's action in whole or in part. There is a lot of discussion in New Hampshire about "local control." Home rule provides true local control by allowing community residents to act in circumstances where the state has not prohibited action or where the state has not already set specific parameters for action.

Arguments Against

Home rule will bring more regulation to the local level. Not only in areas where state law is silent but also in other states, home rule is often used to amplify or expand upon a state or federal regulation to make it more restrictive or prohibitive. One needs to look no farther than Maine for an example of what can occur. Through home rule Maine municipalities have curtailed the harvesting of timber and hunting. It is clear to see why farmers, timberland owners, and sportsmen have strong reservations over this amendment. A patchwork of differing regulations resulting from home rule will provide a favorable climate for more litigation. The interpretation of conflicting regulations or the settling of turf wars over state and/or local action may bring about a citizen reaction concerning overregulation. The courts may well see an increase in cases filed by aggrieved parties or groups contesting the proliferation of local laws. Opponents to home rule take the position that our communities and economy do not need this. They point out that for 214 years our constitution has served us well and provided us a strong base for limited government. The movement to amend our constitution is not coming from our state's citizens demanding change but rather from the municipalities themselves.

BE PART OF Main Street ON NOVEMBER 30

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call co-editors MaryBee or Bob Longabaugh at 875-5067. No talent will be turned away! The most immediate need is for collators and staplers to help put the next issue together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m.



**SELECTMEN OK NEW HOMES
FOR SOME TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

By Joe Harris

At their October 16 meeting Alton's Selectmen voted unanimously to relocate the Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) office and the Grounds/Maintenance (G/M) division to the building formerly occupied by the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service on Route 11, shown above.

Town Administrator Ray Houle recommended that the Board of Selectmen authorize spending up to \$5,000 to install a septic system at the facility. The building currently has town water, but lacks sanitary facilities. The Alton Community Service Program (ACSP) had requested use of the building for their food pantry, but was unaware of its lack of restroom facilities. By moving the two departments out of the Town Hall, the food pantry could then be re-located from its storefront on Main Street to the area formerly used by G/M. This would also free up office space on the first floor, currently used by the PRD, to be re-utilized as the copy room and common workspace.

The Town Administrator also recommended that the Police and Fire Departments should share the present G/M building for storage, but this was put on "hold" by the Selectmen until the structure is inspected for meeting safety requirements.

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Thanks to you eight campers from the Alton Service Unit of the Salvation Army enjoyed a week's stay at Camp Sebago located in Standish, Maine. The camping program offered over 1,300 boys and girls from New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont the opportunity to participate in daily activities, such as swimming, boating, hiking, and arts and crafts.

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Tue. Oct. 31 HALLOWEEN
'TRICK OR TREAT' in Alton, 4 - 7 p.m.
AFTER TRICK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN PARTY,
Alton School PTSA, 6 - 7:30 p.m. (see Oct. story)
- Wed. 1 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 2 FLU SHOT CLINIC, see notice
MEET THE CANDIDATES, Alton Central School,
7 p.m., see story
- Sat. 4 COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR,
Congregational Church, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Lunch
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., see story
- Tue. 7 ELECTION DAY, Do Not Forget To Vote! 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Central Fire Station, Route 140, see story, page 1
- Wed. 8 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center,
11:30 a.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 9 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community
Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Sat. 11 VETERAN'S DAY
MEMORIAL SERVICE, American Legion Hall,
11 a.m., see story
- Sun. 12 TURKEY RAFFLE, American Legion Hall,
1 p.m., see story
- Mon. 13 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library,
7 p.m., see Checkout Desk
- Tue. 14 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, Annual Meeting and Luncheon,
Shibley's at the Pier, 12:30 p.m., see story
FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, meeting, 7 p.m.,
Library, see Checkout Desk
- Wed. 15 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 18 PTSA CRAFT FAIR, Alton Central School,
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
- Wed. 22 3 CHURCHES THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Community
Church, Main Street, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Thu. 23 THANKSGIVING DAY
- Fri. 24 FIRE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
BEGINS, Alton Village 5 & 10, see story
- Wed. 29 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 30 ASSEMBLE Main Street, Pearson Road Community
Center, 6:30 p.m.
ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM,
meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m., see story

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Thursday, November 2

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BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Budget Committee announces that there is a vacancy on the committee. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual to learn about our town government, our school system, and the budget process. Please contact Virginia Bergeron, Vice Chair, at 875-6714 or e-mail <vickie@worldpath.net> if you are interested.

HAVE YOUR WOOD STOVE AND FURNACE BEEN INSPECTED LATELY?

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Don't forget your furnace. When was the last time you had a qualified person inspect, clean, and adjust yours? Have the filters been changed recently? Do you know if your furnace has an emergency shut-off switch and where it is located?

Finally, when you reset your clocks to EST, did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors? For safety's sake, please do all these things now!

BURN PERMITS

Fire Chief Russell M. Sample, Jr. would like to remind Alton residents that Burn Permits are REQUIRED for burning brush, household rubbish, or untreated wood.

Anyone needing a permit can apply at the Alton Central Station on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning or call the Alton Fire Department, 875-0222, to make an appointment.

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:
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Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Services 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; Wed. night Family Supper, 6 p.m. and Fellowship Groups, 7 p.m., Lombard Center Dining Hall; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor, Rev. John Fogell, Assoc. Pastor
- Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Services, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Church Street; Wed. Kids Club, 3 p.m.; Thu. Bible Study (Baptist Meeting House, Main Street), 7 p.m.; 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 — Weekend Masses at Baptist Meeting House, Main Street, Sat., 4 p.m. and Sun., 8:30 a.m.; CCD (Sun. School) 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Masses in Parish Hall; Mon. - Sat., except Wed., 8 a.m., with Rosary before at 7:30 a.m.; Confessions, Sat., 4 p.m. or by appointment; Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor. Sun. Mass St. Paul's in Barnstead, 10 a.m.
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

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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

Community Services Program, Sat., 2 - 4 p.m., 875-2273

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 — 2nd 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 — Watch for announcements of programs, Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629

Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., Foxy Johnnie's Restaurant, New Durham, 6:30 p.m.

Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu., when meeting, 875-7448

Moms In Touch — Mon., The Bay Church, 8:30 a.m., 875-2866

P.T.S.A. — 3rd Wed., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.

Senior Citizens — 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall, Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Chairman Lisa Erickson-Harris, 364-6388.
- FIRE WARDS — 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Central Fire Station, Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-2910
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- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
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- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:45 p.m., Chairman David Countway, 875-2550.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Water Department Office, Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.

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The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring "A Photo Treasury Luncheon" on Wednesday, November 8, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Photo Fun" is the Special Feature with Fred and Edna Schroeder from Moultonboro. "Snappy Tunes" is the Special Music with Mary Smith of Concord. "A Self Portrait in Progress" will be presented by Special Speaker Nancy Bates from Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Reservations for the lunch and available complimentary nursery may be made by calling: in Alton — Janet at 875-2032 between 2 - 6 p.m., or Kim at 875-8173; in Gilford — Harriet at 524-7194, or Faith at 293-8073.

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

ALTON ON-LINE
By Judith Pellowe



GETTING OUTDOORS

Of the many uses of the Internet one of the best — and at times most frustrating — is trying to find information. The Internet is a great place to learn about your hobbies and interests and to find groups of people that share your interest. Sometimes finding the exact thing you are looking for can take lots of time wading through the things you AREN'T looking for, but the results can be worth it.

"Get Outdoors New England" (also called "GO New England") is one of the many hiking and outdoors groups on the Internet. This web site went online February 16, 1997. The co-founders, Don Salomon and Ken Leonard, thought there might be 30 or 40 people who would be interested in joining in hikes with them. On October 16 of this year the bulletin board reached 1,000 people on its mailing list! Originally called The New England Hiking Group, the name was changed in 1999 to better reflect the diversity of its offerings.

Like the bulletin board at the local supermarket, the Web Site is a place where you can find out what outdoor activities people are involved in and you can join in if you wish. If you don't see anything you want to join in, you can post your own activity and invite others along. Activities sponsored by members range from scenic nature walks to strenuous hikes in the White Mountains, from scuba diving to horseback riding, and just plain socializing activities. Hiking and sight-seeing trips in Ireland, scuba diving trips to the Caribbean, and camping trips to the Grand Canyon have all taken place in past years.

In addition, there is a list of "points of contact," which are group members who have offered to answer questions in their area of interest. One of the things that separates GO New England from many other groups is that there are no fees or dues, and there are activities for all ages and all fitness levels. Participants are expected to pay for their share of the cost of an activity, but all events are strictly "not for profit." Only the imaginations and ambitions of its participants limit the activities, and judging by past offerings, they are a pretty imaginative group!

Along with Get Outdoors New England (<http://www.GONewEngland.org>), you might also want to check out some other hiking sites on the Internet. The Great Outdoor Recreation Pages (www.gorp.com) and the Appalachian Mountain Club (www.amc-nh.org) are two of them. In addition, some retail stores also run clinics that you can sign up for online, for example Eastern Mountain Sports (www.emsonline.com).



VENISON ANYONE?

November is a month that we give thanks for the bounty of the past seasons. We celebrate with a feast with friends and relatives. To the outdoors person it is also the time to celebrate by putting some fresh venison on the table. The season for this noble beast runs most of this month.

The regulation firearms season opens November 8. In Wildlife Management Unit J2 (which includes Alton) any deer may be taken on November 8 and 9. November 10 through December 3 is antlered deer only. This is fewer "doe days" than normal and is being implemented to bring the buck/doe ratio into better balance. If you hunt in other WMUs, be sure to check their regulations.

For those who are lucky enough to tag a deer, they are fine eating. The key to good venison is to take care of it quickly and properly in the field. Venison is a dry meat, not having the marbling of beef; it must be cooked carefully so it won't dry out. There are many game cookbooks out there.

Those who get their deer early, or just want to vary their table fare, should take advantage of the small game season which is also open this month. With the leaves gone partridge (or ruffed grouse) are easier to see. Good luck hitting one of these tasty birds. Hunting gray squirrels is also easier with the leaves gone. Hitting these small targets with a 22 rifle is a challenge and a good way to introduce young hunters to the sport. They make an excellent stew!

Please help keep this hunting tradition open by respecting the land and the landowners and reporting those who would violate this trust.

All can be thankful this month for the beauty and bounty of "Alton Outdoors."

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

By Millie Pierce, Unit Secretary

The American Legion Junior Auxiliary decorated pumpkins at their October meeting for the Tilton Veterans Home. The juniors have done this for the past three years, and it is one of their projects they really enjoy. They also put on a bingo game for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Manchester on October 29. The girls dressed in costume and passed out snacks to all present at the games; money prizes were given for all who got the chance to yell Bingo! The Post and Auxiliary Unit donated to help them with this event; snacks were given by an interested citizen.

The Auxiliary Unit thanks everyone who enjoyed their pancake breakfast. Monies received from this event were donated to the Departments Presidents Project, which is to keep the lights from getting dim for all our veterans.

The Turkey Raffle is to be held on November 12 in the Dugout Lounge starting at 1 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun, raffles, door prizes, food, friends, and a ball game.

The Post will be having a Memorial Service on November 11 at 11 a.m. to honor our veterans. Doughnuts and coffee will be available after the service.

Bingo is still on Wednesday nights; plenty of seats are available.

Halloween is October 31. Remember, the kids are excited and sometimes run too fast. Please drive carefully.

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A SECOND RETIREMENT FOR WITHAM

A season of service once again came to a close on October 31. Deputy Fire Chief Robert Witham retired, this time after 38 years of service with the Alton Fire/Rescue Department.

Bob has been a man about town for some time. Many remember him as their mail carrier on his route throughout Alton. There are those who met him as he dashed from his route to respond to whatever the call for assistance was by the Alton Fire/Rescue Department. Bob's tenure with the department has seen many responsibilities over the years, beginning as a firefighter, onto Lieutenant, and then as Station Captain directing training programs and assisting as Deputy Forest Fire Warden. Bob's keenness towards the Forest Service and outside woodland fires was matched by few.

Bob and his wife Kay head south for the winter and will be hanging their hats in Claremont, Florida. You can catch them on the Old New Durham Road before they leave. Our best wishes to you, Bob, for a retirement of fun and sun.

NATIONAL RECYCLING DAY

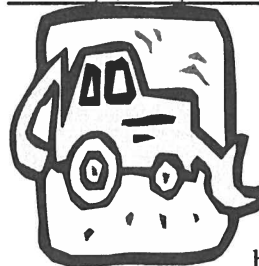
By Joe Harris

National Recycling Day is to be celebrated on November 15. Each one of us, however, should be doing our part every day of the year. Although Alton has a mandatory recycling program for disposal, there are many other ways we can reduce the amount of waste produced

It's easy to recycle more, but the most effective way to cut down on waste is to reduce waste or eliminate it entirely. Think before you buy. By reducing your purchases, you literally buy less of the things you don't need, like excessive packaging. Buy whole fruits and vegetables to avoid unnecessary styrofoam or plastic trays and wraps. Purchase large or economy sized food products, as they require less packaging and offer much better prices for larger quantities.

When purchasing juices and drinks, consider concentrates as they offer less packaging and more value. Try to buy items in reusable containers. Don't forget, many stores offer rebates for reusing plastic or paper bags. By using less and reusing more, you can help the environment by reducing energy, pollution, and saving the natural resources used in the manufacturing process of many goods.

Buy smart, waste less, and save more.



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

THE ROAD WORK CONTINUES

It's that time again to turn up the heat. Prepare for winter!

We have hired a new truck driver, giving us more manpower to cover more areas. Welcome aboard.

Just a reminder: check your culverts; free them of any leaves, sticks, or debris which will keep the water from running out or allowing it to clog. Frozen debris causes ice, making travel difficult and unsafe, as well as damaging the road.

We have successfully completed Frohock Brook Road, widening and creating a ditch line. Also completed was the paving of Mooney Street and Hutchins Circle. We appreciated your patience during these projects

The Sunset Estates project has been underway with widening, creating new ditch lines, and grading. Until that project is complete you can continue to experience delays.

Please, don't hesitate to call us should you come across things we need to know. The number is 875-6808.

Public Safety Is Our Number One Concern!



TO PROTECT AND SERVE
By Detective Glenna Heath

WE DARE TO REDESIGN

Your Police Department is currently in the process of designing a new school program to replace DARE. We are fortunate to have the assistance of a dedicated group of citizens who are helping us to put together a new course.

Recently there have been studies published and other evidence to indicate that the DARE program is not working. Also, the program is rigidly coordinated nationally which means there are subjects we have to teach that just do not apply to Alton kids. We decided to try to create a course that will be just right for the children of Alton. That is why you may see a survey from the school come home with your child. We want to try to keep all the good parts from the DARE program and eliminate the ones which do not work for us. Please try to find the time to give us your thoughts.

Please remember that hunting season is upon us. This means that you may want to be careful of letting your dogs and kids run around in the woods. For those of you who do hunt, please be aware of your surroundings, cautious, and respectful of the rights and safety of others. Have a safe and happy hunting season!



IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY
By Chief Russ Sample
Alton Fire Department

THOUGHTS FOR THE SEASON

Christmas Tree sales will begin on Friday, November 24, at the Alton Village 5 & 10. Trees will be available in all sizes from tabletop up, all competitively priced, with all proceeds committed to special equipment needs of the Alton Fire/Rescue Department. Santa will be visiting on Saturdays from time to time, so come on down.

The fall brings a time when we settle down after a busy summer and prepare for what usually continues through the holidays, almost as hectic. Fall and winter is a period when your Fire/Rescue Department concentrates efforts on specialized Training Certificate programs. September through November we devote two nights a week to this purpose. At this time more than 20 department personnel have involved themselves in a Commercial Driver Operator Licensing Program. We congratulate them all for their commitment to the program. In January several members will be starting Emergency Medical Technician training and certification.

The holidays are a time when, in thanks, we consider the act of giving. Perhaps you might find an aspect of the Alton Fire/Rescue Department that would have you join in on those thanks by becoming involved in serving your community while bonding with those who do.

A special thanks again to all of you who have contributed over the last five months toward our Thermal Imaging Camera Fund. We will, hopefully, have reached our goal by the time you read this. An evaluation of several cameras is on going, and we look forward to the use of one in the seasons of service ahead.

Life has us all going faster than we should, and in the midst of all this there are always those in peril. Please consider joining us to assist those who serve you.

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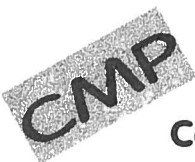
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THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian

THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING

The holiday season is fast approaching. The Friends of the Gilman Library are in the planning stages of their Annual Holiday Tea scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2 - 4 p.m. at the library. We are in need of volunteers for refreshments, decorating, and clean up. If you would like to help on a committee, sign up early so we can be in touch. You are more than welcome to be part of just one committee or all three. If you would like to help with the Holiday Tea but are not able to attend due to a prior commitment, call the library for more information on how you can help.

You may also wish to attend the next Friends meeting on November 14 at 7 p.m. at the library. Please consider being a part of our holiday celebration. You and your friends are always welcome.

If you are looking for that perfect gift for that special person, Alton Village Collectibles, 2001 calendars, Village of Alton prints, canvas book bags, bricks, and t-shirts are available at the library or the Alton Village 5 & 10. In anticipation of the cold winter months we have received another shipment of the Alton afghans. Besides keeping you nice and warm while you curl up with a good book, they make a great gift.

We have added more titles to our magazine collection, plus two newspaper subscriptions. See page 19 for the titles. While all magazines are available for circulation one week at a time, newspapers are not allowed to circulate.

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday, November 13, 7 p.m., at the library. This month's selection is *Water Witches* by Chris Bohjalian. If you would like to take part in the discussion and need of a copy of the book, please let us know. New members are always welcome.

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A NEW MATH TEACHER

By Geoffrey Scholl

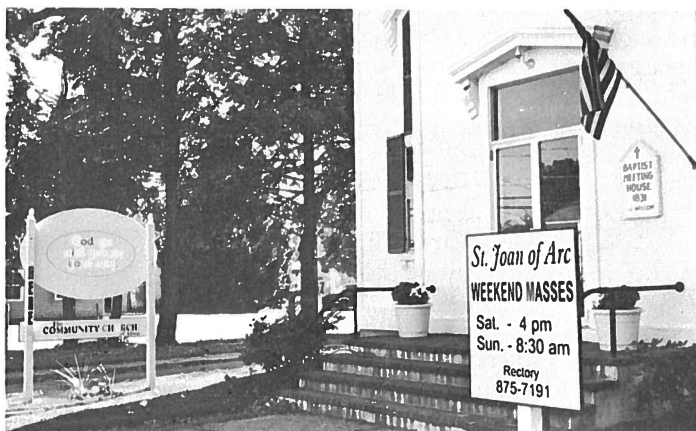
This year, as you may know, we have several new teachers at Alton Central School in addition to our regular faculty. One such new teacher is Mr. Eric Christensen, a math teacher. He has filled the gap in the math department left by the departure of Mr. Brown. Mr. Christensen has taken over the math classes from Algebra One to Calculus.

Mr. Christensen has taught at several schools, such as Moultonboro Academy, Kingswood Regional, Conant, Hinsdale, Mascenic, and Farmington. Math is not his only subject as he has also taught history. An avid sports fan he has coached several sports teams. Between all of the schools in which he has taught, he has coached basketball, softball, soccer, and football. In addition to being a fan of sports, he is also a Jimmy Buffet and a trivia fan.

When asked about his feelings about Alton Central School, he had several things to say. Although he has never taught in a K-12 before, he said that it is "overall a nice school" and that it has a lot of "friendly people." He says that although he likes teaching here, he finds study halls and H-Block tedious, and that in 25 years of teaching, he has never had to watch the students get on the bus before this.

We would like to welcome Mr. Christensen to Alton Central School.

WHICH DENOMINATION CHURCH IS THIS?



To the passerby traveling through Alton, the signage at the church on Main Street could well be confusing. To the residents of Alton it is very clear: once again, the community comes together to help each other.



**SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER
By Nancy Mooney Hebert**

**Grateful are we who share the feast
With family and friends Thanksgiving Day
And grateful we are, to say the least,
To those who fought for freedom's way.**

Vice-president Ginny Myers ran our October meeting. As we are quite solvent, we have suspended fund-raising activities for now. We would like some innovative ideas, however, for ways to raise money suitable to our abilities as seniors. We thank Liz Roberts for refreshments and congratulate Mavis Foster for winning the attendance raffle.

Ginny Myers offered to book a trip on a Tuesday in early December to the Christmas Tree Shop in Salem. For more info call her at 875-5713 (leave a message) or 875-7102 (leave your name with Claire). Ginny will return your call.

CAP Director Claire Fitzgerald announced that John Brooks was selected volunteer of the month. We appreciate all he does in the kitchen helping to put up Meals-on-Wheels and serving the seniors at noon, among many other things. His unflinching sense of humor, in spite of pain from war wounds, always lifts our morale. Congratulations, John.

Claire has managed to provide interesting speakers for us at the center for which we thank her. On October 12 Matty Huckins of Huckins Farm in New Hampton gave a very informative talk on how farming has changed in New Hampshire over the years. Her demonstration showing us how to make butter from cream in small covered containers produced very tasty results! On November 1 guest speaker Toyin Oduyungbo will be at the center at 11 a.m. to talk on sleeping disorders, stress incontinence, and osteoporosis, all major health concerns for seniors.

Farewell to the snowbirds! There will be fewer people during the winter so it will be a good time for newcomers to try out the Card Party Club, come at noon during the week for a meal, or just get acquainted. We can use volunteers in the kitchen; the time is added up to allow credit for attendance at the annual banquet put on by CAP in Concord.

The Senior Center will be closed on November 10 in honor of Veteran's Day and November 23 for Thanksgiving. Do not forget November 7 is Election Day! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, at 1 p.m. I wish every one happy holidays. I will be taking a winter hiatus. Look for this column to resume in the spring.



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. . . Tyler Fiscus, age 11, in #53 and Danny Lang, age 8, in #55. Tyler and Danny are brothers. This was their first year of racing Tiger Sprint Go Karts at Sugar Hill Speedway in Weare. Tyler finished first in the championship points battle while Danny was eight points behind and took second place, out of a 210 point season.

If you have no knowledge of these racers, the cost is approximately \$3,000 each, they have a 5 hp Briggs and Stratton engine that runs on methanol, and they go at about 45 - 50 mph. The drivers are required to wear full-faced helmets, fire suits, gloves, arm restraints, and safety harnesses.

The parents, Rob and Michelle Lang, thank everyone who helped this year. They report that Tyler and Danny are looking forward to another good season next year.



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

**THE FUN THINGS TO DO
IN NOVEMBER**

Soccer League Awards Night

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor its annual Soccer Awards Night and Ice Cream Social to recognize players and volunteer coaches on Wednesday, November 8, at the Alton Central School at 6:30 p.m. A big thank you to all of the volunteer coaches, players, and parents for a great season of fun and games. The soccer program was a great success and your participation and support is greatly appreciated. Parents interested in volunteering for the Awards Night are asked to call me at 875-0109.

Candy Bar Bingo, Ages 6 - 12

Program will be held on Saturday, November 4, at the Alton Town Hall from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, \$2. Have fun playing bingo and winning candy bars as prizes. Pre-register.

Messes and Masterpieces, Ages 3 - 5

November 7 from 9 - 10:30 a.m., Alton Bay Community

Center. This will be a pre-school program; the child must be toilet trained. Children paint using everything from potatoes and leaves to sponges and styrofoam. Their creativity helps them explore and discover their sense of touch, smell, and sight, \$2. Participants should wear play clothes. Registration deadline is November 2.

Kids Carnival, Ages 3 - 5

November 14 from 9 - 10:30 a.m., Alton Bay Community Center. This will be a pre-school program; the child must be toilet trained. We will play fun and creative carnival games and do contests, including the oreo twist and dip, relay race, scavenger hunt, and more, \$2. Registration deadline is November 9.

Saturday Fun Day, Ages 6 - 10

Program will be held at the Alton Town Hall on Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join in the fun. Includes a new release G-rated movie, scavenger hunt, cooperative games, arts and crafts, pizza party, and bubble gum bingo, \$5. Register before November 10.

Country Line Dancing Lessons, Adults of all Ages

Join in this great, fun program and get a little exercise too. Lessons are held every Tuesday at the Alton Bay Community Center, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Program fee is \$3 for the fall season. Bring a water bottle, dress is casual.

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CHILDREN

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/s/The Boyce Family, Alton Bay

SENIOR MEALS

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

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November 6 - 10: Mon., Pollock Filet/Sherry Cream Sauce; Tue., Macaroni & Cheese; Wed., Meat Loaf/Gravy; Thu., Chicken Filet/Gravy; Fri., Veterans Day (Closed).

November 13 - 17: Mon., Stuffed Peppers; Tue., Chicken Primavera; Wed., Hot Dog/Baked Beans; Thu., Cod Fish Cakes/Sauce; Fri., Roast Pork/Gravy.

November 20 - 24: Mon., Roast Turkey/Gravy; Tue., Fish Filet; Wed., Spaghetti/Meatballs; Thu., Thanksgiving Day (Closed); Fri., Salisbury Steak/Gravy.

November 27 - December 1: Mon., Herb Baked Chicken/Gravy; Tue., Veal Parmesean; Wed., Hearty Beef Stew; Thu., Stuffed Pork Choppette; Fri., Seafood Newburg.

Main Street**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . A proposal was defeated at a Special Town Meeting to purchase a portion of Camp Dewitt to be used as a town beach and recreational area, consisting of 17 acres and 1,100 feet of lake frontage . . . it was reported that there were 14 communities named Alton between the east coast and California, most of which got their name from Alton, New Hampshire, travelers heading westward in the 19th century . . . the Apache Players were presenting "Wiley and the Hairy Man."

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Sue Nelson was honored by the Governor and Governor's Council for her outstanding Visiting Nurse Association service to the residents of Alton for several years . . . "Shoppers Anonymous" were off to Beantown with their battle cry of "Charge" . . . the Freese Brothers Big Band played at a dinner dance to raise funds for the Alton School Music Department . . . a public hearing was held on an amendment to the Alton Landfill Ordinance to provide fines for violations.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Matilda the Wayward Witch was featured at the town's Halloween Observance on October 31 . . . 101-year-old Ida Whipple, holder of the *Boston Post* Cane passed away . . . Ken Roberts, Highway Agent, received the "Roads Scholar" award after completing extensive courses in all areas of road maintenance and demonstration of leadership and professionalism in the field . . . Christopher Choquette was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Information on the "OLD" Alton Mountain. Any known information about businesses, houses, families, etc., that were on the mountain. Please send information to HCR 73, Box 190, Alton Bay 03810 or call Dana at 875-5954.



A CLASSROOM WITHOUT WALLS

By Judith Pellowe

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3 and 4, Alton Central School 7th graders took a camping trip to White Lake State Park in Tamworth. The trip was organized by Mr.

LaFreniere, Mrs. Onufry, and Ms. Griggs. Additional staff from the school attended, as did a number of parent chaperones.

The trip included academic instruction on a variety of topics. Students learned surveying and graphing of tree types, which included measuring off a square area, using a field guide to identify trees, collecting and organizing data using a tally sheet and frequency chart, and calculating percentages. They also learned orienteering, combined with team building activities. In the photo on the left the students are solving the problem of how to cross an "acid river."

The language arts and reading portion of the program consisted of groups of students writing a ghost story to read around the campfire. The students voted on the best stories, and one member of the group stood before the class and read the story aloud. Some groups added sound effects! The evening ended with s'mores (slightly charred).

A number of parents and staff brought kayaks or canoes along, so all students were given a chance to take a lesson in kayaking (followed by lessons in Newton's three laws of motion). There were a pair of loons out on the lake, and some students (and chaperones too) managed to get a close look. On Wednesday after more classes, the group returned to the school in time for regular dismissal. Most were tired, some were muddy, but all had smiles and a load of great memories to go along with the new skills they learned.



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