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THE CHIPMUNK SONG

The third grade performed "The Chipmunk Song" during last months Elementary School Christmas Concert, "Forever Christmas". Chris Kimball was featured as Alvin.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS ARE CONVENIENT AND MEANINGFUL

Every effort is being made by the Budget Committee to make it convenient and meaningful for Alton residents to learn about the proposed 1993 town budget and the 1993-94 proposed school budget.

Most towns hold a public hearing for each of the two budgets. Alton's Budget Committee sets up two each (one at night and one on a Saturday afternoon) to provide some flexibility and convenience for residents to get to one or the other of the meetings. And your questions and input are sought.

The schedule (all meetings are at the Alton Central School in the Elementary Resource Center) is as follows:

Town Budget - Thursday, January 21, 7p.m. and
Saturday, January 23, 1p.m.

School Budget - Thursday, January 28, 7p.m. and
Saturday, January 30, 1p.m.

It's not necessary to attend both sessions of each. Take your pick of evening or afternoon as it best fits your schedule.

Please note the change of location. Formerly the town budget was reviewed at the Alton Bay Community Center and the school budget in the Music Recital Room at the School. All sessions are now in the Elementary Resource Center at the School.

To reach it, drive out Pine Street (next to the School) past the School to near the end and turn left on Pine Street extension all the way around the athletic field to the parking area on the eastern side of the School. Entrance to the Elementary Resource Center is from that parking lot.

FILING PERIOD IS JANUARY 20-29 FOR 17 TOWN AND SCHOOL POSTS

Residents interested in one of the 17 town and school positions open this year must file with the Office of the Town Clerk between January 20 and 5p.m. on January 29, 1993. A \$1 filing fee is required for any office that receives compensation.

Positions available include:

- One Selectman for Three Years
- One Selectman for Two Years
- One Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years
- One Library Trustee for Three Years
- One Fire Ward for Three Years
- One Cemetery Trustee for Three Years
- One Water Commissioner for Three Years
- Three Budget Committee Members for Three Years
- Two Planning Board Members for Three Years
- One Planning Board Member for Two Years
- One School Board Member for Three Years
- One School Moderator for One Year
- One School Clerk for One Year
- One School Treasurer for One Year

Town and School elections take place Tuesday, March 9.

RECOMMENDATIONS READIED FOR CIVIC PROFILE FORUM REPORT

It's been some 15 months since close to 80 Alton residents came together in what was called a Civic Profile Forum. Hard questions were asked in that two-day October 1991 session; a profile of Alton in the early 90's was identified; and some 5 key issues were identified for further study and research by task forces filled by volunteers from the Forum.

And now on Saturday, January 16, all the original participants are being "invited back" to hear the recommendations resulting from this study and research. The group will meet in the American Legion Hall from 9:30 to 11a.m.

Following the session, the formal recommendations will be made to the Board of Selectmen, the School Board and other town committees for which the recommendations may have relevance.

Although the January 16 meeting is for the original Forum participants, anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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.

ARCHITECT SELECTED FOR LIBRARY ADDITION PROPOSAL

The Trustees of the Gilman Library recently announced that Bruce Brook of Brook Design Associates, Inc., in Concord has been selected to develop a design proposal for expansion of the Gilman Library.

The Trustees and Friends of the Library plan to expand the building with an addition of approximately 3,000 square feet. Needs include a reference room, a separate children's area, more reading room, staff work space, a computer area for the new CD-ROM equipment, storage for supplies, books, and magazines, etc., and making the building fully handicapped accessible including new bathrooms.

Community Members are asked to return the enclosed Survey to the Gilman Library by February 1

The projected occupancy date for the addition is March 1996, but this might change if fundraising is more or less successful than anticipated. Present goals include developing a design concept for the addition and a package of materials



that can be used for public relations and private fundraising. Another goal is to establish a fundraising and public relations strategy that can capitalize on the 100th anniversary of the library.

"We are extremely excited about your project", Brook said recently, "and the possibility of participation of school children in the process through a future Artist-in-Residence program I will be doing at the Alton Elementary School."

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TRANSFER STATION COMPLETES FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION

By Bob Calvert

It was just a short year ago that a ribbon-cutting ceremony and very short speeches (it was mighty cold!) launched Alton's fine new Transfer Station. And the ceremonial first bag of trash was thrown into the hopper with cameras clicking.

Main Street thought it would be interesting to look at this unique facility after a full year of operation and ask some questions. Town Administrator Scott Dunn spoke enthusiastically: "We're very happy with its operation. It is extremely well run and is a credit to the small staff there!"

Interestingly enough, Dunn points out that "a lot less trash has been generated than was originally predicted." It totals about 1500 tons per year. The compacted trash is hauled to Wheelabrator in Concord where the tipping fee is currently \$45 per ton plus the cost of transportation to and from Concord.

Recycling has helped keep the total quantity down and produced some offsetting income. But there's a "down side" as well. As recycling has caught on across the state, it's success has resulted in a glut on the recycling market for some materials. At the moment, Dunn pointed out, plastics fall into this category temporarily. "But the bottom line is that it's not going into the hoppers nor the Landfill".

The Landfill is still not completely full, allowing some flexibility in plans for "closing". Dunn indicates the Selectmen are studying all options and hope to come up reasonably soon with a lowest possible cost for the ultimate closing.

One gets the feeling that this project has been very successful, and although the operating budget costs have gone up, the long-range cost factors will have been held at the lowest possible level. It's a tribute to those who planned its careful detail and to those who currently manage it and plan for the future.

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

WORD PROCESSING WORKSHOP IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

A Word Processing Workshop for Professional Write will be offered by the Gilman Library at 7p.m. on Friday, January 15, not January 17, as reported last month.

Mark Fritz, president of Yankee Data Group, Inc., will give general instructions and demonstrate ways to create a resume, as well as write business letters. Advance registration is suggested.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Children's books are worth making a special trip to the Library, not only to read but also to see. Many of the pictures are truly works of art. Stories are enchanting and the pictures provide a visual feast. Come and see for yourself.

Among the newest children's books are Northern Lullaby by Nancy Carlstrom, For Our Children (book and tape) by Nancy Carlstrom, Talking Walls by Margy Knight, and American Folk Songs for Children (book and tape) by Ruth Seeger.

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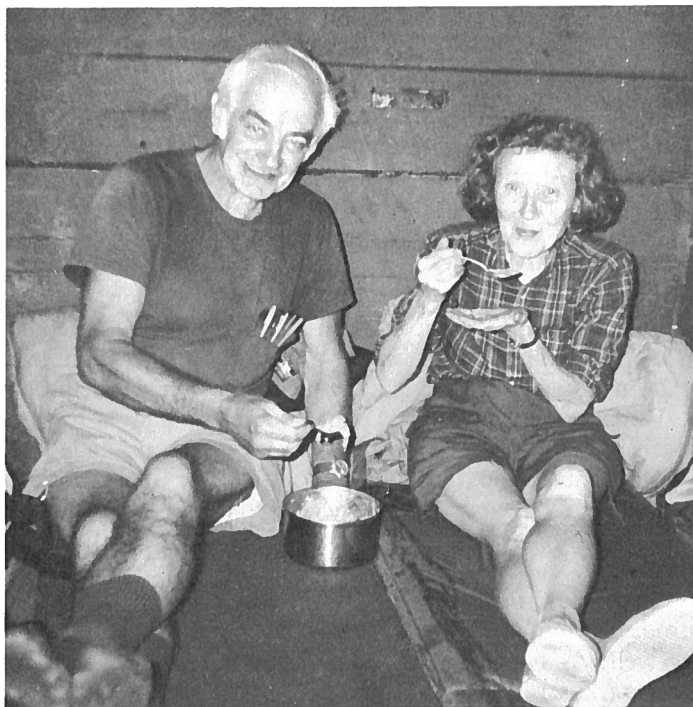
ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: REACHING THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

By Lori Durkee

Last month we followed Calvin and Mary Batchelder, from mid-April to mid-June, over 576 miles of Trail, through parts of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Most of the Trail ran through hardwood forest and they camped on many bald, treeless mountain tops with spectacular views. They enjoyed the aroma and beauty of various flowers throughout the Southern woods which were more open. They had the great fortune of viewing many wild pony herds and deer tame enough to watch the hikers pass by. They faced much DAMP weather, crossing flooded brooks but welcomed a warm hostel, hot shower, hot meal and dry clothes. They met many more hiker friends, too.

Now, let us enjoy more of their story of the Trail, as told by Mrs. B.

From mid-June to the 8th of August when we reached



Glencliff, New Hampshire, and the White Mountains, we covered another 500 miles, and hiked through the rest of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and into New Hampshire.

Although the Trail continued on higher ground, elevations were much lower so our daily mileage averaged in the middle teens. The ridges in New Jersey and New York gave us views of more open farmland, and on one occasion a glimpse of the New York City skyline with the Empire State Building and the Twin Towers forty miles away. Sometimes we hiked around the edges of wheat, corn, barley, and almost ready-for-harvest hay. The sweet aroma of mountain laurel, Pennsylvania's state flower, and then honeysuckle and wild roses saturating the air farther north. We were also enjoying wild raspberries, blackberries and blueberries along the way.

In northern PA we came through areas where there were still evidences of early coal mining and iron working and the ruins of old villages that had housed the workers.

The weather was now much warmer, inclined to be humid, with occasional thundershowers. Fortunately, most of the steady rain came during the night. We were fortunate in being spared most of the discomfort we had expected from insects, probably because we were still on high ground. We did have mosquitoes in a few places, but the worst problem for us came from the small gnats that flew into my eyes. I called them SUICIDAL KAMIKAZES. Insect repellent proved useless.

During this stretch we spent the night in some unusual places, besides the regular shelters. In PA, at Palmerton, we slept under the Police Station in the basement of the Town Hall; in a former pottery studio with an octagonal plastic dome; in Boiling Springs, in a stately mansion dating from 1774, now a bed and breakfast, where John Hancock stayed as a guest. In Unionville NY, we were guests of a kind lady who invited us to set up our tent in her back yard.

At Greymoore Monastery, near Peakskill NY, we stayed in what were formerly the friars cells in the old part of the building. We spent a night in an old stone-walled cabin near the top of Killington in Vermont, and enjoyed the hospitality of three church hostels, at Delaware Water Gap PA,



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Manchester Center VT, and Cheshire MA. At Manchester Center, we held a 21st birthday party for one of the young men who had been hiking with us on this stretch. At Mt. Greylock, the highest point in Massachusetts, we stayed at Bascom Lodge and earned part of our bed and breakfast by helping the staff at supper and breakfast.

We continued to meet interesting people, on and off the Trail. At one shelter in PA we met a Holderness NH thru-hiker. At Port Clinton PA, a young man at the next table in a restaurant asked us many questions about our trip and how to plan a long hike. When we went to pay our bill the waitress told us the young man had paid it. In Vermont we met a young Scotsman from Edinburgh, who was working at a youth camp for the summer, and at Greenwood Lake NY, we spent the night as guests of Roger Buckner, who invites hikers to his cottage, giving them a wonderful supper and breakfast. We were to meet Roger again in Haverhill NH where his home is. Hikers call him from Glenclyff, Roger picks them up and takes them to his lovely old house.

In Kent CT, we sent our tent home, keeping only the rain-fly. This meant only good weather camping. We had both lost a good deal of weight and felt we needed to carry more food. Balancing the amount of food we could carry with the increasing size of our appetites was one of the most difficult problems we had. Breakfast usually was oatmeal with dates or raisins added for added calories and taste. Our midday meal was sandwiches, when we had bread, of cheese or peanut butter and jelly, topped off with granola bars or our own trail mix of peanuts, raisins and milk chocolate chips. Supper was a cup of dehydrated soup, with noodles or rice followed by a one-pot main dish, mostly pasta, rice or noodles with sauces or seasonings, sometimes a can of tuna, chicken or ham added, and ending with a cup of cocoa and a "sweet". Instant puddings made with dried milk were a favorite, or a candy bar or granola bar.

When we crossed over into Vermont on the 22nd of July, we began to feel almost home. The hills were becoming higher, the climbs stiffer and the trail rougher. We crossed Bromley, Stratton (where we rode the gondola down to the village for a big meal and supplies), Styles Peak, Peru Peak and Baker, then Killington. Heavy rain made us go into Woodstock to dry out and when we reached West Hartford, our oldest son picked us up and we spent three nights and two days at his home. Back on the Trail, we soon reached the NH border and came through Hanover.

Just beyond there, at Smarts Mountain, we had one of the greatest surprises of the whole trip. We met Bonnie Simpson, the home economics teacher at Alton School, and her husband. Bonnie had given us such good advice and encouragement when we started hiking. She is a Trail veteran which made it a very meaningful reunion.

When we reached Glenclyff, we called Roger and enjoyed his hospitality again.



KLAPSAKKA

Members of the Alton School Foreign Language Club prepare "Klapsakka" (potato cream broth) which is a recipe from Finland. Left to right are Dakota Benedetto, Danielle Decatur, and Chris Choquette.

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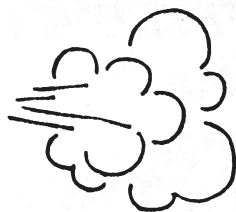
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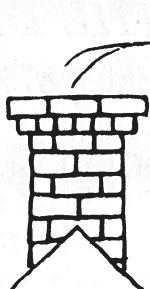
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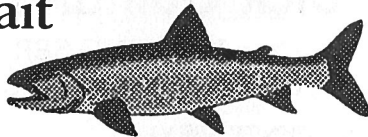
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MICHAEL O'BRIEN PRESENTED SPORTSMANSHIP CERTIFICATE

Michael O'Brien, a senior at Alton Central School, recently received the James V. "Skip" Regan Memorial Sportsmanship Certificate at a special awards assembly in recognition of his behavior during the past soccer season. The winner is selected by the members of the NH Soccer Officials Association.

Also recognized were student athletes who have been chosen as Rochester Courier All-Star Team members which recognizes outstanding high school athletes from the Rochester, Farmington and Alton area. Selected to the cross-country first team were Jeremy Everson and Stephanie Osborn. Selected to the soccer first team were Mike O'Brien, Marc Newlin, Heather Swabowicz, and David Overall. Keri Pelletier, Heather Patterson, and Sara Wyatt were chosen for the volleyball first team.

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- Fri. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Mon. 4 - SCHOOL REOPENS
- Wed. 6 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 8 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Epping, 7:30p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Epping, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 12 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Derryfield, 5p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Derryfield, 6:30p.m.
- Wed. 13 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 14 - GUNSTOCK SKI TRIP, 5p.m.
ZONING AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING, Town Hall, 7p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Belmont, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 15 - HOCKEY CLINIC SERIES BEGINS, Skating Rink, 3p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
WORD PROCESSING WORKSHOP, Gilman Library, 7p.m.
- Sat. 16 - CIVIC PROFILE REPORT, American Legion Hall, 9:30a.m.
BASKETBALL FREE-THROW COMPETITION, School Gym, 12:15p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Pittsfield, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 19 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Linwood, 5:30p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Linwood, 7p.m.
- Wed. 20 - FILING BEGINS FOR TOWN/SCHOOL POSTS
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 21 - TOWN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Alton School, 7p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Pittsfield, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 22 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 23 - TOWN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Alton School, 1p.m.
- Mon. 25 - DOGGIE "DO RIGHT" CLINIC BEGINS, Alton Bay Community Center, 7p.m.
- Tue. 26 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Pittsfield, 7p.m.
- Wed. 27 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 28 - SCHOOL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Alton School, 7p.m.
- Fri. 29 - TOWN ELECTIONS FILING ENDS, 5p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Epping, 7:30p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL at Belmont, 7:45p.m.
- Sat. 30 - SCHOOL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Alton School, 1p.m.

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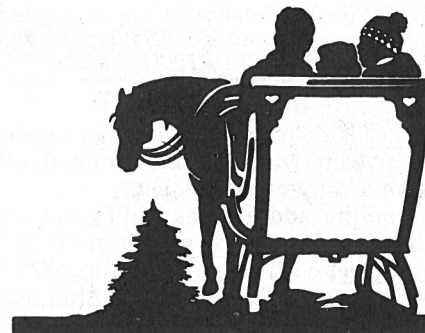
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- BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Meets 1st Thursday at 7p.m. at Gilman Library.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets Mondays at 9a.m. Chairman Reuben Wentworth. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets 3rd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Ruth Messier, 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.
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- 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.
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- Pennies on a Dead Woman's Eye by Marcia Muller
- The Body in the Vestibule by Katherine Page
- Changes at Fairacre by Miss Read
- Murder in the West Wing by Elliot Roosevelt
- Red Square by Martin Cruz Smith
- Mixed Blessings by Danielle Steele
- Blood Rules by John Trenhalle



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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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CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall
EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
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HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House
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COMMUNITY GENEROSITY KEY TO ALTON FIREFLIES COLLECTION

The Alton Fireflies, the Fire Department's auxiliary, credited many individuals, businesses and organizations for the success of the recent collection of clothing, toys, and food for those in need in the community.

Among those cited by Fireflies representative Judy Fry were the collection centers at the Farmington National Bank, the Town Hall, and the NH Electric Cooperative; Sue LeClerc's sixth grade girls; the Alton Village 5 & 10; the Alton Police Association; Happy Hobby Doll Club; American Legion Post #72; the many individuals who contributed money, toys, food and clothing; and the ladies who knitted hats, mittens, sweaters, and footwarmers.

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....33 candidates filed for town and school positions including seven competing for the position of Highway Agent.....the Gilman Library announced amnesty month for anyone returning long overdue books.....building permit fees were proposed by Building Inspector Michael Stanley.....Rori Boyce was chosen as a semi-finalist to represent NH in the USA Young Miss Pageant.....the Alton-New Durham Lions Club held a membership Open House.....Doris McGrath was elected president of the Garden Club.....Pam Andrade was named Town Administrator.....Philip Stinson was appointed to the Alton Police Department.....Gwen Jones was sworn in as Tax Collector following the resignation of Vikki Fogg.



IT'S "ANNUAL ICE-OUT" CONTEST TIME

By Lori Durkee

The Official Ice-Out Date and Time is one of the most talked about annual events on the Big Lake.

Official Ice-Out watchers determine the date and actual time the ice is out enough to allow the M/S Mt. Washington to reach each of its ports around the Lake.

Put on your Guessing Caps and get out your Ouija Boards. The lucky winner who guesses the closest date and time will receive a William Tell Inn gift certificate (dinner for two), compliments of Peter and Susan Bossert.

Voice of Alton, Inc., sponsors the contest which is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 28, 1993. All entries become the property of Voice of Alton, Inc. and the judge's decision is final.

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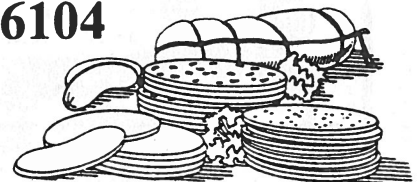
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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

SOME HUNTING SEASONS CONTINUE AS "HARD WATER" FISHING BEGINS

As January begins the new year, so do the seasons for the outdoors person. The hunting seasons that continue from 1992 through January are snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, and fox.

This winter, there seems to be a few snowshoe hare around the Alton area. Look for their large tracks around cut-over areas and swamp edges. The lucky hunter who can bag a hare or two can look forward to a tasty meal.

The winter hunter will not be the only one looking forward to a meal as there seems to be an abundance of fox and coyote in the area. These animals are usually hunted by making sounds imitating a hurt or dying rabbit to lure the animal within range. Do not be surprised at what may show up while calling. All predators are looking for an easy catch this time of year.

My wife and another hunting buddy both saw grey fox during the deer season and I heard of an arrow-killed deer that was left in the woods for one hour and in that time had its nose chewed off by coyotes. That's proof that they are here.

For the fisherperson, January is the start of "hard water" or ice fishing season. Some of the best fishing can be had as soon as the ice is safe enough to walk on -- about 3 to 4 inches. Remember, safety first! The rainbow trout in the big lake are even bigger this year.

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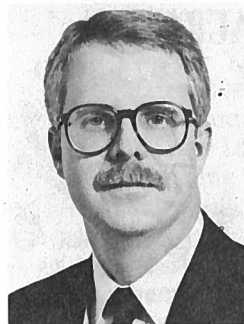
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By Crystal Newlin

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You don't even have to wait for a formal registration session to change your party affiliation. This can be done at any time at the Town Clerk's Office.

March is right around the corner and in order to vote in Town and School Elections you must be registered 10 days before election day. Voice your opinions through your vote.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLAN ANNUAL FREE-THROW TOURNEY

The Annual Basketball Free-Throw Competition sponsored by the Alton Knights of Columbus will be held at the Alton School Gym at 12:15p.m. on Saturday, January 16.

All boys and girls ages 10 through 14 are eligible to participate. Trophies will be awarded in each age group to the boy and girl with the best scores. Winners are eligible for the state competition in the spring. Entry forms are available at the School and they must be signed by parents.

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.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SITE MOVED

Women's Basketball Night has been moved from the Alton School Gym to the New Durham School during the basketball season.

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A VISIT FROM SANTA

Santa Claus visits with members of the Elementary Choir during last month's Christmas Concert at the Alton Central School.



**"STICKS AND PUCKS" CLASSES
SLATED FOR SKATING RINK**

A five-week "Sticks and Pucks" Hockey Clinic is planned by the Parks and Recreation Department at the skating rink behind the Central Fire Station on Route 140 beginning Friday, January 15. Sessions are scheduled for Fridays from 4 to 6p.m., Saturdays from 9a.m. to noon, and Sundays from 3 to 5p.m., weather permitting.

All ages and levels are welcome to learn the fundamentals of hockey, skating, stick and puck handling, eye/hand coordination, shooting, scoring, goal tending and team building.

Participants will be responsible for providing their own ice hockey stick and pads. The Rec Department will provide helmets, mouthguards and pucks. Anyone needing equipment should contact Recreation Director Kellie McGrath at 875-2161.

The cost is \$6 and space is limited. Early registration is recommended at the Town Hall January 4 - 13 or in the School Cafeteria from 2:45 to 3:15 on January 5 or 7.

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.

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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR PLANNING BOARD AMENDMENTS

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on three proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance on Thursday, January 14, 7p.m., in the Town Hall.

An amendment to Section 213 would allow lots of differing shapes to be created provided the ratio of length to width not exceed 3:1. Section 341 would be amended to eliminate numerous situations where properties are split between zones. The third amendment to Section 361 would cause Residential Rural zoning to be established west of the village and lower bay residential areas. Most of this area is presently zoned Rural.

There are no amendments submitted by petition.

Copies of the complete amendments are available from the Planning Office where maps of the properties involved are on display.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES HIRING OF SECRETARY/DISPATCHER

Chief of Police Thomas Mynczywor announced the hiring of Susan J. Roberts of Alton as a secretary/dispatcher for the Department. She joins Patricia Pellowe in the day-to-day operation of the office.

According to Mynczywor, "We will be able to provide better service by extending our office hours and having officers increase their patrol time."

Roberts has served as a transcriber for the Planning Board and other boards for several years.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

To the citizens of Alton, our employees, board and committee members, and all the volunteers who have served our community so well, we wish to say thank you and extend our best wishes for a Happy New Year.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 Reuben L. Wentworth
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THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

During the Friends of the Library Christmas Tea, Mary Batchelder presented a program featuring slides of the hike she and her husband took on the Appalachian Trail.

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She joins 25 other members representing the communities served by the VNA - Alton, Brookfield, Effingham, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, and Wolfeboro.

VNA Administrator Davena DeWolf reported that a total of 12,894 home visits were made to 534 residents. The Agency utilizes a staff of 32 full or part-time employees, as well as several contracted specialists to provide nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy, medical social services, and health aide services within the home setting.

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....Recreation Director Kellie McGrath who hasn't stopped to catch her breath since she began her responsibilities in October....Charlotte Kneeland who will lead the International Side-Saddle Organization, an equestrian group, in President-elect Bill Clinton's Inaugural Parade....all the individuals and organizations that contributed to and participated in the many holiday collections and events....State Representative Alice Ziegler who was elected vice chairman of the Belknap County Delegation....School music teachers Sue Long and Jim Butka for making the holiday season so enjoyable through their Christmas concerts.

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Hockey	6 to 9	6 to 9	4 to 7	6 to 9	4 to 7	3 to 5	3 to 7
General			7 to 9		7 to 9	5 to 7	7 to 9
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1. What do you think is the role of Gilman Library?
(Rank all items in the list below from 3 to 1 with 3 being the most important role, 2 being important and 1 being not important.)

- _____ The library as a community center.
- _____ The library as an interlibrary loan center.
- _____ The library as a reading and program center for adults.
- _____ The library as a reading and program center for children.
- _____ The library as an information agency and independent learning center for adults.
- _____ The library as a center for students.
- _____ The library as a reading and program center for young adults.
- _____ The library as a center for special groups.
(blind, physically handicapped, etc.)
- _____ The library as a center for local history and genealogy.

Comments:

2. How frequently do you use Gilman Library? (Circle one)

Often Occasionally Never If never, why not?

3. At what time of day do you typically use Gilman Library? (Circle one)

Mornings Afternoons Evenings

4. What do you use the library for most?
(Circle all that apply)

Best Sellers	Research	Cassettes/Records
Books on tape	Information/Reference	Videos
Large Print Books	Magazines	Adult Programs
Fiction	Newspapers	Afterschool Program
Non-fiction	Community News	Story Time
Children's Books	Copier	Interlibrary Loan

5. Are you in favor of a library expansion program?
(Circle one)

Yes

No

6. What materials should there be more of in the library?
(Circle all that apply)

Best Sellers	Reference Books	Computer Software
Books on tape	Magazines	
Large Print Books	Newspapers	
Fiction	Community News	
Non-fiction	Cassettes/Records	
Children's Books	Videos	

7. What do you feel are the most important ingredients of an expansion program? (Rank all items in the list below from 3 to 1 with 3 being the most important ingredients, 2 being important and 1 not important.)

_____	Separate children's program area
_____	Separate computer services area
_____	Separate reference area
_____	Expanded reading areas for adults
_____	Expanded reading areas for young adults
_____	Additional shelving/stacks
_____	Handicapped Accessibility
_____	Listening/Viewing Room
_____	Exhibit space for local artwork, historical artifacts, etc.
_____	Room for local history and genealogy

8. Comments:

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

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