

Main Street

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Photo by Sylvia Countway

CHRISTMAS CONCERT participants at the Alton School included members of the Elementary Choir.

MAIN STREET BEGINS ITS THIRD VOLUME

Two years ago, a School-Community Partnership Committee reviewed various needs of the community before deciding to direct its efforts into developing a community newsletter.

A committee was formed, later to become the directors of Voice of Alton, Inc., and the first issue of Main Street was distributed in July 1985.

As this publication begins its third volume, it seemed appropriate to restate its purpose. As printed in the Voice of Alton By-Laws, "The intended function is to provide a single, comprehensive source of information on upcoming events and notable occurrences in Alton for all the citizens of the various communities which comprise the town of Alton, New Hampshire."

The support received from advertisers, subscribers, donaters, and critics over the past year and a half is most appreciated.

FILING FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES BEGINS JAN. 26; ENDS FEB. 9

Two selectmen openings lead the list of 23 offices to be voted upon March 10 during the annual town and school elections. Those filing for office will be able to do so beginning January 26 and must do so by 5p.m., February 9. All candidates will be asked to complete a Main Street form that will give them an opportunity to indicate why they are seeking a particular office. These statements will be printed in the March issue.

The complete list of Town offices includes:

- Selectman for 3 Years (One)
- Selectman for 2 Years (One)
- Tax Collector for 1 Year (One)
- Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years (One)
- Cemetery Trustee for 3 Years (One)
- Cemetery Trustee for 2 Years (One)
- Library Trustee for 3 Years (One)
- Auditor for 2 Years (One)
- Water Commissioner for 3 Years (One)
- Water Commissioner for 2 Years (One)
- Fire Ward for 3 Years (One)
- Planning Board for 3 Years (Two)
- Planning Board for 1 Year (One)
- Budget Committee for 3 Years (Three)
- Budget Committee for 2 Years (One)
- Budget Committee for 1 Year (One)

Four School District positions include:

- School Moderator for 1 Year (One)
- School Clerk for 1 Year (One)
- School Treasurer for 1 Year (One)
- School Board Member for 3 Years (One)

Absentee ballots are available by mail or in person from the Town Clerk's Office. Ballots must be mailed to the voter or delivered in person. Ballots may not be given to anyone other than the voter. Completed ballots must be received no later than 5p.m. the day before the election.

ALTON TRIVIA

How many books were in the Library in 1915?

Answer: 1,213

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Advent Christian Church - Sunday, 11a.m. & 6p.m.
 Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday, 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
 Community Church - Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Dwight V. Meader
 Hosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday School, 9:45a.m., Church, 10:45a.m., American Legion, Pastor Gene V. Beaudry
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo Hines

GILMAN LIBRARY:

Monday & Wednesday, 2 - 8p.m.
 Friday, 9a.m. - 5p.m. Saturday, 9a.m. - 1p.m.

TOWN HALL: 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, and Town Clerk
 Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
 Planning Board - 10a.m. - Noon, Wednesday

LANDFILL:

Sat, & Sun., 7:30a.m.-3p.m., Mon., Thurs., Fri., 8a.m.-3:30p.m.
 Closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Holidays

ORGANIZATIONS:

ALTON ACTION ALLIANCE - Last Thursday, 7p.m., Sackos Residence, 875-7339
 ALTON CONCERNED TAXPAYERS - Saturdays, 10a.m., 859-2021
 AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
 BOY SCOUT TROUP 53 - Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Steven Teagle, 859-6270
 CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday, 875-6426
 FLYING CLUB - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Dockside Rest.
 HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Tuesday, 7p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, 293-7749
 LIONESS CLUB - 1st Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-5645
 LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 776-7931
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
 NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., New Durham School
 OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - 3rd Monday, 7:30p.m., American Legion Hall
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Wednesday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
 SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Monday, 1p.m., Alton Bay Comm. House
 COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:
 Mon. & Fri., 1 - 3p.m., Wed., 9a.m. - 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

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ALTON TRIVIA

What year was the first telephone switch-board installed in Alton?
 Answer: 1884

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call.
 Chairman J. Leo Meehan, Jr. 875-5311
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets every Monday at 8a.m. Chairman Jonathon Downing. Call 875-2161 for appointments
 BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Albert V. Fisher 875-5616
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm
 Chairman Thomas Hoopes 875-3400
 MUNICIPAL BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman A. William Heidke 875-2000
 PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE - Meets first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Jonathon Downing 875-7307
 PLANNING BOARD - Meets first Monday at 7:00p.m. Chairman Nancy Moore, 859-5040, Secretary Laura Whittemore 875-2171
 SCHOOL BOARD - Meets second and fourth Mondays. Chairman Dick Quindley 875-2910
 TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - Meets third Monday at 3:30pm
 Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833
 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meets on call. Joseph R. Houle 875-7321
 WAGE AND SALARY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Eldon C. Swin 875-5158
 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on call.

**COMMITTEE SEEKING
 THEME FOR 1987
 OLD HOME WEEK**

A \$50 Savings Bond and an Old Home Week T-Shirt awaits the winner of the contest to provide the theme for the 1987 Old Home Week.

Entries must be given to Judy Thibeault or mailed to P. O. Box 872, Alton, 03809, no later than January 10. All entries become the property of the Old Home Week Committee.

Another contest to design the logo for the event will be announced following the selection of a theme.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES AT ALTON TOWN HALL

Sue McKenna, Assessing Clerk for the past eight years, resigned her position due to an impending move from Alton. She has been replaced by Diantha Moulton, who served as Tax Collector before leaving Town Hall to work at the Farmington National and Savings Bank.

The position of Administrative Assistant, vacant since Terry Clifford's promotion to Town Administrator, will be filled by Pamela Andrade, the Tax Collector. Andrade is moving to New Durham and will be unable to continue in the office of Tax Collector.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOWN OFFICES

The following is intended to briefly describe the duties and responsibilities of some of the elected officials to be voted upon in the coming election:

SELECTMAN - The Board of Selectmen function as the town's executive branch, and as the agent of the town's legislative branch, the town meeting.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS, CEMETERIES, OR LIBRARY - Trustees administer monies assigned to trust funds for maintenance and care of libraries, cemeteries, and other public places.

AUDITOR - The auditor examines the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, town clerk, tax collector, or any other fiscal agents and reports on the accuracy of those accounts.

WATER COMMISSIONER - The water commissioners are responsible for the management of the water system.

FIRE WARD - The fire wards and the fire chief have the authority and the control of all fire fighters and officers and all fire engines and apparatus designed or used for the extinguishment of fire and of all persons whose duty it is to aid in extinguishing fires.

PLANNING BOARD - The planning board has the authority to make investigations, maps, reports, and recommendations relating to the planning and development of a town, and the erection and improvements of public structures. It makes and up-dates a master plan for the development of the town and may recommend amendments to the zoning map or zoning ordinance.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - The budget committee prepares a budget for the town by reviewing expenditure requests and revenue estimates.

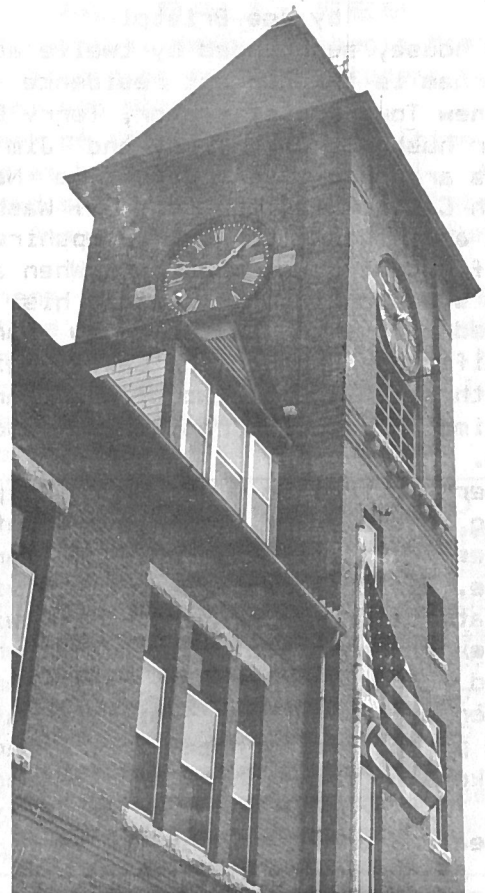


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How long are the hands of the clock on the Town Hall?
Answer: Over 3 feet.

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**FOCUS ON:
TERRY CLIFFORD**

by Joe Bristol

A house, surrounded by twelve acres, in New Durham is the current residence of Alton's new Town Administrator, Terry Clifford and her husband, Jim. Terry and Jim's path to this area has taken them from New York through California, the state of Washington, Oregon and finally to New Hampshire where their first stop was Hopkinton. When a change in Jim's responsibilities with his company dictated a move to eastern New Hampshire, the Cliffords moved to the Lakes Region with their three children, two of whom are only part-time household residents, and four horses.

Terry brings to Alton much experience working in state and local governments, and a degree in Social Science from Marylhurst College. The Children's Services Division of the State of Oregon provided Terry with her first exposure to state government where she piloted a program of day care homes for children of low income families, utilizing single parent family heads and the unemployed workers of the fishing and logging industries. This program supplied a service to the area and provided jobs for some of the 23 per cent unemployed.

When Terry moved to Hopkinton, she took the position of Assistant to the Selectmen. There she had the opportunity to work with a town form of government and an elected Board of Selectmen. She also coordinated the town's interaction with New Hampshire state government agencies, thereby gaining much insight into this part of her current job. With her social service background, one of Terry's strengths was creating a good working relationship between the institution of town government and Hopkinton's citizens.

When discussing her short and long term goals for the office of Town Administrator, Terry said the number one short term goal was to bring procedures and policies, some of which have never been spelled out, into



Photo by Sylvia Countway

effect in every aspect of town government. In effect, to organize all facets of the budget and governing process so that town employees, elected officials, and citizens can better understand their rights, responsibilities, and financial commitments. The longer term goals are to work diligently to help guide the capitol improvements program so as to keep the tax rate at a level where senior citizens on a fixed income are still financially comfortable living in Alton and to promote the dedication and professionalism of town employees to the citizens so the rapport already established can continue to improve.

"I think volunteerism in this country is very important and I think it brings to you and your job so much enrichment..." is one of the philosophies which govern Terry's free time. The volunteer jobs she has parti-

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THE CHECKOUT DESK
by Pat Merrill, Librarian

STATE LIBRARY OFFERS RECORDED BOOKS FOR HANDICAPPED PATRONS

The State Library's Services to the Handicapped offers recorded books on records or tape for those who have some sort of physical disability which makes reading regular print difficult or impossible.

Books are recorded at a special slow speed and the service provides the playing equipment free to all eligible borrowers.

Anyone interested in more information about this service is welcome to call the library's toll free number, 800-592-0300, or write to 17 South Fruit St., Concord, 03301.

GED SERIES

The Gilman Library has a set of the Contemporary GED Series including: The Reading Skills Test, The Science Test, The Social Studies Test, The Writing Skills Test, and the Mathematics Test. Patrons are welcome to borrow them for the usual three week period.

FRIDAY MOVIES

The Library will no longer be showing movies to school children on Friday afternoons. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Village Video for helping us out for the past several years.

NEW TITLES

Whirlwind by James Clavell, Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy, Niccolo Rising by Dorothy Dunnett, The Monkey's Wrench by Primo Levi, Fool's Crow by James Welch, Alone Together by Elena Bonner, Perfume: The Story of a Murderer by Patrick Suskind, Word for Word by Andrew Rooney.

GROUNDBREAKING PLANNED

The Hosanna New Testament Fellowship has purchased five and one half acres on the corner of Route 28 South and Rogers Lane. Pastor Gene Beaudry announced a planned groundbreaking for a new church in the spring.

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NEW PLATES ISSUED STARTING JANUARY 2

Beginning January 2, The Department of Motor Vehicles will issue new plates on renewals of all private passenger (PASS and IPASS) vehicles, according to Town Clerk Gwendolyn Jones. These will be six-digit plates and all current five- and six-digit plate owners will have the option of keeping their number.

People now holding four-digit plates will have to send or go to the DMV Office in Concord.

Renewals cannot be processed without a current registration or a photocopy. There will be a one-time charge of \$3 for each new set of plates; initial plates are still \$25.

New plates for all other vehicles such as trailer, motorcycle, tractor, etc., will be issued in 1988.

MUSIC STUDENTS IN LAKES REGION FESTIVAL

Sixteen choir and band members from the Alton School Music Department will participate in the Lakes Region Music Festival. The presentation, featuring students from grades nine through twelve, will begin at 7p.m. at the Winnisquam Regional High School in Tilton on January 31.

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Because of its third-class status, Main Street may not be forwarded to those out of the area during the winter months. However, anyone who wants to receive this publication year-round with first-class delivery may do so by subscribing to Main Street for \$5 per year. This will insure receiving twelve issues of Main Street mailed to your address year round.

Subscription requests should be sent to Main Street, P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, NH, 03810. Include your name and mailing address and a \$5 check payable to Voice of Alton, Inc. Call 875-3070 for more information.

WITH THANKS

(Editor's note: The following was submitted by Russ and Gwen Jones.)

Russell and Gwen Jones would like to express appreciation to our friends and neighbors in the town for their heartwarming response in the search for our son, Rusty. The efforts of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Fish and Game Safety Patrol, and the many persons we will never know is a demonstration of community spirit which can never be fully appreciated until the need is realized. We could not have asked for more support. Our loss is very deeply felt, we cannot adequately express our feelings now except to say thank you to everyone for your aid, your concern, cards, notes, and for your words of comfort for our family. God bless you all.

ALTON TRIVIA

When was the building constructed which now houses the editorial nerve center of Main Street?

Answer: Busy Corner Store was built in 1881.

TOWN SQUARE VIGIL



Photo by Bill Hatkins

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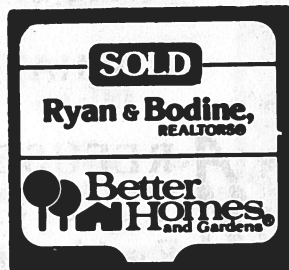
TERRY CLIFFORD

icipated in include membership on the Board of Continuing Education in Washington, developing and teaching a stress management program for adults and children, service as public relations director for the American Field Service, and teaching many culture-related courses. Terry is currently on the Board of Directors of the N. H. Equine Association whose job it is to rescue distressed horses.

A very busy woman, Terry still finds time to pursue a full-time career, run a household, help raise three children, teach calligraphy at Notre Dame College in Manchester, and raise Appaloosa and Arabian horses as a hobby. Alton is fortunate to have a professional person with such a strong background and high energy level assisting in the management of the best town on the Lake!

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MOONEY DIARY EXCERPTS

In November, the first installment of excerpts from Joseph Mooney's Diary was presented. This compilation provided by Historian Al Fisher continues.

- October 1837 - Jeremiah returned from Portsmouth where he sold his butter - 25 cents a pound.
- November 1837 - Jeremiah and Coffin started for Portsmouth with a drove of cattle.
- March 1839 - Jeremiah commenced framing his house on the Hussey farm (Florence Holloway, Old New Durham Road)
- April 1839 - Jeremiah hauled his two barns out to the Hussey farm (from his old farm, Ziegra's, a few hundred yards down the road)
- November 1839 - I came home from New York State after about 15 days. Travelled about 1,000 miles. Cost me \$52.08.
- August 1841 - Entered a complaint against Joseph McIntyre and John Tuttle for playing cards and stealing apples from my orchard Sunday and the Sunday before.
- March 1842 - I might have got out the last of our logs had it not been Sunday.
- February 1843 - Isaac Coffin (Moulton's house, Route 140) ten years old, came to live until he is 14 for board and clothing and to learn the "truth".
- May 1843 - I dismissed Isaac Coffin as a bad boy.
- June 1843 - Hiram (his son) got home from the western country. He had been gone 8 weeks. Traveled 4,500 miles and spent \$100.
- November 1843 - I made a bargain for hauling all the ships timber on the Wolfeborough Road at \$3.00 per ton (for the "Dover" being built at Alton Bay)
- September 1847 - Betsy (his daughter) started for Charleston, S.C., to school.
- March 1848 - I have given and paid for Betsy for schooling at Charleston \$104. It takes cash to send children abroad to school.
- March 1849 - I went to Rochester on the stage and on the cars (railroad) to Dover.
- April 1849 - I left my wife making soap. Good luck!

- May 1849 - My wife and I attended the funeral of Enos George Dudley. He was hanged for the murder of his wife.
- July 1849 - Jonathon Miller broke into D. Barker's store. He was convicted and sent to the State Prison for four years.
- December 1850 - The railroad depot is to be on Charlie's (his son) land. Good, good.
- January 1851 - Tank men began blasting rock between the roads (Main Street and Wolfeboro Hill Road)
- June 1851 - They began laying iron for the railroad from Farmington.
- July 5, 1851 - I went to the Bay for the launching of the steamboat "Dover" (the second built on the lake)
- October 16, 1851 - The new steamboat started
- October 27, 1851 - Passenger cars came up to this place (Alton Village) for the first time.
- October 30, 1851 - The RR open to the Bay and cars ran there for the first time. Six from Dover. About 500 people crossed the lake on the "Dover". A proud day.
- January 1852 - Selectmen laid out the roads to the depot (Depot St.)
- August 1852 - My wife and I had likeness taken (photograph)
- October 1852 - Last night Israel Sawyer's wife and three children all burned up in Emerson's old store at the Bay. Everything in the building burnt. (Formerly McGrath's)
- October 24, 1852 - Daniel Webster died.
- February 1853 - I am reading Uncle Tom's Cabin.
- February 1854 - The railroad cars finally came up at 10 o'clock at night The first time in four days.
- April 3, 1854 - Voted to raise \$2,000 to build a school house.
- April 17, 1854 - We had 24 snows this winter. 9 feet in all.
- November 1854 - The Millerites (now the Adventists) believe the world would come to an end. Today was to be the end of all things. Many people have done no work all summer, raising nothing, expecting the end.



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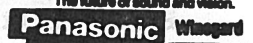


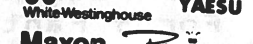

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POLICE MAINTAIN SKILLS IN TRAINING PROGRAMS

Police work is a dynamic profession, with constant refinements in procedures, methods, and tools of the trade. Chief Thomas J. Mynczywor, himself an FBI Academy graduate, believes in providing his officers opportunities to expand and update their professional skills by attending a variety of schools and courses.

To this end, Sergeant Gene E. Beaudry attended a two-day presentation on the establishment of Police Field Training in November, and Patrolman Charles R. Hillsgrove graduated from a 10-week course in all aspects of law enforcement at the New Hampshire Police Academy. Patrolman Allen A. Ford attended a two-day course on Interviews and Interrogation in December. Patrolman Daniel S. Yoder is scheduled for the New Hampshire Police Academy in March.

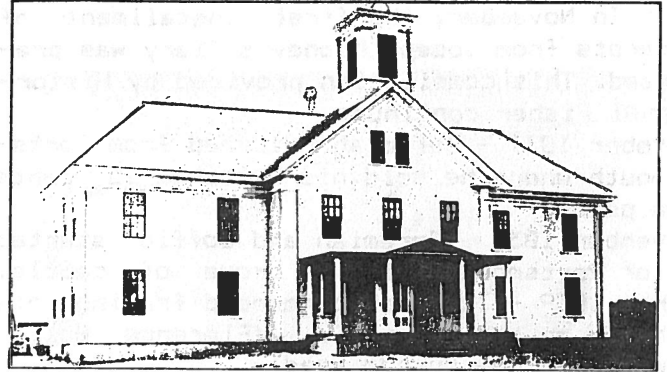
Chief Mynczywor advises he will pursue this policy of developing professional competence while maintaining sufficient manpower to provide police services to the town.

ALTON TRIVIA

Why is Fort Point so named?

Answer: After a fort built there in 1722 as a defense against Indian attacks.

FLASHBACKS



Courtesy of Maureen Kalfas

At the turn of the century, where was this building and what did it house?

Answer: Alton High School was located at the corner of School and Pine Streets (1868-1963)

COMMITTEE SOUGHT FOR CONSTITUTION CEREMONY

On June 21, 1788, New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the proposed Constitution of the United States, thereby assuring its adoption. In preparation for a celebration of the 200th birthday of that historic document, the New Hampshire Bicentennial Commission on the Constitution is urging the formation of local committees to prepare appropriate ceremonies.

Those interested in arranging an appropriate recognition for this momentous event should call 875-2161 for more information.

NURSES NEEDED

Nurses willing to work on a per diem basis, weekends, to provide care in Alton and seven southern Carroll County towns are asked to contact the Visiting Nurse Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity.

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- Thurs. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
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- Sun. 4 - WOODSTOVE INFORMATION - Presented by the Alton Fire Department, 9a.m.- Noon, Central Fire Station
- Mon. 5 - SCHOOL RESUMES
WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, West Alton Fire Station
- Tues. 6 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Ashland, 5:30p.m., Away
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Ashland, 7p.m., Away
- Wed. 7 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Weare, 7p.m., Home
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING, Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 10 - OLD HOME WEEK THEME CONTEST DEADLINE
- Tues. 13 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 7p.m., Away
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 8:30p.m., Away
- Wed. 14 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 1-2p.m.
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING - Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Thurs. 15 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 6:30p.m., Home
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 8p.m., Home
- Sat. 17 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 2:30p.m., Away
- Mon. 19 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY OBSERVED
WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, West Alton Fire Station
- Tues. 20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 6p.m., Home
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 7:30p.m., Home
- Wed. 21 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 1-2p.m.
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING - Town Hall, 7p.m.
SEMESTER I RECITALS - Presented by the Music Department, Alton Central School, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 23 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Weare, 7p.m., Away
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Weare, 8:30p.m., Away
- Sat. 24 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Milton, 6:30p.m., Home
- Tues. 27 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 5:30p.m., Home
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 7p.m., Home
- Wed. 28 - FIRST DAY TO FILE FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES
STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 1-2p.m.
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING - Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 30 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 6p.m., Away
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 7:30p.m., Away
- Jan. 31 - LAKES REGION MUSIC FESTIVAL - Winnisquam Regional High School, 7p.m.



WINTER CARNIVAL WEEK TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 2; CARNIVAL BALL FEB. 7

Winter Carnival Week will begin Monday, February 2, according to Alton Student Council President Rob Witham.

The week of inter-class competition in such events as broom ball, brain bowl, foul shooting, and snow sculpture will culminate in the 52nd Annual Carnival Ball on Saturday night.

The theme for this year's Carnival Ball is "The Future Is Ours" and the candidates for King and Queen are Matthew Francis, Mark Thomas, Michael Kender, Andrew Walker, Julie Beaudry, Kori Hillsgrrove, Arlene Morse, and Charlene Morse.

NEW COURSES WANTED FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Anyone interested in teaching an Adult Education Course and is not already involved with the Adult Education program, is asked to contact George J. Rogers, Assistant Principal of the Alton School, at 875-7500.

Classes generally run from eight to ten weeks depending on the course content and new courses are welcome. The Winter Session is tentatively scheduled for the months of March and April.

BUDGET HEARINGS SET

Budget Committee hearing dates are tentatively scheduled for January.

They are: January 7 - Trustees of the Trust Fund, Trustees of the Cemeteries, Highway Department, Revenue Sharing, Miscellaneous Insurance, and Budget Committee; January 14 - Town Officers, Town Officers Expenses, and Town Hall and other Buildings; and January 21 and 28 - School Budget.

All meetings are scheduled for 7p.m. in the Town Hall.

ALTON TRIVIA

Coffin Brook in South Alton is named for: A. numerous cemeteries along its course, B. a family name, or C. an old ghost story? Answer: B. Jonathan Coffin, who homesteaded nearby in 1773

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BUILDING EXPANSION BOOMING IN ALTON

by Bob Calvert

A visit with Building Inspector Steve Dana makes it apparent that Alton is experiencing something of a building boom. The consensus is that if the economy remains strong, and with the large volume of subdivision applications on the "front burner", this boom will continue for some time. Over seven million dollars in new construction took place in 1986 as compared to 4.2 million in 1985. And the 1985 figures included about \$770,000 in non-profit organization tax free value. In effect, 1986 more than doubled the 1985 experience!

Approximately 340 building permits were issued in 1986. About a third of these were for single family dwellings, compared to 47 in 1985. Dana points out that the great majority of new construction is for year-round housing. Today the figure is roughly 65% for year-round and 35% seasonal. This reverses an earlier trend of about 50% each. The implications for the school system and town facilities and services are obvious.

The demands on the Building Inspector's office and all town boards and commissions have increased greatly. Questions have multiplied tremendously on such matters as zoning regulations, site plan reviews, building and health regulations, building codes, subdivision regulations and road standards. Dana's office works closely with the Planning Board in all these matters.

Building permits require several steps. When an individual wants to build a new structure, the following procedures must be followed:

1. The lot must have a state-approved septic design.
2. The location of the dwelling and septic field must be staked out for inspection and review.
3. An application is submitted with a set of building plans for review. Permit cannot be issued until the



Building Inspector's office has the state permit in hand.

4. Upon favorable review of plans, on-site inspection made, and state permit turned in, a building permit will be issued.

During construction, several inspections are carried out including: foundation, framing, electrical, and plumbing to ensure adherence to current codes and regulations. Normal town permits required for dwelling construction include: driveway, well, sanitary, electrical and plumbing. If on a state highway, a state permit is required for a driveway. Other types of town permits include: site plan review, commercial excavation and wetland (Town and state), and signs. Currently occupancy permits are not required in Alton.

People often ask when a building permit is required. Currently one is required for any NEW construction with a value of \$300 or more or for alterations/repairs to existing structures that are \$1,000 or more in value.

Steve Dana is a busy man and wears, in effect, three hats. About 65% of his time is spent in the Building Inspector role. Another 25% is spent as Health Officer, and about 10% as supervisor of the Landfill. But as busy as he is, he's never too busy to answer your questions and advise on procedure to be followed in any construction project you may be considering.

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**VOICE OF ALTON, INC.
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One of the most talked about events on the Big Lake each year is the Official Ice-Out Date. Last year it was April 16. The earliest date was March 28 in 1921 and the latest was May 12 in 1888, the first year the event was recorded.

Ice-Out is defined as that moment when the M/S Mt. Washington can reach each of its ports unobstructed by ice.

This year, Voice of Alton, Inc., is sponsoring a contest to see who can come the closest to the date as determined by the official ice-watchers around the lake

First prize, donated by the Sandy Point Beach Resort, is dinner for two at the Sandy Point Restaurant, excluding alcoholic beverages. All entries become the property of Voice of Alton, Inc., and the decision of the judges is final. Entries must be post-marked no later than February 28 and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

ENTRY FORM

NAME:
MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:
I PREDICT ICE-OUT WILL OCCUR ON
AT AM/PM (circle one).

Mail this entry form to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, or deliver to Busy Corner Store.

USE FOR OLD NEWSPAPERS

Save old newspapers for the special collection at the Landfill. These are donated to animal shelters.

Old newspapers also are welcome by the Art Department at the Alton Central School.



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**"APACHES"
WHEN AND WHY?**

by Bill Watkins

Once again our relentless pursuit of Alton trivia leads to impasse and mystery. So we appeal to our readers: Who can reveal how Alton School came to adopt "Apache" as the name, symbol, or maybe totem, for athletic and other representative organizations?

The first such appellation uncovered was in the 1957 "Altonian" yearbook, without reference there or in earlier editions to adoption of the name.

Was it merely a matter of alliteration? A reflection of a periodic interest in the American Indian? Why not Abenaki or Algonquin or Aroostook? After all, the nearest Apache was herding gilas in the wastes of Arizona. We discard out of hand the facetious suggestion that no one could spell Aardvaark.

So - all you Alton Alumni/ae of that era - help us out. Extra points if you can tell why our Apache wears a plains-type war bonnet.

ALTON TRIVIA

How tall is the Town Hall's first story?

Answer: 11 feet, 4 inches

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ICE ADVICE

by Bill Watkins

When the first skim of ice begins to edge out into the Bay, fishermen start sprucing up the bobhouses and kids start looking for their skates. The impatient ones venture out on the first solid surface, often marking their progress with large jagged holes. For the more prudent, the question is, when is it safe? And how do you know?

Neither groundhogs nor wolly bears are considered reliable consultants on the matter. Nor can the police, the fire department, the Fish and Game people, nor anyone else predict with certainty - there are too many variables. Following are some pointers gathered from authorities whose knowledge comes from years of fishing out people who thought they knew better.

*Alton Bay, generally, can't be considered safe for individual transit before a full week of temperature in the teens or below.

*Strong winds or snow on the ice slow down the rate of thickening.

*Ice near flowing water, like stream inlets, is always thinner than that over more placid water.

*Ice around pilings, docks and along the shore is often thinner than that further away.

*Water currents and springs erode from underneath, often not evident on the surface.

*Holes freeze from the top down.

*Overload can weaken ice progressively - that is, the first nine skaters get across, the 10th takes a bath.

If you're into taking chances, remember:

*Survival in freezing water is measured in minutes.

*Hauling yourself out onto firm ice (if you can find any) is extremely difficult even without the extra weight of water-soaked clothing.

*Hypothermia (the condition in which body temperature is too low for self-revival) is insidious not only because



RACCOON DISEASE THREAT TO PETS AND OWNERS

The American Journal of Veterinary Medicine has released a warning to the public of a health hazard caused by intestinal roundworm common to raccoons.

Dr. Stephen W. Barsanti of the Alton Veterinary Clinic, advises the disease can be fatal to many animals and has caused human deaths. Pets and children should be kept away from places where raccoons have nested or been caged.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of bad weather, closing of the Alton School is announced on WASR in Wolfeboro (AM 1420), WLNH in Laconia (FM 98.3), and WWNH in Rochester (AM 93).

it destroys the ability of nerves and muscles to function, but also the ability of the brain to recognize and react to the situation.

By mid-winter there will probably be 18 to 24 inches of ice in the Bay, enough to support skaters and snowmobiles and aircraft and other vehicles - except where it isn't. You can usually learn about those places through newspaper stories. The responsibility for exercising common sense and judgement is individual, or parental, so watch your step!



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