



# Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire

## ALTON POLICE ASSOCIATION PROVIDES CHRISTMAS DINNERS

By Lori Durkee

The Alton Police Association is once again "elfin" it up to help make Christmas a little cheerier for shut-ins, people living alone, the disabled, and needy families by delivering complete dinners at noontime on Christmas Day.

They need your help! Your generous monetary donations help to acquire the necessary items. Make your checks out to the Alton Police Association and write "Christmas Dinners" on the check or envelope. Donations of canned goods, fruits, etc. are also welcome.

There is a need for volunteer drivers to help deliver the meals. Contact Elaine MacDonald (875-6389) or Pat Pellowe (875-3752) if volunteering or for more information or if you know of a family or someone you feel would otherwise have no Christmas dinner.

Make sad and needy ones smile on Christmas Day!



## WREATH LIGHTING AND CAROLING PLANNED BY PARKS AND RECREATION

A wreath lighting ceremony followed by caroling will be sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department on Friday, December 11, according to Recreation Director Kellie McGrath:

The program begins at 7p.m. with the wreath lighting ceremony outside Town Hall. From 7:30 to 8:30, community members will offer their favorite holiday songs along a caroling route from the Town Hall to the Housing for the Elderly off Old Wolfeboro Road.

Everyone is welcome to join in the tradition of celebrating the holiday season.



## JOHN DUFFEK RECEIVES MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER AWARD

The New Hampshire Municipal Association annually selects 10 recipients from across the state to receive its "Volunteer of the Year Award" for distinguished local volunteer service and John Duffek was so honored last month at that organization's annual meeting and conference at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester.

The citation accompanying the award stressed his seven-year-long leadership of *Main Street* and its communications importance in the life of this community.

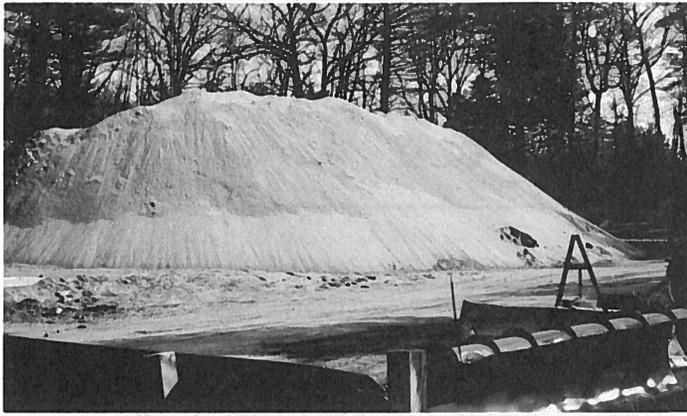
The award has been in existence for 6 years, and prior Alton winners are Ted Cole, Bob Calvert and the late Marion MacDonald.

Other volunteer service cited were the following: service as town moderator, past president of the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, former volunteer with the Alton Fire Department, participation in the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, Civic Profile Steering Committee, Alton Blue Ribbon Committee (economic development) and secretary of the Search Committee for Town Administrator.

While describing the former college level educator's current activity, the citation said in part ...."he's never too busy to become affiliated with anything and everything that helps his adopted community of Alton."

## ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL TO RECEIVE AWARD

Alton Central School will again receive the Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award on February 5 for its outstanding volunteer program. This will be the eighth time Alton has been selected.

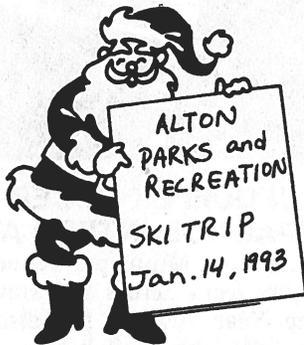


**GETTING READY!**

The sand pile grows and plow blades stand ready as the Highway Department prepares for the Winter season.

**EAST ALTON FIRE ASSOCIATION  
HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION**

All current officers were reelected at the recent annual meeting of the East Alton Fire Association. They are: President Edmund Brown, Vice President Irving Roberts, Secretary Judy Fry, and Treasurer Linda Gavill.



**ALTON GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS  
ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING**

The Alton Garden Club elected the following officers presented by the nominating committee of Elsie Trull and Ruth Conway:

Co-Presidents Elizabeth Locke and Elizabeth MacKay, Recording Secretary Shirley Copeland, Corresponding Secretary Muriel Greene, Treasurer Phyllis Chaffee, Assistant Treasurer Anna Haas, Auditor Laura Whittemore, and Director Winona Houle.

Committee membership includes: Program - Margaret Birdsey, Jane Hennessey, and Ann Hoaglund; Horticulture - Elsie Trull; Beautification - Co-Chairmen Kay Connolly and Jean Doucette, Ellamarie Carr, Agnes Coney, Marion Davis, Shirley Ferry, Martha Headley, Ann Hoaglund, Nicole Smith, and Elsie Trull; Good Cheer - Ruth Latham and Muriel Greene; Publicity - Ethel Mielke; Scrapbook - Adelma Messenger; Yearbook - Muriel Miller; Hospitality - Madeline Griffin and Winona Houle; and Flea Market - Shirley Barnes.

Voluntary contributions to the Mrs. Santa Fund for the children of Alton amounted to over \$200. Garden Club meetings resume in April 1993.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT  
ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL**

The Alton Elementary School will perform the Christmas show, "Forever Christmas" on Thursday, December 10, at 7p.m. in the School Gym starring K-5 students. Featured selections include "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth", "The Santa-Shoop Song", "Nuttin for Christmas", and special guests, The Chipmunks.

The Alton Central School bands and choirs will present their annual Yuletide Concert on Wednesday, December 16, at 7p.m. This concert will spotlight the Elementary Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Band. The Middle School Choir and High School Choir also will be featured.

**GIANT BINGO FOR  
SCHOOL BAND UNIFORMS**

The First Annual Giant Bingo will be held at 7p.m. on Friday, December 11, at the American Legion Hall to raise funds for uniforms for the Alton School Band. Novices and experts are welcome. No experience is needed.

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## NIGHT SKIING TRIP TO GUNSTOCK PLANNED BY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning a night skiing trip to Gunstock on Thursday, January 14. Registration is from Monday, December 7, through Wednesday, December 20, at the Town Hall. All ages are welcome and family groups are encouraged to participate. The bus will leave Town Hall at 5p.m. and return at 10:30p.m.

Three packages are available: \$15 for a lift ticket and



RECREATION DIRECTOR KELLIE McGRATH

transportation; \$25 for ski rental, lift ticket and transportation; and \$30 for one and a half hour learn to ski group lesson, ski rental, lift ticket for beginner double chair lift, and transportation. All prices are based on a minimum of 20 participants

Space is limited and early registration is recommended. Full payment is due at time of registration and checks may be made payable to the Town of Alton.

Parents and adults interested in being chaperons should call Recreation Director Kellie McGrath for more information.

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## HAROLD CLOUGH HONORED

Harold Clough was honored recently for his many years of service on the Budget Committee. Among the many gifts and mementos received is this one from State Representative Alice Ziegler.

## JESSE BAKEMAN IS PRESIDENT OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jesse Bakeman was elected president of the Alton Historical Society for 1992-93 at its recent annual meeting. Others elected were Vice-President George Winchester Stone, Jr., Treasurer Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary Mary Batchelder, Corresponding Secretary Nancy Mooney, and Directors Warren Bodwell, Phyllis Draper, and Nina Liedtke.

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## ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

By Lori Durkee

For those who missed the last issue, I'd like to do a quick recap.

Calvin Batchelder, 70, and his wife, Mary, 69, married 47 years, spent six months and two days this summer hiking the majestic Appalachian Trail. They hiked 2,142.9 miles crossing 14 states....beginning atop Springer Mountain in Georgia and ending on Mount Katahdin in Maine. The highlight of their first month was a surprise 70th birthday party for Calvin atop Clingman's Dome, given by five hikers they had met earlier. A good ending to their first month on the Trail.

Now for some events of the next two months as told by Mrs. B.

During the next two months (mid-April to mid-June) Calvin and I travelled 576 miles through parts of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Although the elevations were not quite as high as in the Great Smokies, we were in mountain country, with lots of ups and downs, until we reached northern Virginia. In Tennessee we slept in one shelter that was only three feet lower than Mt. Washington.

The Trail ran, for the most part, through hardwood forests. But we did camp on many bald, treeless mountain tops. The fair-weather views were spectacular. Because the southern woods are more open, wild flowers grow profusely. We saw great patches of trilliums, violets, larkspur and many other varieties. The scent of lily-of-the-valley saturated the south Virginia woods. Miles of the Virginia trail passed through rhododendron thickets. We enjoyed beautiful dogwood, wild magnolias and azaleas, although the cold spring weather delayed the blooming of most of the shrubs. Particularly enjoyable were the open areas on the sides



of Mount Rogers in Virginia where we observed more than forty herds of wild ponies, including stallions and mares with nursing foals. We felt like we were in the middle of a carousel when one group of young ponies decided to run around us.

Also in Virginia were the breathtaking panoramic views, trees and flowers at the Shenandoah National Park. In the Park, where they are protected, the deer are so tame they stand close to the Trail and watch as people pass by. I had one deer browse to within six feet of me. It looked me over and ambled away, not in the least disturbed. Bear are fairly common, too. Many hikers had the good fortune of seeing them; we weren't that lucky. We did see our first rattlesnake, which Calvin moved from the side of the trail with a long stick, so it wouldn't bother other hikers.

One word describes the weather during most of this period - DAMP. We had a good deal of precipitation all through Virginia, starting with light snow as we entered the state at Damascus and progressing through rain and thunderstorms. The many damp and overcast days were good for hiking if the trail was not too wet, but we missed many panoramic views. The weather gave us one of our worst days of the whole trip when we had to cross a dozen or more flooded brooks. Ordinarily these streams would have been easy to cross on rocks, but that day, after two weeks of wet weather, they were three times as wide as normal and at least a foot deeper. So, we had to wade. Fortunately, we were headed to a hostel not an open shelter. When we arrived at 9p.m. we took hot showers, cooked a hot meal and dried our boots and clothing. The next day, a relative picked us up and we spent the day sight-seeing in Washington. We stayed overnight at her home. It gave us a welcome break.

A few days later, we reached historic Harper's Ferry in West Virginia, where the Trail headquarters is located. We signed in and had our picture taken for the 1992 yearbook.

We met some interesting hikers in this stretch, a couple from Maine who hike on the Trail for two weeks every year, a father and son from Australia, also an Englishman who was hiking across the country on some of the historic trails. He was writing material called "A Walk Across America" for a publishing company in England.

More adventures in Part 3 next month.



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### ALTON FIREFLIES COLLECT TOYS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Members of the Alton Fireflies, the auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department, are asking your help in making Christmas a little brighter for some Alton boys and girls. New and good used clothing and toys may be dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall by Tuesday, December 15.

Donations are also being sought and checks should be sent to Mrs. Santa, 230C Stockbridge Corner Road, Alton, 03809. This money will be used to purchase warm jackets and boots.

Last year, 32 children, ranging in age from six months to 17 years, were provided with Christmas gifts. The list promises to be even longer this year, so your help is truly needed.

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Make this a Merry Main Street Christmas!



**JILL DUNHAM NOMINATED  
FOR DAR GOOD CITIZEN**

Jill Dunham, a member of the senior class, has been nominated as the DAR Good Citizen for 1992-93 by the staff and senior class at Alton Central School. She will represent Alton at the state level and, hopefully, at the national level as well.

**OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE  
LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP**

The Alton Board of Selectmen is looking for an Old Home Week Committee and chairman for the 1993 event.

According to former chairman George Smith, no one on this year's committee wants to serve as chairman next year. The responsibility now rests with the Selectmen to appoint new committee members, who will elect their own chairman.

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### DECEMBER EVENTS

- Wed. 2 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
Fri. 4 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 7p.m.  
BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
Sat. 5 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
Mon. 7 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Belmont, 7:30p.m.  
Tue. 8 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 6:30p.m.  
Wed. 9 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
Thu. 10 - ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Alton School, 7p.m.  
Fri. 11 - GIANT BENEFIT BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
WREATH LIGHTING AND CAROLING, Town Hall, 7p.m.  
Sat. 12 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Legion Hall, 1:30p.m.  
VFW HAM AND BEAN SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Nute, 6p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Nute, 7:30p.m.  
Tue. 15 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 5p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 6:30p.m.  
Wed. 16 - BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
YULETIDE CONCERT, Alton School, 7p.m.  
Fri. 18 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 5:30p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 7p.m.  
BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
Sat. 19 - THEATER: "A CHRISTMAS CAROL", Alton School, 2 and 7p.m.  
CHRISTMAS DECORATING JUDGING, 7p.m.  
Sun. 20 - FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH  
Mon. 21 - FIRST DAY OF WINTER  
Tue. 22 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Pittsfield, 7:30p.m.  
Wed. 23 - SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RECESS BEGINS  
BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
Fri. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY  
Mon. 28 - BOYS BASKETBALL at Christmas Tourney  
Tue. 29 - BOYS BASKETBALL at Christmas Tourney  
Wed. 30 - BOYS BASKETBALL at Christmas Tourney  
BINGO, Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
Thu. 31 - NEW YEARS EVE

### PTCO RAFFLE TO BENEFIT SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Alton School PTCO is selling raffle tickets on a variety of prizes donated by local merchants. Among them are: ski tickets, beautician services, restaurant meals, and computer games.

PTCO members will be selling the tickets at school functions such as basketball games and the annual Christmas concerts. Raffle tickets also may be purchased at school during school hours. The tickets are \$1 each.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the High School/Middle School Christmas Concert on Friday, December 18. PTCO fund raising events benefit school programs.

### 5 YEARS AGO.....

.....Pam Andrade was named acting town administrator following the resignation of Terry Clifford.....a report by the Landfill Study Committee, led by Ted Cole, offered recommendations that established the future of waste disposal in Alton.....Chip Fifield received the highest Cub Scout award, the Arrow of Light.....Main Street revised its advertising policy to permit out of town businesses to advertise if they did not compete with an Alton business.....Alton - A Town To Remember, published by the Old Photos Committee, went on sale at the Town Clerk's office.

## Remove and Save

### 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  
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.  
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 Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.  
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 Thursday at 6p.m. Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-2910. Office, 875-4200.  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on Call. Chairman Milton Jensen, 875-5990.  
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### VARSITY BASKETBALL REBUILDING UNDER COACH WALTER DAMON

The Boys Varsity Basketball team enters the season with a lot of new faces. Joining coach Walter Damon in his first full season as head coach are only four experienced players. The team members are Seniors Jeff Irvin and Mike O'Brien; Juniors Jeremy Everson, Marc Newlin, Dan Dore, Erik Widerstrom, Derek Kenerson, Fred Elliott, and Eric Waterman; Sophomore Mike Warner; and Freshmen Eric O'Brien and Gary Noyes.

The team is looking forward to a season that will end in the state tournament by hard work and aggressive play. The first home game is Tuesday, December 8, against Calvary Christian.

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Alton churches have planned a variety of services and activities for the Christmas season.

The Community Church of Alton will have a Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 13, at 9:30a.m., a traditional Christmas Service at 11a.m. on Sunday, December 20, and a Candlelight Service at 11p.m. on Christmas Eve.

A Blessing of the Crib and the singing of Christmas carols at 11:30p.m. will precede a Christmas Eve Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church.

# MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

## Schedules

### CHURCHES:

Advent Christian Church - Sunday 11:00a.m. and 6:00p.m., Pastor Dr. Warren Harris  
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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## CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

The Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual Christmas Decorating Contest with judging scheduled for Saturday, December 19, beginning at 7p.m. The storm date is Sunday, December 20.

Entry blanks for the residential and commercial categories are available at local businesses.

## 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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The Women's Christian Fellowship of the Community Church wishes to thank the unknown gentleman who bought some blueberry muffins at the November 3 election and made a very generous donation. It is much appreciated.

A warm welcome to Scot McKay of WLKZ who will surely be an asset to our town! CFC

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**CROSS COUNTRY TEAM  
SHOWED IMPROVEMENT**

This year's cross country team, coached by Peter Boyd, had a strong nucleus of younger runners with a few experienced older runners. The team consisted of Senior Jeff Irvin; Juniors Jeremy Everson and Ken Borelli; Sophomores Matt Christy and Rob Boyce; Freshmen Jon Peck and Stephanie Osborn; Eighth Graders David Sleeper, Lindsey Osborn, and Becky Miller; and Sixth Graders Andy Fuller and Tim Croes.

Of special note was the consistently strong efforts of Everson throughout the season. Boyd was also happy with the steady improvements made by Stephanie Osborn and Miller. Sleeper enjoyed a strong season, placing first four time. Most runners who have been with the program improved their times as the season progressed. The junior high runners ran very well at their championships in Londonderry.

The varsity team - although not placing as high in the standings as they would have liked - gained valuable experience from running in the class championships.

With only Irvin graduating and several grade eight students ready to run on the varsity team, the program looks solid for next fall.



**SKATING RINK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

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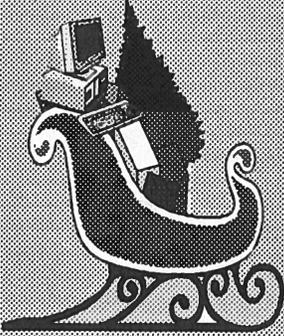
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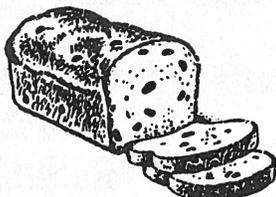
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**ALTON OUTDOORS**

By Jack Miller

**HUNTING & FISHING SEASONS END**

December ends the calendar year and the 1992 hunting and fishing seasons. Firearms deer season ends December 6 and archery deer season continues through December 13.

These late ending season dates may allow the hunter to hunt on snow which easily shows the deer movement patterns. This advantage is countered with the need for thicker, warmer clothing and footwear. With thicker clothes, the rifleman must be sure to tuck the butt of the stock into the shoulder for proper sight picture. The archer must keep bulky clothes away from the string. One should practice to assure nothing interferes. Climbing trees to reach a hunting stand can be hazardous with slippery footing. Keep these disadvantages in mind when hunting the late season.

Ruffed Grouse (partridge) may be hunted until December 31. These fast and tasty birds give the hunter one more excuse to be in the woods before the years ends. If you were lucky enough to flush a few partridge during the deer season, you will know where to find them. Snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, and fox may also be hunted through this month.

December 6 ends the second half of a split bear season. This second season allows the Fish and Game Department to control the taking of female bears as they den up for the winter before the males do. For those looking for a bear skin rug, the thickest fur is found at this time.

With December bringing the end of the year, it is time to reflect on season's past. What did one do right, do wrong? What could one do, or use to make the outdoor experience more fulfilling?

With Christmas coming this month, here are some items for the outdoor sportsperson's list - a fanny pack or day pack, warm boots, new heavy socks, new felt liners, warm underclothes, gloves, or hat.

For this month - stay warm and happy holidays!

**MAIN STREET SALUTE TO.....**

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- Every Living Thing by James Herriot
- Rubbish! The Archeology of Garbage by William Rathje
- It Doesn't Take a Hero by H. Norman Schwarzkopf

**ALTON SCHOOL VIDEO NEWS  
AVAILABLE NOW AT LIBRARIES**

The Fall '92 edition of the Alton School Video News, released last month, is available for loan at the School Libraries and at the Gilman Library.

The 30-minute video includes scenes from the Classic Car Show held on the school grounds during Old Home Week. It also gives a video tour of Region #9 Vocational Education Center which 17 Alton students attend. There are portions of the Apache Players' Fall production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" and highlights of Fall sports - soccer, volleyball, and cross-country.

The Video News Team for 1992-93 consists of two juniors, Gordon Brown and Richard Fiore, and two sophomores, Matthew Christy and Michael Warner.

**LEGION HALL RENOVATED  
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**FOURTH GRADERS GET UNUSUAL  
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Students in the grade 4 classes of Deborah Cook-Hamer, Lawrice Ballentine, and Richard Kirby received a Halloween history lesson and a "taste of history" cooking demonstration from home economics teacher Bonnie Simpson.

While students read the directions, Simpson, dressed as a wicked witch, mixed the ingredients in the recipe from the three witches in Shakespeare's "Macbeth". She also answered questions about the history of Halloween and the Salem witch trials.

Shown with Simpson above are fourth graders Katie Morrill, Emily Sydow, and David Osborn.

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**GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM  
OPENS SEASON DECEMBER 4**

Another basketball season is upon us and the Girls Varsity Basketball team under the direction of Coach Rene Pelletier is expected to be competitive and entertaining.

The team has three returning starters from last year's Class S runner-up team - the guard tandem of Seniors Keri Pelletier and Heather Swabowicz and center Sara Wyatt, the lone junior on the team. The starting forwards will be filled from among the two sophomores, five freshmen and four eighth graders that make up the squad.

The opening game is Friday, December 4, at 7p.m. against Moultonboro.



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By Pat Merrill, Librarian

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Professional Write is available to the public in addition to Lotus 1-2-3. There will be a workshop scheduled for Lotus 1-2-3 at a later date.

**NEW VIDEOS**

New videos available at the Library include Beginner's Magic, Unbelievable Sports Plays, Beauty and the Beast, Big Bird Visits Firehouse, Big Bird Visits Japan, Cinderella Ballet, Dr. Doolittle, Hook!, and Runaway Ralph.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
TO HOLD CHRISTMAS TEA**

The Friends of the Gilman Library will hold its annual Christmas Tea, celebrating 100 years, on Saturday, December 5, from 10a.m. to noon.

The guest speaker will be Mary Batchelder who will talk about her recent trip on the Appalachian Trail with her husband, Calvin. Space will be limited and reservations are recommended by calling 875-2550 or 875-2157. Refreshments will be served.

The buck doesn't stop these days. In fact, it doesn't even slow down.

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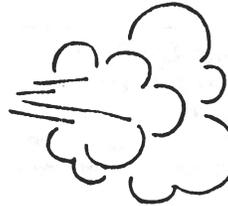
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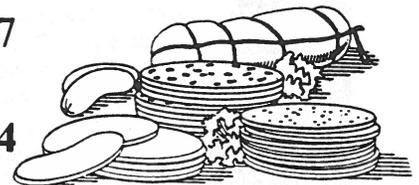
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**VFW HAM AND BEAN SUPPER**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #11163 will hold a ham and bean supper on Saturday, December 12, from 5 to 7p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12.

The proceeds of the dinner will be used to fund community projects like the Lite-A-Tike and Lite-A-Bike programs.

**BAND STUDENTS SELECTED FOR MUSIC FESTIVALS**

Juleigh Everson and Jessica Emanouil, flute players in the Alton School Band, recently performed in the Northeast Instrumental Music Festival in Lake Placid, NY. Selection was based on experience and ability to perform very difficult band literature.

The festival Band was conducted by Dr. James Bankhead, former commander and conductor of the U.S. Air Force Band of Washington, DC. According to Everson, "It was challenging but it was fun and an experience I'll never forget".

Trumpet player Jeremy Everson performed in the All New England Band Festival at Plymouth State College. The band consisted of students from 46 high schools in four states. This was Everson's second year performing in this band.

**GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

The Alton Garden Club will be decorating several town buildings with wreathes for the Christmas season. Look for them on the Town Hall, the Gilman Museum, the Gilman Library, the Alton Bay Community House, and the Police Station.

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**RAYMOND GESSNER NAMED SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Alton resident Raymond Gessner has been named part-time athletic director for the Alton Central School.

In this capacity, Gessner is responsible for the athletic program for the elementary, middle school and high school grades. His duties include the use of the gym, scheduling games and transportation and ensuring the athletic policy is followed.

Gessner has been involved in sports for the past 30 years, including youth athletics in Massachusetts, and has been active in the Scouting program in Alton.

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## VOLLEYBALL TEAM FINISHED THIRD IN TOURNAMENT

By Lisa Racine

The Alton Apaches Varsity Volleyball season was the most successful in a long time. The well-rounded team finished third in Class M-S, with only three losses - one to Gilford and two to Sunapee.

The team didn't go as far as they had hoped to in the tournament. In the first round, Alton hosted 14th seeded Pittsfield and managed to win in two straight sets. Alton then travelled to John Stark High School in Weare to play Sunapee in the quarterfinals. Alton played well, but Sunapee outplayed them.

Next year's season looks promising for the Apaches with two remaining starters and a strong bench to fill in the places of the five graduating seniors.

## POLICE OFFICER ALAN FORD PROMOTED TO SENIOR PATROL OFFICER

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAYERS PRESENT "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

The Middle School Junior Apache Players will be performing Charles Dickens' classic yuletide work, "A Christmas Carol". There will be two performances of the play on Saturday, December 19, at 2p.m. and 7p.m. in the Music Recital Room. Due to limited seating, purchase of tickets in advance is recommended.

The cast includes Paula Hufschmid, Anne Varney, Josh Hoopes, Samantha Cogan, Jessica Williams, Kyle Hall, Jeb Christy, Alec O'Meara, Leah Kalfas, Kara Damon, Kim Noyes, Peter Brewitt, Justin Herman, Greg Salvatore, Andy Fuller, Amber Locke, Dan Alting, Tom Bernard, Mandy Quindley, Jen Emanouil, and Rachel Waterman.

The play is directed by teacher Michael Folan.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Lisa Racine

The annual Christmas Party for all Alton Children up to 12 years old will be held at the American Legion Hall at 1:30p.m. on Saturday, December 12. The party is sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit #72, the Alton Police Association, and the Knights of Columbus.

It will feature gifts, refreshments, entertainment and SANTA! If you have any questions, feel free to call the American Legion at 875-3461.

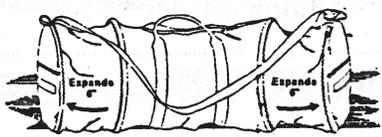
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