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ROUTE 11 IMPROVEMENTS CONSIDERED

By Andrew Locke, Alton Town Planner

On January 12 the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and the Lakes Region Planning Commission sponsored a public meeting on the future of NH Route 11, from Echo Shores to Ellacoya Beach. Residents and business owners from throughout the stretch of roadway were well represented.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss what types of improvements should be done to the roadway, and it was definitely a success. About 40 area residents expressed their ideas for improvements to the road. What is so especially newsworthy about this meeting is that it occurred **before** NHDOT began designing the project.

At present, the NHDOT has budgeted \$6.9 million for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction. It became clear to those in attendance that construction of a full by-pass would cost considerably more — perhaps four times that amount. Although NHDOT proposed a by-pass in the 50's and 60's, development since then has made construction of a new route more costly, and of course, controversial. A by-pass constructed today would need to negotiate the Mineral Springs and Riley Road neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, the existing route is narrow, has poor sight-lines, and cuts very close to Lake Winnepesaukee. The roadway between Gilford and the West Alton fire station has developed as a neighborhood, but with an increasingly busy and dangerous road cutting down the middle. Making the road safer will likely bring higher speeds to the road, and may well lower the quality of life for area residents.

With a clear message coming from the meeting to investigate a by-pass, the NHDOT will begin looking at alternatives for Route 11. Keep an eye on Main Street for future updates.

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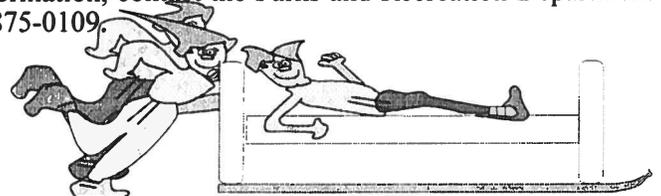
The house on the left did not disappear with a wave of a magician's wand. Rather, it was the work of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). In December NHDOT removed the structures at the intersection of Letter S Road and Route 11. This was done to replace the retaining wall that "holds up" Route 11 at this point. It had deteriorated sufficiently to call for NYDOT's attention.

WINTER FESTIVAL 2000

Sunday, February 13 is the date and 1 - 3 p.m. is the time. The place is always the Bandstand in (not at) Alton Bay ON Lake Winnepesaukee. As always this is weather permitting and of course, depends on the ice being thick enough to hold everyone, the bob houses, the snowmobiles, and other vehicles, plus all the people.

This annual winter festival is sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department. It will feature the famous (or infamous) Alton Bay Bed Race where a five-person team pushes, pulls, or slides the bed to the finish line, please no cleats. Beds can be made with skis or skates and any size bed is welcome; the parade of beds begins at 2:45 p.m. Other events include: Lions Club Mini-Golf course on the ice, D.J. music, Family Scavenger Hunt, Fly-In, Snowmobile Radar Run — \$5 for two runs — and more.

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SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

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

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FIRE DEPT. LOOKS BACK AND AHEAD

By Russ Sample, Alton Fire Chief

The past year has come and gone; however, the memories of many events linger on. The 1999 Town Meeting ended with the request for our department to meet the emergency medical needs of the community. Once again the Alton Fire and Rescue Department rose to the need and now answers each call.

In the midst of Spring the opportunity to purchase a used Quint Ladder truck developed, and after approval by the Fire Wards and the Selectmen, the truck was purchased. The truck (shown above) was in "mint condition" and was obtained at a cost of less than half the price of a new vehicle.

In regards to responses, the Department is used to receiving many unusual calls for its services. None was quite as disturbing as the emergency on July 3 when a gasoline tanker rolled over requiring a major disruption of traffic and electric service to the community. All of these new and varied activities require a heightened level of training and equipment to maintain the resources necessary to deal with the number of calls of a diverse nature. We are preparing for the continuing challenges going into the new decade.

Our effectiveness to date is underscored by the many throughout the community who have supported meeting our budgeted needs, contributed to our Rescue Equipment Memorial Fund, and patronized our Christmas tree sale for the second season.

In closing, I encourage you all to visit the Central Fire Station to familiarize yourself with projects completed by the Firemen's Association with the contributed funds. All of these needs coming together resulted in the Department answering 162 fire calls and 254 emergency medical service calls in 1999. This represented an increase of 191 service calls over the previous year.



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TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS SET FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14 TOWN MEETING NEXT NIGHT

Annual voting for Alton town and school offices is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140. The deadline for filing as a candidate is Friday, February 4, by 5 p.m.

In addition to some 30 spots to be filled in the town and school district, a successor to State Representative Paul Golden will be chosen. In the latter case it will be determined by the combined total vote of Alton, Barnstead and Gilmanton. There will be a primary vote February 8 to narrow the field of seven candidates (see related stories on pages 9, 10 and 15).

Just as last year, the school ballot will also contain the entire list of warrant articles under the "SB2" plan. It is important that people plan for and allow enough time to properly consider this now longer ballot. At certain periods of the day (late afternoon and early evening) there could be a backup. It will help considerably if voters take advantage of opportunities to become familiar with the ballot and issues prior to coming to the polls.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held the next night, Wednesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the Alton Central School Gymnasium.

14TH ANNUAL ICE-OUT CONTEST DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 29

There's still time for you to enter the 14th annual ice-out contest. Main Street will accept all forms postmarked no later than February 29. Shibleys' at the Pier in Alton Bay is providing this special Millennium prize as a public service.

This is an annual contest won by the person who comes the closest to the date of "ice-out" as decided by the official ice watchers around the "Big Lake." Last year "ice-out" occurred at 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.

Participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street. Most important is the fact that your entry must be postmarked by February 29 and be sure that you indicate a.m. or p.m. on your form.

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Mitchell



Nikolas

ALTON BLOOD DRIVE

By Ursula Minich-Boutwell

Our famous blood drive is here again; it's hard to believe! It will be located at the Alton Central School on February 8 from 3 - 7 p.m. It is hard not to look forward to the Alton blood drive — GREAT FOOD and great company. If you are interested in volunteering or donating food, please contact me at 776-6826 or Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492. Your time and food donations are truly appreciated.

If you need a reason to donate, here are two. Our five-year-old son, Mitchell, has a fear he will wake up one day and there won't be any medicine to keep him alive. It is a horrible fear for a little boy to deal with, but his fear is very real.

Mitchell has a condition call Agammaglobulinemia. He has no immune system. His great-uncle, Raymond, had the same condition 50 years ago and died at the age of three with spinal meningitis as there were no treatments available. Today there is a way to keep our son alive, but there just is not enough of it. Mitchell gets an "IV" every three weeks to receive other peoples' immune systems. Its a blood product and that is where the fear comes in. Not enough people are donating blood to make our son's medicine.

Mitchell has a 10-month-old brother, Nikolas, who has the same condition. Although they both have chronic bacterial infections and undergo testing on a regular basis, they live active, full lives. They tolerate the medical aspect of it well; it is part of their routine. Mitchell realizes that he is going to receive an IV regularly for the rest of his life. He just wonders what will happen if the medicine is no longer available. So our family is making a plea: Donate Blood Today! There are 100,000's of little boys and girls just like Mitchell and Nikolas who are counting on us; so please, do not let them down.

If you have any specific questions concerning blood donation, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800 GIVE LIFE. There are many people in the Alton community, for example, the Finethy boys, who need blood on a regular basis. Although your blood cannot be designated to a specific person, everyone is currently in need. So let's put an end to this blood shortage. There is only one way to do it, and that is one pint at a time.

CANDIDATES NIGHT IS MARCH 7

Circle March 7 on your calendar now. Once again Main Street will sponsor Candidates Night. Mark Northridge will repeat his role of the past three years as moderator. The time will be 7 p.m. Watch for the notice in the March issue which will give you the place and all the particulars. Join us and get informed about the people and the issues.

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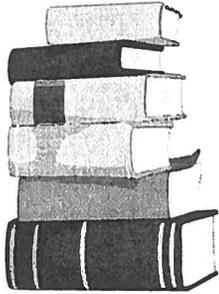
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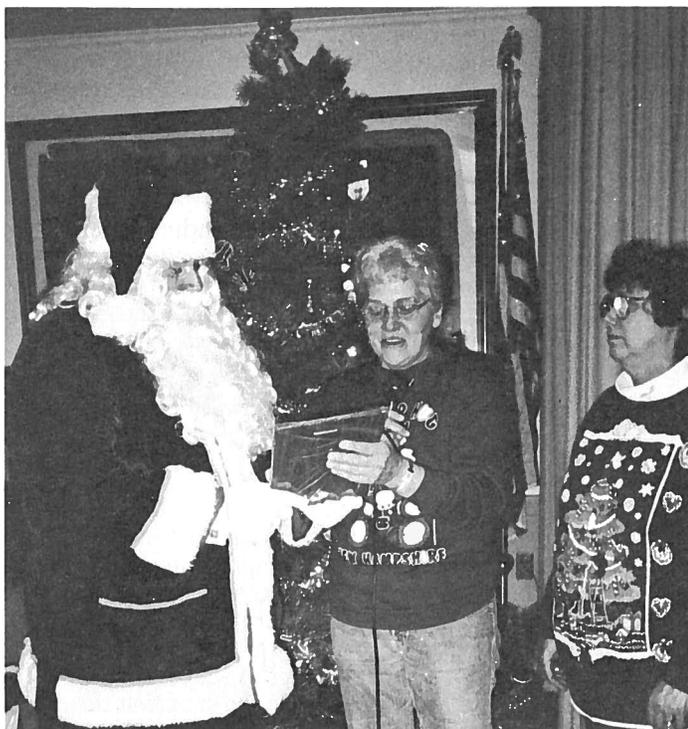
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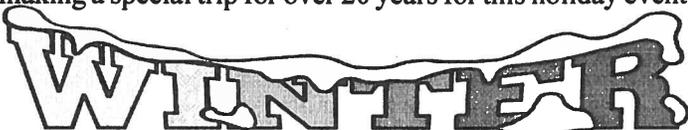
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The Alton American Legion Auxiliary held their annual children's Christmas party on December 11. Although there was no snow, with the help of the Alton Fire Department, Santa arrived on time to the delight of a full house of bright and happy faces. Auxiliary members, Millie Pierce (center) and Julie Lamper (right) presented a plaque to Santa for making a special trip for over 20 years for this holiday event.



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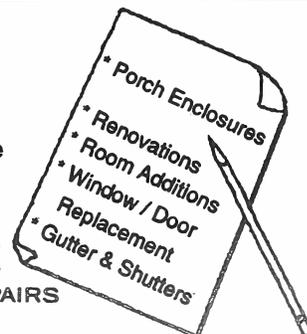
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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD

By Bob Calvert

Over 100 residents attended the Special Town Meeting held on January 15 at the Alton School Gymnasium. The meeting — more accurately a “forum” — was called to provide guidance to the Alton Selectmen on a course to follow with regard to the inequities created by House Bill (H.B.) 999. That bill calls for Alton to furnish \$543,942 in “excess taxes” to the State Treasurer for deposit in an education trust fund.

The Coalition for National Referendum opened the meeting by staging a debate stressing some alternate options for funding the education issue. Senators Mary Brown and Mark Fernald along with Ken Blevins and Fred Bramante participated on the debate panel.

Following their presentations there was considerable discussion. The forum then evolved into a brief Special Town Meeting that unanimously passed a non-binding recommendation to the Selectmen. The recommendation called for multiple actions: 1) Withholding payment of the \$543,942 to the State by placing such funds into an escrow account earmarked for education; 2) participating in litigation in an attempt to have H.B. 999 declared unconstitutional; and 3) working through the legislative process attempt to change the law by supporting an alternative tax proposal.

Feelings expressed were strongly anti-H.B. 999 and against the State Property Tax concept as presently formulated. Withholding payment to the state was described as “expressing civil disobedience,” but the majority seemed to favor it.

REGARDING THOSE THREE UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Please note that all three upcoming elections (see page 10) are being held at the Alton Central Fire Station on NH Route 140. On February 1 and March 14 the hours are from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. On February 8 the starting time is later, 11 a.m., while still closing at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are sought for all three elections as poll workers. Although there is a corps of “regulars,” not everyone can make all elections so “newcomers” are always welcome. If you are willing to give a few hours at one or more of the above dates, please call the Town Moderator, Bob Calvert, at 875-2151.

A limited number of non-profit agencies and/or organizations can be accommodated for a table at each election for sale of products, raffle tickets, etc. To secure a space and time slot, one should contact the Town Clerk’s office at 875-2101.

To request absentee ballots, one also calls the Town Clerk’s office as above. Please note that to be sure to be counted, such ballots have to be returned by the close of business on the day immediately preceding each election.

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ALTON GOVERNMENT**

By Bob Longabaugh

Laurie Anne Dunn, who served as Town Clerk since September 1999, closed out her Alton government career on January 26. In so doing she joined her husband, former Alton Town Administrator Scott Dunn, in Stowe, Vermont. This was in accordance with family plans for Laurie and the children to move from Alton after Scott found suitable housing in Vermont.

Laurie graduated from Johnson & Wales University, magna cum laude, in 1986 and began work as a customer service supervisor for a Fortune 500 insurance company. Subsequent to her marriage she did part-time customer service work while focusing on raising a family. The Dunns moved to Alton in 1992 and she took a staff position in the Town Clerk's office in 1998.

Upon the retirement of long-time Town Clerk Penny Jones, Dunn was appointed Deputy Town Clerk in January 1999. She then rose to Town Clerk when Diantha Moulton resigned the position in September. Reflecting upon her time in the Clerk's office Dunn said, "The people I have worked with and have worked for have been such a pleasure to get to know. I have always loved working with people and getting to know them, and a municipal setting creates such a great opportunity for doing that. I will truly miss the Town Clerk's office and the people of Alton."

LIONS MOVE

By Peter Gerbino

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club meets the first and third Thursdays every month at the Foxy Johnnie's Restaurant in New Durham at 6:30 p.m.

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OLD RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

By Judith Pellowe

The "Old" Riverside Cemetery on Main Street has recently undergone a face-lift. You may have noticed the work being done in the fall as the old wrought iron fence was taken down and replaced, and woodwork at both municipal cemeteries was repainted, although the painting is not yet

completed. Once the weather warms in the spring, the remainder of the work to be done on the fence will be completed. According to Shirley Lane, Cemetery Trustee, in order to maintain its historical importance the new fence was made to look like the old fence, except that for safety reasons the sharp pickets on the top of the old fence were left off. Sections of the old fence have been offered to historical associations in town for display and preservation.

The Riverside Cemetery has gravestones dating back to the early 1800's. After the cemetery on Main Street became full, the "New" Riverside Cemetery was started on Route 28. Jack Bernard, who has done the work on the new fences, maintains both of these cemeteries, as well as other cemeteries in town. The cemetery is open for burials during much of the year, closing only during the winter months when the ground is frozen. According to Mrs. Lane, this year the cemetery will begin selling a limited number of "cremation plots," those being smaller than the usual burial plots.

ALTON REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

By Rick Macduff, PTSA

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CONCORD CORNER
By Rob Boyce
State Representative

NEW YEAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

This year promises to be only slightly less tense than the previous one. The Claremont situation, while not finished, is not the only issue. Hundreds of new bills are being heard, and the leadership is hoping to get them done in an orderly fashion so we can actually adjourn by the end of May.

The first bills to be acted upon were some "leftovers" from last year, bills that had been assigned to study committees last spring or fall. Among these were an increase of the exemptions for the interest and dividends tax, a constitutional amendment giving the legislature the opportunity to decide whether prisoners can vote, and one to increase local toll free telephone calling areas as well as competition for in-state long distance. All three of these passed the House and were sent to the Senate.

Several bills requested by the Alton Selectmen have been heard and will soon be sent to the House floor for action.

One item of current local interest is a special election to fill the House seat made vacant by the passing of Representative Paul Golden of Barnstead. There will be a primary Tuesday, February 8, among the four Republicans who filed. The winner of the primary will then face the two Independents and one Democrat on the Town Meeting Ballot day, March 14.

The Republicans who will be on the ballot February 8 are Jack Henderson, Alton; Laurie Boyce, Alton; David Russell, Gilmanton; and John Starkey, Barnstead. The

Independents are Dan Barraford, Barnstead and Tim Clark, Barnstead and the lone Democrat is Vincent Miller, Barnstead. The winner will serve with Stan Czech and me as the Representatives from Belknap District 5 for the remainder of this term, which ends in December.

As always, if you have any questions about specific bills or other State government topics, contact Stan or myself.

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By MaryBee Longabaugh

For any of you who might wish to declare your opinions regarding the "Claremont Crisis," there is way via the Internet. You input www.nationalreferendum.org and then go to where you click on to vote. There are actually two places for a vote so you need to decide which is appropriate for you.

If you do not have Internet capability, you can go to the Gilman Library; they have the info printed out for you to read. Then you can decide if you wish them to help you access the Internet. They are very willing to be of assistance.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Tue. 1 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, Alton Central Fire Station, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., see story
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 6 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 2 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 3 TOWN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
(snow date 2/8), see story
- Fri. 4 CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD ENDS, Town Hall
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 5 SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE SESSION, Alton Central School, 1 p.m., (snow date 2/12), see story
- Sun. 6 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Mon. 7 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m., see "Checkout"
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Moultonborough, 7 p.m.
- Tue. 8 STATE REPRESENTATIVE PRIMARY, Alton Central Fire Station, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., see story
BLOOD DRIVE, Alton Central School, 3 - 7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 9 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, Christian Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Moultonborough, 7 p.m.
- Thu. 10 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Fri. 11 GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 8 p.m.
- Sun. 13 SWEETHEART BREAKFAST, American Legion Auxiliary, 8 a.m. - 12 noon, see story
ALTON BAY WINTER FESTIVAL 2000, Alton Bay, 1 - 3 p.m., see story
INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Mon. 14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
LIBRARY BOOK SALE WEEK BEGINS, see "Checkout"
- Tue. 15 BOYS BASKETBALL @ Sunapee, 7 p.m.
- Wed. 16 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL, Prelim Class S, TBA, 7 p.m.
- Fri. 18 BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL, Qtr finals Class S, TBA
- Sat. 19 GIRLS BASKETBALL, Qtr finals Class S, TBA
- Sun. 20 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Mon. 21 PRESIDENTS' DAY
GIRLS BASKETBALL, Semifinals Class S, TBA
- Wed. 23 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL, Prelim. Class S, TBA
- Fri. 25 GIRLS BASKETBALL, Finals Class S, TBA, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 26 BOYS BASKETBALL, Qtr finals Class S, TBA
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ELECTION AND CIVIC INFO . . .

FEBRUARY 1 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

On Tuesday, February 1, the first in the nation NH Presidential Primary election will be held in Alton and throughout the Granite State. Alton's polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140. There will be separate ballots for Democratic voters and for Republican voters. Those registered Independent can choose either ballot.

Traditionally, the Presidential Primary gets a heavy turnout, but there should be no delays. One is just "joining an arrow" for one candidate on one ballot.

Remember, if you wish to return to Independent voting status after voting a "party" ballot, you must fill out a form for the Supervisors of the Checklist BEFORE you leave the polls.

NEW SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ADDED ON FEBRUARY 8

Because of the death of State Representative Paul Golden of Barnstead, Belknap District 5 will have a special state primary to choose one Republican candidate to face the one Democrat and two independents for the final election to be held at the same time as the local Alton town elections on March 14. Belknap District 5 represents the communities of Alton, Barnstead, and Gilmanton in the New Hampshire General Court.

The column "Concord Corner," on page 9, lists the contenders in this election.

This special primary will be held on Tuesday, February 8, at the Alton Central Fire Station from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please note the hours are different from the February 1 Presidential Primary and the March 14 town elections, both of which will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

UPDATE FROM TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

By Lisa Waterman, Acting Town Clerk

This is just a little note to let everyone know I'll be your acting Town Clerk due to the resignation of Laurie Dunn. Rebecca Jensen, the Deputy Town Clerk, and myself will continue the same services the Town Clerk's office has always offered. We will be able to maintain all the license plates, and the renewal letters will be sent out as usual on a monthly basis for those of you who like to renew by mail. Also, you can come in now to license your dog because the new licenses have arrived. See you soon!

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS AND HOMEOWNERS

By Brian Boyers, Code Official

As of February 1 it will be required that electrical services be inspected and approval stickers attached to the meter socket before the service can be energized.

Inspection for hook up will be done at the time of the final inspection and all wiring is complete.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at 875-5095.

Information Center

SCHEDULES

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- 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
 Wolfboro 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

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Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

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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., Foxy Johnnie's Restaurant, New Durham, 6:30 p.m.

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

Moms In Touch — Tues., The Bay Church, 9:30 a.m.

P.T.S.A. — 3rd Wed., 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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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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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Scott Sweezey, 776-5566.

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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.

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TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:30 p.m., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 875-2550.

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WHAT TO DO IN A "MIDDLE MONTH"

February is one of those "middle months" that falls in the middle of winter, the middle of the fishing and hunting seasons, and the middle of ice fishing season. So what is the outdoor person to do?

Ice fishing is usually the major sport taking place in the Lakes Region this month. So far, safe ice can be found on most small lakes and ponds, although there is still open water on some lakes. The major parts of Winnie are still open at the time of this writing. Check the ice conditions before venturing out.

February 5 and 6 are the dates for the 21st Annual Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby. Fish may be caught on any lake or pond in NH, but only certain lakes have been stocked with "tagged" rainbow trout. The headquarters is on the bay in Meredith; registration fee is \$20. Good luck.

There are various other derbies around the state this month if you long to venture to new fishing waters. The annual Washington Rescue Squad Derby is held the 19th and 20th. Fishing is allowed on any legal lake or pond in the town of Washington. Brookline Recreation Derby is being held on Lake Potanipo and Melendy Pond in Brookline on the 20th. You might want to give one of these a try.

For warm, indoor fishing adventures, the 24th Annual Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Exposition is being held February 3 — 6 at Worcester Centrum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Admission is \$8 for adults. There is a virtual fishing contest one may enter, a trout pond, gigantic bass aquarium, and a casting pool. There are also exhibitors showing new gear and performances, which include the Lumber Jills (female lumberjacks). You will see live raptors, reptiles, and the big cats of the world. I find the seminars by the experts to be very informative. Plan to spend a few hours there. Additional information is available on their web site: www.sportshows.com.

For the hunter, there is the elusive coyote, rabbit, snowshoe hare, and raccoon that may be hunted this month. Tracking is easier in the snow.

Snowmobiling should be at its best this month if we have enough snow. The local clubs have done much work to improve the trails, so riding should be great.

Get out in Alton Outdoors this month and beat cabin fever.

LOCKE INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Alton Board of Selectmen has appointed Town Planner Andrew Locke as Interim Town Administrator to serve until such time as a new Town Administrator reports for duty. Locke came to Alton in May 1999 from McCall, Idaho, where he was the City Planner. He is originally from the Lakes Region having graduated from Gilford High School. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from St. Lawrence University and a Master of Rural Town Planning degree from the University of Montana.

Locke is continuing his planning duties while doing "double time" heading up the Town's administration. Meanwhile, the Selectmen are actively pursuing the recruitment of a "permanent" Town Administrator. At the present time there are over 40 applications for the position with more arriving all the time.



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PTSA: WHAT WE ARE UP TO!

By Marcy Lowthian, PTSA Secretary

The following is to let you know that your Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is not sitting around and twiddling its thumbs. Since our last report the PTSA has:

1) Donated funds to complete the gingerbread house projects that students created under the guidance of home economics teacher, Linda Monasky. We are pleased to announce they took first place at the Strawberry Bank Competition! 2) Created a lending library of helpful books for parents to borrow, located in Laurie Griggs' grade 7 room. 3) Supplied snacks for the many children that come to school hungry. 4) Provided funds for enrichment programs. 5) Hosted a "Welcome Teachers" gathering to introduce ourselves to new teachers. 6) Sponsored "The Fourth Annual Crafters Fair," "Children's Halloween Party," and a teenage dance every month. 7) Continued efforts on our worthy project to build a new playground for the children of Alton; we are forging ahead with hopes of the ground breaking to occur in spring 2000. 8) Sponsored three \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors.

The PTSA holds meetings every third Wednesday of the month. We have exciting guest speakers scheduled in the next few months, and we always look for fresh input on ideas and programs to bring to our community. Newcomers are welcome!

We would like to recognize the extraordinary efforts of our new music teacher, Carlos Martinez, in the production of the K-3 Holiday Concert. From the praise of all who attended, it is clear Alton has gained an essential addition to its school.



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Remember the ice storm of January 1998? Wendy Everson is sharing some of her beautiful photographs of this disastrous event that left many of us without power and immobile for days. This is just one example of the many wonderful displays that have been shown here. If you have a special collection you would like to share with the public, please stop in and see us or give us a call. We welcome your ideas.

In the event that we must close due to inclement weather conditions or any other unexpected event, we will contact the following radio stations: WLNH (98.3 FM), WOKQ/WXBB (97.5 FM), and WASR (1420 AM).

The book discussion group will be meeting on February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library to share thoughts on *The Beans of Egypt Maine* by Carolyn Chute. Everyone is welcome to attend. To get a copy of the book, call us.

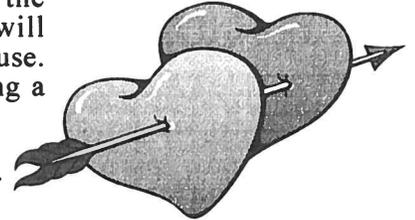
Join us for story hour at the library every Wednesday from 1:30 — 2:15 p.m. for ages 3 — 5 years. Sign up at the circulation desk no later than the Friday before. Registration is limited. For more information please call 875-2550.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

By Millie Pierce, Unit Secretary

The American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their annual Sweetheart Breakfast on February 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The menu consists of chocolate chip or blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, coffee, orange juice, and bacon or sausage, all for the low cost of \$3.99. Come join us, relax, and let us do the cooking.

The Junior Auxiliary will be holding a Hearts and Flowers Raffle to be drawn at the breakfast. Proceeds will benefit a charitable cause. They are also sponsoring a teen dance in February. Watch the Legion marquee and posters for more information.



Mark your calendar now for March 11 when the Auxiliary will be having the St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance. It will be a corned beef diner with all the trimmings. Watch for more information next month.

The Legion members invite anyone to join them for their Wednesday night Bingo, a night of relaxation and fun and maybe a lucky night for you. Workers are needed and players are welcome. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

Remember a veteran and have a good day.

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CHANNEL 25

Alton homes which have cable TV and tune to Channel 25 now and then are probably noticing a change in what is available for viewing. The shows that are produced and recorded outside the Lakes Region are becoming fewer in number as local productions increase. One recent hit was the Alton Central School holiday concert.

Another feature of Channel 25 is that many of the popular shows are being repeated at 2 a.m. so that VCR's can be set to record something that was missed on its first playing.

If you would like to videotape some event of local interest for showing on Channel 25, contact Peter Pijoan at 528-3070.

MEET THE SPECIAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Special elections don't happen often and when they do, the lead time between the announcement of the election and the voting is very short. How can you meet the candidates and explore their positions on important issues? Do you have to risk frost bite meeting them at the transfer station? Not this time.

Saturday, February 5, at 1pm, the Iron Works Market, route 140 and Stage Road in Gilmanton Iron Works, has agreed to host the candidates before the District 5 Primary the following Tuesday, February 8.

VOTE

Feb 1st

Feb 8th



MT. MAJOR SNOWMOBILE CLUB

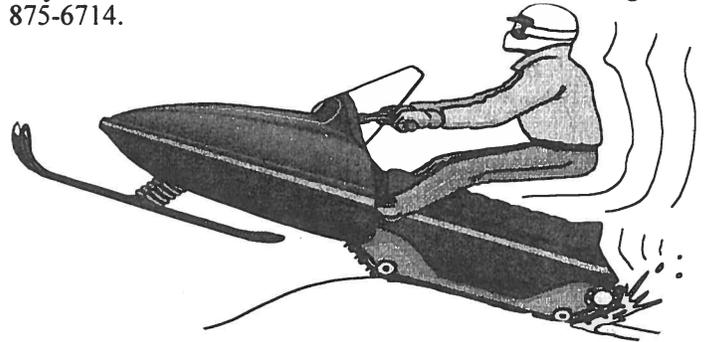
By Judy Geer

The only good thing about this winter's lack of snow is that trail work and bridge building is continuing much later than usual. Now all we need is a significant dump of snow so that we can utilize all the good trails.

The familiarization ride-in planned for February 9 has been postponed until the 16th. The date of our first Radar Run has changed to February 13, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., during the Alton Winter Festival. Coffee, hot chocolate, tea, soda, hot dogs, and goodies will be available to purchase, along with memberships, hats, etc. in the Alton Bay Community Center during this time. The start and finish will also be at the Center adjacent to the M/S Mt. Washington pier. There is plenty of trailer parking. Prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m.

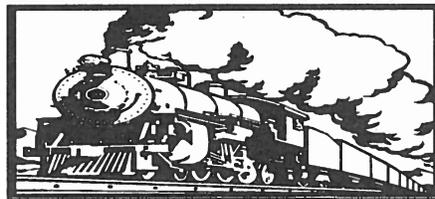
During our December meeting we had election of officers: Dave Geer, President; Larry Sullivan, Vice President; Joanne Shibley, Treasurer; Leslie Rentel, Secretary.

Any inquiries regarding meetings, trails, activities, etc., may be directed to Dave Geer at 889-4697 or Bob Bergeron, 875-6714.



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(see Information Center for worship times)

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) ended the month of December by serving 46 adults and 45 children; this brings our total, since opening on October 15, to 273.

The month of December found the ACSP assisting in the placement of another family who became homeless within a few days of the Christmas holiday. Other families were assisted with the provision of much needed furniture that had been generously donated by various caring citizens. Winter jackets were provided to several children and financial assistance was provided to several families through referrals to The Society of St. Vincent dePaul, the Salvation Army, and area churches.

At this time we are particularly in need of beds, bureaus, and, as always, cash donations. Please contact Pastor Bob Hett at 875-6765 to make a donation.

The food pantry hours at this time are Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon and Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. Emergency assistance at other times can be provided by calling Dorothy Wentworth at 875-3900.

We are in need of additional volunteers, particularly for Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. If you could donate even one Saturday per month of your time to assist in the provision of food, we encourage you to join us. Please let Elizabeth Sweeney know if you can help; call 569-1881.

MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

Mothers joining to pray for their children and their schools are meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at The Bay Church on Rand Hill Road. Childcare is provided. Please call Phyllis Brooks for information at 875-2866.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Sugar n' Spice" luncheon on Wednesday, February 9, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Sugar n' Spice and Everything Nice" will be the Special Feature by Lisa Nelthropp-Jamieson of Wedding Confections in Wolfeboro. Paul Moynihan from Laconia will provide the Special Music, "We Have Just a Spoonful of Music." Lovedy Alexander from Limerick, Maine, will be the Special Speaker, presenting "Sweet Thoughts for a Lifetime."

Reservations for the lunch and 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 inter-denominational group with no formal membership.

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NON-PROFIT FUEL CO-OP AVAILABLE

By Daniel Barraford

Local residents and staff of Our Town Publishing, Inc. have formed a non-profit energy cooperative to obtain group discounts for fuel oil, propane, kerosene, and diesel fuel. Many co-ops exist in the state; two were contacted for help and hints. One does 600,000 gallons annually, the other 1.5 million gallons. A simple fact is a big buyer gets a big discount.

In the first four weeks the co-op gained over 100 members with a total volume of 207,000 gallons; now it is up to 195 members and 310,000 gallons with more members joining weekly. A reputable, well-known fuel supplier was selected from bids. Excellent prices were fixed through August: fuel oil, 82 cents a gallon; kerosene, 97 cents; and propane with a price schedule based on usage down to about 70 cents a gallon. Prices are capped so that if the prices go down, the co-op's prices will also go down.

The co-op is lucky to have commercial members with large volumes to contribute to the total "gallons bid on," thus helping members who are residents. Several schools have been contacted with the idea they will get a better price as part of a group than they might get individually. Mention the co-op to your budget committee or school board member. Remember, the more volume in gallons we send out to bid, the better the price we get next year.

The cooperative is open to all. Spread the word, especially to senior citizens. Call 776-2488 to receive the membership materials; there is no obligation to join. Instructions are provided on how to decide if it's worth switching. For those on a budget plan or who prepaid for fuels, plan to wait until next summer. If you decide to join, you'll deal directly with the fuel company. The co-op only negotiates the prices for

its members. This year there is no membership fee. The co-op expects to have over 600,000 gallons in its "bidding pool" by the spring and thus get even better prices next year.

As of the first of the year the co-op has been taking advantage of the new "Energy Choice" option for electricity. When you call, let us know if you're also interested in electricity discounts.



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

**By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent**

RECORDS WERE BROKEN

We have broken all records as I write this on January 10. Let it snow, let it snow — the question now is when? We have had to sand a few times for ice and sleet, but no plowing up to this date. I know it sounds great for some, but for us it actually adds new work. Snow insulates our ditch lines to keep them from freezing. What happens now is water begins freezing, filling ditch lines with ice, and it comes out into the roadways.

We have already begun to cut ice in ditch lines with special ice blades for our grader. We also are watching culverts so they do not freeze up solid. If you see a problem, please call 875-6808. It may be a problem we haven't seen.

We have already begun cutting trees back on two roads scheduled for expansion next year, Davis Road and Sunset Shores Road.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please have a happy and safe February. See you at Town Meeting in March.

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CENSUS 2000

(Condensed from U.S. Census Bureau Materials)

The questions asked by the United States Census are to: 1) help your community thrive; 2) get help in times of need; 3) make government work for you; 4) reduce risk for American business; and 5) help yourself and your family.

It will be easy for everyone to take part in Census 2000. The questionnaire assistance centers and a toll-free telephone number will help you if you have problems filling out the form. Forms are available in other languages so all can take part.

Answering The Census Is Important

Taking part in the census is in everybody's best interest. Residents who answer the questions help their communities get federal funding and valuable information for planning schools, hospitals, and roads. Census data helps decision-makers understand where specific needs should be addressed, i.e., elderly services, new schools, etc. To make sure people like yourself are represented in the census, you need to complete your questionnaire and encourage others to do so.

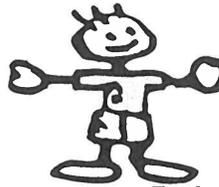
Be aware that by law the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone else, including welfare agencies, IRS, courts, police, and more.

Temporary Job Opportunities Are Available

Knowing that local people know their neighborhoods best, the U. S. Census Bureau is looking for people in Alton to be enumerators in Census 2000. This means you will walk block by block from early spring to late summer dropping off questionnaires and conducting census interviews. The jobs last six to eight weeks, and you must be 18 years or older and have the use of a car.

Counts from the census are used to reapportion seats in the U. S. House of Representatives among states and to redraw congressional and state legislative lines. The Federal government uses census counts to determine the distribution of \$200 billion dollars annually to programs benefitting local communities. The U. S. Constitution mandates a census every ten years.

If you are interested in working for the census or wish more information, call the Dover Office at 1-888-325-7733.



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

GET IN SHAPE!

Body Works Exercise Program

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. Classes are held at the Alton Bay Community Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. Classes are ongoing at \$3/class or \$20/month. Drop in anytime and bring a mat, light hand weights, and water. Class will not be held on Tuesday, February 8. For more information call 875-0109.

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 875-0109.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

Line dancing lessons for adults of all ages are held at the Alton Bay Community Center every Tuesday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Drop in anytime. Program fee is \$3 for the entire winter season of lessons; what a deal!

Portland Flower Show on March 11

The Parks and Recreation Department is co-sponsoring a trip with GeoDon Tours to Portland, Maine, on Saturday, March 11, to the famous Portland Flower Show, DiMillo's Floating Restaurant, and Portland's Public Market. The tour includes deluxe motor coach transportation from Concord leaving at 7 a.m. and returning at 6:30 p.m., admission to the Portland Flower Show, and Portland's Public Market. Lunch is included at DiMillo's Restaurant with a choice of Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Broiled Haddock, or Black Angus Strip Steak. Tour fee is \$69 per person. Please call for a tour flier or more information at 875-0109. Register soon; spaces fill up fast.

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**SCHOOL CLOSED TO-
DAY?**

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).

CARDS OF THANKS

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who turned out for my farewell party. Apart from enjoying myself thoroughly (and undoubtedly a bit too much) I was definitely overwhelmed by the outpouring of support. I miss Alton very much, especially the staff and townsfolk I came to know — you are all in my thoughts constantly.

/s/ Fondly, Scott Dunn

An ENORMOUS THANK YOU to Officer Chris Kelby for helping to round up my horses a few weeks ago. Rumor has it that Officer Kelby was simultaneously able to

control highway traffic on TWO roads and barricade numerous attempts by my horses to escape across the highway. He, Jim Pellowe, and others were able to herd my horses back into the safety of their paddock. The courage shown that day avoided what could have been a potentially disastrous situation. My unending thanks to all these true "horse whisperers!!!"

/s/Debbie Pellowe

I want to thank my many friends who joined me on December 28 to celebrate my birthday. It was so nice to enjoy the company of so many of you at one time.

I also want to thank Dennis and the staff at J. P. China for the outstanding job they did preparing the meals and serving so many people at once.

/s/Ella Cumming

SENIOR MEALS

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

January 31 - February 4: Mon., BBQ Riblet; Tue., Hot Dog/Roll; Wed., Beef Stew; Thu., Chicken Parisian Pasta; Fri., Pollock/Sherry Sauce.

February 7 - 11: Mon., Veal Parmesan Pasta; Tue., Teriyaki Chicken; Wed., Sliced Roast Beef; Thu., Shepherd's Pie; Fri., Pollock Filet/Sherry Sauce.

February 14 - 18: Mon., Country Style Chicken Breast Filet; Tue., Meatballs/Gravy; Wed., Hearty Beef Stew; Thu., Kielbasa; Fri., Fish Fillet/Cheese/Roll.

February 21 - 25: Mon., Closed Presidents' Day; Tue., Hot Sliced Turkey/Gravy; Wed., Pork Chow Mein; Thu., Yankee Pot Roast/Onion Gravy; Fri., Macaroni/Cheese.

February 28 - 29: Mon., Herb Baked Chicken; Tue., Salisbury Steak/Gravy.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Chris Irvin, a senior on the Alton basketball team, was honored for scoring 1,000 points during his high school career . . . Wendy St. Laurent and Peter Coats were elected Queen and King of the Carnival Ball at Alton Central School . . . Sophomore Amelia McKinney won a Gold Key Award in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition . . . the Alton Fire Department "Squirters" won the Annual Bed Race during the Winter Carnival.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . the Alton Senior Citizens presented a check to foreign language teacher Denise Stone to help defray expenses for her and seven students traveling to France during the February school vacation . . . David Overall was selected to the Northeast Soccer Club team that would tour Europe in April . . . Eric O'Brien, a junior at Alton Central School, hit the magic 1,000th point in a basketball game against Lin-Wood.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 5 (snow date 2/12), Alton Central School, 1 p.m. This is your opportunity to review and perhaps amend the 17 warrant articles that will appear on the ballot in March. Once the articles are passed to the ballot, you cannot make any more changes — you only vote yes or no on Town Meeting Ballot Day, March 14. The ballot will also include several elected positions, such as school board members, moderator, clerk, treasurer.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING
ON ALTON TOWN BUDGET**

The Budget Committee will hold its hearing on the Alton Town Budget on Thursday, February 3, at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. There is a snow date of Tuesday, February 8, at 7 p.m. This an opportunity to learn more about the town budget and express your views to the Budget Committee on the proposed expenditures which will come up at the Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 15.

TREE, SHRUB, AND MORE SALE

It may be cold out, but it is time to start thinking about spring planting. Once again the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) will be have it annual fund-raising program. The offerings usually consist of young trees (deciduous, nut, and fruit), evergreens, shrubs and berries of many varieties, and much more.

Orders must be received on or before the first week in March. To obtain an order form, call 528-8713. At this time in mid-January the 2000 brochure is not yet off the presses. In the past there have been two places available for picking up your prepaid purchases in late April. Sometimes they have surplus plants for sale on your pick-up date, but you cannot count on getting exactly what you want if you leave it until the very last day.

BCCD keeps researching new plant varieties to add to the list. Do not delay calling them for your name to be put on the mailing list. You must act quickly so that you can get the plants you really need and want.

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