



Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire



BUDGET HEARING

An overflow crowd of interested voters packed the Alton Bay Community House during the first of two public hearings last month on the Town Budget. (Staff Photo)

57th CARNIVAL BALL A WINTER FANTASY

The 57th Annual Carnival Ball, "A Winter Fantasy", will be held Saturday, February 1, from 7:30 to 11p.m. in the Alton Central School Gymnasium.

A king and queen will be chosen from the members of the Senior Class and crowned by last year's winners, Patty Troendle and Bob Waterman. Candidates for king are Ryan Duntley, Chris Dickson, Bo McMullen, and Justin Smith. Queen candidates are Amelia McKinney, Kerri Newlin, Tanya Witherbee, and Janice Burke.

The king and queen will be attended by members of the other classes: juniors Karen Wentworth and Michael O'Brien; sophomores Maureen Coots and Kurt Thomits; and freshmen Jesse McKinney and Justin Swain.

Music will be provided by DJ "Sound Effects" and tickets are \$10 each and \$15 a couple. The Student Council invites townspeople to join the students and former kings and queens at this annual affair.

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

According to a town ordinance, automobiles are not permitted to be parked on any highway in Alton between midnight and 6a.m. from December 1 through April 1.

Vehicles in violation of this ordinance may be taken to a public garage for storage at the owner's risk and expense.

ALTON WINTER CARNIVAL IS FEBRUARY 15 & 16

By Luanne Dadura

Tired of dealing with bad times, poor economy, bleak future? Mark Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16, on your calendar and plan to attend Alton's Third Annual Winter Carnival Weekend. We guarantee it will lift your spirits!

Bundle up warm on Saturday evening and come to the bonfire and skating party at Alton's ice rink behind the Central Fire Station on Route 140. Leave your Christmas trees there now to add to the bonfire. No need to cook that night, you can get sausage subs, fried dough, cocoa, etc., from the Fire Department's food booth.

On Sunday, head to the Bay where various events are scheduled to begin at 11a.m. including the Broomball Tournament, Skating, Senior Class BBQ, a DJ, Winterfest Volleyball Challenge, Tug-Of-War, Fly-In, Sleigh Rides, Parade-of-the-Beds, and the Great Alton Bed Race. Trophies and prizes are awarded for many of the events.

So, put a request in to the Powers-That-Be for accommodating weather and be prepared to enjoy "Food, Folks and Fun".....Besides, it's free!

MEET THE CANDIDATES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Main Street again this year is hosting the annual Alton "Candidates Night" on Wednesday, March 4, at 7p.m. in the Music Recital Room at the Alton Central School. And again this year the moderator will be Ted Cole of the Main Street staff.

Each candidate will be called on in turn and allowed a one-minute statement of candidacy. Questions from the audience will be directed to candidates. The event is not a debate but an information session designed to help a voter make an informed decision. Light refreshments will be served following the session.

Candidates also have the opportunity to have published in the March issue of Main Street a brief (50 words or less) statement of candidacy. As they filed at the Town Clerk's office, each candidate was given a form with instructions for return to Main Street by February 15 to be included. That deadline and the 50 word limit are important.

So mark the calendar and join the crowd on March 4 and then vote on March 10.

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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

NO WINTER DOLDRUMS FOR INNOVATIVE SPORTSPERSONS

February can be a pretty dull month for some people. Winter doldrums set in and it's couch potato season. Not so for the innovative sports person.

With the rabbit season open through the month, one still has an excuse to take a walk in Alton's woods and call it hunting. With the lack of snow, the white snowshoe hare are easier to spot and the walking is easier, too. If we get deeper snow, use cross country skis or snowshoes.

For the fisherman, there is ice fishing if you find some safe ice. You can try the smaller lakes and ponds in the area and explore some new water.

New this year: the NH Fish and Game Rule Digest makes note that there is an active runway (landing strip) on Alton Bay. Look for the markers and be aware.

The 13th Annual Great Rotary Fishing Derby takes place on Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2. Take a ride to the headquarters in Meredith on Sunday to see the size of the fish the competitors register. Bring your camera!

A representative of the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association will give a presentation on Wednesday, February 12, at 7:30p.m. at the Farmington Fish & Game Club in New Durham.

You could spend some time browsing around the Fishing and Outdoor Show at the Manchester Armory. It costs \$3 and is open from 5 to 9p.m. on Friday, February 14; and from 10a.m. to 9p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16.

When you do venture outdoors this month, pay attention to the weather and dress accordingly. If you dress in layers, you can shed clothes during the warmer part of the day or while you're active and add them on as the sun sets. Sleeveless insulated vests and turtle necks work well for me.

Be active and enjoy!

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DECORATING CONTEST WINNER

The Ellie and John Streeter residence won first place in the Residential Category of the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce Holiday Decorating Contest. (Chamber Photo)

CHAMBER ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Alton Bay Busy Corner Store took first place in the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce Holiday Decorating Contest Business Division. Second place went to the Farmington National Bank and Alton Day Care Center was third.

In the Residential Division, the Streeter residence on Route 140 won first place, the DiGiovanni residence on Depot Street was second, and the Noyes residence on Pine Street was awarded third place.

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....a public hearing was held to present plans for the new Police Station.....Diedra Magnifico's entry, "Alton - A Town For All Seasons" was selected as the theme for the 1987 Old Home Week.....Mark Thomas and Kori Hillsgrove were chosen King and Queen of the Carnival Ball.

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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR ELECTION DAYS

Town Moderator John Duffek is seeking volunteers to staff the polls for the Presidential Primary on February 18 and the Town Elections on March 10. Individuals will be needed to check in voters, provide voter assistance and booth supervision, and count ballots at the close of the polls.

Any registered voter interested in helping should call Duffek at 875-7300 or 569-4441.

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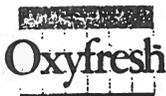
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FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PLANS SLEDDING/SKATING PARTY

The newly-formed Family Fellowship is planning a sledding and skating party on Saturday, February 15, from 1 to 4p.m. at Dr. Kenneth Chamberlain's farm on Old Wolfeboro Road. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Those attending are asked to bring extra sleds and/or skates to share with others. (No sticks, please)

The party will be rescheduled to February 22 in the event of inclement weather.

Family Fellowship has been organized by a group of concerned citizens to give people the opportunity to get together and do things without spending a lot of money. This group has been formed with the hope that it will restore enthusiasm in the lives of families and individuals who have become discouraged because of financial difficulties or loneliness. As warmer weather approaches, some of the activities planned are cookouts, hiking events, weekend camping trips and ball games.

In addition to social activities the group plans to have an outreach aspect, identifying the needs of persons in the community and pooling resources and time to meet those needs. A food pantry, food co-op, community vegetable garden, and classes on canning and preserving are among the planned activities.

Further information about Family Fellowship and upcoming events is available from Sam and Judy Fisichelli at 776-6172; Roger and Linda Clark, 875-2046; or Janet Dunham, 875-6438.

NO SCHOOL TODAY?

You wake up and find it snowed during the night and the roads are iced over! Will there be school today? How do you find out? Call the school? Your teacher? Your bus driver? NO! NO! NO!

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**DINNER AT DOCKSIDE RESTAURANT
FOR ICE-OUT CONTEST WINNER**

Just a reminder to get your entry in for the Ice-Out Contest. Each entry must show a date and time including AM or PM. All entries become the property of Voice of Alton, Inc., and the decision of the judge is final. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 28 and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

The Dockside Restaurant will offer dinner for two, compliments of Linda Daggett and staff, for whoever guesses closest to the date and time of the 1992 Ice-Out.

Ice-Out is defined as that moment when the M/S Mount Washington can successfully reach each of its ports without being obstructed by ice.

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____
 ICE-OUT WILL OCCUR ON _____ (date)
 AT _____ AM or PM (circle one)

Mail this entry to:
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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.

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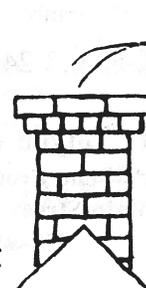
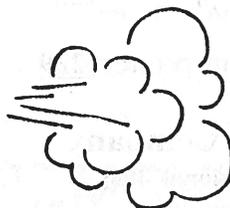
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**FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST
IS FEBRUARY 8**

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This year's Annual Foul Shooting Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, at 1p.m. at the Alton School Gym. Boys and girls, ages 8 to 14, are eligible to compete. Winners go on to the State Contest in March at St. Anselm's College. (Staff Photo)

MAIN STREET SALUTE TO.....

.....the Chamber of Commerce for the holiday flags along Main Street and the NH Electric Coop and the Union Telephone Company for their assistance in putting them upall those who decorated their homes and businesses during the holiday season.....all those who donated hats and mittens for children at the Alton Central School.

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 Sun. 2 - BOOSTER CLUB BREAKFAST, 7-11a.m., Alton Bay Community House
 Mon. 3 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Laconia Christian, 6:30p.m.
 Tue. 4 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Nute, 6:30p.m.
 BOYS BASKETBALL at Nute, 8p.m.
 Wed. 5 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 7 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sat. 8 - VOTER REGISTRATION, Noon to 2p.m., Town Hall
 FOUL-SHOOTING CONTEST, 1p.m., School Gym
 LIONS CLUB POKER NIGHT, 7-11p.m., Alton Bay Community House
 Tue. 11 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 7:30p.m.
 Wed. 12 - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
 STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Thu. 13 - BOYS BASKETBALL at Epping, 7:30p.m.
 Fri. 14 - ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sat. 15 - WINTER CARNIVAL WEEKEND, Skating Rink
 SLEDDING/SKATING PARTY, Family Fellowship, 1-4p.m., Chamberlain Farm
 Sun. 16 - WINTER CARNIVAL WEEKEND, 11a.m., Alton Bay
 Mon. 17 - PRESIDENTS' DAY - Town Hall & Landfill Closed
 Tue. 18 - PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, 7a.m. to 7p.m., Central Fire Station
 Wed. 19 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 21 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sat. 22 - WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
 Mon. 24 - SCHOOL VACATION WEEK BEGINS
 Wed. 26 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 28 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sat. 29 - LEAP YEAR'S EXTRA DAY
 VOTER REGISTRATION, Noon to 2p.m., Town Hall

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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

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall
CHESS CLUB - Tuesday 7:30p.m., Busy Corner Store
CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall
DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP - 2nd & 4th Fridays 5:30p.m., Congregational Meeting House
EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House
ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., March thru October, Place to be Announced
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
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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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.
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LIONS CLUB POKER NIGHT

Have fun....Raise your neighbor....Help benefit the Lion's eyesight fund.

A fun evening of cards awaits all who attend the Alton/New Durham Lions Club Poker Night on Saturday, February 8, from 7 to 11p.m. at the Alton Bay Community House.

Help the Lions Club get a full house. Attend in pairs or flushes (all the same family). Please, age 21 or better!

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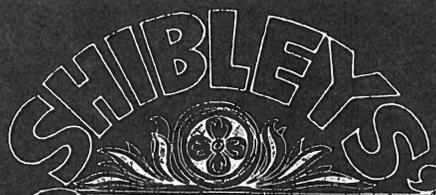
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COUNTY DELEGATION BUDGET PROCESS

The 1992 Legislature opened January 8 and Heard Governor Gregg address education, broad-based taxes, and economic development. We, the legislators, are busy hearing new bills, upwards of 500 in the House and 300 in the Senate. At the same time each year, the counties are working on their budgets for the year. The members of the county delegation (the 19 House members in the county) evolve the budget. The County Commissioners actually administer the county business.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, a public hearing is held for each county entity to present their requests for funding. The members of the delegation are appointed to five or six member committees to discuss each budget with its administrator. Committees cover the Nursing Home, law enforcement, Court House, Gunstock, outside agencies (Conservation District, Family Planning, Extension Service, CAP services), Airport, Mutual Aid (fire dispatch), Children and Youth Agencies, wages and personnel.

After deliberation the Committees present their budget conclusions to the full delegation. Another public hearing is held at which the departments and entities again discuss their budget needs. The Delegation debates the entire budget and votes on the final figures. (Dates of Public Hearings were not available at press time.)

I shall be at the Alton Town Hall from 3 to 4p.m. on Monday, February 3. Meanwhile, please call if there are questions, 875-2151.

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Across the country, landfills are closing, forcing us to realize that our waste is piling up and disposal options are getting costly. We can observe first hand the need for alternative waste strategies to prevent water pollution and soil degradation.

By composting, you produce a useful horticultural product while disposing of kitchen scraps, yard wastes, and other organic wastes. It is disturbing to think that 5000 tons per year of organic materials is taking up valuable space in our local landfill. Now that Alton is turning to the use of a transfer station, the savings become very apparent. The smaller the volume of trash that must be transported and disposed of at another site, the smaller the cost for that transportation and disposal. Either through taxation or a user fee system, these costs must be paid. With composting you reduce your volume of waste and recycle materials that would otherwise be placed in the landfill and converting

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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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them into a useful soil conditioner.

A free composting guide, "A Resource Manual for Backyard and Community Composting For Towns", is available to any resident at Town Hall.

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The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Saturday, February 8, from noon to 2p.m. at the Town Hall as a last opportunity for residents to register prior to the Primary Election. The Supervisors will be in session again on Saturday, February 29, from noon to 2p.m. as the last opportunity to register prior to the Town Meeting.

ALTON BOOSTER CLUB PLANS FUND-RAISING BREAKFAST

The Alton Booster Club will hold a fund-raising breakfast featuring sausage, eggs, homefries and beverage from 7 to 11a.m. on Sunday, February 2, at the Alton Bay Community House. Tickets are \$2.50 per person.

All proceeds will support the Alton School athletic program.

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WATER DEPARTMENT MOVES TO NEW OFFICE

The Alton Water Department now holds meetings at its new office in the American Legion Hall on Main Street at 7p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays. The new phone number is 875-4200.

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