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AN OLD FASHION ICE SKATING PARTY By Dick Wallace

The Alton Community Youth Activities (CYA) team and the Alton Parks and Recreation Dept. will co-sponsor an ice-skating party on Saturday January 15th from 4-7pm. for Alton youth and Families. In addition, we have arranged for ice-skating on the following three (3) weekends; January 22,23 - January 29,30 and February 5,6 from 10am to 4pm. The ice rink will be located on the basketball court behind the central Alton Fire Station

For safety reasons hockey playing including sticks and pucks is NOT permitted during any of these scheduled times. At the kick-off event Saturday January 15th ONLY we will feature: FREE admission and parking, Adult Supervised, Bon Fire (if possible), Refreshments will be available, music. Except for parking these features will NOT be available on the other scheduled days.

Parking for all scheduled skating times will be in the parking area across the street from the central Fire Station at the edge of the pond. All skating times are subject to weather and ice conditions.

We thank the Alton Fire Department, Alton Highway Department, Gillan Marine, Keith Dube and Josh Hoagland for their support without which this event would not have been possible.

Join us for a great winter event!

Call 875-8221 or 875-0109 for information.

PICTURES FOR MAIN STREET By Dick Cunningham

Main Street is very anxious to print pictures to go along with any accepted articles that are submitted for future issues. While we encourage you to submit your own photographs, we are also available to take pictures of your event.

If your group is having an event, or you have any ideas for pictures that involve your activities, kindly call Dick Cunningham, Main Street VP, at 293-4948 to see if someone is available to take pictures for you.

NEW ROTARY CLUB FORMING IN ALTON By James Fontaine

The provisional Alton Centennial Rotary Club is now holding weekly meetings at the American Legion Post #72, Alton.

The club is sponsored by the Gilford N.H. Rotary Club and is actively seeking prospective members and former Rotarians who live or are employed or retired business people, professionals, community leaders, educators, and communicators in the communities of Alton, Barnstead, Farmington, and New Durham.

The provisional Alton Centennial Rotary Club breakfast meetings are held every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 AM at the American Legion Post #72, Route 28, Alton, NH.

Rotary is an international, non-political, non-religious service organization with over 1.3 million members worldwide. Its members are dedicated to helping people with special needs, bettering their communities, and seeking world peace through better understanding and relations between all nations. Rotarians also gain from business-to-business relationships and networking with fellow members.

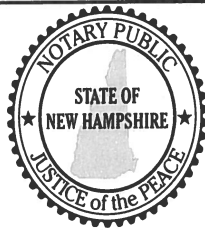
In 2005 Rotary International celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Anyone interested in joining this new Rotary club, please call: Dick Waite at (603) 293-9143.

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID NIGHT By Barbara Shumway, Guidance Counselor

Parents and college-bound seniors and community members please join us for a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30pm in the Prospect Mountain High School Auditorium. If your heading off to college in the fall of 2005, don't miss this opportunity to get your questions answered in the area of financing your college education! Tara Payne from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation located in Concord will be our guest speaker so mark this date on your calendar! You'll be glad to leave with your FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form near completion. Use this free application form to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans or apply free online at www.fasfa.ed.gov. NHHEAF's goal is to assist students and families as they plan for college. This service is free. If you have any questions about the college process or financial aid, please call the Guidance Office at 875-3800 and speak to your child's Guidance Counselor: Ms. Shumway (last names A-K) Ext. 3164 or Mrs. St. Cyr (last names L-M), Guidance Director at Ext. 3166. NHHEAF is conveniently located on 4 Barrell Court in Concord. You may also call for an individual appointment or talk to a representative at 1-800-525-2577. Visit their web site at www.nhheaf.org

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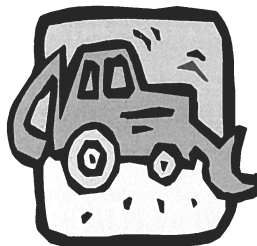
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**A HUGE THANK YOU -
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By Sheri Emerson**

The generosity of our community is that stuff that legends are made of. The Mrs. Santa Fund has again this year grown to overwhelming proportions to support the needs of the community. Thank you to all who participated - there are the Fireflies and friends that shopped and shopped and wrapped and tied and toted and carried, there are those who donated monies, those that donated toys, and quilts and afghans and gloves and hats, and wrapping paper and tape and ribbon., and so preciously - time. It would take pages and pages to name you all. You all know who you are and please know how apECIAL you are in your caring for others!

Once again, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, MOST SINCERELY!



**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent**

Welcome to the new year 2005, we hope you had a safe and prosperous Holiday season.

It has been a mild winter so far, although we have been plowing and sanding, at various times, only for the weather to warm up and melt it all away. That's New England!

Old Wolfeboro Road has completed its second phase; work will resume in the spring, but there is no date scheduled at this time.

We have hired a new truck driver. Welcome aboard David! We would like to bid farewell to Clark Stoddard, he has retired after 23+ years of dedicated service to the Town of Alton / Highway Dept. He was the working foreman, we will miss him very much.

Not knowing how the weather is going to be each day, please take precautions as you travel throughout the day, keep your vehicle maintained with a full tank of gas, good tires, a strong battery and please wear your seat belts, keep a flashlight handy, keep safety number one.

Also, please keep your mail boxes flagged with something bright and high, we do apologize for any mail boxes that may get damaged during a snow storm, it is at times very difficult to see them even if they are flagged.

Another reminder - please stay back 200' from all emergency vehicles, keep the safety of both you and the driver in mind, these trucks can not stop short, they carry enormous weight and should be given the right of way. When approaching a snow plow please slow down and pass at a safe distance; remember they are trying to keep the road clean for you!. Thank you.

Please continue to keep your calls coming in, you make Alton a better place to live. 875-6808



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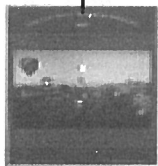


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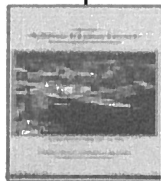
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IN Main Street**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .**

...Bob Reinholz, Chief of the Alton Fire Department, retired after thirty years of service to the Department... The Gilman Lyceum Fund sponsored a piano/voice ensemble from St. Paul's School featuring baroque and contemporary music... Alton-New Durham Lions Club celebrated thirty-five years of local community service... Ed Dadura, a Pan American pilot, was one of three pilots flying a flight from Vienna on which Nadia Comaneci came to freedom...Alton School volunteers received a State Blue Ribbon award for their service to the school. Lucinda Miller and Anne Hoopes were the coordinators this year...

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

... the Gilman Library Building Fund campaign has received \$33,000 in private donations in its first two years... A Russian exchange teacher, Tatyana Afanasyeva, was here at the school for a week. Last year, Anne Hoopes stayed at Tatyana's home in an exchange. Tatyana teaches English...Emily Sydow was the featured soloist in the ACS Holiday Concert's presentation of "Castle on a Cloud"...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

...Scott Dunn, Town Administrator since July of 1992, is leaving to take a similar position in Stowe, Vt.. Town Hall improvements (outside ramp and front steps), closure of the landfill and Alton Bay revitalization are accomplishments that Scott is most proud of ... the Alton Police Department was the recipient of a government surplus boat which will assist the Department in needed Lake coverage. Other town departments will also have use of the boat. In response to a Police Department request for assistance, a group of seven residents have met with the Department. They will discuss needs, policies, procedures, budgeting and Department functions. Meetings are open to the public and will be held every other month.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alton Budget committee will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Alton Town Budget - Fiscal Year 2005 on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 6:00pm in the Alton Town Hall. If required, a second hearing and or snow date would be Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 6:00pm in the Alton Town Hall.

NEWS FROM THE ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE**By Lynda Goossens, Secretary**

We are very busy planning fundraising activities and getting organized for next season. Many people have spoken out about things they would like to see done differently in the AYL. This is your chance to bring these ideas to the board so they can receive the attention they deserve. If you have any ideas please join us at our next meeting tentatively set for January 9th, at 6PM in the basement of the Gilman Library. Please call Lisa Jones at 875-7515 to verify the date.

We all need to remember that the AYL is strictly a volunteer organization, and many of the same individuals are the ones doing all of the volunteering. It would be great to have new people show their enthusiasm and sign up for the numerous volunteer openings. The AYL is for the children of Alton so let's all pitch in because many hands makes for lighter workloads. Thank you.

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Grade 10, High Honors: Hillary Annance, Bradley Bissell, Alex Bourdeau, Dustin Despres, Grace Dinneen, Nathan Fogell, Megan Kelly, Melissa Pryor, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Nancy Szarkowski, Kristie White. **Honors:** Elaine Bothwick, Tyler Donnelly, Nicketa Fife, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Caila Kantar, Christiana Oliver, Rachel Ricker, Melanie Russell, Sara Scanlon, James Schwartz, Matthew Shea, Anthony Simone, Bryce St. Cyr, Kelsey Tinkham, Ty Tremblay.

Grade 11, High Honors: Tristan Donnelly Mitchell, Craig Kidder, Tina Pacheco, Amber Richardson. **Honors:** Christine Barham, David Blanchette, Catherine Booth, Ashley Button, Angela Demers, Nicholas DiVito, Ryan Fogell, Ashley Hubbard, Chiari Legare, Megan Lorden, Angelina Milano, Taylor Peterson, Jacquelyn Piaseczny, Andrew Pope, Patrick Quinn, Travis Searles, Christopher Skinner, Jonathan Snell, Kellie White.

Grade 12, High Honors: Jason Beck, Joel Dunbar, Rebecca Ford, Vanessa Gilbert, Michael Gilmore, Christina Jamieson, Chelsea Morgan, Brandon Pellowe, Jason Perry, David Roberts, Marc Szarkowski, Kaisha West. **Honors:** Ashlee Bishop, Krista Charles, Kelly Eagles, Travis Hopper, Jennifer Matthew, Loni Neilson, Brenna Quann, Brittany Rackliff, Brian Roy, Meggan Stock, Kyle Storey, Ashley Waterman.

AMERICAN LEGION THANKS

**By Millie Pierce
Christmas Committee Chairperson**

The American Legion Christmas Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with our Christmas Programs and Projects. Their generous financial donations and all the time donated to help wrap gifts for the children's party and the family baskets are genuinely appreciated. Thanks also to the people who helped set up the hall and were there when the committee needed them.



ALTON OUTDOORS By Jack Miller

Happy New Year!

As January starts the new year, it also starts the new seasons for the outdoor person. Stream fishing opens the first of January, along with lake trout season. The general ice fishing season for all species starts this month at "ice in"—when (or if) the ice is safe. Safe ice for one person is 4" of black ice (no snow mixed in). Ice 8-10" thick is safe for snow machines or four wheelers. 12" of black ice MAY be safe for vehicles, but NO ONE advocates driving cars and trucks on the ice. If you do, be aware, keep the seat belts off and the windows open for easy exit.

Ice fishing is a great way to get through the long winter months. It can be an enjoyable family outing as long as every one stays warm. If you fish the "warm water" lakes, you can use 5 tip-ups per person. Lake trout and salmon lakes are limited to 2 ice fishing devices per person. As always, be sure to check the regulations for the body of water you wish to fish.

Bait for ice fishing is usually some type of shiners, smelt, night crawlers, whole or cut-up sucker. Fish can also be caught by jigging small, shiny lures, spinners or jigs. A "bob house" or ice fishing shack can provide a warm shelter as you wait for fish to bite.

For the hunter, January first starts the night hunting season for coyotes. You need written landowner permission if you night hunt on private property. This is a different type of hunting where you call the coyote in and you become the "hunted". Other species that may be hunted this month include cottontail rabbit, snow shoe hare, fox, mink, muskrat and raccoon. Again, check the regulations before you go out hunting.

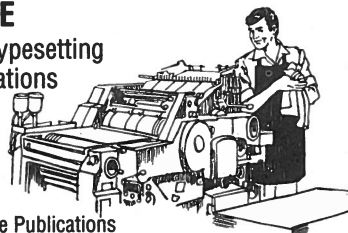
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COMMUNITY HEALTH & HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING OFFERED

By Jackie Bonafide

The next training for those who would like to become Hospice volunteers will begin January 13 and end February 17 and will be held at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, in Laconia. The training is scheduled for Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:00 PM and registration is required.

Hospice is a special kind of caring for people of all ages who are living with life-threatening illness. Becoming a Hospice volunteer requires 21-28 hours of this training. It includes discussion of death & dying, exploring spirituality, the role of the hospice staff, palliative care, interacting with the hospice family, and the art of listening. Hospice volunteers work with the CH&H Hospice team to provide care, comfort, and support to persons at the end of life and to their families and caregivers.

For more information, please call Carolyn Stevenson, Hospice Training Coordinator at 524-8444.

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Saturday Socials

Programs are held at the Alton Bay Community Center for Grades 2-6 from 10am-12pm, \$5.00 per day.

January 8- Let's Celebrate 2005! Happy New Year. We are making a time capsule and a New Year banner representing our favorite things. Bring in a photo of yourself and something small that is important to you. The time capsule is yours to keep and will be sealed until 2020 when you open it. Join in the fun as we dream about our future and celebrate the New Year with friends. Please register by January 4.

February 12- Valentine's Party- We will decorate heart shaped boxes and cookies and make our own Valentine cards. We will play Twister, Bingo and enjoy a scavenger hunt. Please register by February 2.

Winter Festival

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Winter Festival on Saturday, February 19 from 1-3pm at the Alton Bay Bandstand. Activities will include the Fly-In, Great Alton Bay Bed Race, Family Scavenger Hunt, Snow Shoe Walk, Cross Country Ski Trek, D.J. Music, Snow Mobile Radar Run and more. If your organization would like to sponsor an event and become involved in this great outdoor day of fun please contact us so we can include you in our schedule. More information will be listed in the February issue of Main Street.

Recreation Basketball Program

Practices begin January 4 & 6 for Grades 1-6 at the Alton Central School and January 8 for Grade Kindergarten at the Prospect Mountain High School from 11am-12pm. Game schedules and uniform shirts will be distributed to all players at their first practice and schedules will also be available online at www.altonparksandrecreation.com. Alton will play teams from New Durham, Gilmanston and Tri-City Academy in Somersworth. We are pleased to have over 100 players and 10 teams in our first year basketball program. Thank you to all the coaches, Prospect Mountain HS and Alton Central School for making this program possible. When playing games in Alton on Saturdays, please note that they are held at Prospect Mountain High School; please use the gym entrance which is driving into the parking lot to the stop sign and going right around the building to the back where the loading dock is.

Pre-School Program

Our Pre-School Program is held at the Alton Bay Community Center for ages 3-5 on Mondays from 9-10:30am, \$3.00 per day, includes snack.

January 10- Fitness is Fun- We will focus on the importance of exercise and moving our bodies and learn about good nutritional choices. Program includes free play, dancing, bop ball and other cooperative games. Register by Jan. 3.

January 17 - Fun with Elmo- Bring your favorite Elmo character and join in the activities as we do the Elmo dance, make Elmo puppets and paint our own Elmo to take home. Please register by January 7.

January 24- Imagination Station- Get on board for fun! We will read stories about far away places and magical adventures then create our own dragon. Please register by January 7.

January 31- Adventures in Art- Get creative with us. We will create our own masterpieces with finger-paint, play dough, crayons and markers. Register by January 7.

Full Moon Snow Shoe Hike

Looking for something different to do? Join us as we lead you on a guided tour of Trask Swamp, which is a wonderful loop walk for approximately 40 minutes depending on pace. We will park at the base and walk in with snow shoes using the moon to light the way, we also use head lamps and it is an amazing site to see us trekking through the snow. We will meet on Tuesday, January 25 at 8pm at Trask Swamp on Fort Point Road, off of Chestnut Cove Road. The program is free, bring snowshoes, a water bottle and a headlamp and dress in layers. It's a great cardio workout if you pick up the pace or a nice stroll through a great recreational area. Get out and meet new people and enjoy the fresh air and moonbeams. If you are planning to join us please call to register by January 18.

Basketball Officials Wanted

We are looking for officials for our 3rd&4th grade games at PMHS on Saturdays, January 8-February 19 from 12-2pm, please contact us if you are interested.

Parks and Recreation Commission looking for volunteers

The Parks and Recreation Commission has monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The Commission is made up of five members from the community appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the Commission is to set policies; advise on needed parks and recreational programs; plan, acquire and develop recreational facilities, parks and open areas to meet the future needs as the Town grows. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Commission who would like to participate in meetings and contribute ideas and positive energy to our goals. Our next meeting is Tues., Jan. 11 at 7pm at A.V.A.S. Public Park. Please stop by or call 875-0109 for more information on how to be involved.

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Yuletide in Alton

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the Town for joining us in lighting the tree in Ginny Douglas Park. We would also like to thank Santa for making a special visit to the Town Hall to meet with the Alton children, CYA for sponsoring the children's craft project, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center for providing refreshments and sharing their caroling voices, Gilman Museum and for all the volunteers for their help in making the event possible.

A BIG THANKS FROM "OPERATION BLESSINGS" By Paulette Wentworth

Operation blessings was established 9 years ago to provide needy families of Alton with Thanksgiving food baskets. These baskets contain a turkey and all the "fixins" for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We also provide senior citizens with a fruit basket for their enjoyment.

In 2004 we were able to help as many as 45 families and 21 senior citizens. I am still amazed at the generosity of the townfolks of Alton. We again had 32 contributions this year.

I would like to thank Sheri, my deputy, for all her help and everyone for their generosity and the time and effort that was put into this special project. Thank you to the drivers for delivering these baskets. Your assistance was again a big help and greatly appreciated. Hope to see you next year for another successful endeavor.

LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS By Karen Poor

"NEW BEGINNINGS FOR 2005" will be the theme for our first luncheon of the year and we invite you personally to join us, Wed. January 12th from 11am-1pm at Maurice's Family Restaurant, Rt.25, Moultonborough. The menu will be Honey Fried Chicken, for \$13.00 inclusive.

Our Special Speaker is Marcy Alves of Concord, N.H., a song writer, recording artist, soloist, writer and Seminar-Retreat Speaker. Marcy uses her singing beautifully to illustrate her story of how 'material things' 'I want' became dimmed when she was given the gift of life.

Our Special Feature is Linda Hess of Alton, N.H. a juried artist knitter will explain and share with us her "Felted" hats.

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 Jan 8th. Child care provided by reservation. Please bring a brown bag lunch for your child.

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AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY, POST 72 NEWS By Ray Nadeau

The annual Children's Christmas party at the American Legion was a success thanks to Santa's visit! He came early to see the children and get their wish lists. There were between 60 and 70 children who were really happy to see their special Santa. This event is sponsored by the American Legion Family.

Chef Andy Schofield invites you to our Sunday breakfast. It is presented from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon and features a full-blown meal with all the trimmings, including eggs and omelets to order! Sunday breakfasts are a family affair and there are plenty of things that appeal to the smaller appetites.

As in the past, our breakfasts are sponsored by area non-profit groups, including the American Legion family and its charities.

January sponsors for the breakfasts:

01/02/05, Kingswood High School Band/Chorus;

01/09/05, Alton Senior Center;

01/16/05, Children's Miracle Network;

01/23/05, Auxiliary Dept. President's Diabetes Project;

01/30/05, Wolfeboro Nursery School.

The American Legion family adopted 17 families with a total of 41 children, and 10 Senior families this year for Christmas. Food baskets and gifts were distributed in mid-December.

The American Legion Family would like to thank the members of the community for their enthusiastic support of and participation in community activities and fund raising events we have held this past year. We wish every one of you a Happy New Year!

ALTON'S BOOK CHAT By Debra Laurion

The book we read for the December meeting was A Light In The Window by Jan Karon. It was about a minister in a small town dealing with the daily issues of being a minister. This book also focused on his neighbor that recently moved next door and if he wanted to become more than friends. I felt that throughout the book you were not sure what would happen to them until you read it all the way through. I felt that the author did a good job with the characters and kept it very entertaining.

The next book that we will reading is Dead Man Walking by Sister Helen Pregean. The meeting will be on January 10 at 6:30 PM in the Agnes Thompson room of the Gilman Library. Please pick up a copy of the book at the front desk.

AMERICAN RED CROSS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

By Kristine A. Olson

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to join the Laconia based Disaster Action Team (DAT). As a disaster action team member, you will have the opportunity to help individuals and families that have been forced to flee their homes due to fire, severe storm or other emergency. Once on the scene, DAT members provide comfort to the victims and help them find safe lodging, groceries and clothing.

The work of the Red Cross is important and interesting. Disaster Action Team members receive continuous training that can be scheduled around busy work schedules. Experienced DAT members are often called to assist with large scale national disasters. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Red Cross disaster team please contact Kay Mahoney at 524-5414 or email mahoneyk@metrocast.net.

DOG LICENSES

Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk

New dog licenses are now available at the Town Clerks office. The current license expires on April 30, 2005. Please bring an updated rabies certificate and a neutered, spayed certificate, if applicable. If you **no longer** have your dog or have any questions, please call 875-2101 between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 Monday through Friday.

QUILTS DONATED TO ALTON POLICE

By Bob Longbaugh

Last month an informal group of quilters presented the results of their labors to the Alton Police Department. One might wonder how quilts could be used in police work. The answer lies in a project originally conceived by the Ladies of the Lake Quilting Guild. Although -- thankfully -- it does not happen that often, there are times when the police are called to an accident site or dwelling fire where children are involved and the extra layer of warmth that a quilt provides can be put to extremely good use.

Each Alton police cruiser is now equipped with at least two quilts, thanks to the group of busy hands who meet at the Alton Central School every Monday evening. Quilters Shirley Lane and Shirley Bishop on December 6 formerly presented 12 quilts to Lieutenant Chuck Anderson and Corporal Ryan Heath who accepted them with thanks on behalf of the entire Alton police force. As the two Shirleys pointed out, these are utility -- not heirloom -- quilts because they are intended to be kept by the child benefiting from their comfort. As the quilts are depleted from the police cruisers, the group will be replacing them.

The 20-minute presentation ceremony was videotaped and shown later on local cable Channel 25. If you missed seeing it, a VHS copy can be borrowed from the Gilman Library.

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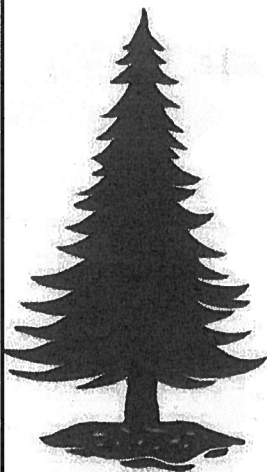
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**GILMAN MUSEUM
HONORS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

By Florence Davis

On December 4, 2004 the Harold S. Gilman Museum presented to Pat and Pete Rockwood a token of appreciation for their tireless work on behalf of the Gilman Museum. The Rockwoods were appointed to the Museum committee to fill 2 un-expired terms in 1997. After 25 years of being open to the public the Museum was in need of refurbishing. What began as refurbishing would become a major renovation project closing the Museum for 3 years. Under their direction the building's electrical and heating/AC systems were upgraded, new carpeting installed and display cases repaired. With the renovations under way a major portion of the collection was appraised for the first time and plans were made to establish a cataloging system. When the work was complete the Museum re-opened in 2001 and a museum consultant was hired to catalog the entire collection and design exhibits that would engage the community. Their work gave life to a new vision for the Harold S. Gilman Museum.

December 4, 2004 was also Alton's Annual Light Up Night. Visitors to the Museum were treated to a display entitled "Windows on Christmas" and rooms decorated in their best Victorian finery that included a Victorian Christmas tree and popular tunes from the 1890's played on a Regina Music box. The Museum wishes to thank Rueben Wentworth of Alton Home and Lumber Center and Howard and Donald Hughes for their contributions of material, time and skill that created "Windows on Christmas".

The Harold S. Gilman Museum is located in Monument Square. Appointments for viewing may be made by calling 875-0201 Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 3pm.

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We depend on volunteers, who constitute 97 percent of our total work force, to carry on our important work.

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.

JANUARY EVENTS

Sun. 2 American Legion Breakfast, 8am-noon, to benefit Kingswood High School Band & Chorus.

Sun. 9 American Legion Breakfast, 8am-noon, to benefit Alton Senior Center

Mon. 10 Alton's Book Chat, 6:30pm, Gilman Library, see p.18

Wed. 12 Prospect Mountain High School Financial Aid Night, 6:30pm, High School Auditorium. see p. 3

Tue. 13 Community Health & Hospice Volunteer training begins, see p. 7

Wed. 14 Prospect Mountain High School Financial Aid Night, 6:30pm, High School Auditorium. see p. 3 (ed. note: date submitted appears to be incorrect, call the school to verify)

Sat. 15 Old Fashion Ice Skating Party, 4-7pm, behind Alton Central Fire Station, see p. 2

Sun. 16 American Legion Breakfast, 8am-noon, to benefit Children's Miracle Network

Sat/Sun 22/23 Ice Skating 10am-4pm, see p. 2

Sun. 23 American Legion Breakfast, 8am-noon, to benefit Auxiliary Dept. President's Diabetes Project

Tue. 25 Full Moon Snowshoe Hike, see p. 8

Sat/Sun 29/30 Ice Skating 10am-4pm, see p. 2

Fri. 28 Deadline for town & school office registration, see p. 17

Sat. 29 K of C Free Throw, 1pm ACS gym, see p. 19

Sun. 30 American Legion Breakfast, 8am-noon, to benefit Wolfeboro Nursery School

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 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
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- GILMAN LIBRARY:** 875-2550
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- SENIOR MEAL SITE:** 875-7102
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- FIRE WARDS** -- 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm, Central Fire Station, Chairman Ken Roberts, 875-6808

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ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT
By Mary Jane Dascoli, Secretary

Calls for service for the month of November totaled 42. These calls included 24 Fire related, 18 Medical Emergencies of which 5 were motor vehicle crashes. Emergency calls remain significantly higher than last year at this same time. By now we hope to have had enough snow to cover the ground significantly allowing for outside burning without a written permit. All we ask is that residents call in to the Central Station at 875-0222 and if we are out on a call please leave your name, location of burn, and telephone number (cell phones especially) where you may be reached. If you do not have snow cover in your yard, call in anyway and we'll let you know the status on permits.

We remain very busy with home inspections, more specifically oil burners and wood stoves. If you recently had an oil burner installed or replaced, you **must** have it inspected by the Fire Chief to assure your safety. And remember, before the Building Inspector will issue you a certificate of occupancy, the oil burner must be inspected.

If you have not already done so, check out your chimney and have it cleaned if needed. This just might save you from having a chimney fire that then spreads into your walls.

We're reminding residents again this month to be sure and display your new 911 number(s) in accordance with the Town Ordinance and avoid any violation penalty fees. If you occupy rental property and your E-911 numbers are still not posted, please notify your landlord first, and then call the Fire Department. We will work with you and your landlord to see that this situation is rectified for your safety.

The New Hampshire State Fire Code relating to smoke detector installation and operation in multi-unit dwellings has changed. 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. If you require addi-

tional information or if you are in need of a copy of these changes please call us.

We'd like to wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year and to thank all those that helped support our Christmas Tree fundraiser again this year. Thank you to Aubuchon Hardware (Formerly Alton 5 & 10) for allowing us space to continue to sell our Christmas trees. Don't forget to keep your Christmas tree well watered if you have a fresh tree. If you leave your home be sure and unplug your tree lights as it doesn't take much to ignite a dry fresh tree.

This year the Alton Fire and Rescue Department was invited to participate in the WLNH Children's Christmas Auction along many other surrounding Towns. The first phase was the Boot Drive held on Main Street Saturday, November 27th which raised approximately \$1,400. Our thanks go out to everyone that stopped to donate. The second phase included answering telephones during the last day of the Children's Auction held at the Laconia Country Club with our EMS Lt. Sharon Hannafin presenting the check to Chris Ialuna of WLNH. Perhaps some of you were watching or even bidding on some of the wonderful items. If so, we'd like to thank you for your worthwhile contribution(s) to benefit the children The auction raised \$158,820. this year!

Lastly, the Business Office at the Central Fire Station is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm. for administrative services. Happy New Year from the members of the Alton Fire and Rescue Department.



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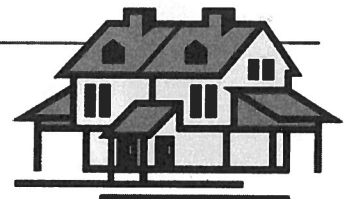
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By Dick Cunningham

Main Street feels it is very important to display our support for Alton Residents, both past and present, who are serving in the Armed Forces. We cannot do it ourselves. We need your help. In the past, we have Headlined a letter from a young sailor and published a picture of her ship. But to continue, we have to have the information. First, we are very interested in receiving information from families including pictures that highlight someone serving or has recently served in a War Zone, or is serving in a mission critical to Homeland Security. Secondly, please inform any member of your family that we would love to have them write us at *Main Street* and we will print their letters. Third, we need names and addresses (FPO, APO's) so that we can send them a free copy of *Main Street*. Lastly, please ask any of your family members to include *Main Street* in their list of hometown newspapers with their unit Public Relations Office so that we can receive information direct when they graduate from Boot Camp, School, or receive any citations.

MOUNT MAJOR SNOWMOBILE CLUB NEWS

By Joanne Shibley, Treasurer

Trail maintenance has been done, now if Mother Nature will accommodate us with some snow we should enjoy some great sleddin' this year. The groomers and operators are ready to groom. Please remember to yield and thank the groomers as you approach them. A great big THANK YOU goes out to all of our volunteers that have been working so hard on the trail maintenance last fall. Nice job!

As we enjoy the trails please respect all trail signs and property. Looking forward to a great winter of great riding. Wishing you all a great 2005!

Don't forget our 'Annual Radar Run' at the Alton Bay Winter Carnival on February 19. This year the carnival is on a Saturday, in the past it was on a Sunday. So don't miss it! Come support the club and see how fast your sled will go. All proceeds go directly to equipment and trail improvements/maintenance. Maybe you will win bragging rights!

Check the web site for information at www.mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com. Our monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. at the Pearson Road Community Center. As always, thank you to the many landowners that allow us access to their property.

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MARCH 2005 ELECTIONS

By Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk

The Annual Town and School election is Tuesday, March 8, 2005 from 7am-7pm. If you wish to run for either a town or school office, you must file at the Town Clerk's office January 19th through January 28th during the regular business hours. On January 28th we will remain open until 5pm. There is a \$1 filing fee for any office receiving compensation. To file for an office or to receive an absentee ballot you **MUST** be a registered voter. If you are not a registered voter, you may fill out the Voter Registration Form by January 18 in the Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 Monday through Friday or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on January 18th from 7-7:30pm at the Town Hall. You must present a photo ID and proof of your physical address in Alton, such as a utility bill which shows your name and physical address not a post office box. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Town Clerks office.

The following is a list of vacancies with the name of the incumbent:

Town Elections

Two Selectmen for three years (Patricia Fuller and Alan Sherwood)
 One Selectman for two years (James Washburn)
 One Trustee of Trust Funds for three years (Shirley Copeland)
 One Library Trustee for three years (Shirley Copeland)
 One Fire Ward for three years (Ken Roberts)
 One Cemetery Trustee for three years (Richard Poor)
 One Water Commissioner for three years (John Conboy)
 Three Budget Committee Members for three years (Gregory Fuller, Ken Gilbert, John Brooks)
 Two Budget Committee Members for two years (vacancy)
 Two Budget Committee Members for one year (Steven Miller, vacancy)
 Two Planning Board Members for three years (Cynthia Balcius and Marcella Perry)

School District Elections

One School Moderator for one year (Mark Northridge)
 One School Clerk for one year (Linda Roy)
 One School Treasurer for one year (Shirley Lane)
 One School Board Member for three years (Larry Alting)

The School District Deliberative Session will be held on February 5th at 1pm in the auditorium at the Prospect Mountain High School. The snow date will be February 12, 2005.



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New Years begins in Alton with the ice just coming into the Bay but *Alton's Main Street* is already looking ahead to Spring with the Annual Ice Out Contest on Lake Winnepesaukee. The winning guess this year will be awarded dinner for two donated by Shibley's at the Pier in Alton Bay. The rules are as follows:

1. Open to all readers of *Alton's Main Street*.
2. One guess per household. (Same mailing address).
3. Guess must be submitted to Alton's Main Street, PO Box 210, Alton Bay, NH 03810.
4. Guess must be the actual date and time that is declared all Ports on the route of the Mount Washington are ice free.
5. Guess submitted must include the name, address and phone number of the person making the guess.
6. All guesses must be postmarked no later than Saturday March 19, 2005.
- 7 In case of a tie, the earliest postmark will be the winner.

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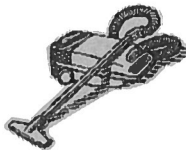


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THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in the annual Friends of the Gilman Library Holiday Tea that took place on Tuesday, December 14. All who attended enjoyed a wonderful variety of delicious baked goods. Members of the Prospect Mountain High School Chorus provided entertainment. It was a very special addition to the celebration.

Please note that if you took part in this festive occasion, through donating baked goods, your time, your musical talent, or by joining us your efforts are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Special thanks go to the members of the Friends of the Gilman Library who took part in the decorating committee this year. Their attention to detail and creative talents not only helped to beautify our library but also helped to get us into the spirit of the holidays.

In addition, The Friends of the Gilman Library donated the funds that allowed the library to purchase a set of the **WORLDBOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA 2005 Edition**.

The Friends of the Gilman Library have proven once again that "Friends make good things happen." Our friends will always have a special place in our hearts. As always, new members and new ideas are always welcome. For information on how you can become a member of this vital organization, please call the library at 875-2550 or stop by the circulation desk.

Also, we want to thank the Alton Garden Club for donating the beautiful wreaths that add that special touch to the entrances at the front and back of the library. They have never failed to make the holidays special.

We wish to thank the members of the new Rotary Club for placing shingles on the enclosure covering the filler for the propane tank.

The book discussion group will meet on Monday, January 10, at 6:30 PM in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library. The book of choice is *Dead Man Walking* by Sister Helen Prejean. If you need a copy of the book please let us know.

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ALTON/NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Alton/New Durham Lions Club would like to thank everyone who made our turkey raffle and Breakfast with Santa such a success. Over 180 people kept us very busy at the breakfast. Santa's knee got quite a work out as children lined up for photographs. We can't thank you enough.

The turkey raffle was outstanding. Many people who didn't want or need a turkey for themselves wrote out tickets for the food pantry. Although they did not win this year, it was a wonderful gesture. The winners this year were: Maureen Moore, Flo Young, Sarah Hudson, Dick Spiller, Marian Martin, Marcia LeMay, Victoria McLean and three members of the Legion family whose names I did not record.

The Lions do not just get together to raise money for different charitable projects. We also have fun. Recently, Lions members decorated the Alton Bay water bandstand for Christmas, as they have done for a number of years. And, when the lights stopped working, went out and took care of the problem. It just wouldn't be Christmas without those lights.

2005 marks the 50th anniversary of the Alton/New Durham Lions Club. A committee has been formed to plan a celebration. We'll keep you advised of their plans. The Alton/New Durham Lions Club also wants to thank the American Legion for letting us hold our meetings there.

We wish everyone the happiest of holidays and look forward to serving you in 2005.

If anyone is interested in joining this community oriented group, please contact Lion Steve at 875-3117

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP By Philip Laurion

Knights of Columbus Council 7533 will be holding a free throw shooting contest on Saturday January 29 at 1pm.. The event will take place at the Alton Central School gym, and is open to boys and girls age 10 to 14.

This local competition is part of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. This event is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competition. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. Last year over 200,000 participants took part in nearly 4,000 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event, and winners are recognized for each age category. Registration will be allowed at the event, however please note that participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Information and registrations forms will be available at Alton Central School in early January. For additional information please contact Philip Laurion at 875-5488.

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ALTON SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS
By John Brooks, President

Seniors will help at a Legion Breakfast on January 9. The generosity of the Legion to the Seniors is greatly appreciated.

The December meeting, on December 8, was followed by exchange of gifts and refreshments.

Flu shots were not given at the Senior Center, but were sent to individual doctors this year.

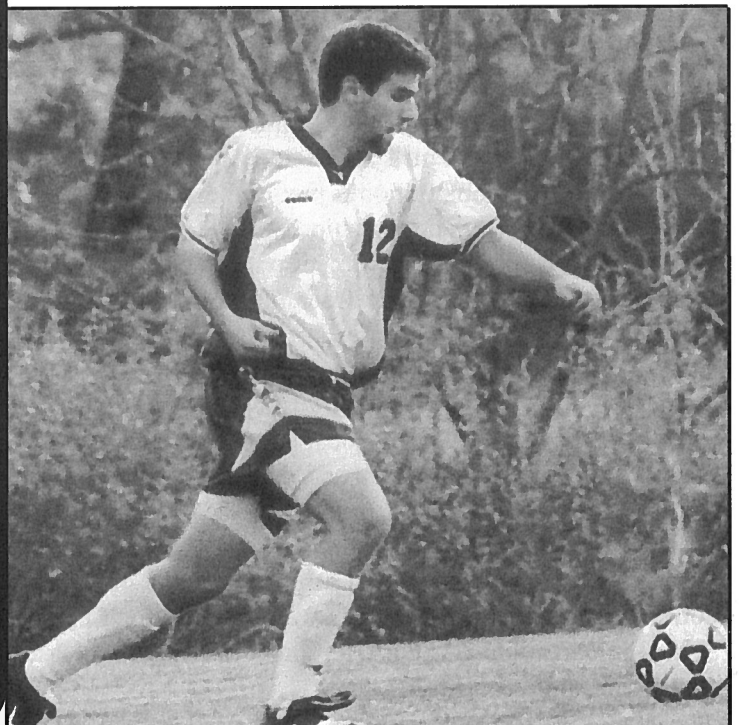
Our next meeting will be on January 12th. Looking forward to seeing you there!

ALTON'S MORGAN LOCKE GRANITE STATE CONFERENCE CO-PLAYER
By Matt Locke

Morgan Locke of Alton was recently named Granite State Conference Co-player of the year for boy's high school soccer. Locke, a Senior at Portsmouth Christian Academy in Dover, was also named to the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association All-State 1st team. He scored 17 goals and had 12 assists as a center midfielder. Locke was named the teams Most Valuable Player.

Locke also played locally for the Lakers United Soccer Club of Wolfeboro. Those teams went undefeated i league play 3 years in a row, and won the New Hampshire Open Cup three years running.

Locke started his soccer career at Alton Central School. After middle school and playing as a Freshman for the former Alton High School he transferred to P.C.A. as a Sophomore. In his time at Portsmouth and with the Lakers United, the teams had a combined record of 80 wins and 13 losses.



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NEWS ABOUT THE BOOK FAIR
By Jacqueline R. Verville

First, thanks to all the helpers at the Book Fair! We were lucky to have many volunteers, and even when the book fair had not yet arrived, volunteers decorated in preparation for the many cases of books that were going to arrive.

I personally want to thank the following women who donated much of their time to help decorate, supervise, help with book sales and the 'many other jobs' they took on (like putting the bills in order). The many women who helped follow: Solange Abbott, Karen Freneth, Sue Ouelette, Phyllis Brooks, Cindy Lofgren, Amy Parker, Amanda Fifield, Janna Mellon, Sheila Shea, Laura Pasquariello, Kristin Stearns, Venus Moulton and Cheryl Krivitsky. Thanks to each of you for giving up of your precious time to help our school.

A much deserved thank you also goes to Main Street for their contribution to the wish list. All classrooms received books due to their generosity. The book fair was a huge success. We sold over \$8,000 worth of books. Our profit returned over \$2,000 worth of books into the classrooms for your children to enjoy with their teachers. Thanks also to all parents, students, benefactors for helping us to help our students - your children to benefit from a love of reading!

Thanks to all of you for coming out for our Literacy Extravaganza. That too, was a huge success. We think we fed about 250 people that evening. I wish to thank Papa Gino's of Rochester for donating half of our pizzas that evening. Thanks also to all parents who brought desserts for everyone to share. We had more than enough, and I still have two trays that belong to someone.

Thanks for making the book fair and the literacy extravaganza a worthwhile event. Please save the date of our next event - Family Fun and Reading Night. This will be for Grades K-5 and held on the evening of January 11th. Please save the date, more information will soon follow. None of these events could have been possible without the support of the administration, the teachers and the Reading staff at the school. Thanks to everyone for helping to make Children's Book Week such a great learning experience for all.

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FROM THE TOWN PLANNER By Kathy Menici

The Planner's column has been missing from Main Street since mid-summer. It was at that point that the former Town Planner, Peer Kraft-Lund, left for the first of his long-planned hiking adventures and I came on board as the Town's full-time planner. The last few months have been exciting as I renew old friendships and acquaintances. But it has also been a little overwhelming. No longer the sleepy little town of my childhood, adolescence and young adulthood; Alton has become a booming community that is growing in leaps and bounds.

2004 has been an amazingly busy year for the Planning Board. The first question everyone asks me: What's going on with the new supermarket? It is happening. At its October 2004 meeting, the Planning Board granted conditional approval to Bahre Alton Properties to construct a Hannaford's Supermarket on Route 28 just north of the traffic circle. State approvals for the supermarket are in process, but should be completed soon. Then construction can begin.

In addition to the new supermarket, there was also a new carwash approved this year, two new banks (one of which will be located adjacent to the supermarket), a new Catholic church, expansions of existing businesses, a new business or two, and residential subdivisions with anywhere from 2 to 19 new house lots. Alton is growing, there is no doubt about that.

During 2004, the Planning Board reviewed a total of 63 applications, compared to 41 applications in 2003. Eleven of those applications were for residential subdivisions and will create 87 new house lots in town. In 2003, the Planning Board received 13 subdivision applications that created 32 new house lots. While neighboring communities issued an average of 47 building permits for new homes in 2003, Alton issued 100. The Town's Building Inspector expects building permits for new homes to reach 100 again in 2004.

Because of all the new growth that is taking place, the Planning Board has decided that the Board must make time to review and revise its regulations, the Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan, so that the Town can better address growth that is being experienced in the community. Much of the new development that is occurring in town is taking place in wetlands areas or on steep slopes. The Town's regulations do not adequately address development in those types of areas. Nor do the Town's regulations address the type of commercial development that brings us a new supermarket or carwash or new banks. And this is why it can take so long for an application to get approved.

To allow itself the time to review and revise the Town's Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance and other land use regulations, the Planning Board has proposed in Interim Growth Management Ordinance, or an IGMO. The IGMO has been written to allow for the continuation of smaller scale,

lower impact types of residential and commercial development. While the IGMO is in place, the Planning Board with the help of citizen volunteers will review the Town's Master Plan, Zoning Regulations and land use regulations with the goal of revising these documents so they will be a better guide to both the Planning Board and landowners who want to develop their properties.

The Planning Board will hold its first Public Hearing on the IGMO on Tuesday, January 11, at 7pm at Town Hall. In case of snow, the Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 12, at 7pm at Town Hall. Please plan to attend to learn more about the IGMO and how you can volunteer to help shape our community's future.

ALTON INFORMATION EXCHANGE MEETING Sponsored by the **Alton Community Visions Team (ACVT)** By Dick Wallace

The second Information Exchange Meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 17th at 6:30pm and held at the new Prospect Mountain High School. The first such meeting held in May 2003 was well received by the community and its various organizations.

The Information Exchange has proven to be a good way for the people of Alton to learn about the many services and activities that are available in Alton through its various organizations. The Information Exchange also provides the various organizations operating in Alton an opportunity to present their goals, objectives and issues thereby informing the public and encouraging collaboration and involvement. This is a unique opportunity for the Alton community and its Organizations to:

- Share our ideas about our community and how to improve the community.
- Open the door to improved communications and collaboration in the town.
- Learn about the goals, needs, current projects and issues of organizations that operate in the town and for the town.

The Information Exchange will feature short presentations by many organizations operating in Alton. There will be opportunity for folks in the community to ask questions and make suggestions. We will have a moderator who will balance the presentations and comments at the meeting.

We ask that folks in the community put Feb. 17th on your calendar now and attend the Information Exchange! Secondly, we ask that organizations in Alton that want to make a presentation at the meeting to contact us NOW. Call or e-mail Dick Wallace 875-8221 (pilotrcw@worldpath.net) or Kellie Troendle 875-0109 (parksrec@alton.nh.gov)

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HISTORIC ALTON

Editors Note: Harry Bickford was a lifelong resident of New Durham. His farm was located in New Durham and Alton, and is currently owned by his grandson, Robert Bickford, Jr. Harry worked as a mailman for many years. He kept a farmers diary, detailing the goings-on of the farm and around the Town. Main Street has received permission from George Bickford, Harry's son, to publish excerpts of the diary. It is an interesting look at daily life on a farm. The diary was compiled by Elaine Bickford.

January, 1940

Mon. 1: A nice winter day. Temperature zero this morning. Worked at the lower barn in the PM.

Thur. 4: Cold. We helped clean the ice off in PM. Willis and Albert cut 78 cakes in PM. We went to Merrymeeting to see George Lambertson about borrowing his ice tongs and pick. Ice about 13" thick and fine quality.

Fri. 5: Fair. Finished cutting ice. 320 cakes, 5 layers, 64 cakes in a layer. Last load left the pond at 2:30. Nelson and George packed it in the ice house. Paid Willis Corson \$9.20 for cutting ice. Paid Nelson \$3.00 for labor.

Sat. 6: Snowed about 2" last night. Had good luck getting around (the mail route). Wind blew hard. Jim's car skidded and turned over. Damaged it very bad but he escaped injury.

Sun. 14: Cloudy and snowy. Went to Alton Bay in the PM to see the tractor races. George broke his transmission so he as unable to participate in the races. Nelson also had hard luck with his tractor. He got water on his wires but he got one dollar for his gasoline. Tracy Laney won seven dollars.

Mon. 15: Rainy. Hard traveling today. Got back 12:45. Nellie and I went to Farmington this PM.

Tues. 16: Cold. Had good luck today. Got back at 11:15. Went over in the woods this PM with Mr. Allen and marked

out a line of trees where he is to cut the lumber. The boys have gone to Farmington tonight to see Alton play Farmington. Fri. 19: Fair and cold. Pat and I cut wood in the afternoon. The boys and Nelson went to the Basketball game in Alton. Sun. 21: Fair and cold. Went to Alton Bay in the afternoon to attend tractor races. Very good attendance. Nelson was second in one race, also was first in the reverse race. Mon. 22: Fair and cold. Pat and I cut wood in the afternoon. Killed 6 hens for the supper Thursday night. Tues. 23: Fair and cold. Killed 5 hens in the evening for the Parent Teachers' supper Thursday night. Wed. 24: Fair and cold. 18th Wedding Anniversary. We celebrated by attending the pictures and having ice cream. Fri. 26: Fair and cold. The supper was a huge success. Everything passed off OK but they forgot to serve the biscuits. Sun. 28: Fair and cold. The boys and I bagged up about 50 bags of dry shavings this morning down to the mill. Went to the tractor races in the Bay. After the races we went to Wolfeboro on the ice. Had a nice ride on the ice. Had 2 ice cream cones apiece in Wolfeboro. The boys, Nelson and George W. went to the pictures at Farmington in the evening.

HISTORIC ALTON, PART 2

The Photograph below was sent to Main Street by Attorney Arthur Hoover. The back of the photograph is labeled 'Alton Ball Team 1933'. The players are as follows, according to the inscription on the back: Back row Left to Right: Steve Rollins, Ken Locke, Fred Perkins, Dusty Elkins, Robert Drew - Manager; Seated left to right: Robert Rollins, Archie Hayes, Bob Cunningham, Ray Beaudoin, Walter Rouillard, Burt Messier, Bat Boy Tanguay (sitting on grass).



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FOUR 195/65 R15 STUDED SNOW tires. Used 3 months. B.O. Nordictack Achiever wooden exercise machine B.O. Girl's bicycle 22" wheel 18 speed B.O. Call 875-2253.

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GE XL44 WHITE gas stove with gray burners. Extra large self cleaning oven, excellent condition. 4 years old. New \$700. Moved into new place. Will sell for \$400. or BO. Call 875-7838.

PORTABLE WHITE MAYTAG jetclean dishwasher. Moved and need to sell. Works perfectly - very good condition. \$100. Call 875-7838.

SNOWBOARD K2 SPITFIRE 151cm, \$100 or BO. Call 875-0119.

BAIT TANK WITH cooling system for smelt - \$900 or BO, 2 metal "L" shaped computer desks - BO, 3 full-faced snowmobile helmets - BO, pair of skis (180's) and size 9 1/2 ski boots - BO. All items like new, call 875-0617.

POLARIS PLOW 60" w/ manual lift. Used 3 times. In new condition. New \$480, asking \$300. Fits a Polaris Sportman 500 4x4. Call after 4:30pm, 875-2645.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, all wood, fits a 27" TV. Holds a lot of CD and video tapes, 2 drawers, 3 shelves w/ a glass door. Best Offer. Call after 4:30pm, 875-2645.

DON'T GET YOURSELF ON THIN ICE**From NH Fish and Game**

Recent storms may have transformed parts of New Hampshire's landscape from fall to winter overnight, but that doesn't mean it's safe to venture onto ice-covered waters just yet. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department warns that thin ice conditions currently prevail statewide. While early snowstorms have left most of New Hampshire's small ponds and the coves of larger lakes covered with an inviting layer of snow, in most cases that snow is covering a THIN layer of ice — much too thin to support a person's weight. In fact, the presence of snow may actually slow the formation of thicker ice, because it has an insulating effect.

How can you tell if ice is safe? Always consider ice potentially dangerous, but the best way to assess safety is to use an ice chisel to chop a hole in the ice to determine its thickness. Make sure you do this as you venture further out on to the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the pond or lake. Information from the Cold Region Research Laboratory in Hanover shows that as a "rule of thumb" there should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel. There should be eight to ten inches of hard ice before snow machine or ATV travel.

"It is critical to NEVER allow children to go out on the ice by themselves," said Maj. Tim Acerno of Fish and Game Law Enforcement. "And you should never let children venture onto the ice on rivers and streams, because the current makes the ice so unpredictable."

There are always areas of danger on ponds and lakes as well, according to Acerno, because in areas where there is current, such as inlets, outlets and spring holes, the ice will be dangerously thin. If an object such as a rock is imbedded in the ice, the ice will be thinner around the rock because it absorbs the sun's warmth. Other areas for caution are around bridges, docks and between islands. Wind and wave action on bigger lakes can break ice up.

"Snowmobile enthusiasts should be especially careful to keep ice safety in mind," Acerno said. "The unofficial opening of the snowmobile season is coming up December 15, when many large landowners begin to open their land for snowmobiling. Riders should remember to check local conditions before heading out on snowmobile trails or on the ice. Don't assume a trail is safe just because it's there!"

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NEWS FROM THE ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE

By Lynda Goossens, Secretary

Hope everyone had a wonderful season. We are still missing 6 Minor Softball uniforms and 18 Rookie vests. These uniforms are brand new and it is imperative that they be returned before the start of the season. Please check with your child to see if you have a uniform at home. If you find a uniform please contact Keri Symonds at 859-0045.

The Concession Manager position is still open. If you are interested please call Lisa Jones at 875-7515. Our next meeting is February 6th at 6pm in the basement of the Gilman Library.

QUILTS OF COMFORT: A KIDS TO KIDS PROJECT

By Jane Smith

Another winter came to pass at Alton Central School, where Mrs. Angie Bystrack visited the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Family and Consumer Science classes to seek student assistance in carrying out an important mission. Bystrack spoke to students on the importance of doing a good deed to assist another in need and not as fortunate.

Students were asked to make quilt blocks and sew small lap quilts for young patients at Dartmouth Hitchcock Chad Unit and Catholic Medical Center suffering from chronic illnesses such as cancer, Aids and drug addictions. The whole school became involved.

Mrs. Jane Smith, FCS teacher, instructed Middle school students on how to sew the blocks with a large muslin center for the elementary students to sign and personalize. The Alton Women's Quilting Guild, who meet in the FCS room on Monday nights, volunteered to finish the quilts. Alton Central School would like to express thanks to the many students who donated fabric, and also Walmart, KeepsakeQuilting in

Meredith, and Portsmouth Fabric. Quilts of Comfort started out as Bystack's idea, and blossomed into dozens of colorful quilts that promise to touch the lives of all involved for a long time to come. Volunteers who would like to become involved may call Angie Bystrack, Project Coordinator at 776-4024.

ALTON EXPLORERS HOST FUNDRAISER

By Vicky Sweezy

The Alton Explorers Post is hosting their first fundraiser. We will be selling Carbon Monoxide detectors from January 1 through January 18, 2005. You can place your order from an Explorer member or at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140. The cost of a detector is \$30.00 and all proceeds will benefit the start up of the Post.

The Alton Explorers are associated with the Daniel Webster Council and the Boy Scouts of America. The Post consists of young adults (ages 14-18) from the communities of Alton and Barnstead who are interested in learning about Fire and EMS services. We have joined the post to gain practical knowledge about fire and rescue services and to become active members in our community.

During the winter months elevated Carbon Monoxide levels in homes and business are common because of the use of heating units and woodstoves. Many people are unaware of the potential dangers of Carbon Monoxide, sources of Carbon Monoxide or the need of Carbon Monoxide detectors. We are here to change that!! We will be happy to deliver the Carbon Monoxide detectors to your home... During our visit you will have the chance to meet the Explorers, learn about Carbon Monoxide gas, where to place your detector and what to do in the event of an emergency. The pick up dates will be February 12th and 13th at the Alton Central Fire Station or delivered. Please consider getting a detector... it could be one of the best investments you will ever make!



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