

Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Five new staff members and a student teacher joined the Alton Central School this year.

Paula Fredriksen, the new afternoon kindergarten teacher, is a graduate of Bridgewater State College with a degree in early childhood education. Outside of teaching, she likes to sing and has performed in a number of musicals during her high school and college years and she has been a member of her church choir. She also has worked as a park instructor and a special needs camp counselor.

Sharon Hoitt is a Middle School English teacher. She received her degree from Notre Dame College in Manchester. She has two children and enjoys reading, writing and all outdoor activities.

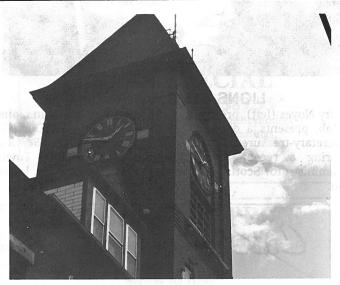
Pamela Seed, the speech pathologist, is also the director of Granite State Speech and Language Services, a private practice in Gilford. She has provided speech and language services in public and private practice in New Hampshire since 1982.

Jean Brewitt is a Chapter I aide in the lower elementary grades. She has taught British and American literature in American and international schools in Thailand, Belgium, Norway, and Holland.

LouAnne Greeley is the Guidance Department secretary. She runs her own business printing personalized children's books and has finished a 20-week, 730-hour program in office management and computerized office skills through the NH Job Training Council.

Sue Barrett, a master's degree candidate seeking dual certification in elementary education and middle school general science at UNH, will work the first half of the year with the fourth grade. During the second half of the year, she will work with Middle School science and biology teachers.





THE OLD CLOCK FACE

By George Winchester Stone Jr. Historical Society Vice-President

Alton's Town Hall, built in 1896, included atop each of its tower's four sides four large clock faces to announce to townsfolk and passers-by the time, and the passage of time. A booming bell within the huge time mechanism spoke and speaks to all listeners every hour on the hour.

In 1990 these faces needed refurbishing, as did many other aspects of the Town Hall. Three of them - those facing into the eastern, western, and southern sun - disintegrated in the handling, after nearly a hundred years of service. The north face (perhaps attacked less rigorously by wind, rain, ice, and the hot sun's rays) stood fairly firm. Carefully removed, it was donated by the Selectmen to the Alton Historical Society - in all of its six-foot diameter, black face and gilded numerals - as a lonely artifact of its era.

Specific details indicate a huge circle made from 16 wooden boards two inches thick, neatly cut, joined, and painted black with a center two-inch bore to hold the protruding arm (for the clock hands) connected to the moving mechanism within.

Mounted on an inner circle four feet in diameter appeared a ring of 60 markers to indicate the minutes of each hour. To aid the curious eye, 12 of them (every fifth one) measured two and a quarter inches tall (contrasting with the one-and-three-quarter-inch digits) - all gleaming with gilt paint.

At 12 specific points on this imaginary circle stood the Roman numerals telling the hours - a division of the day (and night) made back in the ninth century by Isidore of Seville. The upright shafts of these numerals with their

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LIONS CLUB DONATION

Gary Noyes (left), president of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, presents a donation of \$500 to Elaine MacDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service during a recent dinner meeting of the Club. Town Administrator Scott Dunn, who spoke at the meeting, looks on.

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TRICK OR TREAT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR HALLOWEEN

Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor has announced that Halloween will be celebrated in Alton on Saturday, October 31, with trick or treat visits scheduled between 3 and 6p.m.

The Alton Police Association will once again have treats for all 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
- *Motorists should use caution and watch for children who may dart out suddenly into traffic.
- *If you are transporting your children by car, have them get out on the curb side to avoid an accident.
- *Remember our children are our future keep them safe.

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BUILDING USE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY SCHOOL BOARD

New regulations and fees for community use of the Alton Central School have been adopted by the School Board.

The six-page document, outlining the regulations and fees, includes the procedure for requesting facilities, restrictions in the use of facilities, responsibilities of the user, use of custodial or cafeteria staff, classification of groups for rental purposes, priority of building use and approved criteria, a list of approved users meeting the criteria for a "no-fee" category, and a schedule of usage and

Any organization planning to use School facilities is urged to obtain a copy of the document and attached Request for Use of School Facilities from the School's Main Office.

PARENT CONFERENCES PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 16

Parents of students in kindergarten through grade five are reminded to keep open Monday, November 16, for an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. Conferences will be scheduled that day as a follow-up to first quarter report cards that will be issued on Friday, November 13. Students in the elementary grades will not attend school that Monday.

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH NOTED WITH SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Alton Fire Department is planning to observe Fire Prevention Month with a program at Alton Central School.

Fire Prevention Officers David Jensen and Steve Bell are planning to have a plexiglas portable room to demonstrate the proper way out in case of a fire. Children will be able to take part while others can observe through this unique exhibit.

Small minds are usually located above big mouths.

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golden faces stood 11 and a half inches tall, and an inch and three quarters wide, while their accompanying slant components were 10 and three quarters inches long by three quarters of an inch in width - a standard size, apparently,

for ready identification at sixty paces.

All pieces, including the digits, stood elevated from the clock face surface by blocks, a thin quarter of an inch thick, to make all indicators stand forth individually. And how were they attached to tell us the time? By a series of 104 brass screws (60 for the digits, and 44 to secure the numerals.

One supposes that the black background and gilt figures had been repainted a number of times during the span of years, but no mention is made of such in the town records. A note in the Town Report for 1953 states "Clock repairs \$50.00" and one for 1958 lists "Howard Clock services, \$42.50". One knows not whether the work was done on the Town Hall inner clocks, or for town clock mechanisms. For the latter the charges would doubtless have been greater, as scaffolding would have been required. Costs for the overhaul in 1990 were \$12,751.

Isidore's time divisions. with markings accompanying bell sounds were designed primarily to alert



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monks and the faithful as to the seven Canonical Hours of the day, when specific prayers should be made and services held: Prime (the first at about 6a.m.); Laud (the second); Tierce (the third); Sext (noon); None (the fifth about 3p.m., the ninth from sunrise); Vesper (the sixth about 5p.m.); and Compline (the seventh about dark and the last hour for prayers.

The bibliography of books and essays on tower clocks is rather long. The Watch and Clock Museum of the National Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc., in Columbia, Pennsylvania, can supply a listing of 33 books, articles, and bound groups of articles about tower clocks, as it did for me, but most items concern themselves with the mechanics of timekeeping, and how to make the instruments. Few tell about the faces themselves. Historical Society member Jean Roberts put me on to this valuable source of information.

A matter of some curiosity lies with the varying modes of marking four o'clock (by the Roman numeral IV or by the Roman numerals IIII). Alton's clock face carries the IIII, as does that of Wolfeboro. Some others in the area carry the IV sign. Alton stands in good company over a long tradition. Alphonse Wins, in his L'horage à travers les ages (Paris 1924) pictures dozens of medieval cathedral clocks, all of which show the four digits (IIII). The variance is commonly explained, according to authorities in the Clock Museum, as an aesthetic attempt to balance for the eye the number marks in the eight o'clock spot (VIII). Yet this logic fails for other markings - the I hardly balances opposite XI. "A quaint story exists," according to the Clock Museum, "that a king of France decreed that his clock makers use the IIII instead of IV for aesthetic reasons." The earliest English clock carries the four digits. The clock at Magdalen College, Oxford (1505), also painted on a six-foot diameter dial, uses four digits and marks time only by the hour, and by a single hand. Italian clock makers of the 16th century used VIIII to indicate nine o'clock instead of the Roman IX. The permanence of time, and desire to perpetuate its recording, prompted two ironmongers of Norwich, England, to try to fashion the Cathedral clock with a six-foot all metal dial, so it would last forever. They went broke in the attempt.

C.F.C. Beeson's English Church Clocks, 1280-1850 notes the intertwining of religious homilies with the practical uses of clocks on towers for village folk. (Reprinted, Akford, Kent, 1977). Alexander Carpenter, writing in 1426, made clock similitudes for life and death. "The clock keeper places one pin in the clock. Immediately the mechanism is released, and then all the bells strike and the figures in semblance of clerks and priests pass by in a procession chanting. . . After the weight has grounded everything immediately stops. So spiritually God, who is guardian of man, puts a pin in him, he immediately ordains a limit to his life which he cannot pass. . . When his corpse is cast into the earth immediately the turnult ceases, and the dead man passes into oblivion" (page 133).

Time keeping by mechanical clocks had its beginning, to be sure, in the church but the sound of bells soon proved useful to the laity. Until the coming of railways, and the keeping of Greenwich time throughout England, the parish church would have set the time standard for the whole locality (page 157).

Alton's clock face, though nothing unusual, has watched over the town for nearly a century. It can now be examined up close in the Historical Society Museum in Town Hall.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS TIIA SEPPANEN AND CARINA RASMUSSEN

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS WELCOMED TO ALTON SCHOOL

Tiia Seppanen and Carina Rasmussen are twelfth grade foreign exchange students at Alton Central School this year.

Seppanen is from Hyvinkaa, Finland, a city of about 40,000, where she lives with her parents. She enjoys downhill skiing and is looking forward to skiing in New Hampshire. She is staying in Alton with Virginia Adams and her children, Debbie and Dan.

Rasmussen is from Herfoelge, Denmark, a town about the size of Alton. She lives there with her parents and her sister and brother. Rasmussen is spending this school year at the home of Sonia and William Bowden. She hopes to learn to speak English fluently and to learn about the American culture.

ALTON FAMILY FELLOWSHIP CLOTHING DRIVE A SUCCESS

The Alton Family Fellowship's recently completed clothing drive was a huge success, providing wearable items to many people in need. Residents are urged to save their usable clothing for next year's drive in August.

The Fellowship, a non-profit organization to help people in the community, is planning a number of activities for the fall and winter seasons beginning with a harvest pot-luck dinner in October. Look for posters announcing the date or call 875-2046.

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.

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1993 OLD HOME WEEK PLANNING BEGINS

The Old Home Week Committee will meet on Monday, October 26, at 7p.m. at the American Legion Hall to begin planning for the 1993 event and to elect officers for next year.

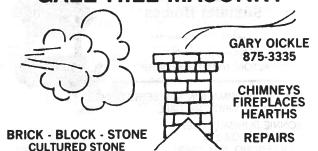
George Smith, chairman for the last two years, will not seek re-election. "I want to thank all the people and clubs that have helped me the last two years and most of all I want to thank the Old Home Week Committee members who have given their time making it fun for all."

HELP WANTED

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through eight, now has a "Hotline" - 875-5454.

This special telephone line, sponsored by Farmington National Bank, enables parents and students to access homework assignments and activities after school hours. Dates of important activities and sports events also will be available on the Hotline.

Simply by dialing 875-5454 on a touch tone phone, students and parents will be reminded of homework assignments that are due the following day as well as long-term assignments. Each middle school teacher will have his or her own access number provided by recorded instructions.

Assistant Principal Brian Hastings sees this service as an important new link in communication between the Alton Middle School and the home.

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- Thu. 1 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC, Alton School, 9a.m.
- Fri. 2 VOLLEYBALL at Gilford, 5p.m. BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 3 CROSS COUNTRY Alton Invitational, 9a.m. VOLLEYBALL at Epping, 1p.m. SOCCER at Epping, 1p.m.
- Sun. 4 SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Sandy Point Restaurant, 5-8p.m.
- Mon. 5 ADULT ED REGISTRATION DEADLINE, Alton School, 3:30p.m.
 VOLLEYBALL vs. Pittsfield, 6p.m.
- Tue. 6 CROSS COUNTRY Belmont Invitational, 3:30p.m. VOLLEYBALL vs. Linwood, 4p.m. SOCCER vs. Linwood, 4p.m.
- Wed. 7 YOM KIPPUR
 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 8 CROSS COUNTRY at Laconia Christian, 4p.m.
- Fri. 9 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 10 SOCCER vs. Calvary Christian, 1p.m.
 HARVEST SUPPER, Masonic Temple, 4:30-6:30p.m.
 LAS VEGAS NIGHT, Legion Hall, 7 11p.m.
- Sun. 11 FASHION SHOW, Gilman Library, 2p.m.
- Mon. 12 COLUMBUS DAY, Town Hall, Transfer Station, School Closed
- Tue. 13 VOLLEYBALL vs. Nute, 3:30p.m.
 SOCCER vs. Nute, 3:30p.m.
 VOTER REGISTRATION, Town Hall, 7-9p.m.
- Wed. 14 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 15 SOCCER vs. Moultonboro, 4p.m.
- Fri. 16 VOLLEYBALL at Pittsfield, 6p.m. BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 17 CROSS COUNTRY at Kennett Invitational, 11a.m.
- Mon. 19 VOLLEYBALL vs. Moultonboro, 4p.m.
- Tue. 20 VOLLEYBALL at Nute, 3:30p.m.

 SOCCER at Nute, 3:30p.m.

 POT LUCK SUPPER, Historical Society, Community
 Church, 6p.m.
- Wed. 21 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 22 HARVEST HAPPENING, Alton School, 4:30 7p.m.
 THEATER: "Our Town", Apache Players, Alton School,
 7p.m.
- Fri. 23 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.

 THEATER: "Our Town", Apache Players, Alton School,
 7p.m.
- Sat. 24 VOTER REGISTRATION, Town Hall, 10a.m.-Noon THEATER: "Our Town", Apache Players, Alton School,
- Sun. 25 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- Tue. 27 GARDEN CLUB SPEAKER, Congregational Meeting House, 1:30p.m.

 CROSS COUNTRY at Interlakes, 4p.m.
- Wed. 28 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 30 BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 31 HALLOWEEN

 CROSS COUNTRY at Class Meet, 10a.m.
 TRICK OR TREAT, 3 6p.m.

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Boards and Committees

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

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Meets 1st Thursday at 7p.m. at Gilman Library.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets Mondays at 9a.m. Chairman Reuben Wentworth. 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 Donald MacDonald.

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

*CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets 2nd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Tom Hoopes, 875-3400.

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

GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833 or Anna Haase, 875-5611.

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

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 Cathy Mars, 875-5095.

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 Jack Henderson, 875-6030.

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TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - Meet 3rd Monday at 3:30p.m. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.

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Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Holway Residence, 859-5191 Community Church - Sunday, Congregational Meeting House, 11a.m., 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

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Planning Board - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings with Planner by Appointment, Closed Noon to 1p.m.

Building Inspector - Wednesday 1 to 4p.m., Friday 4 to 8p.m., Inspection Appointments Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8a.m. to 4p.m., Wednesday 8a.m. to Noon, Friday 1 to 3p.m. Closed Noon to 1p.m.

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Wednesday & Thursday - Closed

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EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday

GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday

FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday

HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m. Cong. Church KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall

LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30p.m. Mama Rina's Restaurant, New Durham, September thru June

MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday

NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School

PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - 3rd Wednesday 7p.m. Alton Central School

ST.JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m. Church Hall

SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday 10a.m., Pearson Road Center VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m. American Legion Hall

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GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held at the Congregational Meeting House on Tuesday, October 27, at 1:30p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. Douglas Routley of the University of New Hampshire who will speak on shade planting.

Hostess for the event is Ann Hoaglund, assisted by Catherine Calvert, Betty Finethy, Grace Genova, Sharon Howard, and Rosa Sullivan.

FIVE YEARS AGO...

...the Alton Fire Department took delivery of a new fire engine designated 1-M-1...the Apache Players presented Arsenic and Old Lace...Matt Locke spoke to the Friends of the Gilman Library on his recent trip to Nicaragua...the Lioness Club sponsored their 3rd Annual Applefest...Todd Palmer was named to the Alton Police Department.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD ELECTIONS

The Alton Historical Society will hold its annual pot luck supper and election of officers on Tuesday, October 20, at 6p.m. in the Community Church Meeting Room.

Guest speakers are Dollmaker Michael Langton and Barbara Itchkawich. Meeting hosts are Mary Batchelder, Phyllis Draper, Shirley Poynter and Ruth Latham.

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COUNTRY AUCTION AND BOOK SALE RESULTS IN NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Proceeds from the Annual Children's Country Fair and Book Sale continue to grow, with the current total standing at \$415. Most of the money has already been spent to purchase very special and beautiful books for our children. Do come in and see our special display! Children's picture books are truly works of art for all to enjoy. The Library would like to thank all the parents and children who worked very hard to make this Fair a success.

CD-ROM COMPUTERS

Our two CD-ROM (Compact Disc - Read Only Machine) computers are up and running, begging to be used! In addition to the various programs, the machines can be used as word processors, using PFS Write. These machines were purchased through a matching grant from the NH State Library - specifically for technology advancement - and our Library was one of two in the state to receive funds. Software packages include Mammals (National Geographic and Audubon), Birds, U.S. Atlas, U.S. History, Reference Library, Lotus 1-2-3, Grolier's Encyclopedia, Compton's Encyclopedia, Shakespeare, Science and Technical Reference, World Atlas, Guinness Book of Records, and Sherlock Holmes. Everyone is encouraged to come try out these amazing programs.

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The staff of the Gilman Library extends a warm and heartfelt welcome home to Mary and Cal Batchelder on the completion of their hiking trip along the entire Appalachian Trail.

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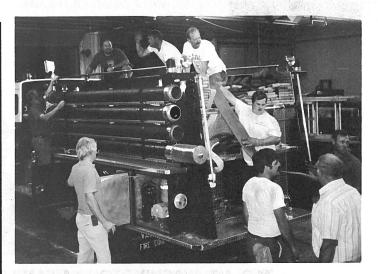
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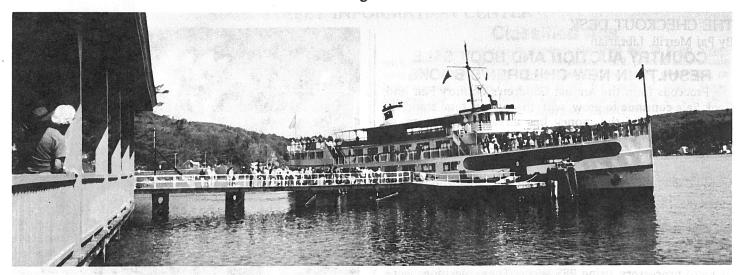
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The Visiting Nurse Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity will sponsor a preschool immunization clinic at the Alton Central School at 9a.m. on Thursday, October 1. For more information on this free service, call School Nurse Connie Racine at 875-7500.

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed from 7:30 to 8a.m. and 2:30 to 3p.m. helping school children cross the street safely. Community members who would like to assist one half hour or more a week should contact Dorothy Bristol at 875-0377.

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Because of limited space, early reservations are suggested by calling 875-2157. Refreshments will be served.

HOMEWORK CLUB INVITES MEMBERS

The Alton Central School Homework Club is available to students in grades 3-12 after school daily until 3:45p.m.

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There are other features, such as three-way calling, intercom, speed dialing, call forward, and redial.

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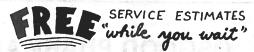
Voting Green: Your Complete Environmental Guide to Making Political Choices in the 90's by Jeremy Rifkin Lincoln at Gettysburg by George Wills

SALES SPACE ON VOTING DAY

Voting in the General Election will take place from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station, Route 140, on Tuesday, November 3.

A limited amount of sales space (baked goods, raffle tickets, calendar sales, etc.) for community organizations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for space must be submitted to the Town Clerk to insure a reservation.

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APACHE PLAYERS OPEN SEASON WITH THORNTON WILDER'S "OUR TOWN"

The Apache Players of Alton High School will kick off the 1992-93 season with Thornton Wilder's timeless classic Our Town on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 22, 23, and 24 at 7:30p.m. in the School Auditorium.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, <u>Our Town</u> depicts life in a small village in New Hampshire, set against a background of centuries of time, generations and social history. The play shows how people are in "our growing up and in our

marrying and in our living and in our dying".

The cast features senior Laura Foss as the stage manager. Erik Widerstrom and Danielle Hanley are featured as George and Emily. Other cast members include Michael O'Brien, Janet Winterle, Sara Elliot, Katey Best, Matthew Northridge, Robert Boyce, Rachel Irvin, Heath Patterson, Scot Overall, Adam Johnson, Jamie Donahue, Karon Wentworth, Kevin Carr, Danielle Decatur, Laurie Chambers, Sara Wyatt, and Frank Walker. Senior Tara Kelley is the production stage manager. Elizabeth Lent is directing the production.

The opening night performance is in conjunction with the Student Council's "Harvest Happening" from 4:30 to

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A representative of the distributor will be at the School's Harvest Happening on Thursday, October 22, from 4:30 to 7p.m. with samples of each style and size. A 50% deposit is required. The proceeds will benefit the PTCO's ongoing support of School programs and activities.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

Information may be submitted in writing to <u>Main Street</u> 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.

SENIOR CLASS SPAGHETTI SUPPER AT SANDY POINT OCTOBER 4

The Class of 1993 will sponsor a Spaghetti Supper at Sandy Point Restaurant from 5 to 8p.m. on Sunday, October 4. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children and senior citizens.



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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

A TIME TO HARVEST

October is the harvest season when the farmer harvests the earth's bounty and the outdoor person can harvest nature's bounty. It is the small game season, with Thursday, October 1, the opening day. With a hunting license, a fast shotgun, and some time in the woods, one can try to harvest ruffed grouse (partridge), woodcock, pheasant, ducks, gray squirrel, rabbit, or geese to complement the garden harvest. Be sure to check specific regulations. With the leaves changing color this month, it is one of the most beautiful times to be in the Alton outdoors.

A chosen few may hunt moose in Alton this year as the hunting area has been expanded to include the areas east of Route 11. Each successful applicant is assigned a hunting area so the Fish and Game Department can regulate where moose are taken. Although Alton is not overrun with wild moose, they do roam our woods.

October 31 marks both a beginning and an end. The day ends the special salmon season in the Merrymeeting River. This year's new regulations require catch and release with a barbless hook. Take a walk along the river this month and see the size of the salmon that come here to spawn.

October 31 begins the black powder deer season giving one the chance to harvest from the forest as our forefathers did -- with the old "smoke pole". With only one shot, the hunter must know his or her gun and deer habits to get that one sure shot.

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CIVIC PROFILE GROUPS PLAN JOINT MEETING

The Alton Civic Profile Steering Committee and the chairs and/or representatives of the five working task forces will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday, October 7, at 7p.m. at the Gilman Library. Interested citizens are welcome to attend as well.

The five task forces are dealing with (1) Community Goals and Maintaining Alton's Rural Atmosphere, (2) Growth and Economic Development, (3) Increased Youth Opportunities, (4) Improved Information Sharing, and (5) Increased Citizen Participation.

The assemblage will review and determine timelines for completing task force assignments and review the proposed process for preparing final recommendations to town officials.

SUPPORT WELCOMED

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

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.

AMERICAN LEGION PLANS LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Columbus Day weekend in Alton will be highlighted by a Las Vegas Night at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, October 10. The event, sponsored by Post 72, begins at 7p.m. and features door prizes, refreshments and a cash bar. Admission for \$2 is limited to adults. Call 875-6881 for more information.

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Quilting begins Monday, October 5, and will be offered for eight weeks from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. The cost is \$25.

Dried & Silk Floral Arrangements, a four week course, begins Monday, October 5, from 7 to 9p.m. The cost is \$25 plus class supplies from \$8 to \$15 per session.

American Heart Association Certified CPR Course begins Monday, October 5, from 6:30 to 9:30p.m. for three weeks. The cost is \$3.

Complete course descriptions are available at the School where registration must be made by 3:30p.m. on Monday, October 5.

A GED test preparation class prepares students to take the exam given by the State. There is no fee for Alton residents and anyone interested should call the School at 875-7500.

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Bound volumes of the 25-year history of the organization have been placed in the Town Hall and the Gilman Library for public review. It's a fascinating story of positive achievement for Alton and delineates its 21 initiatives and major accomplishments over the quarter century.

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An original application for each individual seeking an absentee ballot must be on file before the absentee ballot will be mailed.

Completed ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 5p.m. the day before the elections.

Applications also are available for those who anticipate being out of town in March when the Town and School Elections are held.



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