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YULETIDE IN ALTON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

"Light up Night" is the annual celebration of turning on the holiday lights in Alton in the downtown area. Please join us as we celebrate this community event. The list of free events include: Alton Town Hall- Creative Sled Contest at 5:00pm, participants will bring a sled decorated for the holidays, themed prizes will be awarded; 5:00pm-6:30pm- Childrens Craft Social- children will make a special craft to take home and enjoy holiday treats and music. Caroling music will begin at 6:45pm at the Town Hall with a stroll over to Ginny Douglas Park where the tree lighting will take place at 7:00pm.

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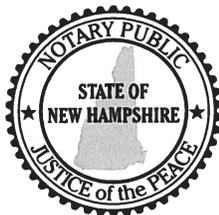
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**REGISTRATION REMINDERS
By Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk**

Here are a few reminders about the car registration process:

- 1). Renewals - you **MUST** bring in either the current registration or renewal letter
- 2). Multiple renewals - add town amounts together for one check payable to the Town of Alton - add state amounts together for one check payable to the St. of NH - MV
- 3). When renewing by mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope is **REQUIRED**
- 4). New registration - 1990 model year or newer – title, certificate of origin, or blue title application from NH dealer
- 5). New registration - 1989 model year or older - bill of sale and one of the following:
 - a. A previously issued or expired NH registration (or copy)
 - b. A valid NH or out-of-state title; or
 - c. A verification of VIN (TDMV19A)—this form can be picked up at the Town Clerk’s office
- 6). Transfer – original current registration is needed to transfer a registration from one vehicle to another – first owner must be the same on each registration
- 7). We cannot take credit cards, cash or checks only

If you have an aqua-therm (water bubbler) it’s time to renew your permit.

Hopefully these hints will help you save time when registering your vehicle. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk’s office at 875-2101 Monday - Friday from 8:30 to 4:30.

**WINDOWS OF CHRISTMAS
By Florence Davis**

The Harold S. Gilman Museum announces its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 4 from 5-7 pm as part of Alton’s “Light Up Night”. Visit the Museum dressed in Victorian finery and celebrate the beginning of the holiday singing carols accompanied by the Museum’s 1860 Gilbert piano, peek into our “Windows of Christmas” display and enjoy the company of your neighbors and friends along with a cup of cheer and sweet treat.

The Museum will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the month of December. For further information call Florence Davis at 875-0201.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & HOSPICE 'COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS' SEMINAR

By Jackie Bonafide

On Monday, December 6th, Community Health & Hospice will host a free seminar on Coping With the Holidays for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The holidays are often difficult and stressful time for families dealing with grief. Carolyn Stevenson, M.Div. and Maria Babineau, MSW, will present some basic information about the grief process and explore possible strategies for coping during the holiday season. The program will be held in the first floor conference room at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main St. in Laconia from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. For more information and registration, please call Carolyn Stevenson at 524-8444.

ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE NEWS

By Lynda Goossens

The Alton Youth League would like to welcome our new Board members and give a big **Thank you** to those they are replacing. Lisa Jones will be replacing Doug Rojek as President of the league, Dianna Rojek will remain on as Vice President, Shannon Roberts replaces Heather Couture as Treasurer, Lynda Goossens will replace Lisa Jones as Secretary, Brad Smith replaces Ben Jones as Chief Umpire and Joe Symonds will replace Doug Rojek as the new equipment manager. We are still in need of a Concession Manager if anyone is interested please contact Lisa Jones at 875-7515.

We are still missing a few uniforms from last season. If you haven't returned your child's uniform yet please contact Kerri Symonds at 859-0045.

Again, we would like to thank all of the previous board members for all of their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. The Alton Youth League is a volunteer organization and we are always looking for interested individuals. Our organization is only as strong as its' members, so if you feel that you could make constructive contributions please join us.

ENJOY KNITTING? JOIN US!

By Linda Hess

A group of women interested in starting a knitting circle met for the first time on September 14th at the library. We had a very good time, and agreed that we'd like to continue meeting for the purpose of sharing ideas, help, inspiration, information, and conversation related to knitting. We meet each Tuesday from 11am-1pm downstairs at the library. All are welcome regardless of skill level. Please join us if you love to knit, want to learn new skills, need help with a project, or just want to meet others who enjoy knitting.

Questions? Call Linda Hess, 875-8103.

Attorney Arthur W. Hoover is pleased to announce that Attorney Melissa Countway Guldbrandsen, a 1989 graduate of Alton Central School, will be joining his law practice on January 1, 2005. The practice will be called Alton Law Offices.

Attorney Guldbrandsen was previously a law clerk for the Honorable David A. Brock, Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court and later an associate at Orr & Reno, P.A. in Concord. Prior to law school, Guldbrandsen was a middle school math and science teacher. She is a member of the Hearings Committee of the Professional Conduct Committee, in which she hears and resolves complaints filed against attorneys. Attorney Guldbrandsen has recently returned to Alton and is the acting treasurer of the newly formed Alton Area Rotary Club.

Attorney Guldbrandsen graduated from the University of New Hampshire, summa cum laude, with a Bachelor's degree in mathematics and magna cum laude, with a Master's degree in education. She attended law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was a member of the law review. She received her Juris Doctorate with high honors and was inducted into the Order of the Coif.

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**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent**



Here it is already December pretty mild for the this time of year but don't let old man winter fool you, he could start snowing at any time.

I would like to remind you to please mark your mail boxes with bright orange or red flags, something that is high enough and above the mail boxes that will stand out. This would help the drivers as they plow, but please bear in mind we are not out to hit your mail boxes, sometimes the snow is so high that the visibility is not always clear, and anything in the Right of Way may get during plowing, we do apologize for this.

Speaking of visibility for the mailboxes, we have noticed a lot of your E911 numbers attached to rocks, poles, stands, and other low objects, they are to low to the ground, with not knowing how deep the snow will get, it will make it impossible to see your numbers should you need E911 for rescue, your numbers should be on your house and on a well secure post, approx. 10' in alongside your driveway, and your numbers should be reflecting and appear approx. 5' high ion the post. this ensures the rescuers that they are at the right place.

Also I would like to correct an error that was made in lasts month's issue of Main Street regarding winter sand; Merrill Excavating will not be delivering winter sand to the highway shed, North East Mechanics will be delivering the winter sand for the year 2005 and 2006.

The construction on Old Wolfeboro Road has ended for the winter, they have paved to Powder Mill Rd, and have hydro-seeded the embankments, and also installed the guard rails where needed. They will resume in the spring, there is no scheduled date at this time.

In the mean time we have been changing summer tires over to winter tires, setting up the plows and sanders, we are ready for old man winter any time he is.

Once again PLEASE yield to any emergency vehicles, please stay back 200 ' behind the plow trucks, these trucks make wide turns, and have such tremendous weight that not only the visibility is difficult, but the road conditions make it very difficult to maneuver, keeping this in mind will ensure the safety of both you and the driver.

As we continue our daily routines of cleaning the ditch lines, sweeping the paved roads, grading and raking the graveled roads, and flagging our culverts. We ask you to keep your calls coming in as you make the difference and help make Alton a better place to live. The pbone number is 875-6808.

IN Main Street

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

...Marion MacDonald received a State Municipal Volunteer Award from the New Hampshire Municipal Association. She was Town Moderator for ten years and on the School Board for eight. She was a leader with the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service for eighteen years. She served on the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee and many civic organizations...The Board of Selectmen adopted a Code of Ethics... a Benefit cruise on the Mt. Washington raised just over \$10,000 to be put toward the Phase 1 Revitalization Program...

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

...The Bicentennial theme chosen is " Alton, New Hampshire 1796 - 1996 Reflection on Our History... Six students from Alton Central School (ACS) Band traveled to Lake Placid to participate in the Northeast Instrumental Music Festival. The students were Tammy Murtagh, Marisa Kelley, Jeremy Collins, Jessica Emanouil, Jennifer Laurin and Rebecca Miller... The Alton Varsity Soccer team ended this season with a 10 - 6 - 2 record. They won a first round victory against Wilton, but lost to Colebrook in the quarter finals...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

...John and Cindy Duffek retired, sold their house and became nomads in a large R V. John was one of the five Founders and Editor for twelve years of MAIN STREET. He and Cindy owned Busy Corner, both worked in the Alton Schools and John owned an office services business. He was also active in the Fire Department and the Lions Club... The new Food Pantry operated by the Alton Community Services Program is succeeding. More volunteers are helping and more programs are being added. Included are housing, transportation, day care, legal aid and Head Start assistance...The Planning Board added two new chapters to Alton's Master Plan. They concern Goals and Objectives and Land Use.

CELEBRITY READ-IN DAY A SUCCESS

By Dr. Jacqueline R. Verville

Our National Young Reader's Celebrity Read-in Day has come and gone. Eighteen celebrities and local guests visited and read to the students at Alton Central School on November 9th. This will give us a chance to be selected at random from all entries to win a prize of \$1,000 to be used exclusively for the school. We do hope to win!

Alton Central School and the personnel want to thank the following persons who were willing to come into the school to read to our student, they were: Josh Merriam and John Bollhardt from the Fire Department. Superintendent Donald Parks from SAU #72. Mr. Tom Foster who knew lots about water rafting. A local artist, Mrs. Florence Holway, also shared her illustrations with us. Representative Laurie Boyce, Senator Robert Boyce and Representative John Thomas who spent nearly the whole morning with us. Greg Goddard, the General Manager from Gunstock and Jean Irvine, the Director of Human Services at Gunstock. Alice Z. Calvert, Publisher of Main Street. Russ Holden, the Principal from Prospect Mountain High School, Detective Grant Nichols. Representative Mike Whalley, Deputy Speaker, and Purr Whalley, Circulation Manager of Main Street. Linda Hess and finally, Kim Carpenter, the sister of a St. Louis Cardinal baseball player.

We certainly want to thank each and everyone who was so diligent in responding to our call in assisting us in making Reading a priority on that day. This is one skill that is important to an individual's success in school. I also want to thank the staff for their support, flexibility and cooperation in helping to make the day a success. We have a wonderful group of dedicated individuals at Alton Central School; it was so easy to work with them and I commend them for their expertise.

In particular, thanks to the Student Council for their help in escorting our guests to individual classrooms during the morning.

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'TIS THE TIME TO HELP OTHERS

By Sharon Hannafin

The Mrs. Santa Fund is once again calling upon folks for contributions. These donations are used to purchase warm coats, hats, mittens and boots for the children, as well as a toy or two. We provide gifts for children newborn to age 17. Donations may be made payable to the Mrs. Santa Fund and sent to P.O. Box 775, Alton, NH 03809 or c/o Bank of New Hampshire, Main Street, Alton, NH 03809.

If you are in need of some help this year, or know of someone who would benefit from this program, please contact one of Santa's Elves by December 10. Daryl Czech (875-3815) or Sharon Hannafin (875-3079).

VNA/HOSPICE TREE OF MEMORIES

The Holiday Season is a time to remember those who have been special in our lives. For the eighth year VNA/Hospice is sponsoring a gathering of remembrance. Porcelain doves with a loved one's name will be hung on a tree outside the Town Hall. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 11th at 1pm inside the Town Hall. After music and appropriate remarks, each participant may hang their dove on the tree outside.

Purchasing a dove will help support our Hospice program as well as helping remember a loved one. In the past years we have had as many as fifty people taking part and have appreciated the support. Envelopes have been sent to past participants. Others who wish to purchase a dove may contact VNA/Hospice at 569-2729 or Alice Calvert at 875-2151. Doves will be available the day of the ceremony. The Tree of Memories is a VNA/Hospice way of saying 'thank you.'

ALTON BEACH BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT By Dawn Wallace

The beach committee meet with the Selectmen in October. After presenting to the selectmen our 3 goals that where discussed in last months article, we presented our ideas for improving the existing Alton Bay beach. These ideas include, improving the walkway to Harmony park, creating a perched beach, using vegetation and fencing to provide privacy, and cleaning the sand. The presentation went very well ending with positive feedback from several of the Selectmen. Currently, we are meeting with professionals to perfect and improve our ideas. These professionals will provide the best solutions for the beach and ensure our plans will comply with requirements for the permit process. If you would like to help out with this project or any of our other goals, call parks and Rec 875-0109. It is a great time to join our committee as many of our members are away for the winter.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
By Tom Sargent



ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

December is a transition month between the outdoor seasons of fall and winter. As you know, December 21st is the first day of winter. Hunting seasons wind down this month, and winter ice fishing season waits to begin.

The firearm deer season ends Dec. 5th, and the archery deer and turkey season ends Dec. 15th. Dec. 31 marks the end of small game hunting seasons including cottontail rabbit, gray squirrel, pheasant and ruffed grouse.

As all the seasons end this month, it's a great time to prepare for the upcoming seasons. Get out your ice fishing gear and check it's condition. Renew, replace or improve what you have before next month when safe ice forms. There is nothing worse than getting that big fish up to the ice hole and then loosing it. There are all kinds of new ice fishing traps, and even cold water fishing line that stays flexible and becomes invisible under the ice.

With the Holidays arriving, it may be the time to make a list for Santa of some of the new gear, warm or camo clothing that you wish you had for future hunting and fishing ventures. Hint, hint!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
By Laurie Boyce

Last month I told you about the needed volunteers but forgot my phone number and I hope that is the reason I haven't received any calls. With being a State Rep I will not be able to help in the lunchroom selling milk and snacks to the students Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday come January 4th 2005. It would be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 and anyone who would like to volunteer we will need help Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you all Laurie Boyce 875-7371



In our continuing series on the three different approaches to property valuation that the assessor can use we will focus this month on the second, which is the Income Approach. The income approach is a capitalization process of converting a series of anticipated future payments (income) into present value. Capitalization transforms net operating income produced by a property into property value.

The income approach is used when: 1) there is no reliable sales data available for an income producing property; 2) it is a valid check on the value indicators provided by cost and sales comparison approaches in value.

We would also like to advise the residents of Alton of a change in the a deadline for the filing of any Veteran Tax Credit or Elderly Exemption Application starting on January 1, 2005. Both of these must be filed no later than April 15th of any given tax year. There will no longer be an abatement of a tax credit or refunds if these are filed after April 15th for any given tax year beginning on January 1, 2005.

The Assessors Office hours are from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

With winter and snow on its way we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the E911 ordinance, please double check and make sure that the numbers that are near your driveway or entrance will be visible to an emergency vehicle in the event of a heavy snowstorm or from plowing. Make sure that the numbers on your home are also easy to see. This is for your safety and for Police, Fire and Ambulance to find your home in a timely manner.

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MOMS IN TOUCH
By Phyllis Brooks

DAY and LOCATION CHANGE!! The EVENING meetings will now be held on TUESDAYS at 7:00 P.M. the GILMAN LIBRARY in the basement conference room beginning NOV. 16th. Also on December 21st & 28th we will not meet due to the holiday schedule. Our plan is to resume prayer by January 4th, 2005. The day time meetings at Kim Tinkams home will be still available for those who find it difficult to meet at night. Please feel free to call Kim (875-8173 days) or Phyllis (875-2866 nights) for directions, or more information. Remember if you're not praying for your child, who is?

DATES AND DEADLINES

By Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk

Here are some important dates and deadlines to remember:

1. December 8, 2004 is the last day for the Selectmen to accept petitions to amend Zoning Ordinances.
2. The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet Tuesday, January 18th between the hours of 7:00 and 7:30pm at the Town Hall to accept new voter registrations.
3. The filing period for any registered voter interested in a Town Office is January 19 - January 28, 2005. A list of the vacancies will be in the January issue of Main Street.
4. February 1, 2005 is the last day to petition Selectment for a warrant article.
5. The deadline to register to vote at the Town Clerk's office is February 25th at 5:00pm or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Saturday, February 26, 2005 between 11:00 and 11:30am.
6. The town election will be held on Tuesday, March 8th with the Annual Town Meeting the following night. Absentee Ballot applications are available at the Town Clerks Office for the town and school elections.
7. It's also time to renew your Aqua-therm permit. The cost is 50 cents and will expire on July 1, 2005.
8. We will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday and December 31st for New Years.

ALTON'S BOOK CHAT
By Debra Laurion

The book we read for the November meeting was On The Beach by Nevil Shute. It was about the nuclear war and how people survived while their loved ones were away. It focused on several characters and their lives while the families were away.

The next meeting will be Monday December 13th at 6:30 at Deb Laurions home. Please inquire at the library for directions. We will be reading A Light In The Window by Jan Karon. All are welcome to join . Please get a copy of the book at the frond desk of the library.



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FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
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Saturday Socials - Grades 2-6

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Lets Celebrate 2005!- On January 8, 2005 we are ringing in the New Year with our friends. Make a time capsule and a New Year banner with us representing your favorite things. Bring in a photo of yourself and something that is important to you. We will seal our items in a time capsule and open it in 2020. Join in the fun as we dream about our future and enjoy a New Years snack. Please register by December 28, \$5.00.

Pre School Programs

Our Pre-School Programs are designed to provide social interaction and teach cooperation and sharing for children 3-5 years of age. Children must be toilet trained. Snacks are included each day and parents are welcome to stay and participate. Programs are held at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9-10:30am; \$3.00/day.

December 6- **Stuff and a Story-** We will learn all about our favorite things with a show and tell circle. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and storybook, we will read the books and play cooperative games with our new friends. Please register by December 2.

December 13- **Blue and Me-** Join our Blues Clues theme day by bringing in a Blues item you may have. We will play Blues games, dance and create our own Blues Clues Notebook to take home. Please register by December 6.

December 20- **The Rainbow Connection-** Colors are all around us and we will learn about colors and rainbows and where they come from. We will also make our very own colorful rainbow. Please register by December 6.

Yuletide In Alton - Light Up Night
Saturday, December 4

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Senior Bingo

Co-Sponsored by Profile Bank

Seniors are invited to the monthly Bingo Program co-sponsored by Profile Bank at the Pearson Road Commu-

nity Center on Friday, December 17 beginning at 1pm. The program is free to Alton seniors. Join us as we play novelty Bingo games, enjoy refreshments and socialize with friends.

Recreation Soccer Program

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank and recognize the soccer players, coaches, assistant coaches and parents for a wonderful season. We had over 120 players involved in our program this year and we are so proud of you. We enjoyed watching you learn new skills, play soccer, make new friends and have fun. The Department would also like to thank our team sponsors: Profile Bank, Union Communications, Gillan Marine, Title Pro, LLC and Sandy Point Restaurant who sponsored the team uniforms. We are looking forward to soccer in 2005! Get out and play!



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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

By Kristine Simone

It has been a busy first few months at ACS adjusting to all changes that took place over the summer as well as the high school students being in their own school. The teachers and staff appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience during the transition. We are looking forward to a rewarding year.

The Alton Central School Gunstock Outreach Ski Program will take place on Wednesdays in January. 126 students in grades four through eight will learn to ski or snowboard with the help of both teacher and parent volunteers. In order to participate, students need to maintain grades above 74% and demonstrate consistent positive behavior. Thanks to the Alton PTSA's fundraising efforts, every student who applied for a scholarship was fully funded!

HONOR ROLE

Grade 8 - High Honors: Kyle W. Duca, Megan M. Farrell, Kaitlyn LaCourse. **Honors:** Casey L. Beranger, Ian Bothwick, Erick Bourdeau, Cory S. Dudman, Shannon M. Eagles, Katherine M. Gage, Brendan S. Hussey, Michael C. Jensen, Justin A. Kantar, Jack J. LaFreniere, Erika L. Macaione, Thomas L. Pellowe, Stephanie D. Roy, Danielle N. Sheehan, Westen D. Stewart, Kathleen A. Sykes, Abby R. VanSlyke. **Grade 7 - High Honors:** Ashley R. Barsanti, Megan V. Hopper, Emily L. Pellowe. **Honors:** Tyler Adabahr, Alexandra Badham, Dylan Ball, Kayla R. Bastarache, Scott J. Brunelle, Joseph F. Comeau, Allison Cormier, Hollie J. Couture, Jasmine Croteau, Lindsay M. Daniels, Kaitlyn M. Fasulo, Melissa L. Fortin, Lisa-Marie Frenette, Kelsey P. Hopper, MaryMargaret Houghton, Caitlin K. Hussey, Levi T. Liedtke, Amanda R. Macaione, Kristi N. Maciejewski, Joseph J. Monasky, Lydia E. Morton, Stephanie M. Moulton, Brittany M. O'Neal, Krystal M. Randall, Dack C. Rouleau, Jaclyn E. Saalfrank, Shabir S. Shaikh, Emily R. Sharpe, Kimberly A. Sykes, Kara J. Turner, Aaron M. Wilkinson, Kayla M. Wyatt. **Grade 6 - High Honors:** Spencer M. Goossens, Fallon M. Rouleau. **Honors:** Brooke E. Bastarache, Tyler R. Bilodeau, Marissa E. Brooks, Stephanie M. Burke, Sarah E. Clifford, Kelsea J. Dahood, Joshua Dixon-Snell, Eric M. Duca, Tyler Dussault, Tyler Finethy, Connor E. Gillan, Hannah E. Golden, Brittini N. Herrick, Emily P. Jeffrey, Michelle Johnson, Andrew T. Kim, Andrew Long, Lindsey A. Malone, Stephanie Y. Pryor, Desiree M. Reekie, Jake T. Rochette, Morgan A. Roy, Kendra L. Thibeault, Brittney L. Tilton, Gregory J. Tinkham, Lauretta R. Tremblay, Kevin C. VanSlyke, Gregory T. Vernal, Robert G. Wainwright. **Citizenship:** Ryan Armstrong, Meghan Banfill, Brook Bastarache, Stephanie Burke, Sarah Clifford, Kelsey Dahood, Josh Dixon-Snell, Eric Duca, Tyler Dussault, Ethan Ehler, Tyler Finethy, Connor Gillan, Carter Golden, Hannah Golden, Spencer Goossens, Kelsey Hannafin, Brittini Herrick, Emily Jef-

frey, Robert Kelly, Andrew Kim, Nils Lofgren, Andrew Long, Lindsey A. Malone, Ashley Mann, Stephanie Pryor, Desiree Reekie, Jake Rochette, Fallon Rouleau, Leigh Sheldon, Ashley Strops, Kendra Thibeault, Brittney Tilton, Greg Tinkham, Christina R. Varney, Robert Wainwright, Lauren Whalen. **Grade 5 - Honors:** Kristine E. Adams, Kirby E. Beranger, Samantha M. Hillis, Jason R. Houghton, Rebecca R. Meyer, Albert D. Morse IV, Martha J. Rasbridge, Danielle E. Tidd. **Citizenship:** Kristine Adams, Kirby Beranger, Josie Couch, Samantha Hillis, Jason Houghton, Rebecca Krivitsky, Emily Macduff, Ashley Malo, Rebecca Meyer, David Monasky, BJ Morse, Emily Morton, Breanna Parades, Nicole Perry, Michelle Prior, Martha Rasbridge, Danielle Tidd, Stephanie Waterman. **Grade 4 - High Honors:** Alyssa A. St. Laurent, Rebecca R. Tinkham. **Honors:** Elaine P. Anderson, Kristina L. Bishop, Jacob R. Boyce, Dylan M. Bragg, Tyler W. Brooks, Renea E. Brunelle, Julie A. Emerson, Gabrielle L. Gilbert, Brandon A. Grover, Anna Jortikka, MacKenzie Kinnon, Kyle J. Lehoullier, Olivia Meyerhoff, Timothy J. O'Gara, Nicole N. Ouellette, Emily M. Parker, Thomas E. Pasquariello, Austin K. Perrin, Autumn J. Sanborn, Shaun P. Shea, Natalie H. Stackhouse, Shayna Sweezy, Chelsea L. Vernal, Rachel C. Wilkinson, Cody A. Yelle. **Citizenship:** Elaine Anderson, Renae Brunelle, Taylor Dwyer, Julie Emerson, Gabby Gilbert, Brandon Grover, Ethan Henderson, Mackenzie Kinnon, Casey Lang, Danny McKone, Olivia Meyerhoff, Timothy O'Gara, Nicole Ouellette, Austin Perrin, Shaun Shea, Alyssa St. Laurent, Shayna Sweezy, Rebecca Tinkham, Chelsea Vernal, Rachel Wilkinson. **Grade 3 - Citizenship:** Josie Alfonso, Dakota Banfill, Chelsea Bibeau, Trevor Brackley, Noel Button, Dale Charest, Ralph Connors, Renee Coppola, Ryan Creamer, Brooke Dame, Ben Drury, Jaime Fogell, Kyle Gilbert, Shannon Gillan, Emily Gubitose, Rebecca Joy, Corey Lobdell, Joseph Lundy, Andrew Macaione, Abbey McMahan, Shannon Meyer, Abigail Mucher, Lindsey Mucher, Dante Pryor, Olivia Ramey, Brandon Ratliff, Alicia Rochette, Ian Rouleau, Ashley Roy, Sarah Stone, Shelby Stone, CJ Suydam, Angela Tidd, Caitlin Vogel, Camden Warren, Christopher Whalen. **Grade 2 - Citizenship:** Sean Ainsley, Kyle Barrett, Jocelyn Birnie, Hannah Blandini, Amanda Boelzner, Brian Borelli, Renet Button, Haley Dame, Megan Cully, Christina Dagostino, Hannah DeRoche, Emily Dockham, Mercedes Fiore, Laura Fraser, Allison Gauvin, Molly LaBelle, Zoe Mahan, Riley McGrath, Cydney McIntyre, Madison McKenzie, Haley Mellon, David Nickerson, Brianna Ouellette, Kristen Parker, Owen Parker, Oliver Parillo, Joe Perry, April Rieger, Mackenzie Roberts, Alexandria Rogers, Shannon Shea, Garrett St. Laurent, Meghan Stackhouse, Signe Therrian, Dylan Tuttle, Erin Tuttle, John Ward, Madison Wright, Kyana Yelle.

Congratulations!

ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT
By Mary Jane Dascoli, Secretary

Calls for service for the month of October totaled 45. These calls included 10 Fire related, 34 Medical Emergencies of which 5 were motor vehicle crashes, and 1 Service call. Emergency calls remain significantly higher than last year at this same time especially amidst the Forestry Season. Remember permits are required for any outside burning as long as it is not too windy or the level of fire danger is not too high.

We've been busy recently with Oil Burner and Wood Stove inspections. If you recently had an oil burner installed or replaced, you must have it inspected by the Fire Chief. This is especially important to new home builders/buyers; before the Building Inspector will issue a certificate of occupancy, you must have the oil burner inspected. Residents are also reminded as we transition into the heating season to have your chimney cleaned and your furnace serviced. Don't wait until the cold weather to realize you have a problem; for your safety, check these things out early.

We'd also like to remind residents to be sure your new 911 number(s) are visibly posted in accordance with the Town Ordinance relating to the E-911 System so as to avoid violation penalties ranging from \$10.00- \$300.00. If you have not already done so, post your E-911 numbers to enable us to locate you if an emergency occurs. If you occupy rental property and your E-911 numbers are still not posted, please notify your landlord, then the Fire Department; we will work with you to see that this situation is rectified. Additionally, per New Hampshire State Fire Code "Smoke Detector Requirements for Multi-unit Dwellings, Section Saf-C 6018.02 Installation and Maintenance", any rental property must contain working hard wired, 110 volt smoke detectors. Any battery operated fire warning devices installed in multi-unit dwellings shall be replaced by automatic fire warning devices that are powered by the house electrical service. Please call the Central Station if you require additional information or if you are in need of a copy of the changes made to this State Fire Code.

Keep your eyes open and maybe some residents have already seen the new engine to arrive at the Central Fire Station; Engine 2. If you see this truck going down the road without its emergency lights operating, be assured that we are probably in the process of driver training with this new vehicle. Any resident interested in checking out this new truck up close and personal is encouraged to visit the Central Fire Station. We are more than happy to show off this new piece of apparatus. This specialized Engine carries 2500 gallons of water with a 2000 gallon per minute pump plus 30 gallons of Class A & B foam.

The Alton Firemen's Association will be selling Christmas trees again this year. The Association members will be set up and open for business once the trees arrive to the Aubuchon Hardware Store (Formerly Alton 5 & 10) lo-

cated off the Alton Traffic Circle. Keep a look out for our Christmas trees and stop on by.

Education classes continue at Alton Central School: Risk Watch, taught by EMS Lt. Sharon Hannafin and Intern Firefighters James LeClair and Daniel Boissonneault, is an injury prevention program for Kindergarten through Grade 2 children.

October was Fire Prevention month and Preschool students through Grade 12 were instructed over a period of four days on personal safety and fire prevention. Department Members assisting Sharon, James and Dan included EMT-I Stark Liedtke and Intern Firefighters Edward Ferguson, John Bollhardt and Josh Merriam. The Preschoolers and Central School students were very receptive to these educational programs and enjoyed by all.

Alton Fire/Rescue Department new Engine 2 is here!



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Clubs and Services

Newborn/Maternal Home Visits: Community Health & Hospice Young Family Program nurses provide free home visits for pregnant women who are Medicaid-eligible and also offer a free visit by a Registered Nurse to any parent of a newborn in the greater Lakes Region. The program teaches infant care, what to expect in their child's growth and development, and parenting skills. For more information, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

Shots For Tots, Teens, and In-Betweens: provides immunizations for children to age 19. For dates and location, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

"Caring Caregivers" Support Group: a support group for caregivers of the memory-impaired and others in long term caregiving situations. The day group generally meets on the first and third Monday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30am. The evening group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Regular meetings are held at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Please contact Pat Marceau at CH&H (524-8444, ext. 343) for additional information.

Community Health & Hospice welcomes volunteers and provides training in all programs. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Bev Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator, at Community Health & Hospice, 780 N. Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246 or call (603) 524-4339, ext. 348 or (toll-free) (800) 244-8549 in New Hampshire.

Alton Senior Citizens Association Whist Club Mon. & Thurs. 1-3pm, Bingo Tues., Weds., & Fri. 1-2pm. Pearson Road Community Center. All are welcome.

December Events

Sat 4 Annual Light up Night, see cover

Sat 4 American Legion Christmas Party, see p. 16.

Sun 5 Breakfast With Santa, American Legion, see p. 2

Mon 6 Coping with the Holidays Seminar, see p. 3

Sat 11 Tree of Memories, see p. 6

Tue 12 Gilman Library Holiday Tea, see p. 20

Mon. 13 Alton's Book Chat, see p. 8

Bereavement Support Group: Community Health & Hospice offers a Bereavement Support Group at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Call Carolyn Stevenson, 524-8444, ext. 321 for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets weekly on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center on Route 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Also Tues., Cong Church Ossipee, Sat., Huggins Hospital Wolfeboro. Call 434-7578 for more information. All are welcome.

Young Family Program: the Community Health & Hospice is offering a free Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) to parents of children ages four months through five years. The ASQ is a parent-completed screening system to help identify children who should be referred for a comprehensive assessment for medical, special education, early childhood education, mental health, and social services. For more information or to request a questionnaire, call Carol at 524-4339, ext. 346.

Blood Pressure Clinics: Blood Pressure Clinics are held on the Second Thursday of the month from 10:30-noon, Alton Senior Center, Pearson Road.

American Red Cross Blood Services: Red blood cells have a shelf life of only forty-two days, so new reserves must be added to to hospital inventories every day. If you would like information about becoming a regular blood donor, contact the American Red Cross Blood Services - New England Region at 1-800-843-3500, or go to www.newenglandblood.org/nh for a list of blood drives.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Alcoholics Anonymous -- Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Comm. Ctr.
Alton Community Services Prog., Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273

Alton Masonic Lodge #75 -- 2nd Thu. except July & Aug., 875-7448

American Legion -- 2nd Mon., 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28
American Legion Auxiliary -- 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Jr. Auxiliary -- 1st Wed., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Family--2nd Monday 7:30pm, Legion Hall
Sons of the American Legion, 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Legion Hall
Boy Scout Troop 53 -- Mon, 6:30pm, Central Fire Station
Cub Scout Pack 53 -- Last Wed., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
4-H Club, see website <www.alton4H.org>

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.

Moms In Touch -- Tue., 12:30 p.m., 875-2866

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club -- 2nd Tue., 7 p.m., Sr. Center, 875-3858 or <info@mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com>

OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfeboro -- 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-7898

Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Thursdays, 5:30, Alton Bay Community Center. Call 434-7578

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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Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside -- Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church -- 9:30am Sunday School, Church on Rand Hill Rd, 11am Worship Service, ABCCC; Weds. Supper - 6:30pm, Prayer Meeting 7:30pm, Church on Rand Hill Rd. To confirm call 875-5211
- Community Church -- Sun. Service, 9am, Main Street Church Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor; 875-5561
- First Free Will Baptist Church -- Sun. School, 9:45 am; Church, 11 am; Evening Service, 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason
- North Barnstead Congregational Church -- Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 am, 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald
- St. Katharine Drexel -- Weekend Masses Sat. 4pm, Sun., 8:30am and 10:30am; weekday Masses, Mon. through Fri., 8am; Rev. George Ham; 569-2548
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship -- Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship Service, 10:30 am; Evening Service, 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

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LIONS CLUB NEWS By Maureen Parker

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club would like to thank everyone for contributing to our successful turkey raffle. The winners will be announced in next months Main St. Many people bought tickets and had them made out to the Alton and New Durham food pantry's. What a great idea!!!

The Lions are putting the finishing touches on their final fundraiser for the year, Breakfast with Santa. On Sunday, Dec. 5th, the Lions will be sponsoring Breakfast with Santa at the American Legion from 8 am until noon. Not only will there be a delicious breakfast at \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children, but there will be a repeat of last year's successful Photo's with Santa. Digital photos with Santa will be available while you wait at \$5.00 for 4x6 and \$8.50 for 8x10.

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club would like to thank everyone for their support . We couldn't do anything without your help.

We'll be back to work after the first of the year on a variety of projects. If you would be interested in joining this community orientated group, contact Lion Steve Parker at 875-3117.

LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS AWARD-WINNING SINGER

By Karen Poor

Award-winning singer and songwriter Diane Muise of Auburn, Maine will be the guest speaker and singer for the Lakes Region Christian Women's Club to be held Wednesday, December 8th from 11am to 1pm at Maurice's Family Restaurant, Rt. 25, Moultonborough. Menu will be Beef Tips and Gravy, potato, vegetables, dessert, beverage for \$13. inclusive.

Diane draws extensively on personal experience to communicate God's faithfulness to her audiences. She is able to identify with them in many areas; as a mother of 3 children, a career woman with an extensive schedule, a caretaker for elderly parents, as struggling to live within a limited budget, in dealing with both a highly gifted child as well a learning disabled child. her programs are highlighted with humor and insight.

The Special Feature will be Cloise Coudert demonstrating Wreath making. Her finished product will be the door prize for this event. Reservations can be made by calling Melissa in Alton @776-2224, Faith in Gilford @293-8073 or Mary in Moultonborough @284-6873 no later than Dec. 4th. Reservations must be honored or canceled by Dec. 6th. Child Care provided by reservation. Please bring a brown bag lunch for your child Sponsored by the Lakes Regions Christian Women's Club, a non-denominational group with no formal membership or dues required. All are welcomed to join us!

**PROFILE BANK ALTON RED HAWKS
SOCCER TAKES SECOND PLACE
By Sharon Lamper**

On November 5th and 6th, the Profile Bank Alton Red Hawks played in the New Durham Parks & Recreation 5th & 6th Grade Soccer Tournament. The Red Hawks placed second after losing to Barnstead (0-1) in the finals.

The Red Hawks and the coaches would like to thank Profile Bank for sponsoring our team. We would also like to thank Kellie Troendle of the Alton Parks & Recreation for all she has done for us. And most of all, we would like to thank the parents for all the practices and games they came to and cheered us on.

Members of the Alton Red Hawks include Jennifer Crawley, Kelly Jones, Michelle Prior, Bryana DeCoff, Erica Smith, Megan Bemis, Greg Tinkham, Ethan Ehler, Spencer Goossens, Morgan Roy, Greg Vernal, Dalton Sylvester, Connor Gillan, Danny Miller, Jason Houghton, Joey LeBlanc, Jacob Pelton, David Monasky and Brett Lamper. The coaches are Glenn Lamper, Joe Monasky and Sharon Lamper.

From the coaches to the Red Hawks thanks for a great season. We will miss the Sixth Graders, and hope to see the Fifth Graders again next year.

Profile Bank Alton Red Hawks and their coaches.



**ALTON COMMUNITY CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL
By Mim Roques**

The Alton Community Church Pre-School has enjoyed a happy Fall Season with students making new friends and having fun in a variety of play centers. Our centers allow for decision making and experimentation with ideas as to how things function along with why some ideas may not work.

It has been a delight to discover student interest in puppetry and story plays. We will be exploring the variety of ways to make puppets and how to enjoy their use. Of course, the more we sing up story ideas, the more we laugh and giggle.

As students move away, we will have 2 openings in the three day program for four year olds this month. There are 4 openings in the two day program for three year olds. Registration forms are available at the Church Street building and folks are welcome to visit, or call 875-5561 (days) or 875-2289 (evenings) for more information..

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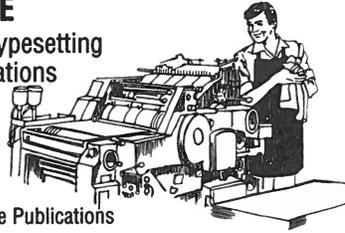
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AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY UPDATE By Ray Nadeau

We had a nice turnout for the Veteran's Day program at Monument Square. We also enjoyed a large, friendly turnout back at the Post home for refreshments afterward. Thanks to the community for your support of this important observance.

The Legion family is involved in numerous projects. Our annual Community Thanksgiving dinner is now behind us and we look forward to a full agenda over the next several months.

Our children's Christmas party, for ALL LOCAL AREA CHILDREN from birth through 12 years will be held this year on Saturday, December 4 starting at 1PM. This is a do-not-miss-event! Our Jr. and Sr. Auxiliary work very hard to make it an outstanding experience for the young ones who come. There will be games, singing, goodies, toys and of course, Santa will make his annual visit to hear your little one's Christmas wish. See you there!

Our Sons of the Legion are working hard to raise funds in an ongoing effort for the Children's Miracle Network.

Junior Auxiliary members are busy for the season too. They trimmed the tree in the dining room, helped wrap gifts for the Children's Christmas party and the adopt-a-vet program and are doing a Christmas raffle to raise funds for their favorite charity.

Our special Christmas programs include our adopt-a-vet for Christmas. This year the Legion family will fulfill the wish lists of 11 veterans at the Tilton Veteran's home. Another of our Christmas programs is the needy family program. Baskets of food and toys are prepared and distributed to families in need this month. Food baskets are also distributed to needy Senior Citizens. Family names are coordinated with Family Services, but if you know of someone who is in need during this holiday, please call Millie Pierce at 875-2838.

On Sunday, December 19, we will hold a Yankee Swap Christmas party for adult Legion family members starting at 2:00 PM. Please bring your favorite dish and a wrapped gift not to exceed \$10.00...then sit back and watch the fun.

Tickets for our annual New Years Eve dinner dance are going fast. We limit attendance to 100. The price is still \$20.00 per person and includes admission, a hot buffet at 7:00 PM, dancing to music provided by Larry Lemay, party favors, a champagne toast at midnight and free transportation home if requested or necessary. This event is open to members of the Legion family and their guests. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Legion at 875-3461 or Ray at 569-1977.

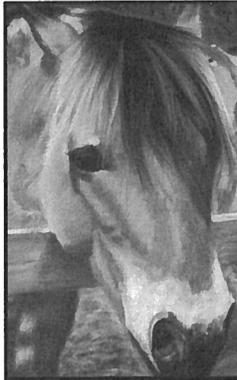
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By Jackie Bonafide**

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Jackie Bonafide, CH&H Director of Development says, "We're delighted to offer 32 restaurants and 35 coupons—with five new restaurants this year. We haven't raised the price and are still selling the books at \$30.00 each. We're very grateful to all of the excellent restaurants who support this, to the businesses and banks who sell the books for us, and to everyone who buys the Coupon Books." She adds, "The 'Gourmet Dining for Two' Coupon Books make great holiday, birthday, or anniversary gifts for family, friends, and business associates—and they are a delicious way to support the work of Community Health & Hospice!"



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**A VOLUNTEERS PERCEPTION OF HOSPICE**
By Susan Lampron

My initiation into the Hospice program began nearly fourteen years ago with my father-in-law's diagnosis of terminal lung cancer. At the time I never suspected how much Hospice would affect my life, not only on a personal level but a professional one as well.

On a sunny, warm Florida day, John was given a prognosis of three months to live and within a short time of that day Hospice became a part of his life. On a few occasions I went down to visit, offer support and help in any way that I could. During that time I watched as the Hospice nurses and others on the team would come in to take care of his personal needs, medications, diet, and answer questions and offer other services including Reiki and spiritual counseling, as well as support and counseling for the family members.

I was impressed with the kindness, consideration and gentle ways in which the team handled not only John but the family as well. It was during my last visit that I realized that volunteering for Hospice might be my niche. Three months later I signed up for the Hospice training with VNA-Hospice of Southern Carrll County & Vicinity, Inc., and became a Hospice volunteer.

Hospice work taught me that the unexpected can happen, that in a matter of moments life as we know it can be irrevocably altered, leaving us reeling and struggling to make sense out of a world that has suddenly been turned upside down. That death is a part of life and that it doesn't have to be experienced alone.

As a Hospice volunteer, I learned that there are so many ways in which I could help. That each person, each family has different needs. Some families need time to run errands, finish chores, visit with friends, while I sat with a loved one. Others needed help with household chores, a child taken care of, companionship, someone to listen. Each patient having their own unique personality has left me acknowledging that while we may all be different, that although our paths in life may vary, our basic needs are very much the same. To be respected, to have someone listen, to just sit quietly, to be accepted and loved for who we are, to maintain our dignity at the end of life, to not be alone.

The rewards of volunteering are great. The number of people I have met through this program, who have openly and willingly shared their toughest times have given me a gift. To appreciate life on it's simplest of terms, to understanding the complexity of emotions within each of us. However, the greatest gift of all has been that of friendship and a bond forged that will never be forgotten.

For more information about Hospice services, contact Wanda Harris, Hospice Coordinator at VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc., at 569-2729.

LAKERS UNITED 2004 NHSA STATE CHAMPIONS
By Peter Clifford

Saturday Nov 6, on a cool brisk windy morning at Roger Allen Park, Rochester where NH state soccer tournament finals were being held. Every year the winners of Seacoast Soccer League face off against winners of the Granite State Soccer League for NHSA State title. Lakers United U12 Girls, who were undefeated this fall season, were playing Bow Soccer Club, also undefeated this fall.

Kickoff began with Bow rushing right up the field and taking a hard shot on Tori Webster, the Lakers keeper, but the ball missed the goal. The first five minutes didn't look good for Lakers, but Tori made the saves she had to make. Ten minutes into the thirty-minute half, Sarah Clifford had the Lakers first shot on goal. The rest of the first half became a seesaw with both teams battling for the next shot. Lakers midfielder Kirby Beranger dribbled the ball to the centerline and then sent it forward to Alexis Page. Page took the ball to the corner, and then beautifully crossed it to Sarah Clifford who nicely finished it into the back of the net.

Second half the Lakers United girls started out with lot more confidence. Playing the game on defense was Brooke Bastarche sweeper, Danielle Burwell at stopper, and Kendall Graupner and Megan Pollini both outside fullbacks. Starting midfielders Danielle Tidd, and Emma Jones at center, and Josie Couch and Samantha Hillis on the Outsides. Starting Strikers were Alexis Page and Sarah Clifford. Coming off the bench were Kelly Jones, Kirby Beranger, Nicole Dwyer, Marissa Brooks. Great game in goal by keeper Tori Webster.

With ten minutes to go in the game, Page passed to Josie Couch who dribbled by a Bow defender, then zipped a well placed shot to the corner of the net. Now leading two nil, Lakers took a break, and Bow stepped it up putting lots of pressure for the first time in this half. With five minutes to go, Bow scored from just inside the eighteen yard line. In the end, the Laker's won 2-1.

Lakers United teams overall record this fall was an impressive 17-0-1. The U12 Girls were coached Pete Clifford, Mike Hillis, Steve Beranger, and John Dwyer. Lakers United travel teams are a division of Lakes Region Soccer Club. www.lakesregionsoccerclub.org

Terence Stamp of Brookfield NH started the Soccer Club in 1996. As our Club President Mr. Stamp has given countless hours to players, coaches, and parents around the Lakes Region. Our U12 Players and Coaches would like to sincerely thank Terry and his wife Jill for all the help they have given to our team.

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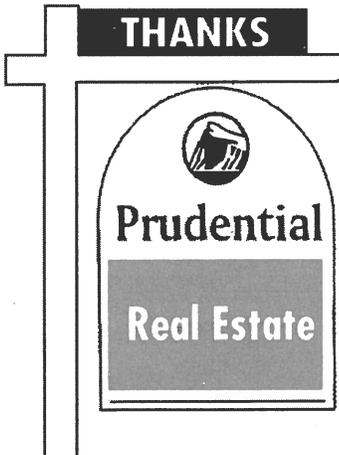
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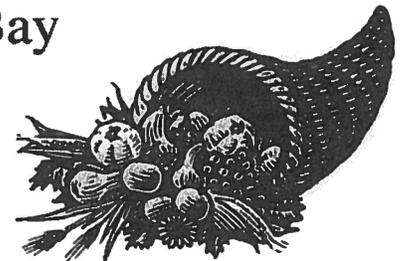
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By Dick Cunningham

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The Alton program featured words of remembrance from leaders of American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Jr. Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. Ray Nadeau, Warren Leary, Crystal Deckert, Brian Schofield, Tom McCabe, Scott Carpenter, Rick Wheeler, Jim Yuens and Ed Russel.

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VOLUNTEERS WITH SNOW BLOWER NEEDED!

By Dick Wallace

The Alton Community Youth Activities (CYA) team along with several co-sponsors is planning an Ice Skating event in mid January 2005 followed by three (3) weekends of general skating for the public. Details about the event will be announced soon. This year we plan to have Volunteers use their own snow blowers and go to the ice area behind the Fire Station to create and maintain the ice for skating; CYA will coordinate this activity.

Please call Dick Wallace (875-8221) or Kellie Troendle (875-0109) for details and to volunteer by phone; or e-mail pilotrcw@worldpath.net.

Many Alton families and CYA in particular will appreciate your effort to make ice-skating available in Alton for several weekends a REALITY!!

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

Snowmobile enthusiasts are gearing up for a safe season on the trails by signing up for free snowmobile education classes across the state. To operate a snowmobile, any person over the age of 12 must have either a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License or have successfully completed an approved OHRV Safety Education class taught by Fish and Game-trained volunteer instructors. For a current class schedule, visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/OHRV/ohrv.htm>. Many classes end up with waiting lists, so sign up early. Parents are encouraged to sit in on the classes.

"Snowmobiling is a great way for folks to get outside and have fun," said Maj. Timothy Acerno, who heads up Fish and Game's Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Education Program. "But riders have a responsibility to obey the rules of the trails, to be courteous and — most of all — to ride safely. Our Conservation Officers will be out on the trails all winter long using radar to enforce

speed limits and setting up sobriety checkpoints as a visible reminder of those responsibilities."

Snowmobile safety education classes, taught by Department-certified volunteer instructors, are offered to the public free of charge. The courses are completed in a single day. They are useful refreshers for any snowmobile operator and are required for youths 12 and older who don't have a driving license and want to drive a snowmobile across public ways. Please note that all children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult when operating a snow machine off their parents', grandparents' or guardians' property.

Many of the trained volunteer instructors teaching the safety classes are affiliated with one of the more than 100 snowmobile clubs in New Hampshire. "Joining a snowmobile club is a great way to learn about safe riding and help maintain trails for your own and others' enjoyment," Acerno said, noting that club membership also gives riders a \$30 break on snowmobile registration fees.

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and its member clubs have actively promoted safe and responsible riding since 1969, according to NHSA President Lucy Ford. "Our enthusiastic members continue to work with the state to manage over 6,800 miles of trails and provide safety education to more than 2,500 children each year," Ford said.

This winter, Fish and Game Conservation Officers will continue to use innovative enforcement patrols to detect and apprehend impaired snowmobile operators, including use of Preliminary Breath Test machines provided by the New Hampshire Highway Safety Council. These ongoing initiatives will help to keep the state's snowmobile trails safe for all outdoor enthusiasts during the upcoming season.

For more information on how to become involved with a snowmobile club, visit <http://www.nhsa.com>. Find out more about OHRV regulations and other activities of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>.



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