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WHO TO VOTE FOR? RESERVE OCT 22!

Many Alton voters are likely to find themselves more than a little puzzled when they step into the voting booth for the November General Election. Because of the re-districting mandated by a "U.S. Census Year," they will find themselves facing a slate of 16 candidates for the new 31st NH Legislative District, which, in addition to Alton, now comprises the towns of Barnstead, Belmont, Gilford, and Gilmanton. Eight of the 16 are to be elected, and there are not that many names on the ballot who are likely to be familiar to most Alton voters.

As has been the case since 1998, Main Street will again sponsor "Candidates' Night" in which all the persons running for office representing Alton are invited to appear before the voters and make their cases to earn your vote.

This is your best opportunity to be "clued-in" — Candidates' Night will convene at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, in the Music Room at Alton Central School.

TRICK OR TREAT HERE AND THERE, NOW AND THEN

In Alton's portion of New Hampshire Halloween will come to its peak activity when the town's youngsters venture forth for "Trick or Treat" traditions between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31.

How many persons, however, know the real history of Halloween? As October 31 approaches the nation is preparing to open its doors to neighbors and strangers alike to greet ghouls and goblins in what has become one of the biggest festivities celebrated in America. Only Christmas and Thanksgiving are more widely observed. But what has made this day wrapped in pagan tradition so popular? In 1938 Orson Wells marked Halloween by perpetrating a national hoax, broadcasting to the nation that Martians had landed in New Jersey and were taking over the planet. Today adults embrace the celebration by dressing up and partying through the night.

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PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD TO Main Street's PELLOWE

Main Street's Judith Pellowe was awarded first place in the feature story category at the New Hampshire Press Association awards, held September 6 at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford. The feature, "Packing Them In," is a report on homelessness published in HippoPress Manchester in February of this year.

Judith, Subscription Manager and a reporter for Main Street, also writes for HippoPress Manchester, a weekly arts and entertainment paper. HippoPress won 22 awards in 39 categories, including second place for general excellence.

BELATED CREDITS

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UNDERSTANDING HOSPICE CARE

When one thinks about health care breakthroughs, it is usually of new surgical procedures or miracle drugs, not Hospice care. Hospice's story, however, is unique and remarkable. In just three decades, Hospice has quietly revolutionized the way people die in America by honoring wishes and bringing peace, dignity, and comfort to millions of patients and families. VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc. (the "vicinity" includes Alton) has been a part of this health care revolution by providing Hospice end-of-life care for eight years. A dedicated group of volunteers provided Hospice care before 1994 and was known as the Hospice of Southern Carroll County.

November will be National Hospice Month when Hospices raise awareness in their communities, honor and support their patients and families, and recognize the contributions of professionals and volunteers who provide Hospice care. This year it is even more significant because it marks a milestone in American health care: the 20th anniversary of the Medicare Hospice Benefit.

The Hospice approach and philosophy took hold in the 1970's, and with the establishment of a Hospice benefit under Medicare in 1982, quality end-of-life care soon became increasingly accessible for a large number of patients and families in the 1980's and 1990's. In 1975 Hospice programs served fewer than 6,000 patients a year. Now, there are approximately 3,200 Hospice locations serving an estimated 775,000 patients and families each year, and less than 1 percent of Medicare beneficiaries live in areas without access to a Hospice program.

When patients and families choose Hospice, they receive care unlike any other form of healthcare. Hospice goes to the patient, provides pain and symptom relief, and eases the emotional and spiritual suffering of the patient, family, and loved ones. A team of dedicated and caring medical experts, professionals, and members of the community make it possible — doctors, nurses, social workers, counselors, chaplains, licensed nursing assistants, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, and trained volunteers. Under Medicare, most private insurance plans, HMO's, and other managed care organizations, Hospice care is available to beneficiaries at little or no cost. In addition, through community contributions, memorial donations, and foundation gifts, many Hospices are able to provide patients who lack sufficient funds with free services. This year a survey conducted for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization found that only 15 percent of Americans know that Medicare is the primary source of coverage for Hospice care and there is a benefit available to Medicare recipients.

Coping with a terminal illness can be tough on patients and families. Hospice can provide an end-of-life option that provides all involved with comfort, compassion, and dignity at the end of life. Most people at the end of life would prefer to spend their final days at home surrounded by the ones they love. This year thousands of Americans will be diagnosed with a terminal illness. The time to learn about choices in end-of-life care is before you and your family members are faced with making one of life's toughest decisions.

During November VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc. encourages you to discover medical, emotional, and spiritual services that enable terminally ill patients and their families to confront the end of life with dignity and comfort. Call 569-2729 for more information. Remember: Hospice care means comfort and compassion when it's needed most.



Main Street's Inside Front Page

SECOND ANNUAL Main Street PHOTO CONTEST READY TO GO

After a delay or two Main Street is now announcing the beginning of its Second Annual Photo Contest. Once again the theme of the contest will be "Uniquely Alton." Entrants are encouraged to submit photographs depicting people, places, and events that in their opinion make Alton unique.

All submissions must be 8"x10" photographs mounted in 11"x14" mats. Please, for display and safety purposes, NO framed pictures will be accepted. Digital and 35 mm (both color and black and white) photos are welcome.

Contestants may pick up entry forms and rules and drop their entries off at the Main Street dropbox located in the lobby of the Bank of New Hampshire on Main Street. Entry forms and a container for the photographs will be available beginning on October 7. Deadline for submission will be January 6, 2003.

Beginning in February all entries will be displayed in the Heidke Room located on the first floor of the Town Hall. Everyone is encouraged to come and view the display and cast his or her vote for the best photographs. Ribbons and certificates of achievement will be awarded to all entrants.

For further information or questions, please call Joe Harris at 364-6388.

So, grab your camera and have some fun in the Second Annual Main Street Photo Contest.

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

By Bob Longabaugh

New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner was the best predictor of all on Primary Election Day, September 10. He predicted a record turnout of 132,000 voters in the statewide Republican primary, to surpass the previous high of 119,000 in 1992. The only inaccuracy in his number was that he UNDER estimated by almost 30,000 — nearly 160,000 voters marked their "x's" on Republican ballots on primary day!

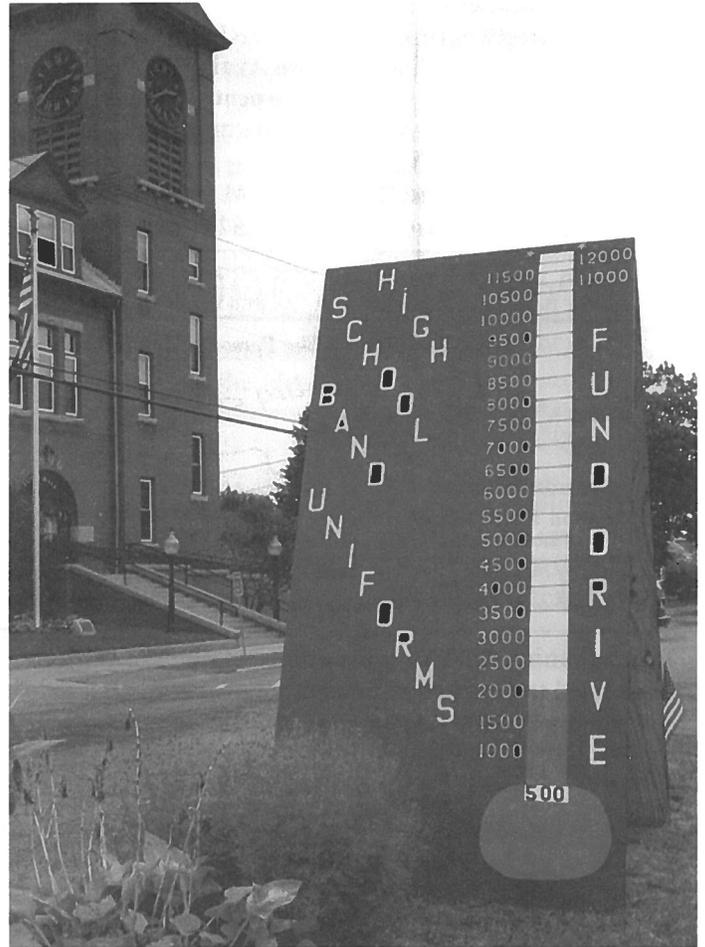
In Alton, 1,136 of the town's 2,821 register voters showed up at the polls, or 40 percent. Of those, 982 voted Republican and 154 were tallied on the Democrat ballot. Even of more subtle interest, of Alton's 1,147 voters registered as "Independent," just 27 percent actually voted, and they split 86 percent for Republican ballots and 14 percent Democrat.

The race for the Republican nomination in the Fourth NH Senatorial District was taken quite handily by incumbent Senator Rob Boyce with 4,128 votes in the entire district (717 in Alton) as opposed to challenger Alida Millham's 3,197 votes (218 in Alton). Boyce will face Beth Arsenault (1,910 Democrat votes in the district and 121 in Alton) in the November General Election.

The race full of complications was for the new District 31 in the NH House, which is now Alton's district. Main Street does not have the space to go into the intricacies of how 12 Republicans and three Democrats — plus a free-for-all of write-ins — interplayed to produce the results that follow. What matters is that the voter on November 5 will have these names on the Alton ballot for NH House District 31:

Democrats — Mark Condodematraky, Mary Frost, Edward Grevatt, William Johnson, Vincent Miller, Margaret Normandin, William Philpot, and Walter Power.

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BAND UNIFORM DRIVE TAKES OFF

By Ray Nadeau, Legion Post Commander

The Barnstead American Legion and Auxiliary have joined as co-sponsors of the drive that will result in new band uniforms for the combined Alton/Barnstead high school due to open in 2004. A look at the thermometer at Monument Square (shown above) shows that a total of approximately \$2,000 has been raised to date. The majority of the funds raised have been through efforts of the Alton American Legion Family. Proceeds from three Sunday breakfasts have also gone to the fund.

Thanks go to the Echo Shores Association, Russell Workman, and Dezman Douglas for their donations. We also thank the anonymous residents who made donations directly to the bank account. We feel confident that over time many Alton and Barnstead residents will join the drive as participants. Donations may either be mailed to the American Legion, P.O. Box 814, Alton, NH 03809, or you may make your donations directly to the bank account for "High School Band Uniform Drive" at the Bank of New Hampshire on Main Street in Alton.

The first of many letters to local businesses and corporations have been mailed. All donations placed in jars located around town are greatly appreciated. Let's jump on board and support the drive to outfit our band in the new combined Alton/Barnstead high school.

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Republicans — Janet Allen, Gordon Bartlett, Laurie Boyce, Charles Clark, James Pilliod, David Russell, John Thomas, and Michael Whalley.

Inasmuch as only the names of Boyce, Power, and Whalley in the above list may be recognizable to Main Street readers as Alton residents, it may behoove local voters to do some research before going to the polls on November 5. The absolute best time to do this is at Main Street's "Candidates' Night," to be held on October 22. All 16 candidates for NH's House District 31 and both NH Senate contestants have been invited to attend and make a two-minute presentation on why they deserve your vote. Following that the candidates will be invited to respond to questions from the floor.

How more could a voter take part in democracy in action? Be present and active on "Candidates' Night" on October 22 at 7 p.m. The place is the Music Room in Alton Central School on School Street, down from the Alton Post Office. Yes, there is a final exam. It's called "vote" on November 5 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station on NH Route 140.

BUDGET COMMITTEE SEEKING TALENT

Currently there remains one vacancy to be filled on the town's Budget Committee. At the August 22 meeting Vice-Chairman Greg Fuller announced that he would be resigning in September as his wife, Patricia Fuller, sits on the committee as the Board of Selectmen's representative. He stated that the Fullers recognize the importance of having a representative from the Board of Selectmen, but feel it is in the best interests of the town to avoid any situation or vote that could be perceived as a conflict of interest. His resignation will create a second vacancy on the Budget Committee.

It is hoped that the current vacancy will have been filled in September. With the potential of another vacancy, registered voters who are interested should contact the committee's chairman, Ruth Messier (875-6750), or attend the next meeting to express their willingness to serve.

The three members of the Alton Budget Committee appointed to serve on the school's JMA Alton-Barnstead Budget Committee are Laurie Boyce, Cydney Johnson, and Brad Smith.

Laurie Boyce, Norman Nardello, John Brooks, and Cydney Johnson attended the NHMA Finance and Budgeting Workshop in September.

Department Heads have been notified of the dates and times the Budget Committee will review their budget; these times and dates will be published each month in Main Street. The public is welcome and urged to attend these meetings, especially if there is a department budget of special interest to them.

The Budget Committee is scheduled to present their 2003 budget requests to the Board of Selectmen at 7:45 p.m. on October 10.

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GIRLS ALL-STAR SOFTBALL

Three Alton girls enjoyed an exciting softball season. Pictured from left to right are Allison Cormier, Kimberly Grant, Meagan Rojek, and Coach Doug Rojek. The girls played for the Alton minor softball team taking home the 2002 league championship trophy.

After the regular season they were selected to play on the Suncook Valley 10 and under All-Star Team. The team was comprised of players from Alton, Barnstead, Gilmanton, Pittsfield, and Chichester.

In the district tournament the team posted a record of three wins and one loss. The only loss was to tournament host Barrington. Finishing second in the district earned them a spot in the state tournament.

The state tournament was held in Weare. Suncook Valley won their first two games setting the stage for a great game against Barrington. Unfortunately the Suncook squad came up a little short losing 4 - 0, putting them in the losers bracket. With one more chance to get to the state championship game, they had to play the host team, Weare. It was a very exciting game that was not decided until the sixth inning. Once again they came up just short, losing 5 - 4, giving them their second loss and a third-place finish in the state tournament.

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Patricia Merrill, President

The Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and pot-luck supper on Tuesday, October 15, at 6 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center.

Members are asked to bring a place setting, casserole, salad, or dessert. A business meeting will be convened following the supper. A slate of officers will be presented.

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Donald E. Parks
Superintendent of Schools



ENROLLMENT UP BY 4%

The 2002-2003 school year is off to a great start in the Alton School District. School opened for students on August 26. The net enrollment is up by 28 students over the close of school on June 14, which equates to an increase of just shy of 4 percent. In fact, since September of 1998 enrollment has increased from 669 students to a new high of 772 students.

The district is in the process of formulating the budget for the 2003-2004 school year. Due to the increase in the number of units for graduation which started this fall, there will be a need for an additional 40 percent math teacher and a 50 percent science teacher. The problem the district is trying to solve with respect to the increased need for additional teachers is the need for space to house the teachers. It is a one-year problem because the new joint high school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2004.

The Joint Maintenance Agreement (JMA) Building Committee is helping to plan and design the new joint high school and continues to meet frequently each month. The architect, Chip Krause, is preparing the final specifications and drawings and will be submitting them to the New Hampshire Department of Education for approval. The district plans to bid the project in early January with an anticipated start of construction in March of 2003.

The JMA Building Committee is also listening to presentations from vendors on the installation of phone, intercom, public address, and computer systems. The JMA School Board will be making decisions on naming the new high school at its September or October meeting. The board has also advertised for a Clerk of the Works position.

On October 15 a formal presentation of the site and building plans will be made to the Alton Planning Board. After the presentation there will be a 30-day period for public comments to be made. The planning board by statute does not formally have to approve the site and building plans. However, the JMA School Board will be seeking the endorsement and approval of the Alton Planning Board.

NEW SALES ASSOCIATE AT MAXFIELD REAL ESTATE

Joan Abbott, previously a marketing director, has recently become a sales associate with the firm of Maxfield Real Estate-Buchanan Associates, Inc. She is an active member of the Lakes Region Board of Realtors, the New Hampshire Association of Realtors, and Northern New England Real Estate Network. Abbott resides in Alton with her husband and two children.

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**DISCOVER ALTON:
FORT POINT WOODS AND TRASK SWAMP**

By Joe Harris

With the summer crowds gone life is slowly returning to normal, leaving more time to enjoy the quieter side of Alton. This month's "Discover Alton" features a hike to Fort Point Woods and Trask Swamp.

Fort Point Woods and Trask Swamp is a 183-acre woodland and wetland that has been protected for research, wildlife preservation, and educational use through the generosity of supporters of the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. The area, located off Fort Point Road in West Alton, is a mixture of forest, overgrown fields, and swamp bordered by winding stonewalls and old foundations.

Beginning at the head of a small parking area, the trail passes an information kiosk and follows a maintained logging road past old stonewalls and through the woods. Midway through the hike a trail branches off to Trask Swamp. The complete loop is approximately one and a half miles long. Allow an hour or more to hike the loop and explore the trail to Trask Swamp.

Wildlife is abundant; don't be surprised to see deer browsing by the side of the trail. Trask Swamp is a temporary home to many migrating waterfowl. A gate at the trailhead bars motorized vehicles; ATVs and snowmobiles are prohibited. Please be respectful of local landowners, as off-road parking is very limited.

Directions: From Route 28 in West Alton, take Route 28A south for 7/10 mile to Chestnut Cove Road, bear left onto Fort Point Road and drive for one-half mile. Fort Point Woods is on the left side of the road. From Alton Bay: take Route 28A north 2.5 miles to Trask Road (on left). Follow Trask Road for 1.8 miles to Fort Point Road. The parking area is 1/10 mile on the right.



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ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

WHICH IS BEST?

April, October? October or April? I can't make up my mind which I like best. April means the start of the fishing seasons, and October means the start of the hunting seasons.

October 1 opens the small game season of ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, quail, pheasant, fox, and gray squirrel. October 6 opens the woodcock hunting season. With the leaves changing color, crisp days, and the wood's smell of fall, it's a good time to take a walk with shotgun in hand. Locally you will easily find ruffed grouse (partridge), some woodcock, snowshoe hare, and gray squirrels. A slow walk-and-stop tactic may get you close enough without a dog to down these species. Be careful of the grouse's explosive burst to flight when you "jump" or flush one. Quick reflexes and straight shooting are needed to make a meal of one of these tasty birds. (They are my wife's favorite dish.)

With the number of gray squirrels at my bird feeder this year, I'd say they are very plentiful! Hunting them with a 22 long rifle will test your shooting skills. They are quite tasty.

The moose hunting season takes place October 21 - 29. Lucky permit holders should run across moose in Alton if they have done their scouting. A small bull moose was seen swimming across an Alton lake recently, proving they are around. For the deer hunter October 28 opens the muzzleloader hunting season. In the Alton area either sex may be taken only October 28 - 30. From October 31 until November 7 only antlered deer are legal.

October 15 closes the warm water fishing season. These fish should be in the shadows as the water cools. October 1 - 31 is a special fishing season on the Merrymeeting River from the dam on Letter S Road to the bridge in the Bay. It is fly fishing only, pinched down barbs, catch and release. A good rain will be needed to bring the fish in from the Big Lake.

Starting on Thursday, October 3, a new weekly TV program "Wildlife Journal" will air on NH Public TV at 9 p.m. Each half-hour show will have two features about fishing, hunting, wildlife management, habitats, and interesting profiles of people who love the outdoors. The show will also have regular segments "Wild Ways" and "Wild Places" to show how to do certain activities and places to visit. Turn it on and check it out.

Get out in Alton's outdoors — before winter sets in.

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**PLANNING A CHILD, YOUTH, AND FAMILY
COMMUNITY FORUM FOR ALTON**

The Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families is planning to hold a forum in each town in the county according to Richard Wallace, the Alton representative to the council. The council is a new county department charged with planning, advocacy, networking, and resource development to support a positive environment for children and families in Belknap County.

The community forums will give citizens a chance to express their unique needs that should be addressed to foster a safer and positive environment for youth and families. The results of the forums will be used, analyzed, and prioritized by the council to develop key initiatives for the council to undertake in support of the communities. This will be a real opportunity for Alton's needs to be recognized and addressed.

When Alton's forum date is determined, it will be announced in Main Street.

The forums will be facilitated by the UNH Cooperative Extension and the council but organized and run by a steering committee made up of volunteers in each community. Anyone interested in volunteering to join Alton's steering committee should contact Dick Wallace at 875-8221.

COMMUNITY CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES

By Reverend Peter Bolster

The Community Church of Alton will offer a series of special services from Sunday, October 20, through Tuesday, October 22. These services will feature special music and the preaching of Rev. Nivan Martindale, Pastor of the Middle Street Baptist Church of Portsmouth. He will lead us in an exploration of "The Authentic Christian Lifestyle," stressing the challenge of living for Christ in a modern age. The services will be held at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Meeting House on Main Street. All area residents are welcome to attend.

TOUR OF THE SAVAGE HOUSE

The Alton Historical Society, Gilman Museum, and Kwoon Karate Academy invite the community to visit the Savage House, formerly the Coheco Inn, 73 Main Street, Alton, on Saturday, October 26, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Begin the tour at the Gilman Museum with an introduction to Major George D. Savage and his brother Moses Henry Savage. View unique items there pertaining specifically to the Savage House.

Visit the Civil War Monument in the square and enjoy Civil War music at the Savage House (presently Kwoon Karate Academy). Members of Alton's Historical Society will be at Savage House with informative handouts regarding the history of the building. Refreshments provided by Kwoon Karate Academy will top off your historical journey.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Ruth Nickerson, Publicity

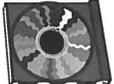
"Garlands and Wreaths" will be the topic for the October 22 meeting of the Alton Garden Club. Bonnie Whalen of Bonnie's Gardens, Gilmanton, will conduct a workshop on preparing winter decorations.

The meeting will be held at the Gilman Library at 1:30 p.m. Hostesses for the meeting are Mary Downing, Chairperson; Ann Hoagland, Kay Connolly, Ellamarie Carr, Alice Matthewman, Phyllis Buchanan, and Doris McGrath.





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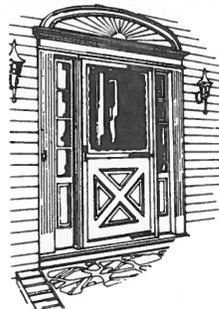
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BOY SCOUTS DOING FUND RAISER

By Keith King

The annual Cub Scout and Boy Scout Popcorn Fund Raiser is underway. Please support scouting in our community by purchasing what you can. If you have not been contacted and would like to buy already popped gourmet flavors, microwave, or regular popping corn, please contact Keith King, Jr., at 875-3246 before October 24.

November will be the month for the annual Scouting for Food collection. All nonperishable food collected will be donated to the Alton Community Services Program food pantry. Bags will be distributed by Cub and Boy Scouts of Alton and New Durham in early November and collected one week later. Watch for more details in November's Main Street.

Troop 53, hosted by the Alton Fire Association, held their end-of-summer Court of Honor on September 4 at Chester and Nancy Porter's home in New Durham. Three Webloes were present as guests. The scouts arranged an opening, including the Pledge of Allegiance, and then each scout lit a candle and announced a point of the Boy Scout Law.

First Class scout Jonathan Yelle acted as Master of Ceremony announcing adults and what category of award they were to present. Assistant Scoutmaster Kevin Wood was first and presented the camping merit badges. Several scouts qualified for this badge following August's 50-mile trip award. Past Unit Commissioner Chester Porter presented the 78 merit badges earned during summer camp at Camp Bell or Hidden Valley Camp.

Scoutmaster Bruce Yelle presented the rank advancements. Six scouts advanced as follows: Jordan Yelle to 2nd Class; Jonathan Yelle to 1st Class; Bryce St Cyr, Jeff St Cyr, and Mark Wood to Star; and Zachary Porter to Life. A retiring of the colors closed the Court of Honor.

Troop 53 meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station. Come and join the fun.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**By Bill Waterman, Commander
and Bob Hoitt, Adjutant**

The Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) are proud to announce that Squadron #72 is starting a fund-raising campaign for "Children's Miracle Network." They will be setting up "toll booths" for this function on October 12 and 13 at the Alton traffic circle, routes 28 and 11. The monies raised will benefit children in the state of New Hampshire and give their families relief from hospital bills and financial worries. Squadron #72 would like everyone to participate and help them to accomplish their mission.

HIGHWAY TO HEALTH

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Belknap County's "ServiceLink" and the Greater Laconia Transit Authority are embarking upon a pilot program to see if a weekly bus service to the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon would receive enough patronage to be worth doing on a long-term basis.

Recognizing that there are many county residents who use the Dartmouth Hitchcock facility on a continuing basis — and there are many patrons who may find it difficult to get to Lebanon on a regular schedule — the two agencies are setting up an experimental program to provide a bus every Monday morning from Laconia to Dartmouth Hitchcock and then return. The pilot program will be tried from October 21 through next April.

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Main Street's

OCTOBER EVENTS

- Tue. 1 BOYS SOCCER vs. Laconia Christian, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER at Calvary Christian, 4 p.m.
- Fri. 4 BOYS SOCCER at Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER vs. Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL at Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
- Sun. 6 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m.
- Mon. 7 GIRLS SOCCER vs. Nashua Christian, 4 p.m.
- Tue. 8 BOYS SOCCER at Nute Middle HS, 4 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL at Nute Middle HS., 4 p.m.
FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Meeting,
Library, 7 p.m., see Checkout
- Wed. 9 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center,
Route 11, 11:30 a.m., see story
STORY HOUR PROGRAM, Gilman Library, 1:30 p.m.,
see Checkout
GIRLS SOCCER at Derryfield, 4 p.m.
- Thu. 10 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community
Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
BOYS SOCCER at Portsmouth Christian, 4 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL at Portsmouth Christian, 4 p.m.
- Sat. 12 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION, Fund Raiser, Alton
Traffic Circle, see story
- Sun. 13 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m.
SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION, Fund Raiser, Alton
Traffic Circle, see story
- Mon. 14 COLUMBUS DAY
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m.,
see Checkout
- Tue. 15 GIRLS SOCCER vs. Portsmouth Christian, 4 p.m.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Annual Meeting and Pot Luck
Supper, 6 p.m., see story
PRESENTATION BUILDING PLANS, NEW JOINT HS,
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- Wed. 16 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY, Pearson Road
Community Center, 10 a.m., see Senior Corner
BOYS SOCCER at Concord Christian, 4 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL at Concord Christian, 6 p.m.
- Fri. 18 BOYS SOCCER vs. Wilton, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER at Wilton, 4 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL vs. Laconia Christian, 6 p.m.
- Sat. 19 TEEN HALLOWEEN DANCE, Legion Auxiliary,
American Legion, 7 p.m., see Legion news
- Sun. 20 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m.
COMMUNITY CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES, Sun. -
Tue., Baptist Meeting House, 7 p.m., see story
- Mon. 21 BOYS SOCCER vs. Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER at Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL vs. Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
- Tue. 22 GARDEN CLUB, Winter Decorations, 1:30 p.m., see
story
- Wed. 23 LIFELINE—Emergency Response System, Pearson Road
Community Center, 12:30 p.m., see Senior Corner
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL vs. Nute Middle HS., 6 p.m.
- Fri. 25 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL at Moultonboro Academy, 6 p.m.
- Sat. 26 TOUR THE SAVAGE HOUSE, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, see
story
VOTER REGISTRATION, Supervisors of the Checklist,
Town Hall, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE, American Legion,
see Legion news
- Sun. 27 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS at 2 a.m.
BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m.
- Tue. 29 KIDS KLUB BEGINS, Community Church, see story
ASSEMBLE Main Street, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 31 HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT, see story
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TRICK OR TREAT TIMES

Motorists are advised to be on the look out for goblins and witches, as well as other small moving objects, on Halloween. Alton's Trick or Treat hours on Thursday, October 31, will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be numerous costumed individuals moving throughout the Village in search of treats.

GENERAL ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS

By Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

The general election will be held at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office. A registered voter must complete an application before a ballot can be mailed. Absentee ballots will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, November 4, at the Town Clerk's Office. The office will be open as usual on election day, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

DID YOU FORGET TO CHANGE BACK TO INDEPENDENT STATUS?

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Supervisor of the Checklist

At the State Primary on October 10 several people listed as Independent on the voter registration list did not come back to the Supervisor's table after voting and sign the card requesting a return to Independent status from Republican or Democrat. You must do so before the next primary, or you will be on the list as belonging to one of the two parties. You can sign a card at the Town Clerk's Office if you wish.

The Supervisors will sit on Saturday, October 26, from 11 a.m. - 12 noon at Town Hall, entrance on Depot Street. They will be accepting new registrations for voters wishing to exercise their democratic privilege of voting in the general election which will be held on Tuesday, November 5. You may also sign up in the Town Clerk's Office or fill out the form on election day. Anyone who wishes to return to independent status may come see us on the 26th.

REMEMBER, to become an Alton voter you must show a picture ID and a proof of residency in this town, i.e., tax, cable, or electric bill or a car registration. For extenuating circumstances you must talk with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

FLU VACCINE CLINICS

Alton Family Medicine, located on Main Street in Alton Village, will start giving flu vaccines from 9 - 11 a.m. every Thursday starting on October 17 until November 21. The cost of the vaccine will be \$15.

Please call Alton Family Medicine at 875-6151 to make an appointment. You do not have to be a patient to attend the flu clinic, but you must call to schedule a time for this shot.

HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULED

The Alton Waterworks will be flushing hydrants the week of October 28 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.

Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Sep. 1, Bandstand Service, 9 a.m.; Tabernacle Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Beginning September 8, Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Services in Conference Center Chapel, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday, Fellowship Supper in Dining Hall, 6 p.m. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor; Rev. John Fogell, Associate Pastor
- Community Church — Sun. Service, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., Baptist Meeting House, Main Street; Sun. School, 9:30 a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Church 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
- North Barnstead Congregational Church — Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald
- St. Joan of Arc — Weekend Masses in the tent until October 12 and then the Rectory — Sat., 5 p.m. and Sun., 8 and 11 a.m.; weekday Masses, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 a.m. at St. Cecilia's, Wolfeboro; Tue., Thu., and Sat., 8 a.m. at Rectory Chapel; Sun. Mass St Paul's in Barnstead, 9:30 a.m.; Rev. George Ham
- 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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TOWN HALL: 875-2161

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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., 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28
- American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
- American Legion Jr. Auxiliary — 1st Tue., 6 p.m., Legion Hall
- Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6:30 p.m., Central Fire Station
- Community Services Program, Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273
- Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
- Eastern Star — 2nd Tue., when meeting, 875-5211
- 4-H Club, 1st and 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., Gilman Library, 875-5325
- 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., 364-7413 for directions
- 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., The American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
- Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu., when meeting, 875-7448
- Moms In Touch — Tue., 1 p.m., 875-2866
- Mt. Major Snowmobile Club — Meets once per month Sep. - Apr., 875-3858
- PTSA. — 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.; (Replays on Channel 26 following Thurs. and Fri.); Chairman Stephan McMahon, 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, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-5095.
- FIRE WARDS — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Central Fire Station, Chairman Stanley Czech, 875-3815
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Bill Crocker, 875-2161.
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- PLANNING BOARD — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Tom Varney, call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Wayne Fraser, call 875-7890 for appointment.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meets on call, Chairman MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Chairman Nancy Jordan, 875-2550.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Water Department Office, Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.

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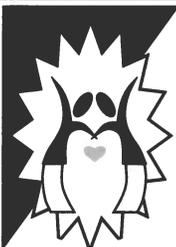
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CLASS OF 2003 DINNER AND FOOD DRIVE

By Terese Hopper, ACS Senior Class President

The tradition continues! On Thursday, October 17, the Alton Central School (ACS) Class of 2003 will be holding a spaghetti supper at the Bay View Pavilion in Alton Bay. We will be serving spaghetti, lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages from 5 - 8 p.m. The cost is \$6 per adult, \$3 for any K - 12 student.

We will also be sponsoring a food drive at this time to help our local food pantry get ready for the upcoming holiday events. For every adult who brings a non-perishable food item to the spaghetti dinner, we will make a \$1 donation to the food pantry on your behalf.

So, mark your calendars! Everyone is invited; hope to see you there! Thank you for your continued support of Alton Central School and the Class of 2003.

BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS! SUPPORT MRS. SANTA FUND

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

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

If you need help in providing necessities for your children or know of a family who would benefit from this program, contact Mrs. Santa's Elves by December 10: Elf #1, Daryl Czech (875-3815), or Elf #2, Sharon Hannafin (875-3079).

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



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS By Ken Roberts Highway Agent

WORK CONTINUES...

Well, it has finally cooled down; the nights are much better for sleeping; does this mean winter is on its way?

The highway crew has been out and about the town steam cleaning and sealing the concrete around the bridges — on the tops and bottoms, as well as underneath. This helps us find any damages or problems.

Due to the lack of rain we have not been able to grade the graveled roads as often as normal. Each time it does rain enough we go out and grade the roads and also rake them. We are sorry for this situation and continue to cope with the weather as each day occurs.

Please check your culverts for any leaves and debris that may clog the ditch line. This will help us when winter and the freezing rains arrive.

As always, should we have missed anything, please do not hesitate to call the department at 875-6808.

Remember, Public Safety Is Our #1 Concern

REPAVING MAIN STREET (THE STREET)

On September 18 the State Department of Transportation applied an overlay of paving to Alton's Main Street. Motorists will now find a new smooth riding surface on NH Route 11 from the Alton "Circle" north to beyond Keewaydin Park.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Boy and girl altar servers from St. Cecilia, St. Joan of Arc, and St. Paul churches enjoyed a Sunday excursion aboard the Winnepesaukee Belle at the end of August.

The youngsters, plus several parents, were guests of the local Knights of Columbus Council. This trip was part of an ongoing series sponsored by the K of C, including swimming/cookouts and boat and train rides.

The three churches are now merging into one parish community and planning to build a new church to serve all three areas.

ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club held the first monthly meeting of the new season in September. Topmost on the agenda was the car show which was held on August 17. There were 70 cars registered to compete in front of 200 spectators.

The prizes awarded were: 1949 and older — 1941 Ford flatbed truck; 1950-59 — 1957 Chevy Bel Air; 1960-69 — 1967 Chevy Chevelle Convertible; 1970-79 — 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS; 1980 to present — 1985 Chevrolet Monte Carlo; Street Rods — 1932 Ford three window coupe; and Best in Show — 1957 Chevy Bel Air hard top. A suggestion box provided many ideas which were discussed for incorporation into next year's show.

Other agenda items included the Thanksgiving turkey raffle and the end-of-season clean up for Camp Pride in New Durham. Camp Pride is a summer camp sponsored by all the statewide Lions Clubs for special needs children.

The meeting concluded with the installation of new officers and award of membership pins to two new members. If you would be interested in joining this community-oriented group, contact Lion Steve Parker at 875-3117.

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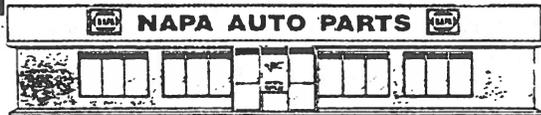
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It has been estimated that Americans spend more than \$6 billion celebrating the "night of the dead."

This festival was not always so lighthearted. The word itself, "Halloween," had its origins in the Catholic Church. It comes from a contracted corruption of All Hallows Eve. November 1, All Hallows Day, (commonly known as All Saints Day), is a day of observance in honor of saints. In 5th century B.C. the Celts of Ancient Britain, Scotland, Ireland, and Northern France marked November 1 as the end of the harvest and official end to summer. It was a time in folk wisdom known as "the light that loses, the night that wins," — the beginning of the new year. The Celts celebrated the festival of Samhain, the god of the dead, as the Celtic New Year.

One of the more acceptable explanations says that on the night of October 31, the last night of the old year, disembodied spirits of the deceased were thought to roam the land, searching for living bodies to possess for the coming year and seeking eternal rest. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The spirits would visit loved ones, and it was also believed that they were capable of revealing future marriages and good fortunes, along with illnesses and deaths. It was the duty of the living to welcome them into their homes with food and drink or light bonfires and carry lanterns made from hollowed out turnips carved into frightening faces to keep them away. The still living did not desire to be possessed so they would extinguish fires in their homes to make them cold and undesirable. At night they would dress up in all manners of ghoulish costumes and noisily parade through the neighborhoods, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess.

The custom of trick or treating may have had its origin in the 8th century. At that time Pope Gregory III moved All Saints Day from May 13 to November 1. The night before became Allhallows Eve, or Hallowe'en, and the old Celtic pagan practices became Christian pieties. Instead of appeasing spirits with food and wine, villagers gave "soul cakes" made out of square pieces of bread with currants to poor people who promised to pray for departed relatives. At that time it was believed that the dead remain in limbo for a time after death and prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven. Although Halloween had become an Irish tradition in this country in the early 1800's, it wasn't until the 1920's that children began going from door to door



to trick or treat. By the 1950's it had become an established ritual.

Although some cults and Satan worshipers have adopted Halloween as their "favorite day of celebration," the day itself did not grow out of evil

practices; rather it came from ancient Celtic rituals celebrating the new year. So when ghouls and goblins come calling to your door on Halloween, reward them with a treat and remember, it's only as evil as one cares to make it.

The above story is based on research and writing undertaken by Main Street staff member Joe Harris.

SENIORS GO CRUISING

On Thursday, October 3, the members and guests of the Alton Senior Citizens Association will take to the water to enjoy the beauty of the region's fall foliage. Friends from the Pittsfield Senior Center will be joining the Alton group. The cruise on the M/S Mt. Washington departs the Alton Bay dock at 11:15 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m. The discounted price for seniors is \$15 (\$24 if partaking of the buffet luncheon), and interested persons should sign up by October 2 by calling Kim Gustafson at 875-7102.

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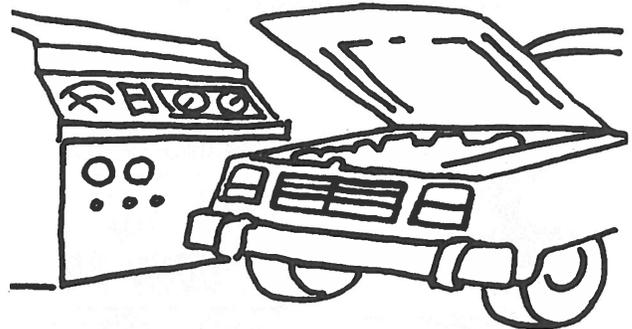
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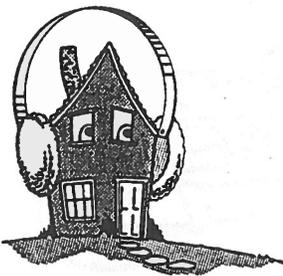
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THE CHECKOUT DESK
By Holly Brown
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MUMS AND BOOKS

The annual mum sale was held in September. It was a great success, and we wish to thank all of you who took part whether through volunteering or purchasing. We are very grateful to Sunflower Gardens, Route 28 South, for providing the flowers and making a generous donation to the Gilman Library Building Fund. Words alone cannot express how much we appreciate the support of the Friends of the Gilman Library, Sunflower Gardens, and the Alton community. The proceeds are used for library automation.

Now that the new school year is well underway, we wish to welcome children ages 3 - 5 to the Story Hour Program. For the past few years this program was run entirely by volunteers. They have done a wonderful job of instilling a love of reading for our children. They are truly appreciated.

Now that we have more help the program will be run by paid staff. However, we still welcome volunteers to read to children, to help with crafts, and/or assist in picking out books. The Story Hour Program is designed to give your child a quality first experience away from their parents, with their peers, responding to another adult.

The initial meeting will be a "Teddy Bear's Picnic" on Wednesday, October 9, from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Please have your child come with his or her favorite bear or other stuffed animal. Registration is required. Future meetings will be weekly with a day and time to be determined by the answers on the registration form. Please note that when Alton Central School is not in session (due to a holiday or inclement weather) there will be no story hour. For more information please call

875-2550 or stop in and see us.

The Friends of the Gilman Library will meet on Tuesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. to discuss holiday decorating and our annual Holiday Tea. New members and new ideas are welcomed. A yearly membership costs only \$2. Applications are available at the circulation desk and during the meeting. Please join us and "begin to get into the spirit of the holidays."

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the library to discuss *Lazy B* by Sandra Day O'Connor and H. Alan Day. If you would like a copy of the book, please call 875-2550 or inquire at the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

ST. JOAN OF ARC

By Laurie Boyce

Now that fall is here, there will be changes in the Mass schedule. The time for Saturday Mass will be changed to 5 p.m. We will continue to have both 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, but we will NOT be going to the Baptist Meeting House on Main Street.

We will have Mass in the Rectory basement. We are getting new chairs which will make it more like a church (for those who have been to St. Cecilia's, we will have chairs like they have in the front), and the order is totally different. Fr. Ham won't let us see it yet, but I am sure it will be great.

I truly want to thank the Community Church for allowing us to use their building immediately after the fire and during the past two winters. It has been wonderful to have a place to worship, but it will be great being in our own building. This will be effective the weekend of October 12 and 13. If it gets cold earlier, we may go sooner, but right now the schedule for that weekend in October. Have a great fall!



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

ANOTHER CHANGE OF SEASONS

The last two months of summer required 156 calls for emergency service. At the end of August with 67 percent of the year gone, your Fire/Rescue Department had already responded to 83 percent of the number of calls that we received in the entire year of 2001.

Now, with summer come and gone, it is time to shift gears into fall and the activities it brings. Every year in October we observe Fire Prevention Week. As we have done in the past, the Alton Fire/Rescue staff will be visiting Alton Central School over the month to provide instruction and demonstrations in home fire safety.

Fall is also a time when we consider the fire prevention and home safety needs of those who are home alone. The months ahead bring home heating into the forefront, which leads to the questions whether your heating system has been serviced and is your chimney clean? Our department has been receiving many calls to have wood stove installations inspected. As I am sure you can imagine, Alton's fire department cannot be held liable for how anyone uses their stove after any inspection. Thus, we are not able to certify requests for chimney use or woodstove installations. However, we may review any issues or concerns you have in regard to your particular need.

As this is written Alton is finally receiving some precipitation, which should allow some outside burning on a limited basis. Please contact the Central Fire Station (875-0222) for day-to-day updates on fire conditions.

As the fall tropical storm season continues, we are reminded of the potential for such storms affecting New England. All of us should be prepared to make do in the event of a lack of what many take for granted these days. Plenty of batteries for flashlights and radios are very important since staying abreast of weather conditions and emergency announcements can make a big difference in your family's welfare. At least three days supply of food and similar items should be set aside for unexpected emergencies.

Though we have all weathered storms and emergencies impacting our community, I encourage everyone to be prepared to help themselves **AS WELL AS A NEIGHBOR IN NEED.**

We thank you for your continued support and remain "Dedicated to Serve and Committed to Protect."

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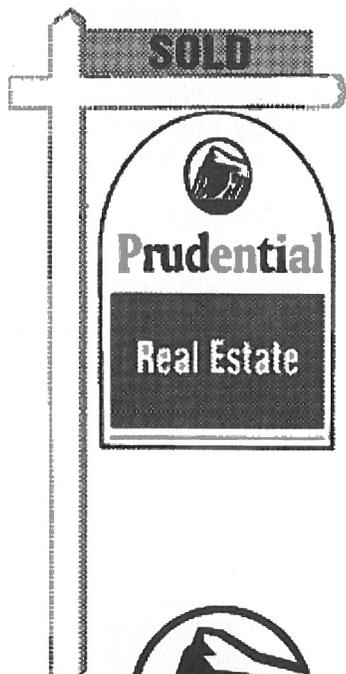
By Gwen Nadeau, Auxiliary Secretary

The month of October marks the beginning of the busiest season for Alton's American Legion. For openers, the Junior Auxiliary is hosting a Teen Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 19, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the community. Admission is \$5 each or \$4 with a CD.

On Saturday, October 26, the American Legion Family is hosting an **ADULT HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE** for members and guests. There will be a DJ, prizes for best costumes, door prizes, and admission is free! Donations will be accepted for the Legion's charitable programs.

An early reminder that we will hold a Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Legion Hall on Thursday, November 28, from 12 noon until 4 p.m.

The Sunday breakfasts are so successful that the Post plans on continuing them with a different sponsor each week.



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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**October's treats are pure delight-
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Though she may be tricky at the end
October's wealth is ours to spend!**

We are very grateful to Kim Gustafson, our Alton CAP director, for organizing the beautiful remembrance service for us on September 11. Penny Jones led us in an opening prayer, and many shared their thoughts about where they were on that day a year ago; Kim's mother, Joan Sisson, read an anonymous commemorative poem; Richard Collins gave an interesting talk on the Fifth Freedom — the Freedom to Hate — quoting from Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King; Nancy Hebert read an original poem composed of eleven cinquains; and Jeanette Barton played the organ (recently donated by members of the McDonald family) while we sang patriotic songs. We thank Wal-Mart for the God Bless America pins and Kim for the red carnations given to each who attended. It was truly a moving ceremony.

A big thank you goes to the Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Kellie Troendle for another successful bingo afternoon. There were over 30 players and winners galore. All the prizes were provided by the department. Kim and Kellie made a great team at calling numbers, too!

Our meeting in September was brief but productive, with new President Dolly Hussey presiding. A unanimous vote of thanks and praise was accorded Evelyn Nardo for all her hard work and contributions to our organization.

Paul Gamache and his ad hoc committee will continue to plan trips and suggest limitations and regulations in regard to

any future trips provided out of the treasury. We would also like to find new ways to replenish our funds. A fund-raising committee has been formed with Paul Gamache, Georgianna Nason, and Doris Selfridge volunteering to work with President Hussey. Doris was welcomed as a new member. We wish her happiness in our organization.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, at 1 p.m. If you are thinking of becoming a member, do it now! Call 875-7102 to find out how.

Upcoming Events

Thanks to Kim we have some important events scheduled at the center for October.

The blood pressure clinic is Thursday, October 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Wednesday, October 16, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. is Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Kim wants all to come with a relative or friend. There will be a video about self breast exams, informational material, testimonials from breast cancer survivors, a raffle, door prizes and refreshments. Men should come, too, as they can get breast cancer and need to be informed.

Wednesday, October 23, at 12:30 p.m. **LIFELINE** — The Emergency Response System will be presented by Vice President Robin Snowden. This system provides 24-hour safety throughout your home and property so that you can have peace of mind. Join us for lunch before the program!

The all important flu clinic will be held Friday, October 25, sponsored by the Wolfeboro VNA. Medicare pays for this service, but you must bring your card. Otherwise the cost is \$15. This date is subject to change.

Call Kim at 875-7102 to confirm/participate in any of these programs. The Senior Center is bursting with helpful information too! Join us and enjoy October!

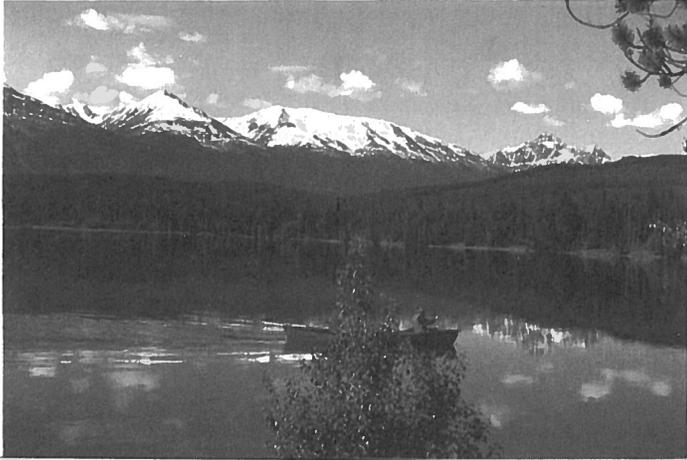
LIVE THE LIFE
By Cindy & John Duffek



OPERATION HABBAKUK

During the last two and a half years of traveling full time in our RV, we have had the wonderful opportunity to see lots of beautiful and spectacular scenery. The Canadian Rocky Mountains area is one of our favorites.

Jasper National Park in Alberta, Canada, is the largest and most northerly of the four Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks. This park offers magnificent mountain views, a deeply gouged Maligne Canyon, picturesque lakes, Sunwapta Falls, glacier-covered Mount Edith Cavell, 1,000 km of hiking trails,



and the relaxing Miette Hot Springs.

While we were in Jasper, we took a bus tour of the area that included a stop at Patricia Lake, shown above. On the way, the tour director told us this story.

During World War II, Allied ships were taking a beating from German U-boats and a man came up with an idea. He said we should build barge-type vessels out of ice to serve as floating air bases or as cargo carriers so that if they got hit with a torpedo, some of the ice would break off but the rest would float. To give the structure some strength wood chips or saw dust should be added to the ice. To keep it from melting refrigeration equipment should be part of the ship. He sent this idea to England's Prime Minister Churchill, and the Allied Forces actually decided to test the suggestion at Patricia Lake.

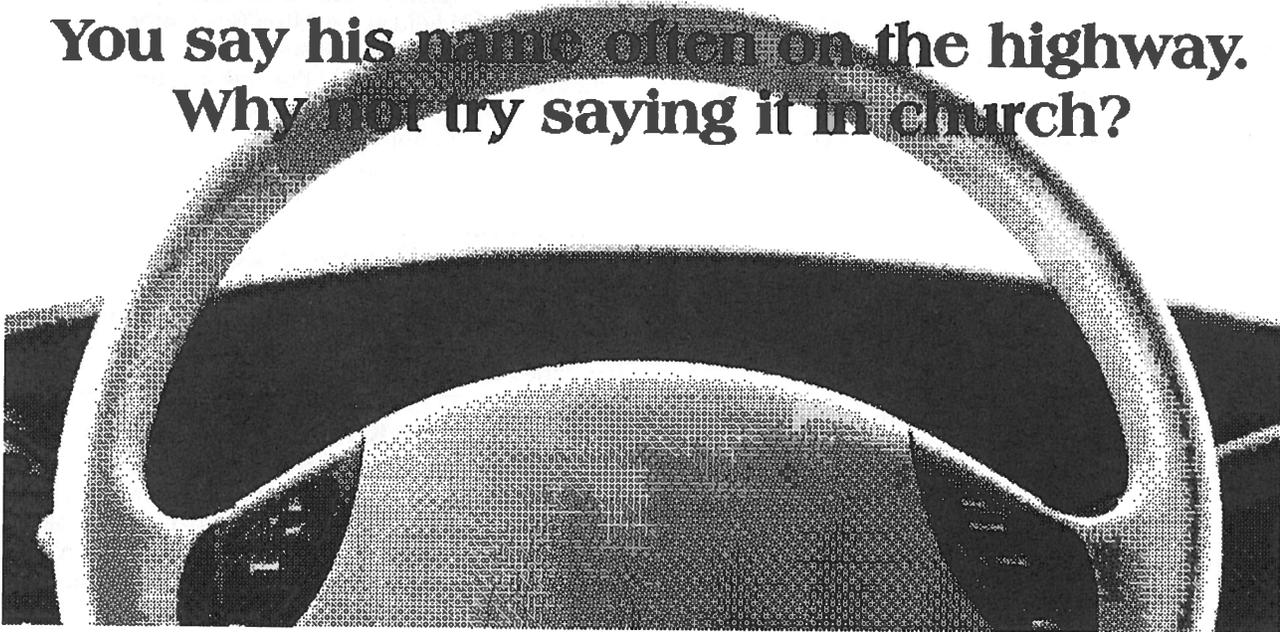
There are two interesting aspects of the whole thing. One, during testing the idea actually worked; two, the man who made the suggestion was at the time in a mental institution in England. The idea never went beyond the testing stage because the war came to an end.

At this point, everyone on the bus was going "Yeah, Right!" I don't think anyone believed the story until we got to Patricia Lake where there is a commemorative plaque describing Operation Habbakuk. The infrastructure of the ship remains at the bottom of the lake.

You may have questions about our full-time RV-ing life style or thoughts for a future column. Please e-mail us at Livingourlife@aol.com.

Henry David Thoreau said, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." We agree.

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FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

TENNIS COURTS BACK IN PLAY

The two public tennis courts located at Liberty Tree Park on Route 140 adjacent to the Central Fire Station have been re-opened. The courts were a part of the 2002 Capital Improvement Plan developed by the Parks and Recreation Department and were re-built in September by Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing, Inc.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank Highway Agent Ken Roberts and the Highway Department staff for completing the site preparation work. They removed the existing fence, posts, and asphalt and then prepared the base material by spreading out the gravel and grading the surface area. The Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor USTA tennis lessons and round-robin tournaments starting next spring.

Mike Burke Loop Trail

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank Boy Scout Troop #53 for volunteering their time and energy for two days in August to clean up the Mike Burke Loop Trail located in the Town Forest on Alton Mountain. The one-mile trail was designed and developed by volunteers, and after the ice storm the trail received damage. The Boy Scouts were looking for a trail project to complete and volunteered their talent to bring the trail back into great condition. Mr. Washburn, member of both the Board of Selectmen and the Parks and Recreation Commission, flagged the trail to serve as a guide for the Boy Scouts. The Mike Burke Trail is a great hiking trail for the family with many natural wildlife observations. For more information on the trail please contact me at the Alton Parks and Recreation Department, 875-0109.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

Lessons are held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. for adults of all ages. Registration fee is \$3 for the fall season. Beginners are welcome. Bring your dancing shoes and a bottle of water. For more information call 875-0109.

Welcome New Staff Member

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to welcome John Bishop to our Grounds and Maintenance staff. He is a former employee of the Solid Waste Center and will be performing maintenance on the town buildings and recreational facilities. Mr. Bishop joins senior staff member Gerry Theodora, who has been credited with keeping Alton Bay "the cleanest ever seen in 54 years."

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

By Paulette Wentworth

Summer is over, but, oh, what a summer it was. As the cold crisp air of fall comes in, we need 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 order, made payable to "Operation Blessings," and may be dropped off in the Town Hall with me 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 22. The Alton Police Association 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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Alton residents may place classified ads in any issue of Main Street. As a public service ads are primarily for *noncommercial* 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.**

FOR SALE

1997 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER MINIVAN, V6, automatic transmission, second sliding door, built-in baby seats, power windows, power door locks, dual front air bags, privacy glass, 85,000 miles, \$6,500. 875-3615.

UPRIGHT PIANO, Boardman & Gray, in good condition and in good tune, 62" w x 53 1/2" h, asking \$500. 875-2781.

UTILITY TILT TRAILER, 4' x 8', 12-inch wheels, new tires, will haul a full-dress Harley, \$150. 875-7597.

SILVER FLATWARE (old), miscellaneous, BO; Microwave, large, white, countertop, brand new, \$68; Weight bench and weights, \$40 or BO; Used tires, 235/75R15, good condition, \$40/all; Lil' Tikes B-Ball adjustable hoop, \$10. 875-4658.

REFRIGERATOR, 14 cu. ft., with freezer on bottom, works well, \$75. Weekends, 875-3486.

2 CRIBS, white tubular metal, complete with mattress, great condition, \$40 each or BO. 875-8144.

SCANNER, Microtek "ScanMaker E3," Model MRS-600E3, purchased new 1997, used once each month to produce Main Street, with software, BO. 875-5067.

WANTED

WANT TO RENT HOME, professional couple with children seek to rent large comfortable home, not seasonal rental, reply by phone or fax to 875-7740 or P. O. Box 1621, Alton, NH 03809...

FREE

WOODEN GLIDER, 2 seater. 293-7058.

WATER SLIDE, fiberglass, twist design, great for dock or float, West Alton. 293-7058.

SWING SET, to anyone who will come and take it apart and remove it, is in good condition. Call or leave message, 875-2009.

KITTENS, ready early October. 364-2636.

GRASS SEEDER (old), Trampoline, and Wheelbarrows. 875-4658.

REWARD

FOR RETURN OF "Fire Lane 30" street sign recently taken from its post on Old Wolfeboro Road. This sign serves two families and was installed by the Highway Department to facilitate emergency response. 875-3988.

HELPWANTED: PART-TIME JANITOR

For Department of Parks and Recreation, Alton, NH. Part time, year round, evenings and weekends required. Duties include: trash removal, cleaning offices and public restrooms, floor maintenance, and shoveling snow. Valid NH Driver's License; background check and physical exam required. Applications available at Alton Parks and Recreation Department, A.V.A.S. Public Park, Route 11, 875-0109. EOE.

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CARDS OF THANKS

The Trustees of the Cemetery Department would like to extend their appreciation to Chief Iwans for his advice and consideration pertaining to the problem at the former Kelly residence. He was extremely helpful.

Special thanks to Sgt. Anderson for his courteous but firm handling at the scene on Saturday, August 17. He was articulate and very much a gentleman. I am very proud of the way that the Alton Police Department's representatives have handled this and other

incidents regarding the cemetery.

Chief Iwans has been extremely cooperative with the Cemetery Department. I believe he is doing an excellent job directing his department in a professional and efficient manner.

/s/Shirley A. Lane, Chair, Cemetery Trustees

LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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

September 30 - October 4: Mon., Mandarin Chicken; Tue., Stuffed Peppers; Wed., Cheese Omelet; Thu., Chicken Fricassee; Fri., Meat Loaf/Gravy.

October 7 - 11: Mon., Chicken Chow Mein; Tue., Fish Fillet; Wed., Hot Dog/Roll; Thu., Rigatoni Casserole/Meat Sauce; Fri., Flame Broiled Chicken Breast/Gravy.

October 14 - 18: Mon., Stuffed Cabbage; Tue., Chicken Marsala; Wed., Baked Ham or Turkey; Thu., BBQ Riblets; Fri., Yankee Pot Roast/Gravy.

October 21 - 25: Mon., Pork Choppette/Gravy; Tue., Fish Fillet; Wed., Stuffed Shells/Sauce; Thu., Meat Loaf/Mushroom Gravy; Fri., Baked Chicken/Gravy.

October 28 - November 1: Mon., Swedish Meatballs/Gravy; Tue., Veal Parmesan/Sauce; Wed., Chicken Breast; Thu., Beef Stew; Fri., Cheese Omelet.

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

. . . Russ Jones was elected president of the New Hampshire State Firemen's Association . . . Matt Locke spoke to the Friends of the Gilman Library about his recent trip to Nicaragua . . . the Alton Lioness Club held its annual Applefest and Flea Market.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

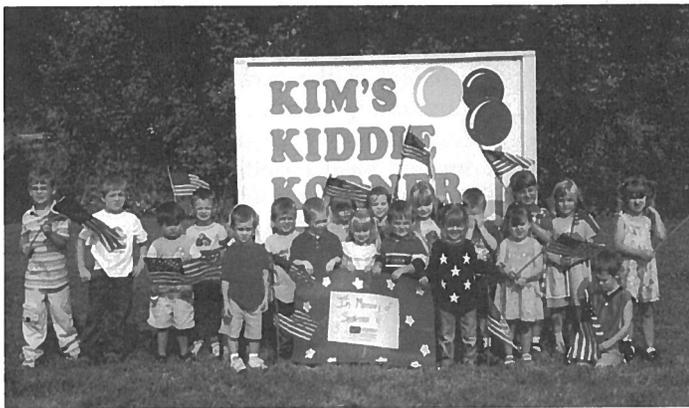
. . . The Alton-New Durham Lions club presented a \$500 donation to the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service . . . the Apache Players presented the timeless classic "Our Town" . . . new regulations and fees for use of Alton Central School were adopted by the School Board . . . the Gilman Library welcomed home Mary and Cal Batchelder who had just completed their hiking trip along the *entire* Appalachian Trail.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The new cable TV contract provided three community access channels to list community events and allow programming to take place . . . Senior class officers for '97-'98 were elected — Sarah Spencer, president; Tammy Murtagh, vice-president; Tarsia Kenny, secretary; and Mandy Quindley, treasurer . . . *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was the production for the Alton High School Drama Department.



9/11 REMEMBERED, NO MATTER THE AGE



The children attending Kim's Kiddie Korner preschool and day care proudly display a banner and American flags in memory of our 9/11 heroes and their families.

KID'S KLUB

Attention all kids in Kindergarten through Grade 5! The Community Church of Alton will be starting a new year of Kid's Klub. It will be held on Tuesdays this year instead of Wednesdays. The first day will be on October 29. It will be held at the Community Church on Church Street (Congregational Meeting House) after school from 3 - 5:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served.

This free program, under the direction of Gina Sweezy, will feature great games and activities, singing, devotions and Bible instruction, crafts, and during the snowy months cross country skiing with Pastor Peter. If you need further information or a registration form, contact the church office.

Wonderful volunteers are needed to lend a hand with Kid's Klub. If you are willing to help the group reach the children of the Alton community, call 875-5561. Kid's Klub is looking for assistance with crafts, games, singing; cooks are needed to make the special meals. If you can volunteer, please call.

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