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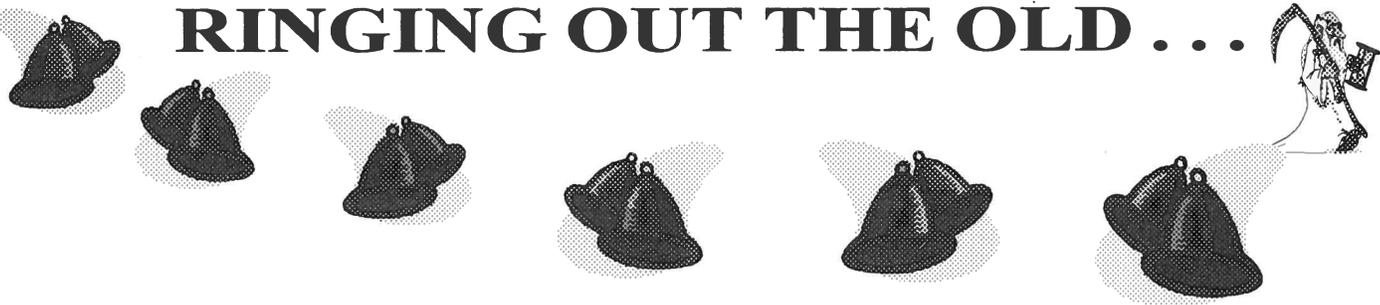
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

SCHOOL OPTIONS BEING PURSUED

By Wayne D. Fraser, Alton School Board

The School Building Committee continues to work toward a proposal to present to the Alton School Board regarding the best use of the newly acquired land. At this point the committee is in the process of researching the pros and cons of each of the four possible uses for the land.

Once this task has been completed the committee will hold the first of several public forums to discuss the land use issue. As of this writing the date and time of the first forum have not been established. The committee is waiting to schedule this meeting until it has been able to gather information about all four of the proposals. One of the main goals of the forum will be for the committee to hear input from the voters of Alton. For that reason the committee hopes to listen to public input as well as present information.

The first forum will not include a discussion about the cost associated with any of the options. Rather, after the public has had a chance to offer their input and the committee has done all of its research, the cost of each option will be calculated. This information will then be discussed at a second public forum. The goal of the committee is to allow everyone to have their opinions heard on each of the options before any proposal is made for a building project.

Please continue to check Main Street for the announcements of our forums and plan on attending. The committee and School Board hopes that all Alton voters will try to stay informed on what we believe to be an important project. Help us to do "the right thing" for Alton.

BE PART OF REDESIGNING ALTON VILLAGE

By Alan Sherwood, Planning Board Chair

A public forum on Alton Village Revitalization will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 17, at 7 p.m. The snow date is January 24.

Last October a team from CLD Engineering, sponsored by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen, conducted a Village Design "Charrette" focused on Alton's Main Street between Karen's Country Kitchen and the Alton Circle. As reported in last November's Main Street (page 3), about two dozen residents participated in the charrette. They offered their opinions about what they liked most and least about the Village and made many suggestions for improvements.

The engineers and architects are now ready to come back to present their recommendations and cost estimates. These suggestions are based on what the engineering firm heard from town residents at last year's charrette and YOUR continued participation is essential. This forum could serve as a basis for planning future funding and implementation.

PTSA AT A FORK IN THE ROAD

By Judith Pellowe

Alton's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has had a very busy fall. The craft fair held in November raised approximately \$600. Also the organization held their main fund raiser, a candy and gift sale, which raised approximately \$7,500. The money raised from both of these events goes into the general fund, and is used for a variety of things.

On an ongoing basis the PTSA sponsors a senior scholarship, as well as the Elves Pantry at the school. Recent purchases have included agenda/assignment books for



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students in grades 4 through 8 and equipment for the physics classroom. Some of the money raised during the fall fund raisers will be used to purchase additional equipment for the new playground.

The PTSA is still looking for volunteers and especially for those willing to hold seats on the Executive Board. According to the PTSA charter, the officers can serve only two consecutive years. All of the current officers are serving their second year. If the PTSA doesn't get new officers by the June elections (nominations are made in May), then the PTSA may have to disband. Besides raising money for the school, the PTSA has sponsored dances, short story contests, and other events for Alton students.

It would be a great loss if the organization were to disband. If you are interested in volunteering, you should contact Rick at 875-2572, or Natasha at 569-1624.



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

OUR SCHOOL'S REPORT CARD

Just as students receive a report card indicating their performance, this year for the first time the State of New Hampshire Department of Education has issued each school district a report card. It is called the "NH School District Profile," and it became available to the public via the Internet on December 1. To view statistics about Alton, or any other district, visit the Department of Education's website <www.ed.state.nh.us/>.

Legislation required the Department of Education to rank order performance of school districts on the state's assessment tests. A number of variables which impact student performance were looked at. The variable that researchers have determined to correlate most significantly to student performance is the number of pupils receiving free and reduced lunches. This is the variable the department used.

Based upon a district's free and reduced lunch percentage (Alton's percentage is 19.8 percent compared to the state average of 16.3 percent), the Department of Education predicted a probable score range on the state exams. Districts were then put in a similar schools category and were ranked according to the actual score the students received on the state exams. On all exams in grades 3, 6 and 10 and in all subjects, Alton students performed within the predicted range.

In terms of ranking, Alton third graders were ranked 14 out of 139 schools with a similar free and reduced lunch count on the English Language Arts test and 22 out of 139 schools in the math test. Both of these scores are indicative of outstanding performance. Student performance on the sixth grade exams, though within the predicted range, was not as good as the third grade or the tenth grade results which fell in the middle range.

The demographics as reflected in the profile show the student population in the Alton district is changing. There are a higher percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunches than in the past. What does this mean for the district? It means we must provide early intervention programs to determine the needs of students and then provide instruction to meet the needs of these students. Experts in the field of educational research indicate preschool screenings and educational programs help to close the gap for needy children.

In addition the district is going to align its curriculum to the New Hampshire Frameworks so the students will be prepared to take the state exams. The district plans to lengthen the class blocks by four minutes each day by eliminating the last block of the day (H Block) and adding this time onto the existing blocks, thus providing greater time on task. The district realizes it faces a significant challenge.



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Main Street's Inside Front Page



IN MEMORIAM
MAIN STREET'S PUBLISHER
ROBERT L. CALVERT
1918 - 2000

After a long career of community and public service, Bob Calvert, Main Street's publisher and president of the not-for-profit corporation, was laid to rest last month.

He was born May 26, 1918, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, son of Earle F. and Lillian V. Calvert. His distinguished career was not long in becoming evident. He was valedictorian of his 1935 class at Rindge Tech High School and graduated with honors from Harvard College and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. During World War II he served as a master sergeant in Signal Intelligence in Europe and was one of only 24 American Service personnel selected to attend the Sorbonne in Paris at war's end.

Moving into civilian life he served as a professional Scout Executive with the Boy Scouts of America for 42 years in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Jersey, and Indiana. Highlight roles included organizing the Transatlantic Council in Europe and North Africa for families of American military personnel and later serving as the Scouting movement's National Director of Planning and Communications.

Bob "retired" in 1983 to Alton and became very involved in local activities. He served as a member of the Planning Board, Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, school volunteer and coach of an Odyssey of the Mind team, district chairman of the area Boy Scout District, president of the United Associations of Alton, and Town Moderator. He was president of the Visiting Nurse Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity and first president of the later merged VNA Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity.

In 1986 he received the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. And in 1991 he received both the Governor's Award for outstanding volunteer service in Belknap County and the New Hampshire Municipal Association Award for outstanding municipal service. In 1995 he received the New Hampshire Library Association Volunteer of the Year award.

We knew him best, of course, as Publisher of Main Street and President of its parent not-for-profit corporation, The Voice of Alton, Inc. Since 1986 Bob had been one of the most contributory members of Main Street's staff in addition to serving as Vice President of the corporation. When the original publisher and founding editor moved from Alton, Bob rose to President of the corporation and Publisher in April 1999. The term "guiding light" comes to mind because that truly was what Bob Calvert did for Main Street. There never could be a replacement with such extraordinary abilities and Solomon-like wisdom.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Catherine Shoup Calvert, in May 1995. Catherine was one of the founding members of Main Street in 1985 and served as its Assistant Editor until her death.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Ziegler Calvert, whom he married in 1997; two sons, Robert Jr., and George E. Calvert; one daughter, Lillian Johnson; two stepsons, James and Ames Ziegler; and two granddaughters, Sarah and Emily Johnson.

Alton has lost one of its most public-spirited citizens.

SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY?

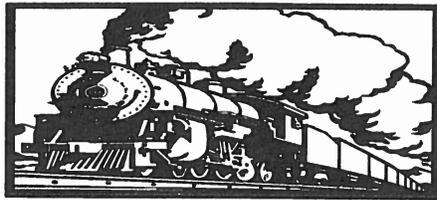
After a night of stormy weather there is only one way to find out if the kids have to be bundled up and put out the door to go to school. The *official* school closing announcements for Alton Central School are broadcast over radio stations WEVO (89.1FM), WKXL (1450AM & 102.3FM), WLKZ (104.9FM), WLNH (98.3FM), WNNH (99.1FM), WOKQ (97.5FM), and shown on WMUR-TV (Channel 9).

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

For those of you who do not grind up your Christmas tree for mulch, the Solid Waste Center (SWC) is once again accepting them. There will be a designated spot for them. See the information page for the days and times the center is open. Remember, you need your decal displayed. They are available at the SWC or Town Clerk's office — only \$1 each.



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By Detective Glenna Heath
Alton Police Department

STAYING SAFE ON THE ROADS

Now that the cold weather and snow are here to stay for a while, I want to remind everyone to dust off those bad weather driving skills. Here are a few suggestions for staying safe on the roads.

Slow Down — It is always better to arrive late to your destination than to never arrive at all. Remember, in bad weather you could be driving too fast even if you are driving at the posted speed limit.

Keep Back — Do not follow the car in front of you too closely. By staying back you should be able to avoid a collision if the car in front of you starts sliding around on the road. Also, beware of snow plows and sanders. These big trucks need a lot of room to turn around, and you don't want to get caught in the driver's blind spot.

Possible Scam — On another note, we have had calls from a few residents who report that they have been called by a group purporting themselves to be the Alton Police Department Athletic Association. This is NOT a legitimate organization and should anyone get a call like this, please call us at 875-3752.

ADULT WALKING PROGRAM

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



THE CHECKOUT DESK
By Holly Brown
Librarian

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE LIBRARY

Once again the Friends of the Gilman Library demonstrated their expertise and dedication by hosting our second annual Holiday Tea. Friends, patrons, and library staff enjoyed refreshments and holiday music presented by members of the Alton Central School band and chorus. Our most sincere thanks go to everyone who took part in the tea from decorating the library for the holidays to preparing or donating the refreshments.

Our special thanks go to the members of the band and chorus, Deanna Talon, Kristie Roberts, Megan Farrell, Kristen Murray, and Roxanne Papp. We hope they enjoyed performing for us as much as we took pleasure in listening.

Just a reminder that there will be no preschool story hour while the school is on vacation or closed due to inclement weather. In the event the library must close due to weather conditions, the announcement will be made through the same radio stations you listen to for school closings (see page 3), plus one other, WASR (1420AM).

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting at the library on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Breathing Lessons* by Anne Tyler. New members are always welcome. If you need a copy of the book, let us know.

If you are searching for a 2001 calendar, the Friends still have copies of "Beauty of Alton" at a price of \$5 each. Winter has arrived. We recently received a new shipment of Alton afghans to ensure you stay warm and comfortable as you "curl up with a good book." You can purchase these items at the library or the Alton Village 5 & 10.

BELKNAP COUNTY PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Belknap County government offers many programs and services to the residents of Alton. If you require horticulture expertise, need a deed for a real estate transfer, or seek care for a loved one at the Belknap County Nursing Home, you will find the help you need through your county government. Be aware there are many more services available to you. "Service Link" (originally called Focal Point) was brought into being within the past two years. This program connects seniors and individuals with disabilities to services that allow them to remain in their own homes rather than going to a nursing home. Another program being worked on will assist at-risk youth. For information on your options, call 527-2812.

ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) completed the month of November having served 27 adults and 41 children in its food pantry. The ACSP additionally provided heat, rent and fuel assistance to several families throughout the month. Referrals were given out to additional organizations for various forms of assistance as needed.

The ACSP would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals involved with both the American Legion and the Mrs. Santa Fund (run by the Alton Fireflies) who have so generously given of their resources and time in providing Christmas presents to many of the families who have sought assistance from the ACSP. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated! What a wonderful, and caring community we live in!

On November 30 the ACSP held its annual meeting. The annual report is available for those not in attendance. Given at least two of the organizations/funds that so generously donated to the ACSP during the past year are not now

available, we are optimistic that the forthcoming year will see new contributors coming our way. You will enable us to continue the work that we do in helping those in our community who are experiencing financial or other difficulties at this time. We are grateful to all of you who so faithfully keep the ACSP in mind with donations of both food and funds.

At the time of this writing we do not have an exact date for our move into the basement of Town Hall. If you find our location on Main Street empty, seek us out at the side entrance of Town Hall on Depot street. To reach us by telephone call 875-CARE (2273).

We are always in need of new volunteers. If you know of a family who could use our assistance, either for food or finances, have them visit us on Saturday between 2 and 4 p.m. or give us a call for a home visit.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

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

"Break From Winter Blahs" is the Special Feature with Janice McWhinney of Geo Tours in Gilmanton. "Only a Song Away" is the Special Music with Georgia Basko of East Lebanon, Maine. and she will also present "Real Life Adventure" as the Special Speaker.

Reservations for the lunch and the 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.

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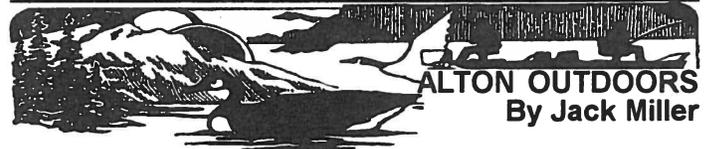
YOUR HOSTS CHEF TOM AND KAREN JEFFREY

CALVERT REELECTED TO VNA-HOSPICE

The VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity (Alton) recently elected officers for the new year at its annual meeting. Reelected to the position of Vice President was Alice Z. Calvert of Alton. She has served on the Board of Directors for the past four years and has chaired their Evaluation Committee. The other officers are from Wolfeboro. They are: President, David Booth; Treasurer, Edward Roundy; and Secretary, Harry Widman.

CZECH INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Stanley Czech, NH State Representative and a former Chairman of the Alton Selectmen, has been appointed to serve as Interim Town Administrator on a part-time basis. Czech will fill the vacancy created when Raymond Houle left on December 1. The Selectmen now have two search committees in progress, one for a Town Administrator and one for a Town Planner.



WHAT DOES THE NEW YEAR BRING?

With the new year it is time to get ready for the next round of seasons in Alton's great outdoors. January starts the year by providing ice for us to fish from. The fish have not gone into their winter dormant stage yet and are still actively feeding, so they are easier to catch. The early ice is thinner for us to cut through, but also not as safe. Don't take chances; a fish is not worth your life.

Small local ponds will freeze sooner than the "Big Lake." An angler may fish through six holes in the smaller ponds but only two holes on the "lake trout" lakes. Warm water species are found in most lakes. Pickerel, perch (white and yellow), and bass provide lots of "flags" and hopefully some tasty fresh fish. Check the rules for the body of water you fish.

Rainbow trout have been stocked for the last seven to eight years in some local lakes and can be an added bonus to your "catch of the day." Hang on tight because these fish can take out a lot of line and break it very quickly. Good luck getting one through the hole. Brook trout have been stocked in a few small lakes and are a challenge to try to catch through the ice. Patience is a good virtue here! To find out which lakes are stocked with trout check the NH Fishing Regulations Digest that is available wherever licenses are sold. Stay warm and good luck.

Moving from water (ice?) to land, snowshoe hare and cottontail rabbit may be hunted this month along with fox, raccoon, and coyote. Snowshoe hare make for some tasty eating but can be hard to find in the local areas. Look in areas with thick, low brush and try to identify their trails. Like deer they travel between food and shelter on the same trails. You are looking for the "white ghosts of the forest" on a white background, so keep a sharp eye and shoot well. Find a rabbit highway and you could have a rabbit pie.

Coyote may be hunted any time of year but January is especially good. The young have not learned much about man yet and are easier to hunt. Food is becoming scarce and they will be less wary as their hunger increases. Eliminate a few of these predators, and we'll see more fawns survive.

The outdoor show and exposition season is also here. Attending some of these can cure the winter blahs and get one excited about the seasons to come. Some good buys are also often found there.

See you out there?

FROM ALTON'S NEWEST STATE REPRESENTATIVE, LAURIE BOYCE

Thanks to everyone who voted for me. I was overwhelmed at the response, after running twice before and never getting the position. I received the highest number of votes of the six people running. In trying to be a "good" representative, I have asked the Alton Selectmen for a period of time when I can be available to the townspeople in Town Hall. As a result, I will be in Town Hall the first Friday of each month from 9 - 11 a.m. Please feel free to come and voice your opinion about upcoming legislation, ask a question or two, or just come visit; we'll get to know each other. I'll try to be the representative you all voted for.

VIDEOGRAPHER SOUGHT

December's Main Street reported (page 8) that the Alton Selectmen's meetings may have fewer showings on Channel 25 due to a shortage of videographers. If you are willing to volunteer for this civic duty, call 875-5067 for further information.

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent



WINTER IS HERE!

We hope that your holidays were happy and that you have a safe winter season.

It is that time of the year again for snow balls and sledding. We had the sanders all set in December; they were standing by for our first good snow fall on December 14. Old Man Winter has a long ways to go though. Up until the snow came we were busy doing general maintenance, i.e., filling pot holes, removing brush, cleaning culverts and ditches, as well as helping residents in any way possible keeping within town guidelines.

Winter snow operations are as follows: we wait until there is approximately two inches of snow on the roads before we begin plowing. This will continue until the end of the storm or approximately until 9 p.m., at which time we may shut down operations until 1 a.m. This gives us enough time to open the roads for the morning commute and the school buses. One storm will take about 18 hours to plow and sand if it is only snow. A storm of freezing rain is another story all its own. In case of emergencies we are standing by.

Putting down sand on one mile of road during an ice storm is a tough job; by the time we get to the end of the road, the first half of the road is iced over again. Having 87 miles of town roads to maintain creates almost an impossibility to keep up with during the freezing rain. We start spreading the sand out on the town roads after it stops raining. It is very time consuming having to go back over the roads. To do the entire 87 miles of roads in any ice storm will take about 20 hours. Remember, we are on our way.

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

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

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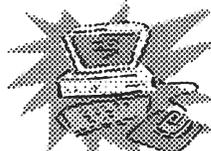
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ALTON ON-LINE By Joe Harris



SCHOOLS UNDER A MICROSCOPE

This month Alton On-line takes a look at the website of the New Hampshire Department of Education. It can be accessed by typing in <www.ed.state.nh.us/>.

On December 1 the NH Department of Education released its statewide school profiles on the Internet. The profiles facilitate instant access to a host of information, including test scores, school spending, enrollments, and drop-out rates. Most of the information found on-line has been available to the public, but not in one place.

Among the information is a new statistic, rankings in statewide assessment tests. It compiles information from test scores of grades 3, 6, and 10. Students are tested for proficiency in English, math, science, and social studies, and are grouped into four categories: novice, basic, proficient, and advanced.

The web site allows visitors to access individual school districts and towns by clicking on to **NH School District Profiles**. Select **Alton**, and you will be able to view the district highlights, assessments of grades 3,6, and 10, enrollment, finance reports, and graduate reports. The finance report available for Alton is for fiscal year 1998-1999.

For those who wish to examine the NH State Assessment Results for 2000, you must download the 19-page report on Adobe Acrobat before viewing. The lengthy report details and compares the state's school districts to one another.

According to Dennis Murphy, spokesman for the NH branch of the National Education Association, the tests are designed to be used as self-help tools for the schools, and should not be used to compare schools to one another. The tests have been used since 1993, yet the state has done nothing to directly aid sub-standard schools. Those who support the ranking system believe that it serves an important purpose, as it brings accountability to NH schools and their administrations.

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JANUARY EVENTS

- Mon. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Wed. 3 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri. 5 MEET YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE Laurie Boyce,
 Town Hall, 9 - 11 a.m., see story
 Mon. 8 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m.,
 see Checkout
 Wed. 10 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center,
 11:30 a.m., see story
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Thu. 11 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community
 Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon.
 Mon. 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
 Wed. 17 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 VILLAGE DESIGN FORUM, Town Hall, 7 p.m., see story
 Tue. 23 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST MEET, this is your
 last chance to register if you wish to run for an office,
 7 - 9 p.m., Town Hall
 Wed. 24 FIRST DAY TO FILE TO RUN FOR TOWN OR
 SCHOOL OFFICE, last day is February 2
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Thu. 25 ASSEMBLE Main Street, Pearson Road Community
 Center, 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. 31 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
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 Street box). **Be sure to include a phone number.**

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION CHANGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001

By Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office would like to update you on a registration change mandated by the State of New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Department. "Any 1988 or older vehicle registered on or after January 1 will require in addition to the bill of sale one of the following documents: 1) Previous issued NH Registration; 2) Valid Out-of-State Title; or 3) Verification of VIN (Form 19A) per RSA 261:2a.

Prior to registering a non-titled vehicle, the "vehicle identification number" must be verified by a NH law enforcement officer, NH licensed auto dealer, or NH inspection station unless a valid NH registration can be presented. If you are buying or selling a non-titled car, please come to the Town Clerk's office and pick up a bill of sale and the TDMV 19A form for an easier registration process.

Please call 875-2101 if you have any questions or 271-3111 if you want to reach the Bureau of Title in Concord.

PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP RELIEF

Homeowners in Alton may be eligible for the state education property tax hardship relief program. The maximum relief amount for our town in 2000 is \$525.74.

Eligibility Requirements

Income level - \$25,000 or less for a single adult or \$50,000 or less for two or more adults or head of household.

You must have been in your primary residence since November 3, 1998.

Forms Available

You may obtain the proper forms at Town Hall, the Gilman Library, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Forms Line at 271-2192, or <<http://www.state.nh.us/revenue>>.

The completed application must be filed by February 18.

MARCH 2001 ELECTIONS

Annual voting for town and school offices is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Anyone planning to run for either a town or school office must file with the Town Clerk January 24 through February 2 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. On February 2 the office will remain open until 5 p.m. There is a \$1 filing fee for any office receiving compensation. Also, absentee ballot applications can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office.

Remember, to file for an office or to receive an absentee ballot you **MUST** be a registered voter. You may fill out the Voter Registration Card in the Town Clerk's office during office hours or come to Town Hall on Tuesday, January 23 from 7 - 9 p.m. when the Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session. To register as a voter you must present two forms of identification — a picture ID such as a driver's license and a proof of physical residence in Alton — tax, electric, or cable bill — that shows your road/street name.

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

Town Elections

- Selectman for three years (elect 2)
(James Washburn, Harold Bothwick)
- Trustee of Trust Funds for three years
(Joseph Houle)
- Library Trustee for three years
(David Countway)
- Fire Ward for three years
(John Young, Jr.)
- Cemetery Trustee for three years
(Mark Divito)
- Water Commissioner for three years
(Reuben Wentworth)
- Water Commissioner for two years
(Carl Ciampo)
- Budget Committee for three years (elect 3)
(Virginia Bergeron, Loring Carr, vacancy)
- Budget Committee for two years
(Vacancy)
- Budget Committee for one year
(Scott Sweeney)
- Planning Board for three years (elect 2)
(Bonnie Dunbar, Frances Washburn)
- Supervisor of Checklist for five years (filling a 6-year term)
(Anna Griffin)
- School District Elections\
- School Moderator for one year
(Terri Noyes)
- School Clerk for one year
(Ruth Messier)
- School Treasurer for one year
(Shirley Young)
- School Board Member for three years (elect 2)
(Robert Loprete, Peter Farrell)

The School District Deliberative Session will be held on February 3 at 1 p.m. at the Alton Central School.





Main Street's 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.; Woship 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

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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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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- BOARD OF SELECTMEN — January meeting dates undetermined; Chairman James C. Washburn; call 875-2161 for information. *
- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Virginia Bergeron, 875-6714
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, time varies, Town Hall, no meetings Dec. - Mar., 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
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Bill Crocker, 875-2161.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call, Chairman Dick Jones, 875-3855.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets on call, Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
- PLANNING BOARD — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Alan Sherwood; call 875-5095 for appointment. *
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Joyce Hopper, 776-8733
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meets on call, Chairman MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.
- 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.

*DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION

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Christopher D. Boothby, 527-5400

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James C. Washburn, Chairman, 364-7413

Harold M. Bothwick, Jr., 875-6262

Stephan McMahan, 875-6322

Arnold ("Pete") Shibley, 875-2849

Reuben Wentworth, 875-3388

ACS GOES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

By Laura Dwyer, ACS Enrichment/G&T Coordinator
 What a great idea! The Alton Central School (ACS) Enrichment Department is working with the community on two wonderful holiday projects.

One project is with the "Special Seniors" program that involves the Grade 2 Enrichment class and the Alton Senior Center. The students have each chosen a special senior to correspond with and began their letter writing Thanksgiving evening. They are eagerly awaiting the response of their first "Special Senior" letter.

The second program is with Enrichment grades 1-6 and the Alton Food Pantry. Each grade put together a holiday box filled with gifts from the heart. The boxes were donated to the Food Pantry for six Alton families.

Please keep in mind that the Alton Food Pantry is always accepting donations during the year. If the Food Pantry is not open, please use the school as a drop-off point: we will make sure your generosity is delivered.

A TRIP OF MUSIC

By Meghan St. Cyr and Allyson Fortier

In November five Alton Central School (ACS) students traveled to Lake Placid, New York, to participate in the Northeast Instrumental Music Festival. Also taking part in the All-Star Concert Band were students from New York and Vermont. After practicing for 2 1/2 days the band performed in a final concert on Sunday afternoon. Meghan St. Cyr played the baritone saxophone, Kristin Murry, the trumpet, Kayla Ballentine, the flute, and Sarah Harper and Hillary Ballentine, the clarinet. Even though the rehearsals were long, the opportunity was well worth it. The Great American Community Band was also there at the festival, with participating members from all over the United States.

BROOKS GETS INSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Katie Brooks, an Alton Central School sophomore, and daughter of Helen Brooks, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Teen Institutes. She is one of six to be awarded this honor.

Brooks was chosen for her sense of community, her willingness to learn, and her spirit and energy. Also, being a sophomore she can be active on the board through 2002 when New Hampshire will host a national conference of 35 institutes from 25 states. Brooks has been a staff member at the institute, taken a workshop, and attended the national conference. She is looking forward to bringing many ideas to Alton Central School.

BRAND NEW PHONE NUMBER

The Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) has a new phone number. Make a note of this number somewhere handy as it will not be in this year's phone book. To reach BCCD dial 527-5880. If that number is busy, try 527-9146.

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WE APOLOGIZE ...

In the December issue of Main Street on page 17, we had some errors, one of omission and one of confusion. The "son" was left off of the last name for Cub Scout Aaron and Den Leader Renee Wilkinson. We created some confusion when we used the term Troop in place of Den. We apologize to Den 3.

HELP WITH CHESS SOUGHT

The Alton Central School (ACS) Chess Club is now under way, and the students are very eager to learn and play. There are 40 players and only two coaches so the club is seeking parents or townspeople to volunteer their help. The club meets every Monday from 2:45 - 4 p.m. Gary Smith of the ACS staff would appreciate assistance with teaching the players, helping supervise, or lending other support. Everyone wants to see the success of the program continue. If you have a little extra time and can help out, please contact Laura Dwyer at 875-7500.

NEW AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY

FICTION

- Baldacci, David
- Beaton, M. C.
- Block, Lawrence
- Carr, Caleb
- Clancy, Tom
- Clark, Mary Higgins
- Coonts, Stephen
- Cornwell, Patricia
- Freemantle, Brian
- Gear, K. and W. Michael
- Grimes, Martha
- Ludlum, Robert
- Martin, Steve
- Patterson, James
- Rice, Anne
- Steel, Danielle
- Truman, Margaret
- Wolfe, Tom
- Woods, Stuart

- Wish You Well
- Agatha Raisin and the Fairies of Fryfam
- Hit List
- Killing Time
- Into the Storm
- Deck the Halls
- Hong Kong
- The Last Precinct
- Target
- People of the Lightning
- Biting the Moon
- The Prometheus Deception
- Shopgirl
- Roses Are Red
- Merrick
- Journey
- Murder at the Library of Congress
- Hooking Up
- L. A. Dead



NONFICTION

- Ambrose, Stephen
- Gray, John, Ph.D.
- Pelzer, David

- Nothing Like In the World
- Mars and Venus in Touch
- Help Yourself

CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULT

- Bang, Mollie
- Canfield, Jack
- Curtis, Jamie Lee
- Luenn, Nancy

- When Sophie Gets Angry Really, Really Angry
- Chicken Soup for the Pre-Teen Soul
- Where Do Balloons Go?
- Celebrations of Light: A Year of Holidays Around the World
- The Amber Spyglass
- The Story of Hanukkah
- Winnie the Pooh and the Hanukkah Dreidel
- What is Hanukkah?

- Pullman, Philip
- Simons, Norma
- Wisner, David

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NEW READING DIRECTOR AT ACS

By Amy Beauregard

Do you like to read? Well, so does Barbara Weatherbee, Alton Central School's (ACS) new Reading Director for grades K-12. She began work at ACS November 1.

Happily married with three children, Mrs. Weatherbee has a Masters degree in reading. She comes to Alton with a diverse background in education, having taught third grade and been a Title 1 reading teacher. Before coming to our school she taught in several places.

The name of the reading column is Alton Central School Reading Review. Mrs. Weatherbee loves the fact that here at Alton she has the opportunity to teach reading "all day long!" Currently she is reading Book #4 of the Harry Potter series (*H.P., The Goblet of Fire*).

Please feel free to call Mrs. Weatherbee at 875-7373 with any questions or concerns. She would love to talk with you about reading. Watch for more short articles about reading and Mrs. Weatherbee's program throughout the coming year.

INTERIOR DECORATORS AT ACS

Sixth graders at Alton Central School (ACS) have been busy since November learning about shade, tint, chroma, tone, and intensity. Additionally they studied the psychology of color and what effects it has on well being. For instance, right outside their classroom door they noted how the light in the hall — or lack thereof — could affect a person's mood.

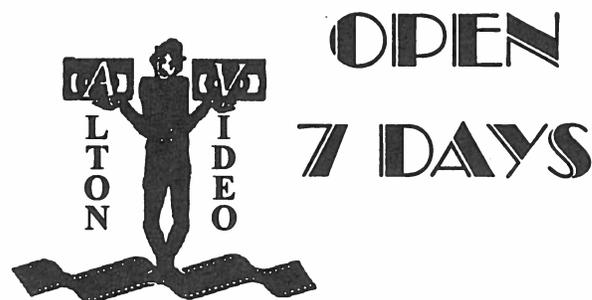
Using this new knowledge six students chose a color palette to paint their sixth grade hall and the ACS foyer. The decorators, under the guidance of Shelby H. Husak of Shelby's Interiors LLC, began painting on December 23 and continued over the holiday break. The paint was donated by California Paint Company and Home Beautiful, Inc. in Laconia.

The project was designed not only to teach the students about color but also about ownership, responsibility, and team work. "They are a great group of kids," said Husak; "we have spent a lot of time with each other and they are very excited to see the end result." She went on to say that the School Board and administration have been great with their support and very open about the idea of letting the kids have guided freedom to choose the colors. "I am anxious to see their expression when it's done. The kids have done a tremendous job," concluded Husak.

ST. CYR RECEIVES DAR AWARD

By Michael Folan, ACHS Assistant Principal

Meghan St. Cyr, a senior at Alton Central School (ACS), was selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen of ACS for this year. Meghan, along with the DAR Good Citizens from other New Hampshire communities, was invited to the DAR Good Citizens Luncheon held in Concord in December. The students also toured the State House and NH Historical Museum. Meghan was sponsored by the Winnepesaukee Chapter of the DAR.



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Grade 2 Citizenship: Stephanie Burke, Ethan Ehler, Hannah Golden, Spencer Goosens, Andrew Kim, Lindsey Malone, Stephanie Pryor, Jake Rochette, and Gregory Tinkham.

Grade 3 Citizenship: Sarah Adams, Ashley Barsanti, Roger Boucher, Marissa Brooks, Scott Brunelle, Hollie Couture, Bradley Cyr, Lindsey Daniels, Tabitha Davis, Joel Dore, Felicia Drewniak, Trisha Dumas, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, Jimmy Goodwin, Kelsey Hopper, Megan Hopper, Margaret Houghton, Brian Jones, Danny Lang, Levi Liedke, Stephanie Moulton, Katelyn O'Toole, Emily Pellowe, Edward Rogacki, Kyle Rondeau, Kim Sykes, Kara Turner, Zach Whissel, Kayla Wyatt.

Grade 4 Citizenship: Shaida Anderson, Casey Beranger, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Joshua Crosman, Cory Dudman, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Katie Gage, Kim Grant, Andrea Hills Grove, Jack Lafreniere, Ashley Lionetta, Vinny Meuse, Ralph Minick, Sean O'Toole, Kathie Sykes, Willie Wenzlau.

Grade 4 Honors: Casey Beranger, Erik Caron, Emily Donahue, Cory Dudman, Megan Farrell, Jack Lafreniere, Ashley Lionetta, Weston Stewart, Kathleen Sykes.

Grade 5 Citizenship: Josh Austin, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Derek Chase, Amber Couture, Rebecca Davis, Meagan Divito, Natasia Drewniak, Courtney Emerson, Emily Folan, Ryan Gillan, Chelsea Hawkins, Logan Hopper, Makina Lefasseur, Brian Jones, Jesse Lane, Chris Loprete, Ryan Lougee, Alina Loynd, Karol Anne Mansfield, CJ Moulton, Corrine Pearce, Amanda Pellowe, Tricia Perry, Tara Prescott, Alisa Price, Jennifer Shafer, Robyn Shibley, Brianna Tidd, Krystal Vigue, Caitlin Wenzlau, Jonathan Yelle.

Grade 5 High Honors: Brian Jones, Jesse Lane, Amanda Pellowe, Brianna Tidd, Caitlin Wenzlau, Jonathan Yelle.

Grade 5 Honors: Joshua Austin, Tony Castagnaro, Derek Chase, Kelsey Crathern, Meagan Divito, Courtney Emerson, Gary Ford, Ryan Gillan, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Christopher Loprete, Ryan Lougee, Alina Loynd, Karol Mansfield, Chris Moulton, Tricia Perry, Tara Prescott, Alisa Price, Jennifer Shafer, Robyn Shibley, Krystal Vigue, Jessica Wilcox.

Grade 6 Citizenship: Hannah Barnet, Dottie-Jean Bailey, Brett Belanger, Kyle Belanger, Bryan Bishop, Brad Bissell, Jennifer Boucher, Robbie Boudreau, Kris Callahan, Haydee Capellan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Erin Donnelly, Ashley Dwyer, Jeff St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, Wes Taggett, Julie Thoroughgood, Kelsey Tinkham, Joshua Vlk.

Grade 6 High Honors: Dottie-Jean Bailey, Jeffrey St. Cyr.

Grade 6 Honors: Bryan Bishop, Erin Donnelly, Ashley Dwyer, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Tyler Fiscus, Nathan Fogell, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Kimberly Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Daniel Lampman, Nicholas Lundy, Kelly Main, Donald McGee, Marc Roy, Sara Scanlon, Hope Sshafer, Bryce St. Cyr, Wesley Taggett, Kelsey Tinkham, Ty Tremblay.

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Grade 7 High Honors: Luke Lafreniere, Owen Laurion, Daniel Pitman.

Grade 7 Honors: Indira Capellan, Nicholas Divito, Johanna Dickson, Allyson Dudman, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Peter Kaszynski, Kathryn Pellowe, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phalen, Patrick Quinn, Amber Richardson, Aimee Terravechia, Katrina Tidd.

Grade 8 Citizenship: Tasha Bickford, Lisa Branden, Crystal Cleasby, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Scott Goyette, Cassandra

Golden, Erin Hannafin, Travis Hopper, Christina Jamieson, Brian Kivlehan, Ashley Marren, David McMahon, Tim McManus, Camille Niquette, Shayna Randall, David Roberts, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Lyndsay St. Laurent, Jessica Thoroughgood, Michael Tidd, Sarah Tinkham.

Grade 8 High Honors: Anne Farrell, Christina Jamieson, Brian Roy.

Grade 8 Honors: Crystal Cleasby, Kelly Eagles, Cassandra Golden, Erin Hannafin, Alexander Kaszynski, Ashley Marren, Timothy McManus, Camille Niquette, Brenna Quann, Shayna Randall, Derek Rondeau, Michael Tidd, Sarah Tinkham.

Grade 9 Citizenship: Elizabeth Biddle, Lindsey Caron, Kara Castaldo, Tamara Cornelissen, Chris DeFlumeri, Carl Dickson, Ryan Donnelly, Robyn Ford, Anthony Godbout, Jessie Gunn, Amber Johnson, Kristine Kenerson, Lindsay Kenerson, Stephanie Keniston, Melissa Kim, Vanessa Lampman, Chris Langer, Dylan Laurion, Kristy Lefebvre, Kristy McDaniels, Crista Perkins, Megan Pickard, Tonya Prescott, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, Krista Shibley, Zachary Simone, Ashley Spencer, Matt Sydow, Stephanie Tanguay, Isaac Tharpe.

Grade 9 High Honors: Lyndsey Caron, Tonya Prescott, Krista Shibley, Stephanie Tanguay.

Grade 9 Honors: Elizabeth Biddle, Tamara Cornelissen, Carl Dickson, Dylan Laurion, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, Matt Sydow.

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Grade 10 High Honors: Scott Baumgartner, Terese Hopper.

Grade 10 Honors: Katie Brooks, Ashli Coughlin, Jill Feger, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Kelly Jalbert, Amanda Jones, Christopher Kimball, Kristin Murray, David Snell III, Erin Wood.

Grade 11 Citizenship: Kayla Ballentine, Dan Bemis, David Benedetto, Scott Blair, BK Brown, Megan Brownell, Joshua Carr, Jessica Chabot, Brian Clark, Randi Desmarais, Mike Enright, Jillian Finch, Morgan Fuller, Taylor Gunn, Briahna Lefvasseur, Ben Jensen, Dana Lang, Andria Long, John McAuliffe, Jon Nicastro, Anthony Nicastro, Jon Owen, Marissa Peterson, Anthony Sanborn, David Shibley, Dennis Sweeney II, Jane Varney, Steven Wood, Jamie Young.

Grade 11 High Honors: Briahna Lefvasseur, Dana Lang, Marissa Peterson.

Grade 11 Honors: David Benedetto, Scott Blair, Megan Brownell, Andria Long, Jane Varney.

Grade 12 Citizenship: Tonya Alden, Chris Alting, Debra Beaupre, Amy Beaugard, Katie Boles, Samantha Coakley, Ashley Conrad, Kelsie Croes, Robert Daniels, Sara Dore, Jonathan Douglas, Tara Elliott, Joshua Foote, Allyson Fortier, Will Goodrow, Loretta Helie, Shawn Hillsgrove, Jeremy Howe, Renee Lafreniere, Ryan Loynd, Kathryn MacKay, Alicia Mansur, Karine Marchand, Kristy McDonald, Katie Morrill, Beth Morse, Kayla O'Brien, Dave Osborn, Shawn Sanders, Geoffrey Scholl, Nicole Sell, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St. Cyr, Rachael Strickland, Emily Sydow, Deanna Talon, May Varney, Tiffany Whitehouse, Ryan Yelle.

Grade 12 High Honors: Sara Dore, Renee Lafreniere, Emily Sydow.

Grade 12 Honors: Tonya Alden, Amy Beaugard, Katie Boles, Kelsie Croes, Jon Douglas, Tara Elliott, Joshua Foote, Allyson Fortier, Will Goodrow, Shawn Hillsgrove, Jeremy Howe, Ryan Loynd, Kathryn MacKay, Karine Marchand, Katie Morrill, Beth Morse, David Osborn, Paul Russell, Shawn Hillsgrove, Geoffrey Scholl, Nicole Sell, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St. Cyr, Rachael Strickland, May Varney, Tiffany Whitehouse.



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

COUNTRY LINE DANCING LESSONS

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Country Line Dancing Lessons for adults of all ages on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. starting January 18. The program fee is \$3 for the season. Lessons are held weather permitting. Call 875-6750 for more information or weather conditions.

DWYER'S POSTER GOES TO NATIONALS

Alton Central School (ACS) has some exciting news! Nicole Dwyer's poster from the Belknap County Conservation Poster Contest has been selected to compete at the national level in Texas. The Grade 4 enrichment class, the Grade 5 classes, and Nicole all entered the contest called "Community Waters." Nicole's poster was selected from the K-1 category to enter the New Hampshire Association of Conservation District level. Her poster won the state level and is now in the running for the national competition. Nicole is a student in Mrs. Quann's first grade class at ACS.

ACS STUDENT COP FOR A DAY

By Laura Dwyer, ACS Enrichment/G&T Coordinator

The sixth grade enrichment class at Alton Central School (ACS) is taking time to explore career choices now. Each student has chosen a profession of interest to him or her. We have invited guest speakers to come and discuss their profession with the students. In return, students will get a chance to spend a day on the job with someone in their field of study. This opportunity gives the students a chance to see both sides of the job and make contact with professionals in the community.

Jeff St. Cyr recently began his job study with the Alton Police Department. The Police Department sent Officer Joe Vetanze to the school to talk to the class about security matters. The students were intrigued and plan on taking Officer Vetanze up on his offer to come back to the school later this year for a close look at a police cruiser.

The Police Department scheduled a day for Jeff to ride along with a police officer. Officer Peter Llewellyn picked Jeff up at the school and they began their day with a tour of the Police Station, complete with mug shot and fingerprints. They reviewed the police log and discussed the weapons and equipment in the station and how they are used. Shortly after morning break began they received a call concerning a burglary. Jeff was excited and hoped so see the officers in action, but it was a false alarm. Then they were off to tour the Belknap House of Corrections. Jeff was surprised to find that the people there were not locked up behind bars but security was well maintained throughout the building insuring the safety of workers and visitors.

After lunch Officer Llewellyn and Jeff filled the cruiser with gas and got ready to catch the speeding cars in Alton. Jeff got a quick lesson on the radar gun but still no action. Jeff noted that drivers in Alton do pay attention to the speed limit signs! Well, this day was not action packed with crimes, but Jeff will have another opportunity to explore a simulated crime scene later this year.

Many thanks to the Alton Police Department for their hard work in helping the students in the community to learn about the people who keep us safe. This was a great learning experience for Jeff and he was very excited to share his experience with the rest of the class.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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Information on Bay View Pavilion, formerly Alton Bay Pavilion, for student project. Call Anthony at 875-4982.4

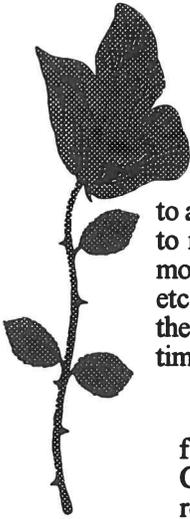
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CARDS OF THANKS



I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards and flowers from the American Legion Auxiliary and prayers. Thanks again. /s/Dorothy Clark of Alton, wintering in Florida

A very special warm and heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to make this Christmas one to remember here in Alton. Thank you for time, money, goods, wrapping, clothes, toys, etc., etc. All your contributions and thoughtfulness to the Mrs. Santa Fund went to make this a special time for all!

/s/Mrs. Santa's Elves

I am writing to thank the citizens of Alton for my re-election as Belknap County Commissioner. It is an honor to be chosen to represent you in county government.

/s/Christopher D. Boothby

SAFE ICE THICKNESS



(Solid clear blue/black pond and lake ice)
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 Passenger car (2-ton gross).....7 1/2 inches
 Light truck (2 1/2-ton gross).....8 inches
 Medium truck (3 1/2-ton gross).....10 inches
 Heavy truck (8-ton gross).....12 inches
 10 tons.....15 inches
 70 tons.....30 inches
 110 tons.....36 inches
 Strength value of river ice is 15 percent less.
 Source: American Pulpwood Association

CARD OF MOURN



The board and staff of Main Street wish to extend their deep condolences to fellow staff members Barbara and Richard Cunningham upon the death of their son Michael who passed away on November 27. Michael suffered a stroke as a result of surgery to repair his aorta. Our sympathy also goes to his brother Keith who lives in West Alton and New York.

SENIOR MEALS

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

January 1 - 5: Mon., New Year's Day, Closed; Tue., Veal Parmesean; Wed., Hearty Beef Stew; Thu., Stuffed Pork Choppette; Fri., Baked Chicken/Gravy.

January 8 - 12: Mon., Cheese Omelet; Tue., Baked Ham/Pineapple Raisin Sauce or Turkey; Wed., American Chop Suey; Thu., Pot Roast/Gravy; Fri., Turkey Rice Casserole.

January 15 - 19: Mon., Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Closed; Tue., Chicken Filet/Gravy; Wed., Italian Sweet Sausage/Spaghetti Sauce; Thu., Meat Loaf/Gravy; Fri., Macaroni & Cheese.

January 22 - 26: Mon., Stuffed Veal; Tue., Chicken Primavera; Wed., Kielbasa Links or Hot Dogs; Thu., Roast Pork/Gravy; Fri., Cod Fish Cakes/Sauce.

January 29 - February 2: Mon., Sausage Links/Gravy; Tue., Salisbury Steak/Gravy; Wed., Turkey Ala King; Thu., Stuffed Shells/Meat Sauce; Fri., Shepherds Pie.

IN Main Street FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The first homes were connected to cable television as a result of the efforts of the Cable TV Committee — Jill Stein, Linda Mazalewski, Richard Downing, Herbert Persan, Robert Sederquist, Jr., Harvey Sanders, Elaine McDonald, and Charles Adams . . . President Jean Irving announced plans for the first anniversary of the Lioness Club . . . Alton Chapter 316 of the Young Astronaut Program was designated a "Pilot Chapter" due to the efforts of chapter leaders Mary Batchelder and Rolf Dutzmann . . . 10th grader Debbie Laurion was selected as second soprano for the New England Music Festival.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours was hosted by Alton Country Supply . . . music students Jill Dunham, Archie Thibeault, and Heather Patterson performed in the Lakes Region Music Festival . . . the Alton Garden Club was presented a special meritorious award for "enhancing the quality of life for all in Alton" . . . eight servicemen from Alton were serving in Operation Desert Storm — Russell Wetherbee, Steven Brouillette, Earl Joy, Paul Pearson, Jr., Craig Pearson, Matthew Rogers, Gary Desautell, and Michael Roche.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Alton's bicentennial year began and had as its year-long theme, "Reflections on our History" with many of the townspeople writing articles throughout the year depicting its history . . . Aida Downing, age 96, was honored as the *Boston Post Cane* recipient at a ceremony held in Town Hall . . . Gwendolyn ("Penny") Jones received the Clerk's Association Award for 20 years of service from the New Hampshire City and Town Clerk's Association.

**15TH ANNUAL ICE-OUT CONTEST
DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28**

For the 15th year, Main Street is giving you the chance to win a dinner for two. This year's winner and guest will dine at an Alton restaurant to be announced in the next issue.

This is an annual contest won by the person who comes closest to the date of "ice-out" in Lake Winnepesaukee as decided by the official ice watchers around the "Big Lake." Last year "ice-out" occurred at 8:30 a.m., April 10. The earliest date was March 28, 1921, and the latest, May 12, 1888, the first year there was an organized contest. Records date from 1887.

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

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 28 and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

ICE-OUT ENTRY FORM

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Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

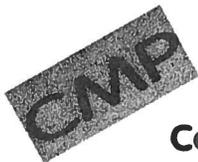
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**ANOTHER BLUE RIBBON AWARD!
(AND A SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED)**

By Laurie Boyce

First, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave of their time last year. I have received a certificate from New Hampshire Partners In Education (NHPIE) that our school has once again received the BLUE RIBBON AWARD. To receive this award the volunteer program has to achieve four hours of volunteer work for each student. With 695 students at the end of last year we needed almost 2,800 hours. The 135 active volunteers last year put in over 6,000 hours! Thank you all very much.

Now we need to talk about this year. We have another truly fantastic group of volunteers, but I need someone who can cover the cafeteria on Thursday during the lunch period selling snacks and drinks to the students. Since I was elected as a State Representative, I will no longer be able to do this. You would have to be there from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. When there is food left over, you get a delicious free lunch for putting in 1 1/2 hours with the students. Please think about it and if available, call me at 875-7371. Thanks!

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