



Main Street

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Photo by John Duffek

CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Participating in the dedication ceremony at Alton Central School were Assistant Superintendent Sherwood W. Fluery, Barbara Francis, School Board Chairman David J. McKenney, Mary Batchelder, Paulette Alden, and Ted Bense.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW LEADERS; PLANS HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce has elected David and June Howell of the Alton Bay Busy Corner Store as co-presidents for the coming year. Donald and Linda Matson of Lindon Candles will serve as treasurer and secretary respectively. Members of the Advisory Board are Ruth Messier of 140 Doll Works, Bob DeRoche of Alton Country Supply, and Buddy Dee of Wolfeboro National Bank.

The officers plan a major effort to revitalize the Chamber and to continue promotion of the Alton-Alton Bay area. Their first event is a holiday party for Chamber members and municipal employees to be held Saturday, December 3, at the American Legion Hall from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Annual Christmas Decoration Contest will be held the weekend of December 17 and 18. Everyone in town is urged to enter the contest in either the residential or commercial category. Sign-up sheets will be placed in several area businesses.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM
THE MAIN STREET STAFF**

NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES DEDICATED IN CEREMONY

Four Alton people were honored by the School Board last month when major additions to the Alton Central School were dedicated to them. Board Chairman David J. McKenney announced the selections during the ceremony held in the Recital Room on November 16.

The fine arts facility, housing music and art rooms, was dedicated to the late John Laurence Bucher, a former teacher. The physical education/athletic facility was dedicated to the late Dan Francis, a student/athlete who graduated in 1986.

Former Elementary Resource Center Aide Mary Batchelder was honored by the dedication of the elementary facilities to her and the science facility was dedicated to current teacher Ted Bense.

Assistant Superintendent Sherwood W. Fluery, who was the school principal during the planning and construction stages of the additions, recognized the efforts of the students, teachers, school board members and citizens who contributed to the expansion program. He also described the many, now humorous, incidents and situations created by the construction that made last year one that he said he will never forget. He credited the extraordinary efforts of students, teachers, and support staff for helping each other get through the difficult year.

Principal George Rogers accepted the facilities from the School Board and Charles Downie, president of the Alton Teachers' Association, and Stephen Burke, president of the Student Council, expressed appreciation and gratitude to the citizens of Alton for their support of the project.

Guest speaker Charles Marston, deputy commissioner of the NH Department of Education, congratulated the community on its commitment to education.

Superintendent of Schools F. Andre Paquette was the master of ceremonies for the program that also included a trumpet solo of the National Anthem by sophomore Archie Thi-beault, a rendition of "The Greatest Love of All" by Elizabeth Lent, English teacher and drama director, and the invocation and benediction by the Reverend Dwight Meader of the Community Church.

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

MARY BATCHELDER NAMED ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

The Trustees of the Gilman Library have appointed Mary Batchelder as the Assistant Librarian. She recently retired from Alton Central School and had worked previously at the Gilman Library. She replaces Susan Lord who had worked at the Library for the past six years and has accepted a full-time position as the sixth grade teacher in the Barnstead School. Lord's resignation was accepted with regret by the Trustees.

NEW BOOKS

- At Death's Door by Robert Barnard
- Bingo by Rita Mae Brown
- Glamorous Powers by Susan Howatch
- Medusa by Hammond Innes
- Gunslinger (Dark Tower #1) by Stephen King
- The Sands of Time by Sidney Sheldon
- Mitla Pass by Leon Uris
- The Dark Door by Kate Wilhelm

DO DROP IN!

Now that winter is approaching and evenings are longer, why not become reacquainted with your Library? Brand new books (many of them best sellers) as well as the old favorites are waiting, along with magazines (a choice of 34), and several newspapers. In addition, the Library offers books-on-tape, a few select videos, stuffed animals, a Casio keyboard, and a Polaroid camera. Perhaps you would like to come in and watch a video here -- that can easily be arranged. Or maybe you would prefer to sit quietly and read -- or read to your children. There is also a copier for your convenience. Do drop in!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESENT HOLIDAY TEA

The Friends of the Gilman Library invite residents to a Holiday Tea on Friday, December 2, at 3p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Room.

A short meeting honoring the late Polly Bakeman, a former Friends of the Library president, will be followed by a crafts demonstration by Lorraine Gilbert of Williamsburg Remembered.

The 1989 Alton Past and Present calendars are still available for holiday gifts and the proceeds support the Gilman Library.

FINANCIAL AID MEETING PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 8

High school seniors and juniors and their parents are invited to a Financial Aid Workshop at 7p.m. on Thursday, December 8, in the School Library.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- Thu. 1 - BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING - Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 2 - HOLIDAY TEA - Friends of the Gilman Library, 3p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Laconia Christian, Away, 6:30p.m.
- BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 3 - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY PARTY - American Legion Hall, 6 to 9p.m.
- Sun. 4 - HANUKKAH
- FIREFLIES TOY and CLOTHING COLLECTION - Central Fire Station, 2 to 4p.m.
- Mon. 5 - WHIST PARTY - West Alton Fire Station, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 6 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, Away, 8p.m.
- Wed. 7 - STORY HOUR - 3to5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 39th Army Band, School Gym, 7:30pm
- Thu. 8 - FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP - School Library, 7p.m.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING - Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 9 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, Away, 6:30p.m.
- BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, Away, 8p.m.
- Sat. 10 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - American Legion Hall, 1 to 4p.m.
- Sun. 11 - FIREFLIES TOY and CLOTHING COLLECTION - Central Fire Station, 2 to 4p.m.
- Tue. 13 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, Away, 6:30p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, Away, 8p.m.
- Wed. 14 - STORY HOUR - 3to5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Ashland, Home, 5:30p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Ashland, Home, 7p.m.
- BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 15 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT - School Gym, 7pm
- BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING - Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 16 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Wed. 21 - FIRST DAY OF WINTER
- STORY HOUR - 3to5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT - Recital Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 22 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Epping, Away, 7:30p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Epping, Home, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 23 - SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RECESS BEGINS
- Sun. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
- Tue. 27 - GIRLS and BOYS BASKETBALL at Gilford Christmas Tournament, 7 and 8:30p.m.
- Wed. 28 - STORY HOUR - 3to5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Sat. 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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CHRISTMAS DAY DINNERS

The Alton Police Association will be delivering hot turkey dinners on Christmas Day again this year.

With the help of the churches, clubs, businesses, and individuals in Alton and New Durham, almost 100 Christmas dinners will be delivered promptly at noon.

Families change and new people move in to town, so if you know someone who lives alone, can't get out of the house or who wouldn't be able to have a nice Christmas dinner, contact Marion MacDonald, 875-6389, or leave a message at the Police Department 875-3752.

FIREFLIES COLLECTING TOYS AND CLOTHING

Members of the Alton Fireflies will be at the Central Fire Station on the first two Sundays of December, the 4th and 11th, from 2 to 4p.m. to collect your donations of new toys and new clothing for Santa's sleigh.

If you would rather donate money, send your checks payable to Mrs. Santa Claus, Box 73, Alton Bay, 03810 and a gift will be purchased for you.

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Photo by George Bornheim

INSPECTION TRIP

Santa Claus made a recent visit to inspect the work of local chimney sweep Steve Popithorne as he prepares for the coming Christmas Eve visit.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SET FOR DECEMBER 10

The Annual Children's Christmas Party, featuring entertainment, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus, will be held at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, December 10, from 1 to 4p.m.

The party is sponsored by American Legion Post 72, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72, Knights of Columbus, and the Alton Police Association.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULES HEARINGS

Annual Budget Committee hearings for fiscal year 1989 got underway on November 10 as the first step of a trail leading up to the March town and school district annual meetings.

At press time, December meetings, all at the Town Hall starting at 7 p.m., include the following: December 1 - Conservation Commission, Cemeteries, Fire Department, Parks and Playgrounds, and Library; December 8 - Landfill, Highway Department, Town Offices, Debt Services/Insurance, and miscellaneous budgets; December 15 - Petition Articles and Special Articles.

Still to be scheduled after the first of the year are the School budget and public hearings on the School budget, the Selectmen's budget and Petition and Special Articles. The January issue of Main Street will publish the schedule.

Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings to seek answers to questions they may have prior to casting their votes at the annual meetings.

ALTON STUDENTS FORM LOCAL SADD CHAPTER

A group of students at Alton Central School has formed a local chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) and is in the process of expanding the membership and planning chapter activities.

President of the organization is Rori Boyce. Other officers are Sara Woods, vice-president; Jessie Miller, treasurer; and Carol Young, secretary. Health Teacher Brenda Meehan is the chapter advisor.

SADD was begun 1982 at the Wayland, MA, High School by Robert Anastas, director of health education, as the outcome of a course on the issues of drinking and driving offered to sophomores. The goals of the organization are to help eliminate the drunk driver and save lives, to alert high school students of the dangers of drinking and driving, to conduct community alcohol awareness programs, and to organize peer counseling programs to help students who may have concerns about alcohol.

According to Boyce, "there are currently about 25 members who all agree on one point, to save just one life would be enough to make it all worthwhile."

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MAIN STREET SALUTE TO
.....Class M-S Cross-Country Champion Jannis Burke.....Police Officers Charles Hillsgrove and Patricia Pellowe for receiving Commendation Bars for Honorable Service.....Ted Cole for receiving a Volunteer Award from the Municipal Association.....Alton Cub Scouts for their participation in the food collection program to help the needy.

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TED COLE RECEIVES MUNICIPAL AWARD

An Alton man was one of only ten from the entire state to receive the annual Municipal Volunteer Award of the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Ted Cole was so honored on November 18 at the closing awards luncheon of the NHMA meeting at the Center of New Hampshire. He had been nominated by the Alton Board of Selectmen for outstanding volunteer service.



The citation read in part: "Ted Cole, a retired Eastman Kodak executive, is an uncommon man. Retirement for him meant picking up a glove and getting into the local game of town service in his adopted community. He has accomplished much in town in two short years with something like 480 hours of identifiable service in the past year and many more quietly on his own and at his home."

He was cited for his activity in chairing the Landfill Committee, the planning and implementation of the recycling program and for his efforts with the Capital Improvements Committee. His positive approach and "can do" attitude as well as his executive skills and planning expertise were all saluted.

ALTON CHURCHES OFFER CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Community Church presents its Sunday School Christmas Program at 8p.m. on Sunday, December 18. On Christmas Eve, "A Service of Carols and Candles" begins at 11p.m. The Family Christmas Service on Christmas Day begins at 11a.m. and there is no Sunday School.

St Joan of Arc Church celebrates a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve that is preceded by Christmas carols and sacred music. The regular schedule of masses will be observed on Christmas Day.

A 7p.m. Church Christmas Party will be sponsored by the Advent Christian Church on December 10. Christmas Day services will be the same as the regular Sunday schedule.

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FOCUS ON:

FLORENCE HOLWAY

By Catherine Calvert

"Best of Fair" reads the art category award in Florence Holway's rambling and delightful 19th century farmhouse on New Durham Road in Alton. It's the Rochester Fair of September 1988, but it's just one of six such awards over recent years, leading her granddaughter to say: "Let somebody else have a chance, Grandma!"

And literally while writing this story, the exciting word comes through from the New Hampshire Art Association's 42nd annual show in the Currier Museum in Manchester that she has won the Miriam Sawyer Memorial Award for painting! The award will be presented at a reception to be held there on December 9. The exhibition will continue through January 14, 1989, at the Currier Museum.



This unusual lady's art career dates back to the Belmont, Massachusetts, schools when the "Palmer Method" of handwriting was the in thing. So great was her interest and skill that her fourth grade teacher rewarded her completion of the challenging writing exercises in the morning by letting her sketch and draw all afternoon on many a schoolday. And she's been drawing and sketching ever since. And painting with oils and water colors.

A hoped-for matriculation at Skidmore College and a biology career was kayoed by the depression. Instead she graduated from the Massachusetts College of Art in 1937 and many years later from Keene State College as a teacher. "My children practically put me through college with their cooperation," she

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adds. "I promised them we would somehow get a barn someplace. They loved cars and mechanical things and needed a place to spread out." They all came to Alton in 1963, and sure enough it was the barn attached to the home that won their hearts. She taught in Farmington and along the way in Pelham, Nottingham and Somersworth in New Hampshire and Lockhart and Maxwell in Texas among other places. Her children include four grown sons and one grown daughter, one of whom lives next door to her in Alton.

She helped the war effort with paintings of human organs in medical art at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1942. Her work was used throughout the nation in those penicillin days when sulfa drugs were in high use. Her talents are many!....prize-winning quilts, 18 years of raising sheep with the wool taken to Maine for blankets, activities director of a nursing home in Rochester, purchaser of services and goods with her art work, and most of all a devoted and loving mother of five and a very special grandmother and greatgrandmother.

"Diary in pictures" is the way she describes much of her collection. She documented every step of her children's years with collages of drawings and watercolors. Sometimes it covered one day in the life of a child and was entitled "Story of His Day from 6 AM On." There is an endless collection of portraits and portfolios throughout her home. And one gets the impression in talking with this exciting and youthful lady that there is much ahead. Everywhere she has gone, she sketches and draws. She still does!

For two years she lived as she calls it "on the pulse of the world" in New York. She has had commissions throughout the northeast and has exhibited on Cape Cod and in many locations, including New Hampshire Art Association shows. Alton is much richer for her decision to come here some 25 years ago. This scribe continues to be thrilled at the number of talented and special people who now call Alton home, and artist Florence Holway would have to be very high on that list!

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS SET AT ALTON SCHOOL

On Thursday, December 15, the Alton Elementary School Holiday Concert will be presented at 7p.m. in the Gymnasium. The program features performances by students from kindergarten through grade 4.

On Wednesday, the 21st, the Middle-High School Concert will include the mixed choir, orchestra, concert band, stage band, and beginning band. The show begins at 7p.m. in the Recital Hall.

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ARMY BAND CONCERT

The 39th Army Band of the New Hampshire National Guard will present a Christmas Concert in the Alton School Gymnasium on Wednesday, December 7. Two local musicians, Sergeant George A. Stevens, Jr., trumpet, and Staff Sergeant Paul G. Sanborn, trumpet, are featured.

Organized on April 2, 1947, the band has served New Hampshire and the nation for over 41 years. Chief Warrant Officer Thomas G. Fisk of Concord is the commander and bandmaster. In civilian life, he is a music educator at the Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook.

The program, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, begins at 7:30p.m. and is admission free.

CLASSIFIED ADS MAY BE PLACED IN MAIN STREET

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad.

Space for classified ads is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad.

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Labels may be brought to the Alton School or the Alton branch of the Farmington National and Savings Bank. The drive ends February 15, 1989.

PARKING LOT AVAILABLE FOR POST OFFICE USERS

Edward R. Laurion, Postmaster of the Alton Post Office, has announced that the parking lot of St. Joan of Arc Church is now available for parking while conducting business at the Post Office. This arrangement was approved by Monsignor Leo Hines to help ease the congestion on Main Street.

WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

Anyone contemplating the installation of a woodstove is urged to contact Fire Department Lieutenant Jack Woodland, 875-2691, for a free consultation on guidelines and safety measures. Lt. Woodland also is available to inspect existing installations.

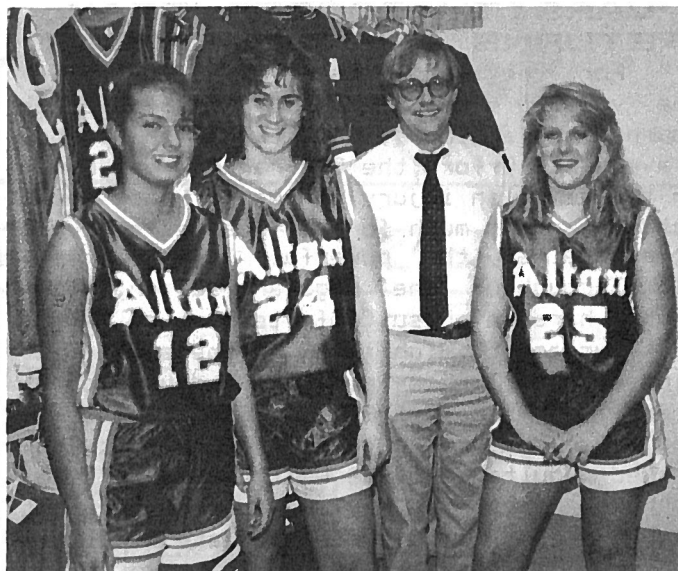


Photo by Gordon Dunham

NEW UNIFORMS

The Alton Varsity Girls Basketball Team has new uniforms this season. Shown here with Coach Rene Felletier are team members Tammy Rogers, Cheryl Hillsgrove, and Sara Woods.

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VARSIITY SOCCER TEAM RETURNS TO TOURNAMENT

For the third time in the past 5 years the varsity soccer team qualified for State Tournament action. The 12th-ranked Apaches traveled to Orford, the 5th-ranked team. Early in the game, an injury to sweeper back Keith Watts was too much for the Apaches to overcome against the powerful Orford attack.

Throughout the regular season, Alton fought hard in pursuit of its goal of making the Tournament. Highlights of the season included a 4-3 come-from-behind double overtime victory against 8th-ranked Linwood. Alton also had a tough 3-3 tie against 7th-ranked Moultonboro, as well as an exciting, although heartbreaking, 2 to 1 defeat against second-ranked (and eventual State finalist) Concord Christian.

This year's team included Seniors Stephen Burke, captain, Joe Ling, Mark Giovanni, and Keith Watts, Juniors Todd Brown and Ken Lurvey, Sophomores Bob Waterman and Matt Lord, and Freshmen Noah Magnifico, Josh Swain, Dan O'Blenes, Ryan Dadura, and Ryan Duntley. Keri Pelletier and Jill Dunham were team managers and Mark Dickson was the coach.

GED COURSE AVAILABLE THROUGH ALTON SCHOOL

Alton residents who have not received a high school diploma can take a course to prepare for the General Educational Development (GED) test. Enrollment fees, including the cost of books, will be paid by the Alton Central School.

The course is offered at the Laconia Academy and begins in January. For additional information, call Assistant Principal Dorothy Bristol at 875-7500.

YOUNG X-COUNTRY TEAM LED BY JANNIS BURKE

Freshman Jannis Burke was the veteran of a young cross-country team that included five students from the fifth grade and one sixth grader.

Burke, consistently a top finisher and frequent meet winner, was the Class M and S champion, placed 16th in the Meet of Champions, and was 33rd in a field of over 200 runners in the New England Championships in Montpelier, Vermont.

Other team members were Laurie Coots, Stephanie Osborn, Jeremiah Wright, Sarah Collins, Jacob Swain, and Matt Christy.

According to Coach Peter Boyd, "This year was a learning experience for all the younger runners and they have gained valuable knowledge of just what it takes to be a cross-country runner."

VOLLEYBALL TEAMS HAS 10 AND 4 SEASON

"Pass-Set-Crush" was the cheer and plan of attack for the Varsity Volleyball Team this year as it concluded its season with a 10-4 record and Tournament participation.

Coach Allison Moore is losing 7 seniors this year - Kristin Mann, Sara Woods, Cherie McKenney, Cheryl Hillsgrove, Jen Griggs-Ryan, Melissa Warner, and Melissa Countway. Returning players include Jackie Doubleday, Heather Brown, Wendy Matson, Jessie Miller, Barbara Simpson, Andi Shealy, and Sandy Brown.

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