



# Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire

## BOB CALVERT CITED FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Robert L. Calvert was one of close to 200 individuals and organizations throughout the state recognized by Governor Judd Gregg for volunteerism on a special cruise on board the MS Mt. Washington on September 29.

Calvert was named the outstanding Belknap County individual winner and was cited for several areas of local service over the past eight years including service on the Planning Board, Budget Committee, Capital Improvements Committee, Selectman and coach of an Odyssey of the Mind team at Alton Central School.

Also cited was volunteer service with the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America; widespread speaking engagements; board member of the Visiting Nurses Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity; and a writer for Main Street and board member of the Voice of Alton, Inc.

Calvert accepted the honor "on behalf of all the great volunteers in Alton and Belknap County", indicating that so many others were equally or more deserving.

## 1991 TAX RATE INCREASES 6.7% DUE TO COUNTY SPENDING

Alton's 1991 tax rate has been established by the Department of Revenue Administration in concert with town officials at \$10.06 per \$1,000. Compared to last year's rate of \$9.43, this represents a 6.7% increase. Adjustments to the new and higher rate will be reflected in the current tax bill due by December 1.

The town portion went down 4% from \$2.51 to \$2. The school portion increased 5% from \$5.65 to \$5.93. The big increase was in the county portion which went up a huge 35% from \$1.27 to \$1.72.

Although the size of the county tax bill to the town at \$1,023,285 has doubled in just three years, it had been widely predicted last March because of the placing of Gunstock debt on the tax rolls of the county's 10 towns and one city. This action was taken by the County Delegation (state representatives in Belknap County) because the County Delegation had, in effect, guaranteed an approximate \$10 million debt "on the good faith of Belknap County". A coalition of county selectmen tried unsuccessfully to keep the Gunstock debt off the tax rolls. It is expected that a portion of the debt will be on the tax rolls for at least the next three to four years.

## 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.



## BONNIE JOSEPH APPOINTED ALTON SELECTMAN

The Board of Selectmen has appointed Bonnie Joseph to the seat left vacant by Marion MacDonald's death in September. She will serve until March 1992 when town elections are held.

Joseph is a long-time resident of Alton. She owns and operates Brook and Bridle Summer Homes on Roberts Cove Road.

For the past year, she has served as a liaison between the Chamber of Commerce and the town government in Alton. She has focused on improving the ties and communications between the town's residents, business owners and government.

In October, Joseph chaired the Civic Profile Forum, when many of the town's residents got together to work on problem solving techniques in various areas of concern.

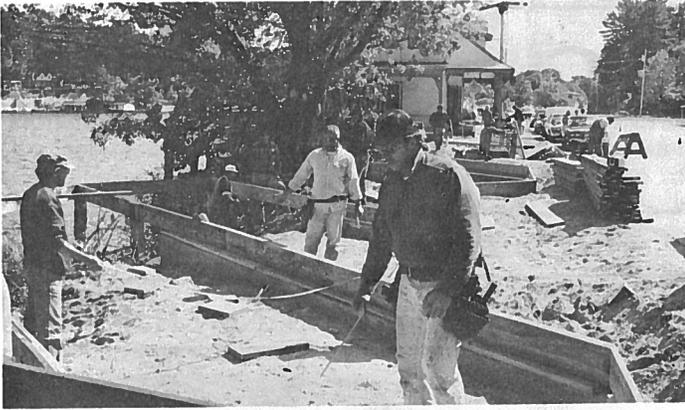
## THANKSGIVING BASKETS DISTRIBUTED NOVEMBER 24

The time for Thanksgiving Baskets is fast approaching. Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Sunday, November 24, from the Central Fire Station on Route 140.

Marilyn Dame, who has been the organizer in the past, is unable to fill that capacity this year, so the new contact person is Elaine MacDonald at 875-6389.

There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, November 7, at 7:30p.m. in the Gilman Library meeting room to begin the preliminary duties necessary to complete this project.

Donations of food products and/or money to purchase food products are greatly appreciated and may be left at the Police Station or mailed to MacDonald at P. O. Box 73, Alton Bay, 03810. Checks should be made out to the Thanksgiving Basket Fund.



**COMMUNITY EFFORT**

Volunteers gathered for two weekends to construct the new boardwalk from the Mt. Washington Dock to the Alton Bay Community House. Workers included a team of five craftsmen from the Region 9 Vocational Center in Wolfeboro. (Photo by Derek Damon)

Wrinkles should merely indicate where the smiles have been.

**A MAN AND HIS FLYING MACHINE**

By Jim Merrill

Most of us like to keep these two feet of ours pretty much on the ground, but Joe Ferro, local resident and small engine repair shop owner, enjoys keeping his feet off the ground.

Joe is a gyroplane enthusiast who is in the process of building his own gyroplane in his engine shop. The plane looks similar to an ultralight with the exception that ultralights have a wing above the pilot, whereas the gyroplane has a rotary blade that hovers above the pilot similar to a helicopter.

With the help of his computer, design knowledge, and mechanical ability, Joe began his project 12 months ago. "There is a lot of precision and calculations that go into building one of these" as Joe told me when I visited him in his workshop recently. "A person's weight is taken into consideration and is calculated on the center of gravity of the plane so that it will fly straight and even." The gyroplane can reach heights of 10,000 feet and can go very slow for landings and takeoffs in small areas. Because of its dynamics, the gyroplane does not stall, as do fixed-wing aircraft at slow speeds. Therefore, it is safer, according to Joe. When I asked him to describe to me what it felt like to fly in one of these planes, he said "it's almost like flying in a lawn chair high above the earth at 50 MPH. Quite a sensation!"

Joe has been a member of the Popular Rotocraft Association for the past two years. Each year the annual convention is held at a different location. This year's meeting was held in Brookville, Ohio, where enthusiasts from all over the country gathered.

The idea of the gyroplane originated in Spain in the late 20's and they were used to deliver mail in cities, flying from rooftop to rooftop.

As I sat there in Joe's shop on a rainy Sunday afternoon, I could picture how it must have been years ago when folks all over the country would build their own planes in their hay barns following the accomplishment of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

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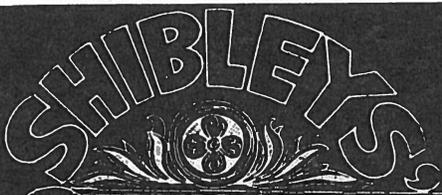
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**IN MEMORIAM  
MARION L. MacDONALD**

In the passing of Marion L. MacDonald, this community has lost the epitome of pure volunteerism and selfless service on the highest plane. A 31-year resident of Alton, she "did it all" for her town and its people: Town Moderator - 10 years, School Moderator - 12 years, Alton School Board - 9 years, Selectman - 2 1/2 years and chairman this past year, Lioness Club charter member, Fireflies (Auxiliary to Alton Fire Department), founder of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service, officer in Alton's Women's Club, special police officer, Secretary of Alton Police Association, and Business Manager of this Main Street newsletter. And her service extended beyond the town limits in such activities as a key volunteer with the Greater White Mountain Chapter, American Red Cross, where she taught CPR and first aid classes for hundreds of people. Not so well known were her many personal "good deeds" in this community, all quietly and unobtrusively performed. She asked nothing for herself and never sought recognition.

Two or three meetings a night never fazed her. Hundreds of Altonians will long remember "Madam Moderator" as she unhesitatingly clarified the complex on the meeting floor. She "ruled" with an iron hand. We'll all long remember and hopefully emulate this special lady with the giant heart as we treasure the "MacDonald legacy" of unselfish service to fellow man that she has left to all of us.

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**ALTON GARDEN CLUB  
PLANS LUNCHEON**

The final meeting of the Alton Garden Club for 1991 will be a luncheon at 12:30p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, at the Lakeview Inn in Wolfeboro. Deborah Pelton and Jane Rojek are the co-chairmen for the event.

Following the luncheon, new officers will be installed. In place of the usual gift exchange, members will contribute to the Children's Fund.

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**ALTON STUDENTS ENTER  
GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE**

Six students will represent Alton Central School on Granite State Challenge, New Hampshire Public Television's quiz show for high school students, on Sunday, November 17, at 6p.m.

Juniors Adam Johnson, Mark Penney, Matt Northridge, Michael O'Brien, and Kevin Carr and senior Rob Boudrow will challenge a team from Pittsfield on a variety of subjects including language arts, science, math, social studies, fine arts, New Hampshire facts, and general knowledge. The team advisor is social studies teacher Nancy Merrill.

**B.J.QUINDLEY ELECTED  
TO STATE POST**

B. J. Quindley, an Alton student at the Region 9 Vocational Center in Wolfeboro, was elected parliamentarian of the New Hampshire Chapter of DECA, a national association of high school marketing students.

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**COMMUNITY CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Community Church of Alton will hold its Christmas Fair at the Congregational Church on Church Street on Saturday, November 9, from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Luncheon will be served from 11:30 to 12:30. Crafts, plants, homemade fudge, gifts and baked goods will be offered for sale.

Chairman Mildred Edwards will be assisted by co-chairmen Ruth Latham and Betty Locke.

**SUBMIT YOUR NEWS**

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public.

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. For additional information call 875-7300.



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**ALTON OUTDOORS**

By Jack Miller

**NOVEMBER EQUALS DEER**

November 7 is the start of firearms deer season. Any deer may be taken in the Alton area from the 7th through the 9th, and antlered deer only from the 10th through December 2. These dates are for Wildlife Management Area "J".

This long-awaited season allows a hunter to match his hunting skills against the wily white-tailed deer. With quite a few "car hits deer" reports in the local area, the prospects of seeing a deer are quite good. Notice, I said seeing, not shooting. Not all sightings warrant shooting. An ethical hunter must decide if he or she can make a clean killing shot safely. Safely means -- where will the bullet stop? Keep this question constantly in mind for a safer sport.

Non-hunters, please feel at ease during the hunting season. All persons wanting to buy a hunting license must attend and pass a hunter education course pertaining to safe gun handling and hunting practices. There are a few unethical participants in all sports. Do not judge the majority by the minority.

Non-hunters should dress in bright colors when venturing in the woods, make noise and stay on the trails. Enjoy. Hunters should also dress brightly -- blaze orange is suggested. Choose your shot well and respect the land. If you spend enough time in the woods of Alton, you are bound to see a deer.

Check L.L.Bean's Fish and Game Cookbook for the rest of the story.

Good Luck!

**EARTH CARE**

Ionization-type smoke detectors contain radioactive materials and should not be sent to ordinary landfills. Return old detectors to their manufacturers when worn out. An alternative is the photoelectric unit, which responds only to the visible evidence of a fire.

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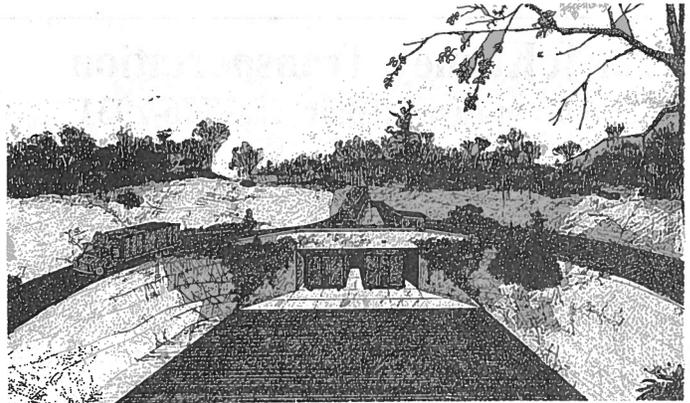
## RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT

The acquisition of a Drug Free Schools Grant allows the Recreation Department to offer 2 free courses to students in grades 5-8.

The first is an eight-week course designed to teach awareness and prevention methods of self-defense. This is offered Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:15p.m. at the Town Hall. The course emphasizes that these techniques are taught for use against harm and are to be used as such.

The second eight-week course is video/jazz dance for boys and girls Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15p.m. at the Town Hall. The course emphasizes jazz movement and techniques and encourages creativity in putting various movements together to form jazz combinations.

Although both courses started during the week of October 20, students are still able to enroll by calling Luanne Dadura at 875-2161.



## CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE FOR TRANSFER STATION

Visitors to the Landfill may have noted that construction is underway on the new Transfer Station, and, according to Town Administrator Pam Andrade, the target date for completion remains at year-end. Following earth movement and concrete work, bids have been awarded for the building itself, the well and for the compacting equipment.

A sweater is a garment worn by a child when his mother feels chilly.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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Recent Department activities included visits to the Alton Central School during Fire Prevention Week by the Fire Prevention Team, Dave Jensen and Steve Bell. John Southwell of the State Fire Marshal's Office participated in the visits with demonstrations by his fire investigation dog.

The Annual Auction in July, chaired by Scott Williams, and the food concession during Old Home Week, chaired by Mike Langton, raised almost \$10,000 that was used towards the purchase of a Hurst Rescue Tool and self-contained breathing apparatus for interior fire suppression.

Chief Russell Jones and the members of the Department express their gratitude to the people of Alton for their continued support.

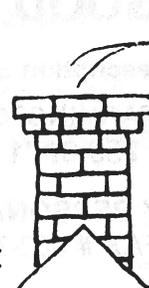
**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS  
OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS**

The Overeaters Anonymous support group is meeting on Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30p.m. in the Alton Bay Community House and is seeking new members.

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 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Wed. 6 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 8 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 9 - CHRISTMAS FAIR, Congregational Church, 9a.m. to 1p.m.
- Mon. 11 - VETERANS DAY
- Tue. 12 - GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON, Lakeview Inn, Wolfeboro, 12:30p.m.
- Wed. 13 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 15 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 16 - CHRISTMAS FAIR, St. Joan of Arc Church Rectory, 9a.m. to 2p.m.
- Wed. 20 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 22 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Wed. 27 - ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAMES, Girls, 6p.m., Boys, 7:30p.m., School Gym  
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 28 - THANKSGIVING DAY
- Fri. 29 - TOWN HOLIDAY  
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT SAWYER PROFESSIONAL CENTER

Four businesses at the Sawyer Professional Center on Main Street will host the November Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7p.m. on Tuesday, November 12.

They are Dick Quindley and Sons, Alton Office Services, Brenda MacKay Custom Sewing and Alterations, and H. W. Brown & Associates.

Business After Hours is sponsored by the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce.

## SUPPORT WELCOMED

The publication of Main Street is made possible by the Alton businesses who advertise each month. Support these businesses and mention that you saw their ad in Main Street.

Many individual residents have expressed their appreciation for Main Street and have indicated an interest in supporting this activity financially.

We welcome individual support and accept donations sent to Main Street, P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay NH 03810.

## BASKETBALL TEAMS TO CHALLENGE ALUMNI

The boys and girls varsity basketball teams at Alton Central School will take on the alumni during the annual Thanksgiving weekend games on Wednesday, November 27.

The girls game begins at 6p.m. followed by the boys game at 7:30p.m.



## Classified Ads

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. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad. Ads must be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of the preceding month.

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### PERSONAL

My heart is filled with gratitude and thanks for the tremendous love and concern that the folks of this community showered upon Phyllis during her illness (both in the hospital and and at home). The many cards, visits, food, willingness to help and support us as a family, phone calls and flowers all gave her strength for each new day. Thank you, each and every one. May God richly bless you all.

Ken Chamberlain

The family of Marion L. MacDonald wishes to thank relatives, friends, and neighbors for their many expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow.

Leo, Elaine, Sandy, Bob, Robby, and Sara



## REMOVE and SAVE

## Boards and Committees

**ADDRESS COMMITTEE** - Meets on Call. Chairman David Jensen, 875-5637.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** - Meets Alternate Mondays at 9a.m. Chairman Patricia Merrill. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE** - Meets 3rd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Ruth Messier, 875-6750.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE** - Meets on Call. Chairman Carl Chamberlain.

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES** - Meet 1st & 3rd Monday at 1p.m. Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** - Meets 2nd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Michael Burke, 875-5492.

**FIRE WARDS** - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.

**GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE** - Meets on Call. Anna Haase, 875-5611.

**LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM** - Meets on Call, Chairman Michael Burke, 875-5492.

**LANDFILL STUDY COMMITTEE** - Meets on Call. Chairman Ted Cole, 875-2437.

**OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE** - Meets 4th Monday at 7p.m. in the Legion Hall. Chairman George Smith, 875-3229.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** - Meets on Call. Chairman Larry Altig, 293-0431

**PLANNING BOARD** - Meets 1st Tuesday at 7p.m. Chairman Harold Finethy III, Call 875-5095 for Appointment.

**SCHOOL BOARD** - Meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 6p.m. at School. Chairman June Tanguay, 875-7630.

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST** - Meet on Call. Chairman Alice Ziegra, 875-2151.

**TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY** - Meet 3rd Monday at 3:30p.m. Chairman David Countway, 569-3648.

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS** - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.

**WAGE AND SALARY REVIEW BOARD** - Meets on Call. Chairman Fred Engelbrecht, 293-4975.

**WATER COMMISSION** - Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9:30a.m. Chairman Richard Duncan, 875-5718.

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** - Meets on Call.



## Schedules

### CHURCHES:

Advent Christian Church - Sunday 11a.m., Pastor Dr. Warren Harris

Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Holway Residence, 859-5191

Community Church - Sunday 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, 875-5561

Cornerstone Bible Church - Sunday 9:30a.m. & 6p.m., Sunday School 11a.m., Pastor Scott Button, 875-2865

First Free Will Baptist Church - Sunday School 9:45a.m., Church 11a.m., Evening Service 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7p.m., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason

St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines

### COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARE SENIORS AT ALTON HIGH

By Bonnie Simpson

The faculty and students of Alton Central School are happy to have twelfth-graders Wakana Nagata and Carlos Vesteiro as foreign exchange students this year.

Wakana is from Yokohama, Japan, which is a very beautiful port city near Tokyo. It has a population of about two million people. She lives there with her parents and grandparents. She has no brothers or sisters. Wakana is spending the year at the home of William and Sonia Bowden. Wakana says that she is impressed by the very beautiful school building and the kind teachers and students. Her favorite subject is art. She has found English and US history to be very difficult, but she thinks that she will get used to the classes little by little.

Carlos is from Madrid, Spain. He has two sisters and one brother. Carlos is spending the year at the home of Dana and Wanda Brown. He says that he has come here to learn our language and to learn about the United States. He is enjoying the countryside and the people in Alton and is hoping to be able to play basketball this winter. Carlos likes the idea of having a yearbook because in Spain schools don't have yearbooks. He is enjoying going to the movies and to Pizza Hut with his new friends, Jeff and Eric.

## THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Patricia Merrill, Librarian

### NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

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## BAY VIEW PAVILION: FOND AND HAPPY MEMORIES

By Judy Fry

Located on the west bank of Alton Bay stands a large rambling building with faded white paint. It is empty now. Large yellow signs on the building tell passersby the property is for sale. If the walls could talk this historic building would echo with the voices of children and grown-ups enjoying an evening of roller skating or dancing. It holds a collection of happy memories begun over six decades ago.

In 1921, Stephen Lynch built the first dance hall at Alton Bay. This original Bay View Pavilion was a two-story wooden structure which housed a restaurant, a movie theater and a large dance hall. However, disaster struck in 1928. The Pavilion was totally destroyed by fire. Between 1928 and 1929, a second one-story building was built in the same area.

The 1930s saw the arrival of the "Big Band" era. Such great band leaders as Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, and Count Basie appeared at the Pavilion. Jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald and world-renown drummers Cozy Cole and Gene Krupa filled the dance hall with their swinging style of music. The big band dances would continue throughout the forties.



### THE ORIGINAL BAY VIEW PAVILION

Built in 1921 by Stephen Lynch, the original Bay View Pavilion was destroyed by fire in 1928. (Postcard courtesy of Robert Witham)

Movies, wrestling and boxing matches also drew crowds of fans to the Bay for an evening of entertainment.

In 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Whitney bought the building from Clarence Mixer. Their son, Jack, joined the business at an early age. Immediately upon purchasing the Pavilion, the Whitneys introduced roller skating. Indoor skating would be replacing dancing as the most popular family activity in the area. Dances continued but would no longer be the feature attraction at the Pavilion.

The weekly seasonal schedule was a busy one for the Whitney family. Skating was scheduled six evenings a week plus three morning sessions for beginners and children. Changes were made at the Pavilion to accommodate the skaters. Organ music replaced the big band sounds, the stage was reduced in size, railings were put around the dance hall, a new ceiling was installed, the lighting and paneling were changed. Over a span of forty-plus years several generations of families enjoyed skating at the rink.

Roller skating popularity grew steadily nationally and  
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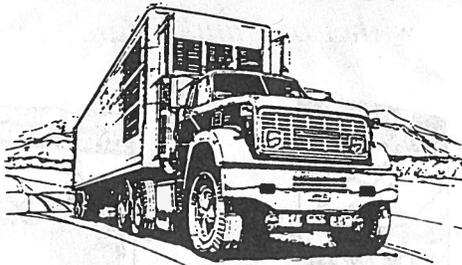
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## NEW LAW CLARIFIED FOR GRAVEL PITS

New provisions of State Law (RSA: 155-E:2 and 155-E:5) became effective on August 4, 1991, which affect grandfathered gravel pits. The provisions specifically affect pits which existed prior to August 24, 1979, and have remained in use.

The law in part, provides that grandfathered operations may continue to exist without a permit subject to several requirements. Among those: Site owners or operators are required to file with the local regulator - the Planning Board - a report which includes the location, date the operation began, description of limits of permissible expansion, current area excavated, and amount of commercially viable materials still available.

Upon failure to file the report, the law requires the non-compliant operations to be deemed abandoned. Thereafter, owners/operators attempting to reopen abandoned pits must secure a permit.

Under the law, pits which came into existence after August 24, 1979, are afforded no grandfathered status. These pits must have permits.

Persons with questions or concerns regarding the law are advised to contact the Planning Board. Copies of the law are available at the Board's offices in Town Hall.

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locally. Enter the fifties and tastes in music and dance steps changed dramatically as rock and roll sounds were sweeping the country. However, roller skating remained popular at the rink until the mid-1980s.

In 1985, the building was sold to Ernest Gillan who converted it for boat storage. The future of the Pavilion is uncertain. It has been on the market nearly three years. It would be sad to see another Alton landmark fade into history. Although the building has undergone several structural changes, some things that never change are the fond memories of the Bay View Pavilion.

The Alton Historical Society is negotiating for one of the triangular-shaped signs that hung on or near the Pavilion advertising dancing. The age of the sign is estimated to be 60 years old. Research indicated the sign left Alton Bay, travelled to New York City and Montpelier, VT, in 1988 and returned home in September this year.

I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitney, Mrs. Robert Witham, and Mrs. Lee Locke Niemi for sharing their thoughts and memories about the Pavilion.

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The Alton Police Association will once again have treats for the children at the garage entrance of the Police Station.

**HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**

- \* Costumes should be made so children have a safe, happy halloween.
  - \* Costumes should be flame retardant and in light colors to show up better.
  - \* Use makeup instead of masks so children can see easily
  - \* Use flashlights or reflective tape.
  - \* Parents should accompany their children or have a chaperon for several children.
  - \* If children are allowed out alone, parents should know their route where they plan to go and what time they will return
  - \* Children should stay along the left side of the road or on sidewalks, crossing streets at intersections and looking both ways before crossing.
  - \* Walk, don't run, always facing traffic.
  - \* Children should wait until they get home before eating any treat and let their parents examine all treats.
  - \* If anything is suspicious, call the police.
  - \* Remember where you got your treats.
  - \* Homeowners should keep a porch light on when it gets dark.
  - \* Motorists should use caution and watch for children who may dart out suddenly into traffic.
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## EXCELLENT TURNOUT FOR CIVIC PROFILE FORUM

Close to 80 Alton citizens turned out for the Civic Profile Forum, one of the best percentages of attendance of any of the forums held by NH towns and cities to date.

Five key issues emerged from the sessions that began Friday evening, October 18, and continued through Saturday.

1. Establishment of a **CENTRAL INFORMATION SERVICE**.
2. Creation of a **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION VOLUNTEER RESOURCE BANK**.
3. A **MANAGED GROWTH PLAN** providing incentives for new businesses and industry.
4. Establishment of **COMMON GOALS** for the long range with emphasis on maintaining the rural nature with values of the lake and mountains.
5. Creation of new **YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES** with action center and teen council.

Its value will have to be measured in the months ahead in terms of follow-up by local governmental bodies and citizens alike. It will be successful to the extent that communications are enhanced and people work more closely together.

The next step will be for Head Facilitator Jerry Howe of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service to prepare a "book" of findings and recommendations. These will be shared with all town governmental bodies and committees and general public. When ready, Main Street, will carry a summary of these findings.



### POT LUCK SUPPER

Facilitator Jerry Howe addresses Forum participants during the opening pot luck supper. (Photo by John Duffek)

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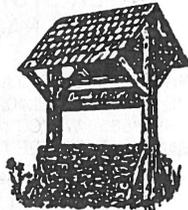
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**SELECTMEN ASSIGNMENTS UPDATED**

Two recent changes in the membership of the Board of Selectmen have resulted in some changed assignments to functions and committees.

Pat Merrill has succeeded to the chairmanship of the Board and will relate to the Conservation Commission, Ad Hoc Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Levy Park Trustees. Newest member, Bonnie Joseph, will become the Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board. Francis Metcalf will serve on the Budget Committee, Capital Improvements Program Committee and the Wage and Salary Review Board.

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