



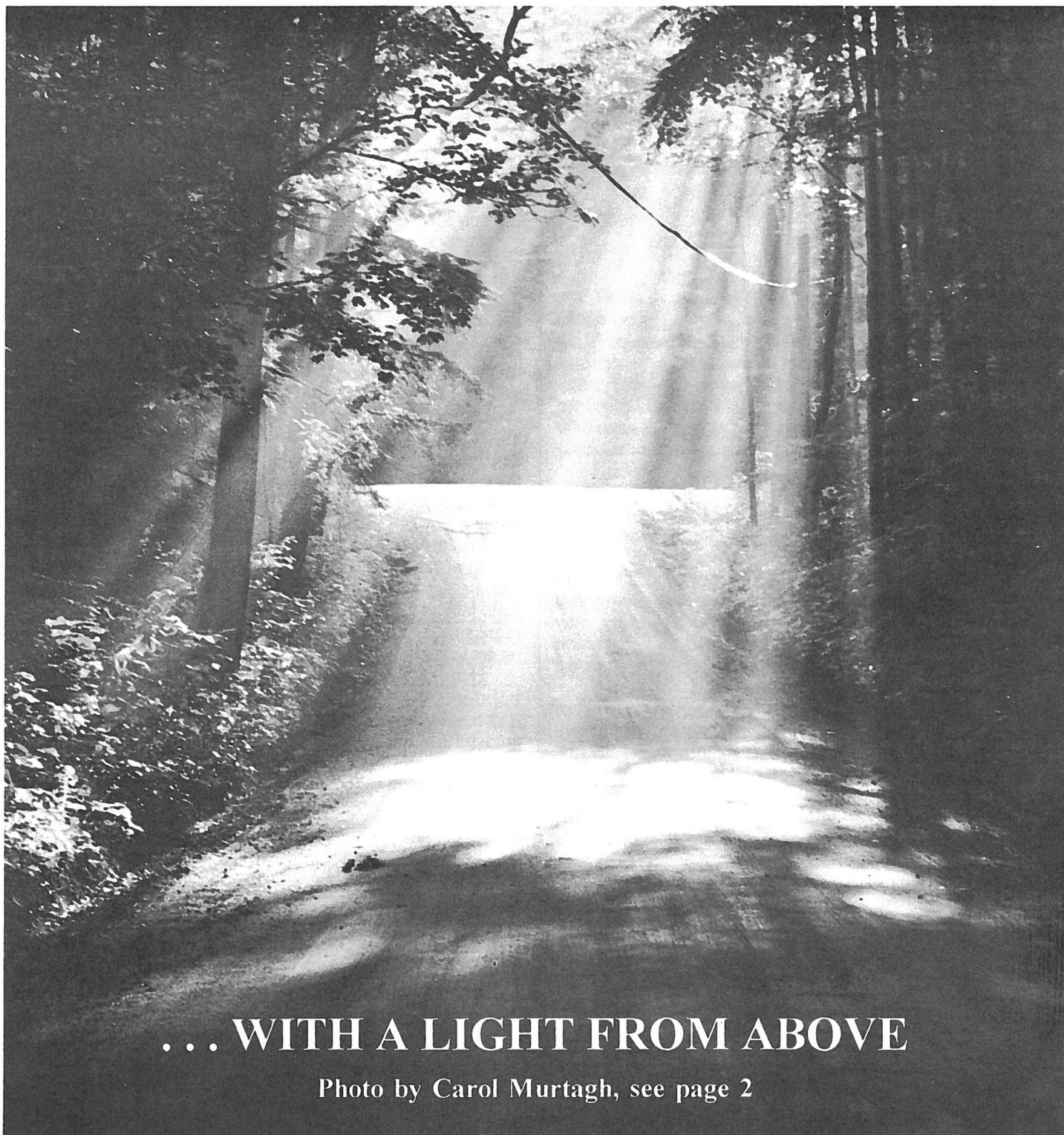
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NEW DEADLINES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS AND ARTICLES

Read the article on the right. Main Street has to find a new printer beginning with the November issue!

Since we have no idea who will be awarded the bid to print this newsmagazine in the future, we are giving you advance warning that you as an advertiser or author may find that there will be new deadlines imposed for submission of ads or articles. We will not have the luxury of having the printer right in downtown Alton anymore.

We will do our best to inform you as soon as possible of any changes due to the needs of the printing firm chosen. The first couple of months may have some ups and downs, but if we are all patient and work together in a friendly way, we will overcome the obstacles and continue to produce a product which attempts to inform the community of what is going on in Alton. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ABOUT THIS MONTH'S COVER

It is the photo by Carol Murtagh that won her First Prize in the "Peoples Choice" category of this year's Main Street photo contest. Originally titled "Bowman Road," we have retitled it with an excerpt from *God Bless America* to be in keeping with the nation's spirit at this time.

ALTON PRINTING COMPANY CLOSES

By Bob Longabaugh

Alton's monthly newsmagazine, Main Street, has never known another printer. Since Volume 1, Number 1 (July, 1985), our printed pages have rolled forth from the offset press located on Alton's Church Street, the place with the shingle out front that identified "Alton Printing Company." That shingle came down on September 14.

It is a case of a hometown business that made good, but decided to close out while still ahead.

It all started in the early 1980's when Marilyn and Clive McAulliffe set up a print shop at their place on Lily Pond Road in Alton. Their part-time employee was Philip Stevens. Things went well so that a larger and more central location was called for and in 1985 the operation was moved to 23 Church Street, just half a block from Alton's Main Street.

Recognizing a good business opportunity when they saw it, Henry and Patricia Stevens purchased both the business and the property in April 1987. The workload was at a level that son Phil moved up from part-time to a full-time printer.

Now, and to Main Street's sorrow, our 16-year relationship with a quality and personable printer ends with this issue. The Stevens family took stock earlier this year and faced up to some pretty basic facts of business life: To stay competitive it would be necessary to make some very substantial investments in larger quarters and hi-tech equipment. Given that the family had been thinking of pursuing some intriguing options at this point in life, the decision made was to leave the printing business. On August 11 the letter went out that Alton Printing would be closing on September 14.

Interviewed for this issue, Phil Stevens describes his situation as one of being at a busy "intersection" in life, and he is just as likely to "take a left turn." While reluctant to be more specific than that, he assured Main Street that he plans on remaining in Alton.

Henry Stevens was very emphatic that all of Alton should be informed that the family wanted to thank the town, friends, and neighbors for the support and business that they have enjoyed for the past 16 years. Specifically recognized for her help in all of this was Debbie Burton.

Main Street cannot close this chapter in its history without also acknowledging the very significant part that Debbie Burton and the Stevens family made to bringing forth the quality product you now hold in your hands.



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Main Street's Inside Front Page

ALTON'S REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11



Alton residents came together at Town Hall on Sunday, September 16, at 12:30 p.m. to remember the non-survivors and heroes of Tuesday, September 11. A service was conducted by Rev. Peter Bolster, Community Church; Rev. Bob Hett and Rev. John Fogell of the Bay Church; and Sister Cathy Reed, C. S. C. and Rev. George Robichaud of St. Joan of Arc.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ACS

By Brian Hikel, President, Alton Teachers Ass'n

Over the past year Alton Central School (ACS) has been working very hard to create a new Emergency Management Plan. We have met with the Comprehensive Emergency Planning Department from the State of New Hampshire. They have given us some great ideas and training on how to keep our school, students, and staff safe in case of an emergency situation.

We have established a new plan and are now working towards its implementation.. Although we feel that the plan will insure the safety of students and faculty, we are still in need of some assistance and materials from the community. The major needs that we have are establishing an evacuation kit for every classroom in the school. In this kit will be survival items such as a first aid kit costing \$30 per kit, backpacks for holding the equipment costing \$25 per pack, and other emergency materials such as blankets and additional medical supplies. A generator is also needed. We are asking the businesses in the community if they may be able to aid us in purchasing these items. If your company/organization can be of any assistance in this matter, we welcome your input and donations in helping us make ACS safe for all that attend.

If you have any questions or would like to speak further about our safety needs, please feel free to call ACS and ask to speak with an administrator. We thank you in advance for aiding us in this most important process.

PUBLIC HEARING DATES SET

By Wayne D. Fraser, Alton School Board

The Alton School Board is pleased to announce the dates for two public hearings regarding the construction and operation of a proposed joint high school with the Barnstead School District. The first will be held Saturday, September 29, 1 p.m., at the Alton Central School and the second, Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 p.m., Barnstead Elementary School. These times were selected in order to allow for the maximum number of people to be able to attend. Both school boards will be at both hearings, and it is their hope that each hearing will draw a mix of people from each community. These are not intended to be one meeting for each community, but rather a chance for everyone to learn how people of each community feel about the joint school concept.

The main subject of the gatherings will be an introduction to, and a review of, the DRAFT of the Proposed Articles of Agreement for a Joint Maintenance Agreement between the two school districts. At this point this is still a draft and the boards are seeking public input as to how the communities feel about the proposed agreement. While many significant logistics have been agreed upon, including size of the facility, staffing, curriculum goals, and grade distribution, there are still areas to be completed before the agreement is brought to the voters in its final form.

As many people are aware, each district has selected two-member subcommittees that have been working throughout the summer to find the best possible joint solution to two problems — school overcrowding and lack of facilities in both towns. The negotiations have gone well, and both districts are extremely pleased to have come as far as they have so quickly. It is the hope of both the Alton and Barnstead School Boards that a large turnout at each hearing will show them if they are pursuing the option most favored by both communities. Please plan on attending these important meetings to let the boards know how you feel. The boards will also be happy to respond to any questions you may have.

Thanks for your continuing support of the Alton School District.

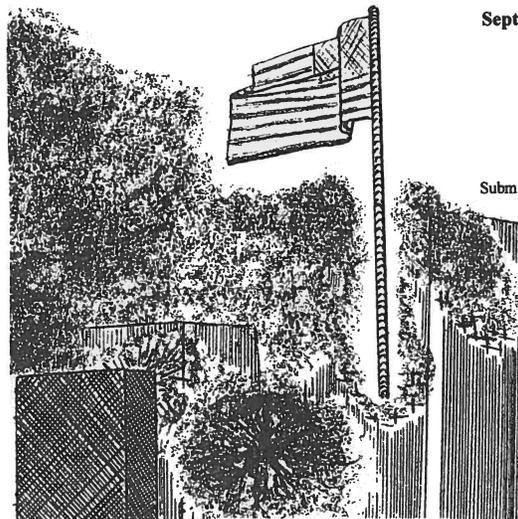
September 11, 2001:

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Submitted by Alton Artist
Deb Beaupre



Deb Beaupre
9/12/01

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper will be held at the Pearson Road Community Center on October 16 at 6 p.m. Ann Morse will be in charge and you need to check with her about what item you might bring for the buffet. Don't forget to bring your own plate and utensils. The Annual Meeting of the Historical Society will include reports from the president, treasurer, and secretary, as well as plans for the 2002 program and election of officers.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

By Paulette Wentworth

Summer is regrettably over, but it is now time to start thinking about the Thanksgiving food baskets for the families in need.

Donations will be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check, or money orders, made payable to "Operation Blessings," and may be dropped off at the Town Hall to Paulette Wentworth or mailed to Town Hall, P. O. Box 659, Alton 03809.

Canned goods donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before November 16. The Police Department will again be contributing toward the turkeys and we appreciate their donation.

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

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Pumpkin Patch Country Fair Luncheon" on Wednesday, October 10, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

There is something special in store so come a half hour early to visit, browse, or buy. There will be an auction so come see us at the Grand Pumpkin Patch.

"Pick of the Crop" is the Special Feature with Park Noland, Auctioneer, of Meredith, featuring special collectible items. "Harvest of Blessings" will be presented by the Special Speaker, Cally Davis from Pocasset, Massachusetts. This native Cape Codder will share her harvest of what to do when parts of your life are torn away from you.

Reservations for the lunch and available complimentary nursery may be made by calling in Alton: Janet at 875-2032 between 2 - 6 p.m. or Karen at 875-8144; in Gilford: Faith at 293-8073. The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.

MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

We invite you to join us to PRAY Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at my home on Stockbridge Corner Road. We are looking forward to a new year in God's protection, as well as some new faces joining our group. I would like to remind you that we are a nondenominational group of moms praying for our children and their school. We will uplift the entire staff at the Alton Central School, as well as the needs of our children. Do not hesitate to join us for an hour of prayer power. For directions or more information, please call me at 875-2866.

NORTH BARNSTEAD CHURCH

By Meredith S. Lineweber, Member

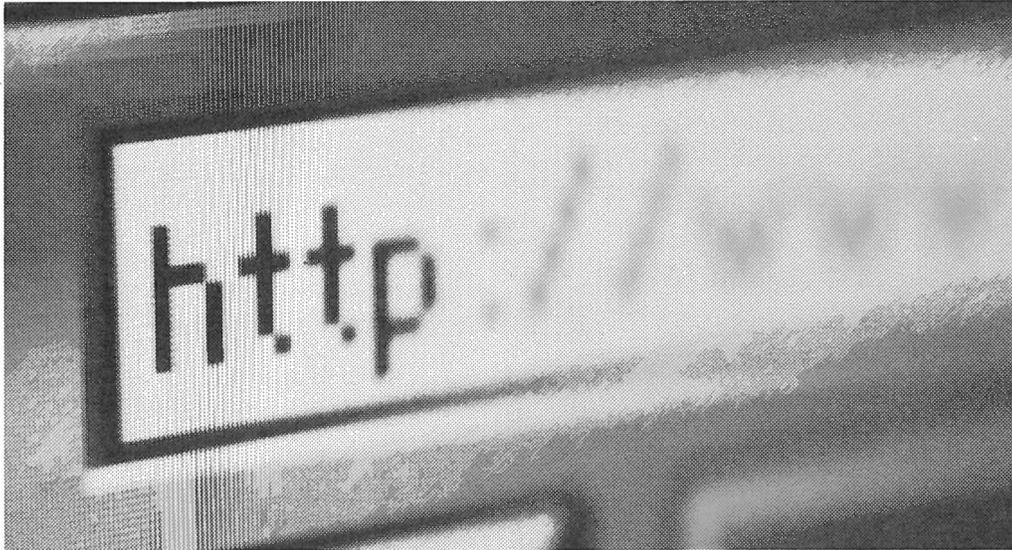
When you pass the North Barnstead Church, you will notice that we are still open for services. This is the first time in 80 years that we have had services year round, and there is much to tell of the goings on.

We heard from Scott and Jason on the Horton Center in Gorham. It sounds like a good place for families, as well as single campers. A new pulpit extender is in place to bring the sermon closer to readable level for the minister, Gray Fitzgerald. The Rev. John Udall tendered his resignation after serving faithfully for 12 summers. We are sorry to see the end of his Christian magicianship for the youngsters and the not so young, not to mention the always thought-provoking sermons and life lessons. The teens had a memorable weekend tenting and cooking with Joel and Dori Tothill and Gary Brumfield. An all piano service was held to honor the gracious donation of the upright grand to our sanctuary.

Sunday School is under the guidance of Helen Fitzgerald. There are still a few openings for any adults to sign up! We have a teacher rotation schedule in place for the fall and winter with Kendra Hartman serving as assistant. It is not too soon to think about the Christmas pageant. Choir, anyone? The Nominating Committee headed by Ethel McConaghy is preparing a slate of church officers for the annual meeting scheduled for Friday, October 12 at 7 p.m. at the church on North Barnstead Road. All committee reports are due.

There will be a new member Sunday soon; please contact Gray Fitzgerald at 776-0503 if you are interested. We continue to gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. with fellowship on the lawn as long as the weather holds. Communion service is the last Sunday of the month. Please join us soon.

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

"A WAKE-UP CALL"

By Bob Hett, Pastor, Bay Church

Some of you may know that the heritage of the Advent Christian Church (founders of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center and the Bay Church) involved a focus on the second "advent" (or "coming") of Jesus Christ. Our forefathers taught that He was coming again to take His church to be with Him, to destroy this present sinful world, and to create "a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness."

In II Peter, Chapter 3, verses 11 - 14, our Lord's disciple poses an interesting question in the light of this promise and the chaotic events leading up to this long-anticipated day. Peter asks, "what kind of people ought you to be?" Then, immediately, he answers his own question by stating, "you ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God" and "make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with Him."

As I sit and reflect on the events of September 11, 2001, I wonder if we shouldn't give sober consideration to the Apostle Peter's words.

FUTURE OF St. JOAN OF ARC (CONTINUED)

Condensed from *The Granite State News* of 9/6/01
as reported by Jeanne Tempest

Size limitations on the sites of St. Cecilia Church in Wolfeboro and St. Joan of Arc Church in Alton make it infeasible to maintain two separate churches, the committee to study the future of the two parishes has determined. Consequently, the committee's recommendation to John B. McCormack, Bishop of Manchester, will be to build an 800- to 850-seat church somewhere between the two existing sites and to build or buy a home for the pastor.

Although, legally, a 600-seat church could be built on the current 1.8-acre site at St. Joan of Arc, the rectory and school house would probably have to be torn down. Additionally, the size of a church to accommodate 600 seats, a parish hall, office space and other needed support facilities would need to be approximately 24,000 square feet.

The committee agreed that, "practically and reasonably" a new church building of this size should not be constructed on this site, the Rev. George Robichaud reported to parishioners on September 2. Rev. Robichaud accepted the responsibility of being pastor of both congregations effective September 10.

THE ALPHA COURSE IS COMING TO TOWN

By Ellie Snell

The Bay Church and the Community Church of Alton will be hosting the *Alpha Course* after the first of the year. In preparation for that event, some Alton residents are joining with the First Congregational Church of Ossipee. Their course will begin on Monday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The church is located in Center Ossipee at 50 Route 16B (old Route 16).

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

**By Donald E. Parks
 Superintendent of Schools**

ENROLLMENT GROWTH LARGEST IN YEARS

Alton Central School (ACS) opened its doors this fall to 43 new students. This is the largest one-year growth the district has experienced in a number of years. For the past few years the district has been increasing by about ten students a year.

The enrollment in pre-school to Grade 6 is 401 students. In Grades 7 and 8 the enrollment is 127, and in Grades 9 - 12 the enrollment is 207. The increase is occurring almost exclusively in Grades K - 6. Our largest class is Grade 7 with 65 students.

For the 2002-2003 budget that the district is in the process of preparing, we will recommend that the Alton School Board purchase two additional modular buildings which will house four classrooms and buy out the lease that expires in June, 2002, on a third modular.

The plan is to move three elementary classrooms into three of the rooms and to create another high school classroom. Additional space will be needed in the high school due to the district's proposal to expand its requirements for graduation from 2 units in math to 3 units, from 2 units in science to 3 units, and from 2 1/2 units in social studies to 3 1/2 units, and from 1/2 unit in computer technology to 1 unit.

Below is listed our current enrollment, by grade, for the 2001-2002 school year.

Grade	# Students	Grade	# Students
Pre-S	13	6	64
K	56	7	65
1	49	8	62
2	50	9	56
3	48	10	50
4	59	11	60
5	62	12	41

The total enrollment is 735 students.



TOWN HALL NOTES

**By Pamela Arnold
 Town Administrator**

WE ARE TAKING BIDS

The town's selectmen have decided that it's time to clean the basement and the garage. Consequently, the town is now accepting bids on various vehicles and office equipment. Among the vehicles are a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria, a 1991 Ford Explorer, and two 1977 Dodge pickup trucks. The lot of office equipment includes chairs and computer components.

All bids are "as is," but as Selectman Wentworth observed, "one man's junk is another man's treasure." You can inspect the items by calling Pat at 875-0229 for an appointment.

Bids should be addressed to the Alton Board of Selectmen and must be received in the Selectmen's Office, Alton Town Hall, One Monument Square, Alton, NH 03809, by 2 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2001. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

New Alton Selectman

On behalf of the Town Hall staff I would like to welcome new town selectman, Don Irvin, who was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Pete Shibley.



ALTON ADDS A K-9 UNIT By Bob Longabaugh

Shown above is Alton's newest law enforcement team. At their September 4 meeting the town's selectmen authorized the addition of "Duke," a German Shepherd dog, to the Alton Police Department. Duke will be doing patrols and special assignments with Senior Patrolman Terrence Morgan (seen above), while Police Chief Kevin Iwans will also be trained to handle the K-9 member of the police department.

The addition of a K-9 capability to the police department truly came about as a labor of love for Officer Morgan, who has been a member of the Alton department since 1995. Duke is the fifth German Shepherd to take up residence in his household; such a dog has been a continuing part of his memories since childhood. With that kind of history it follows that Morgan would take extraordinary steps to not only have a German Shepherd at home, but take him to the "office" as well.

And thus this past August Morgan found himself and Chief Iwans in Connecticut examining a group of some 30 dogs flown in from Czechoslovakia. Their mission was to select a friendly dog that would also be suitable for police work in Alton. It didn't take long to select Duke from the pack as the most friendly. Duke comes, however, with just obedience training. Ahead are weekly training sessions with the New Hampshire Working Dog Foundation where Duke will learn to become a certified K-9 with a speciality in tracking. Tracking will be an especially appreciated skill in Alton where it is not uncommon to have hikers go off our mountain trails for too many anxious hours.

Morgan laid out \$3,800 of his own money to purchase Duke and he is re-selling him to the Town of Alton for one dollar. Duke has to be owned by the town for liability reasons. Duke's upkeep will run around \$1,000 a year, making him the best value around when pricing out his worth as a public safety employee.

SENIOR CLASS OF 2002 SERVES SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Senior Class of Alton Central High School will put on a Spaghetti Supper for your enjoyment. The meal will be held at the American Legion Hall on Route 28 on Thursday, October 25, from 5 - 8 p.m. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children six years and under.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

By Dick Cunningham

Post 72 is all settled into their new home on Route 28. They have many activities scheduled open to everyone in the greater Alton area, as well as activities restricted to just members and guests. Below is a list for October.

1) Breakfast, Sunday, October 7, open to the public, see Auxiliary, page 9; 2) A great Halloween Dance with live music is scheduled for Saturday night, October 27, for members and guests only. Commander Ray Nadeau will bring as his guests all veterans who qualify for legion membership; 3) Yard/Craft Sale, Saturday, October 6, great buys for everyone, see Auxiliary, page 9; 4) Harvest Supper, open to everyone, Saturday, October 20, from 5 - 8 p.m.; fill up on great country food for only \$8 per person; 5) Wednesday night Bingo from 6:30 - 9 p.m., open to the public; 6) Reminder to members and guests that the kitchen is open for light dinners every Friday and Saturday from 5 - 8 p.m.; 7) Business meeting schedule: General membership is October 8, 7 p.m.; Sons of American Legion, October 9 at 7 p.m.; and Auxiliary, October 15 at 7 p.m.

Eligibility

You are eligible for membership in the American Legion if you served in the Armed Forces during any of these time periods: World War II between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946; Korean War between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955; Vietnam War between December 22, 1961, and May 7, 1975; Grenada and Lebanon between August 24, 1982, and July 31, 1984; Panama between December 20, 1989, and January 31, 1990; Desert Storm/Desert Shield between August 2, 1990, to the present.



THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Holly Brown

Librarian

NEW LIBRARY HOURS IN NOVEMBER

The Gilman Library will be changing the hours that we are open to the public starting on November 5. The hours will become: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; the library will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

Story Hour Begins Again

Pre-school story hour will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m., except when Alton Central School is not in session due to scheduled vacations or inclement weather. Parents are asked to stay with their child during story hour. Those who are interested in joining the fun can call 875-2550 or come in and sign up at the circulation desk. Welcome to all story hour parents and children! We hope to see you there.

Discussing Books

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Agnus Thompson Meeting Room. They will share their thoughts on *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas. If you would like to take part in the discussion and are in need of a copy of the book, please let us know.

Kristin Loomis - Guest Speaker For Friends

The Friends of the Gilman Library will be meeting on Tuesday, October 9, at 7 p.m. at the library. The guest speaker, Kristin Loomis, represents The Society For The Protection Of New Hampshire Forests. The public is welcome and admission is free. Please join us!

RECREATION DIRECTOR WRITES . . .

To the Board of Selectmen, dated September 17, 2001. Please accept this as my letter of resignation from the position of Recreation Director for the Town of Alton effective October 12, 2001. I have accepted a conditional offer of employment as the Parks and Recreation Director for the Town of Durham, New Hampshire.

I want to thank you and the residents of Alton for the wonderful opportunity to serve as the Recreation Director for the Town of Alton for the past nine years. It has been a tremendous pleasure serving the Alton community.

I leave the Town of Alton with a great sense of accomplishment for all of the projects, programs and events I have implemented and a sense of satisfaction for making a positive difference in the community. I have many happy memories of working with children, adults, senior citizens, volunteers, the Parks and Recreation Commission members, co-workers and town officials. I appreciate all of the time, energy and hard work volunteer community members, participants and businesses have donated to support the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department. Thank you again for the unique opportunity to challenge myself, grow as a professional and achieve my goals.

/s/Sincerely, Kellie M. Troendle, CPRP

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By Millie Pierce, Secretary

The Alton American Legion Auxiliary would like all members to be informed that the unit will be holding their meeting at the Post Home on Rte 28 north beginning with the October meeting. Our meeting night will also change to the third Monday of each month starting on October 22. We will continue to start at 7 p.m.

The Jr. Auxiliary will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. but will also meet at the new Post.

The auxiliary would like to say thanks to everyone who joined us for our Fish Dinner last month. Thanks also go to The S.A.L. members, Russ Rojek, Mark Handon, and Bill Waterman for doing the cooking. Great job, guys. Thanks.

The Yard/Craft Sale is scheduled for October 6 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Rte. 28 post home. Spaces are still available. Interested? Call Millie at 875-2838.

The auxiliary is sponsoring their Annual Leaf Peepers Breakfast on Sunday, October 7, from 8 - 11 a.m. Join us for plain or flavored pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, coffee, and juice. The cost is \$4.50.

November brings the beginning of the holiday season and also the auxiliary's annual "Turkey Shoot" (raffle) to be held at the American Legion on Sunday, November 11, at 1 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD G. FROHOCK

(1926 - 2001)

On September 16 Main Street lost one of its longest tenured volunteers. Dick Frohock, and his wife of 47 years, Betty, have been adding their labor to the monthly assembly of this publication for more years than any of the staff can remember.

Dick lived in West Alton most of his life and served in the U.S. Army both in World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Alton's American Legion Post #72 and a volunteer for the West Alton Fire Department. His fellow volunteers at Main Street extend their condolences to Betty and their family.

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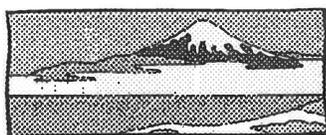
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ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Ruth Nickerson, Secretary

The Alton Garden Club will hold its next meeting on October 23 at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Scott Werner of Alton will speak on the subject "Bottling Alton Water."

Hostesses serving for this meeting are: Ellamarie Carr, Chairman, Marie Bemis, Phyllis Buchanan, Virginia Dore, Betty Finethy, Grace Genova, Alice Matthewman, and Dorothy Woughter.

FREE PROGRAMS AT WELLNESS LOFT

By Kim Macaulay

Huggins Hospital is proud to announce the opening of the Alton Wellness Loft. The Wellness Loft is located upstairs in the Alton Family Medicine building (formerly Dr. Merritt's office). The people connected with the loft plan to continue the efforts of Dr. Merritt to provide healthy educational programs for the Alton community and surrounding areas, such as the Healthy Hearts Club, Spinning classes, and the new Super Circuit classes. Programs will also include free health fairs and community lectures on a wide variety of topics.

The Wellness Loft will kick off the grand opening with a FREE community lecture to be held on Monday, October 22, at 7 p.m. with Mitzi Robinson of Women's Life Imaging. The lecture will discuss breast cancer in the 21st century. Call 875-6151 to reserve your seat.

On Saturday, October 27, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon, there will be a free community Health and Education Fair. This event will consist of the following: health screenings, exercises by the Healthy Hearts Club, spinning bike demonstrations, free kid care photo ID's, educational handouts, prizes, refreshments, face painting, balloons, and popcorn for the kids and more! Come join us for these free programs.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WHEN YOU SHOP

The Alton Central School is enrolled in three great programs this year: Labels for Education, Boxtops for Education and the new entry is Tyson Project A+. The Tyson program means clipping and saving the package bottoms — every label will earn 24 cents. The classroom who collects the most COMBINED labels (Campbells, Boxtops, and Tyson) by June 1, 2002, will earn their choice of either a pizza or sundae party. The school is also still part of Technology4Kids so when you do on-line shopping, keep that in mind.

A reminder to all, the PTSA meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the High School Library. Your new officers, elected last spring are: Karen St. Laurent, President, Jennifer Morton, Vice President, Lisa Jones, Secretary, and Kristi Gage, Treasurer. Contact one of them if you have any questions or concerns.

HALLOWEEN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL CONTINUES

Alton residents who became addicted to the annual Bluegrass Festival held at the Bay View Pavilion in recent years will be relieved to know that the festival is on for 2001. Festival organizer, Cecil Abels, has arranged for the change of venue to the main lodge at the Gunstock Ski Resort. The date is Saturday, October 27, running from 12 noon until 11 p.m. Featured will be six top-notch bluegrass bands, including the James King band from North Carolina.

Tickets are \$15 until the week before the event and \$25 after that. Ticket info can be obtained at 293-4341, extension 115. All proceeds go to benefit the Lakes Region United Way.



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OCTOBER EVENTS

- Sat. Sep. 29 ALTON/BARNSTEAD SCHOOL BOARDS, Public Hearing, Alton Central School, 1 p.m., see story
- Mon. 1 GIRLS SOCCER at Lin-Wood Public School, 4 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL, vs. Moultonborough, 6 p.m.
- Wed. 3 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Rte. 28, 6:30 p.m.
ALTON/BARNSTEAD SCHOOL BOARDS, Public Hearing, Barnstead Elementary, 6:30 p.m., see story
- Thu. 4 BOYS SOCCER at Portsmouth Christian, 4 p.m.
- Fri. 5 GIRLS SOCCER vs. Derryfield, 4 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL vs. Concord Christian, 6 p.m.
- Sat. 6 YARD/CRAFT SALE, American Legion, 9 a.m., see story
BOYS SOCCER vs. Calvary Christian, 1 p.m.
SENIOR CITIZENS SPAGHETTI DINNER, Pearson Road Community Center, 4 - 6 p.m., see article
- Sun. 7 LEAF PEEPERS BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 - 11 a.m., see story
- Mon. 8 COLUMBUS DAY
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout
- Tue. 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL vs. Laconia Christian, 4 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER vs. Laconia Christian, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER at Nashua Christian, 4 p.m.
FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Meeting and Speaker, 7 p.m., see Checkout
- Wed. 10 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, Rte. 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 11 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
GIRLS SOCCER vs. Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
- Fri. 12 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL at Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER at Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
- Tue. 16 HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Annual Meeting/Pot Luck, 6 p.m., see story
- Wed. 17 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL at Portsmouth Christian, 5 p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, Rte. 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 19 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL at Thayer High School, 5 p.m.
- Sat. 20 HARVEST SUPPER, American Legion Hall, 5 - 8 p.m., see Post 72 story
- Tue. 23 GARDEN CLUB, Meeting, 1:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 24 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Rte. 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 25 SENIOR CLASS SPAGHETTI SUPPER, see story
ASSEMBLE Main Street, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. 28 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIMES ENDS AT 2 AM
- Wed. 31 HALLOWEEN!
TRICK OR TREAT, Town of Alton, 5 - 7 p.m.
PTSA PARTY, Alton Central School, 6 - 8 p.m., \$1
BINGO, American Legion Hall, Rte. 28, 6:30 p.m.

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:
(1) P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810 or (2) Bank of New Hampshire (Main Street box). **Be sure to include a phone number.**

HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULED

The Alton Waterworks will be flushing hydrants the week of October 22 between 3 - 6 a.m. Flushing will cause some pressure drops as well as rusty water. Please use care when washing clothes. Let the water run in a sink or bathtub until clear before washing clothes.

PARENTING COURSE OFFERED

Beginning on Monday, October 15, the popular six-week Active Parenting Series will be offered at Alton Central School. It was developed to aid in the difficult task of raising children.

Some of the issues to be covered are: discipline methods, three keys to your child's self esteem, how to avoid anger, communications skills that win cooperation, teaching your child responsibility, and how to teach your child to respect you.

Molly Connelly, M.Ed., will lead the group which will meet Monday nights, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There is no charge, and it is open to ALL parents. Free childcare is provided. Pre-registration is required; call 875-7500 to sign up.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Fuel assistance applications for the 2001-2002 heating season are available at the Alton Town Hall. You do not need to be on public assistance to apply; eligibility is determined by family income levels. The Community Action Program has announced interviews will be conducted beginning October 15. If you have questions, please contact their Laconia office at 524-5512.

YOUR TRASH IS OUR CONCERN

By Warren A. Zitzow, SWC Director

Summer is gone! Where did it go? I don't know as we have been too busy to notice. Vacations are over; now it is time for our vacations.

Please remember to recycle. It is mandatory ALL year round.

If you have a question about something or are not sure of some one thing, please ask one of us. I want to thank all the people who continue to recycle. It makes our job easier and saves you, the taxpayer, money. Thanks again.

THE PURGE IS COMPLETED

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Supervisors of Checklist

Since April there have been two notices to inform you that in accordance with RSA 654:39 the Supervisors of the Checklist would perform a purge of the Voters' Registration List. Letters were sent to all those people who had not voted in a school, town, state, or general election since 1999.

The supervisors are Laurie Boyce, Anna Griffin, and myself, chair. We sent out 1,111 letters. We returned 37 voters to the list.

When we began the purge in April, the list had a total of 3,709 voters. At the end of August we had 2,635 names. We retained a number of voters and also had new residents in the town register. We then removed 1,074 voters who did not respond to our letter or the letter was returned to us because the Post Office could not deliver it due to an expired or wrong address.

Given the Census 2000 showed Alton with 4,002 people, the new list of 2,635 voters is a much more realistic figure. If you decide that your name should be on the Voters Registration List, see the Town Clerk, the supervisors when they sit in session, or come to our table on Voting Day. Please remember, you need to have a picture ID and a proof of physical address (i.e., cable bill or electric bill). A Post Office Box is NOT a physical address.



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.; Worship Services, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Conference Center Chapel; Wed. night Family Supper at 6 p.m. in the Lombardi Center Dining Hall; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor and Rev. John Fogell, Associate Pastor
- Community Church — Sun. Services, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., fellowship time in between, nursery available on premises, Baptist Meeting House, Main Street; 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 — Up to Oct. 21, Weekend Masses in Tent. As of Oct. 21 Weekend Masses at Baptist Meeting House on Main Street; Services, Sat., 4 p.m. and Sun., 8:30 a.m.; Weekday Masses, Tue. and Thu., 8 a.m. and Communion Services Mon. and Wed., 8 a.m. in Parish Hall; Fr. George Robichaud, Pastor, 875-7191. Sun. Mass St. Paul's in Barnstead, 9:30 a.m. (may change Oct. 21)
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

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Rines Road Pit — Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

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Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

Parks and Recreation — 875-0109 for info and appts.

Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center

American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28

American Legion Auxiliary — 3rd 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

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 — Tue., 1 p.m., 875-2866

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

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

Community Center

VFW — 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 p.m.; Cable Channel 25 replay following Thursday, 7 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m., Chairman James C. Washburn, call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Ruth Messier, 875-6750
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — Meetings posted at Town Hall and Post Office, Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Chairman Lisa Erickson-Harris, 364-6388.
- FIRE WARDS — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Central Fire Station, Chairman Kenneth Roberts, 875-6808
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- 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.
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- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Water Department Office, Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.

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HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

AS FALL BEGINS

School in session, cool nights, turkeys running across the roads, days getting shorter means only this — fall, holidays, and ol' man winter coming soon.

The excavator left the end of September. It completed its project on Coffin Brook Road and then the road was prepared for paving. The Alton Mountain Road project is moving right along. Anniversary Hill Road is being rebuilt; this will continue into the end of the month. Delays and inconveniences occur when road work is in progress; we apologize.

On a general note, we are out grading the graveled roads as the weather (rain) permits. We ask for your patience as this continues.

We have hired a new truck driver. Welcome aboard Bill; also Happy Birthday to Mark and Harry!

LITTER REPORT FROM ROUTE 140

By Barbara Moulton

The reports in Main Street concerning the popularity of some brands of beer among roadside litter are of interest. For more than 30 years our family has worked to keep a quarter-mile stretch of Route 140 litter free. Budweiser always far outnumbers the competition both in bottles and cans.

In traveling the highways and byways of our neighbors to the north, one finds it possible to drive for miles in Quebec without even seeing a single piece of paper littering the lovely countryside.

It does give one pause for reflection.

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September's Main Street reminded property owners about the importance of making their well covers safe for the winter. Another important check to make is that culverts are clear so that winter drainage will not back up and flood roads and driveways resulting in hazardous ice in exactly the wrong places.

The moral of this seasonal story is to check your culvert(s) before the snow flies. Be sure they are clear for the autumn rains, winter icing, and spring runoff.



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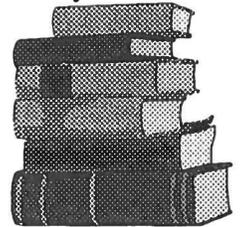
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"4H" IS COMING TO ACS

By Laura Dwyer, ACS Enrichment Coordinator
Alton Central School (ACS) will soon be hosting "4-H" in its after school program. If you are between the ages of 5 and 18 and would like to join a particular interest you have to share the excitement of discovery with others who share your dream, then 4-H is for you. Experience the joy of working on a common interest project — join a 4-H club. Some of the general categories of projects include: Animal Science, Citizenship/Leadership, Communication Arts, Science, Home and Family, Mechanical Science, and Natural Resources

4-H is an experienced youth development program for boys and girls. For youth aged 5-7 (4-H Cloverbuds) the program is designed to meet the developmental characteristics of young children. It emphasizes cooperative learning and excludes competitive events. Junior and senior 4-H members usually belong to 4-H clubs or groups and select projects or activities from the large number available to them, and may choose to enter fairs or other competition.

In New Hampshire 4-H is a part of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension office, which administers the 4-H program. The 4-H main objective is simple — "It is better to build a child than to mend an adult." 4-H members learn decision-making skills through project

work, judging contests, and other 4-H activities. As 4-H members mature they have opportunities to learn and practice leadership skills within their own club, at county activities, and during state events.

If you would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity or volunteer to be a leader, please call me at 875-3096 or come to the first meeting on October 19 in the ACS Elementary Library from 7 - 8 p.m.

HIDDEN TREASURES

By Karen St. Laurent

Many of us have hidden "treasures" in our homes right now, things that the Alton Central School teachers could be using to help teach our children. The Alton PTSA is organizing a "Teacher Wish List" program, where each month we will list items that a teacher has requested that they could use in the classroom. If anyone has these items and are willing to donate them to the school, please call Jennifer at 776-2624.

Items on this month's list are: yarn, magnets, magnifying glasses, poster paper, stickers, wrapping paper, wall paper, tissue paper, ribbon, pony beads, and interesting science items.

Keep an eye out for next month's Wish List to see if you can help out.

Also, I just want to put in a reminder that the PTSA meets every third Wednesday of the month in the High School library at 7 p.m. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney Hebert



The harvest is in, the pumpkins are glowing October's leaves are flashily showing Exquisite hues of red and gold Keeping New Hampshire in a magical mode!

Understandably, because of the recent terrorist attack on our country, everyone was in a very somber mood at our September meeting. As usual President Nardo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then said a prayer for our country and the countless victims of this dastardly and heinous act. All the seniors express their deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those who lost their lives; we pray for the recovery of all those injured.

Paul Gamache, fund-raising chair, proposed by letter that we hold a spaghetti dinner soon. The seniors voted unanimously to hold it on Saturday, October 6, 4 - 6 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Admission will be \$6 for adults, and there will be a 50-50 raffle. We will appreciate the public's support.

Flu shots, on the minds of seniors at this time of year, may be late. Call the center at 875-7102 around the middle of October for information. Remember, the blood pressure clinic is held the second Thursday of the month from 10:30 - 12 noon. This is a most important service provided by the Visiting Nurse Association.

Our best wishes go out to Claire Downs who is recovering from a bad fall. We also say "have a safe trip and a good winter" to our many snowbirds who are leaving for Florida and other southern climes during October. (I will be in that group this year.) Jeanette Barton thanks all the summer residents who participated in the Card Party Club and added so much fun to the group.

The attendance raffle was won by Barbara Malo. Thanks to Peg Bowman and Ginny Myers for providing unique refreshments for us. President Nardo closed the meeting with another prayer for the welfare of our country and all those who serve it during times such as these. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, at 1 p.m.



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October is one of the prettiest months to be in Alton's outdoors. With colorful leaves, cool nights, and crisp sunlit days, get outdoors before winter sets in. It is time to harvest crops now, both from the gardens and the forests.

Bear hunting season, archery turkey season, and archery deer season have been open for awhile. October 1 is the opening of the small game hunting season. This includes rabbit, fox, gray squirrel, pheasant, quail, ruffed grouse, and snowshoe hare. October 3 opens the waterfowl (duck) hunting season, and October 6 opens the woodcock season. A walk in the woods with a shotgun in hand can provide some sights and smells of fall, and possibly some meat for the table.

When there are openings of seasons, there are also closings. The regular open-water fishing season closes October 15. There is a special fishing season here in Alton for the die-hard angler. October 1-31 is the last chance to catch salmon or rainbow trout in the Merrymeeting River. This is fly fishing only, catch and release, with barbless or pinched down barb hooks. The key factor to a good season at this time of year is good cold rains. This raises river levels which attracts pre-spawning salmon. Good size rainbows are often caught now as they have fattened out over the summer. Catching a salmon or a rainbow on a fly rod in the river is enhanced by the beautiful colors of the leaves reflected in the water.

If you were lucky enough to be drawn for the moose hunt, October 20-28, good luck! I saw good moose sign while turkey hunting this spring. Alton is a good place to hunt moose — IF you have done your homework!

Enjoy!

DRAWDOWN OF LOCAL LAKES

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) has announced the annual fall drawdown of the lakes and ponds controlled by dams operated by DES's Water Division.

Drawdowns are undertaken each fall so that winter ice damage to shoreline properties is lessened, and so that Spring flooding is reduced. The lowering of lake and pond levels also gives property owners a "window of opportunity" to undertake any necessary shoreline repairs, *provided that they first secure a permit* from the NH Wetlands Bureau. Water levels are subsequently allowed to return to their "normal full pond level" in the late spring.

The lakes and ponds in the Alton area that are to be drawn down by the DES, starting October 8, are: Crystal Lake for a reduction of 3 feet; Sunset Lake by 7 feet; and Winnepesaukee for a reduction of 2 feet.

TEEN READ WEEK AT ACS

By Barbara Wetherbee, ACS Reading Director

October 14-20 is National Teen Read Week. Alton Central School (ACS) promotes reading in grades K-12 to develop a lifelong love of literacy. One of the primary recommendations the Commission on Reading has made in its national report states that parents and teachers should be reading aloud to students "throughout the grades" and not just in early primary classes. May I recommend the book, *Read All About It! Great Read-Aloud Stories, Poems, & Newspaper Pieces for Preteens and Teens*, edited by Jim Trelease, author of *The New Read-Aloud Handbook*.

What did I hear you say? Your teenager is not interested

in reading? How about getting motivational reading tips from books such as *How to Hook Your Kids on Books: Create a Love for Reading That Will Last a Lifetime* by Karen O'Connor. What? Did you say your teenager isn't able to pull himself/herself away from the computer or video games to read a book? Then perhaps you will find help in the book, *Keeping Kids Reading: How to Raise Avid Readers in the Video Age*, by Mary Leonhardt.

Magazines have many topics that interest teenagers. *Teen People*, *Cosmo Girl*, and *Seventeen*, are just a few favorites. If your teen is interested in cars, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, and sports, then there is a magazine for him/her.

During the week of October 14 -20, please encourage your teenager to read for enjoyment, pleasure, and to become a well-informed young adult.



**TO PROTECT AND SERVE
By Detective Glenna Heath
Alton Police Department**

DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE

Summer is over entirely too soon. The sun is going to bed earlier and getting up later and the kids are back in school. The Police Department would like to remind everyone to please drive carefully when the kids are coming to school in the morning and going home in the afternoon. Children can sometimes have a way of running in front of us when we least expect it. We try to have an officer at the school during these times, but your help would be greatly appreciated.

Halloween is nearly upon us, and the kids will all be out in their costumes collecting treats. Trick or Treat will be on Wednesday, October 31, from 5 - 7 p.m. If you are out driving that night, please watch out for all the little ones. Those of you who are preparing costumes for their kids, please remember that they need to be able to see and be seen! Make sure they have large enough eye holes, and reflective material is a good way to make them visible to motorists.

One of the most frequent calls for service that is received at the police station is a complaint that people are speeding on a given road. While we cannot be everywhere all the time, we do try to respond to these calls. There are currently four roads in town on which we have an active directed patrol, which means that officers are instructed to spend a certain amount of time on each shift patrolling that area. In the past we have done directed patrols on New Durham Road, Main Street, Prospect Mountain Road, Rand Hill Road, Stockbridge Corner Road, and many others. Many of them have been repeated several times. Driving too fast is one of the primary causes of car accidents. People have a tendency sometimes to become complacent in an area where they drive often and will find themselves traveling much faster than they realized. If you see an officer in a certain area, it may be because we have had complaints in that area and are trying to remind folks to slow down. In future columns we may be able to publish the results of these patrols.

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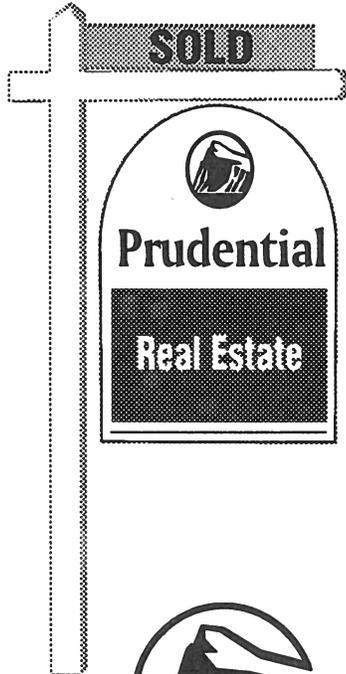
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HISTORIC ALTON

Editor's note: In August's Main Street (page 16) it was described how Ms. Merrill's Grade 11 history class at Alton Central School had prepared papers on various aspects of Alton's history. Below, slightly edited to meet Main Street standards is the second of what we plan publishing as space permits

BOULDER LODGE COTTAGES

By Ben Jensen

If you travel down Route 11-D toward Laconia, you will see a lodge and ten little cottages on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee. The name of this place is Boulder Lodge Cottages, owned and operated by Milton and Betty Jensen since 1975.

Elizar Baker was the very first owner of the property in the year 1888. In the year 1893 Andrew J. Ward bought the land from her. He was the owner of the Boston Ice Company. He built the main house as a summer house for himself and his family. He spent his life here during the summers of 1893 through 1921. During his life at Boulder, he had the Railroad Company install a stop at the lodge. He died in the year 1921; since he was a member of the Masonic Lodge they kept the lodge running for the time being till there was a new owner.

During the years of 1921 through 1947, Frank Hilton was the owner. Henry Kracke was the next owner of the lodge in the year 1947. He made the lodge into a bed and breakfast. A little fact about the lodge — Mr. Kracke "put his own touch by adding brass numbers on each door" which are still on the doors today.

The next owners of Boulder were Kate and Elmer Birdsey in the year 1969. Some of the major changes that have happened over the years would have been when they turned the maid's lodge into a cottage called the "Doll House." One

addition was when they turned the three-car garage into a one-room cottage and a large three-room cottage. When they lost the garage, they built a two-bay garage where they park cars and hold their tools. Now the garage is used as a wood shop and a maintenance garage. Another major change to Boulder Lodge was when they took down the boathouse and added a swim dock. The reason they took the boathouse down was because it was rotting and it needed to be replaced.

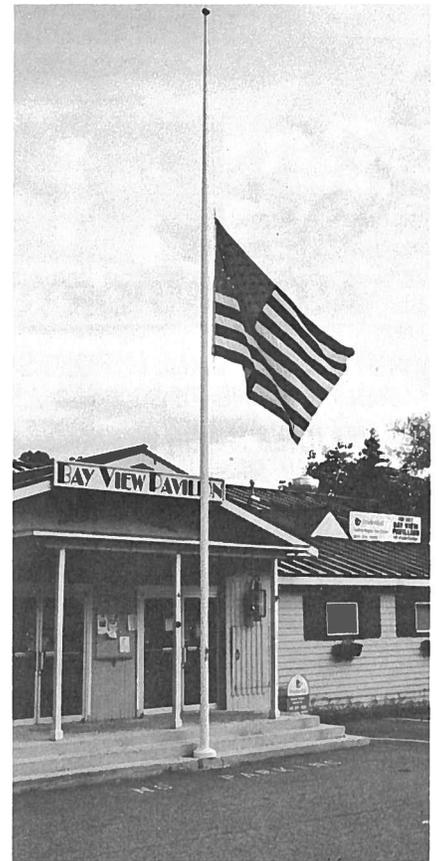
They have ten cottages: Brookwood, Dollhouse, Seabreeze, Boathouse, Meadows, Driftwood, Edgewater, Birches, Pine Tree, and Highlands. Every cabin is complete with living area, kitchen, dining area, shower, and beds. They are all spread out over three and a half acres across the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee.

In the year 1969 John Asburn owned the property until Milt and Betty Jensen bought it in 1975. The year 2000 marks their 26th season owning the lodge. They have their cottages open from spring until fall; they have many families and friends stay there to kick back and relax next to the lake.

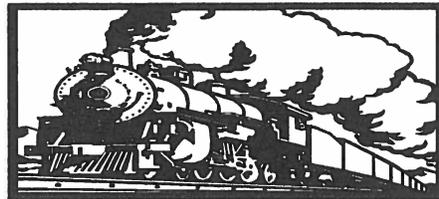
Some facts about Boulder Lodge: hikers used to tie their boats to the dock of Boulder and they would hike up the mountain during the summer season. When Route 11 was built the state had to buy 44 acres of the Birdseye's land. He had one request that they install a tunnel under the road so that the people of his cottages would have a way to get to the mountain. The State Highway Department designed and built a tunnel under Route 11. It was approximately six feet high, five and a half feet wide. It is still there today and still can be used by hikers.

From sunrise to sunset the scenery at Boulder is breathtaking. In the fall the maple tree changes color. That is what keeps many families and friends coming back season after season.

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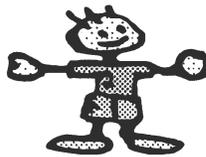
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Blues Clues

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Pumpkins, Pumpkins Everywhere

On October 24 there will be pumpkins galore! Decorate your own pumpkin, make pumpkin cookies, and a pumpkin craft. Deadline for registration is October 10.

Halloween Party

On October 31 join us for a costume parade and Halloween games. Please wear your costume. Deadline for registration is October 10.



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

. . . the Alton Housing for the elderly was dedicated on October 11 . . . school enrollment showed an 8.11 percent increase . . . the Apache Players presented Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" . . . Richard Steer of Rattlesnake Island was elected president of United Associations of Alton.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Alton's Bob Calvert was named the outstanding Belknap County individual winner in the Governor Judd Gregg competitive recognition for volunteerism . . . The Civic Profile Forum (a joint venture of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Chamber of Commerce, and United Association of Alton) conducted a two-day meeting to prepare Alton "to move into the 21st Century" . . . Alton's first State historic marker, at Railroad Square in Alton Bay, was heralded . . . "Volunteer Day" helped make the boardwalk at Alton Bay a reality . . . The death of Marion L. MacDonald, 31-year resident of Alton and extraordinary active community servant, was mourned . . . The Apache Players of Alton High School were presenting Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" . . . The United Associations of Alton elected George Winchester Stone as its president . . . the Alton Police Department offered a two-day handgun course for adults.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . A gala Bicentennial Ball was planned by the Chamber of Commerce to be held at the historic Alton Bay Pavilion . . . The Alton High School Drama will present "Two by Stoppard," two one-act plays by British playwright Tom Stoppard . . . the Selectmen adopted a new ordinance relative to the regulation of Town Property and Prohibiting Disorderly Conduct in Certain Public Areas . . . A special School District Meeting was held to vote on cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement . . . Brian Davidson, science teacher at Alton Central School, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association.

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The Board of Directors and staff of Main Street wish to offer their deepest sympathy to Cliff Wooldridge upon the death of his wife, Shirley. They had been married 61 years. Our condolences also go out to the family. Cliff is a member of the assembly staff of Alton's monthly newsmagazine.

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We are grateful to everyone who has provided infant items. There is still a need for good used clothing, strollers, and furniture. Donations may be dropped off at the Town Hall. Thank you all for your continuing support. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Pat or Pam at 875-2161.

/s/Alton Welfare Department

With sadness in our hearts, we bid farewell to a great, loving, and caring doctor. So many families have been helped to better health by Dr. Merritt. We will miss her professional help through medicine, her presence at the hospital, and her wish to improve our quality of life through the wellness classes. We are extremely happy that the Alton Wellness Loft will continue.

Those of us who utilize the loft are taught that movement of the body through exercise makes for a healthier life-style for everyone, no matter what age. Everyone is pleased that through Dr. Merritt's efforts, Judy Cole, Jane Cumming, and Dave Tower of Huggins Hospital will continue to promote preventive health and to seek a better quality of life for those who wish to find the pathway to improving their lives through nutrition, exercise, and medicine.

Kudos to Kim Macaulay for taking on the programming challenge of the loft. Drop by and join us as we strength train our muscles and bones, work on our balance, and develop our coordination and flexibility.

/s/Ralph Drew, Healthy Heart class participant
Judy McPheters, Fitness & Aerobic Instructor

SENIOR MEALS

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

October 1 - 5: Mon., Turkey ala King; Tue., Baked Chicken; Wed., Stuffed Manicotti/Meat Sauce; Thu., Breaded Veal Cutlet/Gravy; Fri., BBQ Riblet.

October 8 - 12: Mon., Italian Sausage or Meatballs/Sauce; Tue., Creamed Turkey; Wed., Salisbury Steak/Gravy; Thu., Sliced Ham/Sauce or Turkey; Fri., Shepherds Pie.

October 15 - 19: Mon., Crunchy Seafood Newburg Fish Filet; Tue., Kielbasa or Hot Dog; Wed., Beef Stew; Thu., Chicken ala King; Fri., Roast Pork/Gravy.

October 22 - 26: Mon., Spaghetti/Meatballs; Tue., Fish & Cheese Filet; Wed., Herb Baked Chicken/Gravy; Thu., Pork Chow Mein; Fri., Veal Roulard/Gravy.

October 29 - November 2: Mon., Teriyaki Chicken or Baked Chicken; Tue., Cheese Omelet; Wed., Hot Dog; Thu., Sliced Turkey/Gravy; Fri., Codfish Cakes/Sauce.

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