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Alton, New Hampshire

ALTON 2 ALTONS GIFTS DELIVERED



A West Alton Official receives a check from Reuben Wentworth representing Alton's Flood Relief Committee.

A COMMENDATION ALTON 2 ALTONS FLOOD RELIEF COMMITTEE September 29, 1993

WHEREAS, residents of the Towns of West Alton, Missouri and Alton, Illinois have been devastated by flooding of the Mississippi River; and

- WHEREAS, the flooding has destroyed homes and businesses, has caused a large increase in unemployment, and has exhausted the resources of these communities; and
- WHEREAS, a massive cooperative effort will be required to rebuild the capacity of these communities to care for their residents and to provide basic services; and
- WHEREAS, The Town of Alton, New Hampshire is concerned about the plight of its sister communities; and
- WHEREAS, Town residents, elected officials, Town employees, local businesses, and local organizations have all been willing to

work together to raise funds to assist their neighbors in Alton, Illinois and West Alton, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, volunteer members of the "Alton 2 Altons Flood Relief Committee", through their hard work, have raised more than

\$11,000 to provide assistance to these two communities; and WHEREAS, this type of effort exemplifies the spirit and character of New Hampshire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN MERRILL, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire do hereby commend and congratulate the ALTON 2 ALTONS COMMITTEE and the residents of Alton, N e w Hampshire for their efforts and unselfish dedication to h e l p i n g neighbors in need.



Representatives Of Alton, Illinois accept Alton, New Hampshire's gift to support their flood relief efforts.



Selectmen Chairman Reuben Wentworth presents a check to a representative of the fire department in West Alton, Missouri.

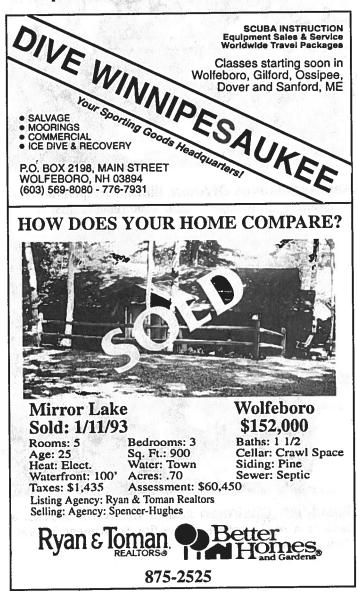
GUIDELINES ADOPTED FOR CONDUCT OF ALTON TOWN OFFICIALS

On September 28, the Board of Selectmen adopted new guidelines governing the conduct of town officials, whether elected, appointed or hired. The original code of ethics had been adopted by selectmen on November 6, 1989, and dealt almost exclusively with ethics.

The new regulations, in the form of a resolution, take the place of the 1989 guidelines and broaden coverage to include (a) Code of Ethics (b) N.H. Right to Know Law local impact (c) Rules for Meetings and Committee Organization and includes sections on "definitions" and "enforcement and implementation".

The Resolution states "the prime purpose is ... for the benefit of the public trust and in the interest of a system of town government which is fair, impartial and guarantees equal treatment under the law for every citizen." It applies to all "agents or employees of the Town of Alton and all other persons who serve on Town designated committees, boards, commissions, subcommittees and panels." All such personnel must receive a copy and sign off in agreement with the guidelines before beginning their service.

The Ethics section deals with conflict of interest and disqualifying selves in cases where a defined interest exists. It also spells out discrimination considerations, personal



CONTEST ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR BICENTENNIAL LOGO

The Bicentennial Committee is sponsoring a contest to design a logo for the up-coming 1996 bicentennial celebration.

This contest is open to all Alton students, year-round and summer residents. The idea is to design a logo which will be used throughout the 200th anniversary celebration. Publicity, signs and memorabilia will display this special logo.

Any size entries, limited to one per person, may be in black and white or color. The deadline is December 31, 1993, and entries should be brought to the Gilman Library.

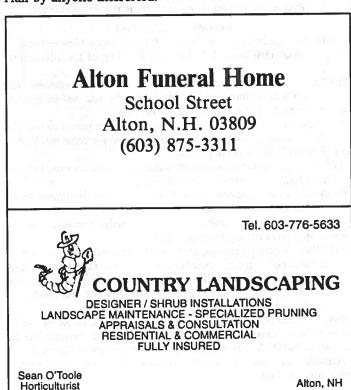
The prize will be announced at a later date and more information is available from Committee Chairman Nancy Merrill at 875-2626.

pecuniary interest in dealings, acceptance of gifts or money, reporting such instances, disclosure of confidential or privileged information or use of it for personal gain, and the matter of bribes and reporting.

The section on the Right to Know Law deals with the posting of meetings and minimums required, the public recording of meetings, what "minutes" are required and their required availability within 144 hours, the exclusion of secret ballots except where required by law, and the specific rules for non-public sessions.

The Public Meetings and Organization section deals with election of chairman, meeting by-laws or use of Robert's Rules of Order, use of town-owned buildings and exclusion of private homes, required written agendas, opportunity for public input, the seeking of legal advice, frequency of meetings and schedules, use of alternate members, and the importance of written correspondence.

Complete copies may be reviewed in detail at the Town Hall by anyone interested.



OKTOBERFEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department held its First Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 16, at the Route 140 recreational area.

Twelve booths were set up for the sale of handmade crafts, plants, assorted toys, sports cards, food items and more. The event was well attended and included live music and activities throughout the day.

The Road Rally was won by the team of Nina Liedtke, Brenda Bowman, and Erica Liedtke followed closely by Fran and Jim Washburn in second place. David James and Richard Evans won the Horseshoe Tournament.

First place in the Scavenger Hunt went to Korin Todd and Nicole Wentworth and second place was won by Diane and Kelly Eagles.

Blue Ribbon Event winners were: Best Dessert - Bake-n-Brew for chocolate cheesecake brownies; Best Zucchini Dish - Sonia Bowden for zucchini fritters; Largest Pumpkin -Britnay Bowden; Most Unique Gourd - Jay Sydow; and Ugliest Squash - Sonia Bowden.

Mike Burke sank 13 baskets in two minutes to win the Foul Shooting Contest.

Contributing their time and ideas to the event were the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Ginger Chicoine, Connie Quindley, Russ Jones, and Russ Sample.

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.



Sales Booths attracted many to the First Annual Oktoberfest held last month at the Route 140 Recreational Area.

JAKE THARPE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Eighth grader Jake Tharpe has been elected president of the Middle School Student Council at Alton Central School. Other officers are Jeremy Stein, grade 8, vice president; Anna Varney, grade 7, secretary; and Ryan Russell, grade 8, treasurer.

Other members of the Council are Jenny Martin, Jessica Benedetto, Marissa Southwell, and Korin Todd representing grade 6; Andy Fuller, Dan Alting, and Jennifer Downing representing grade 7; and Luke Jesseman from grade 8. Social Studies teacher Michael Folan is the Council Advisor.





WINTER BLOWOUT SKI AND SKATE SALE

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Ski and Skate Sale from noon to 4p.m. on Sunday, November 14, at the Alton Bay Community Center.

Anyone interested in selling skis or skates should contact the Department for space reservations at 875-0109.

HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in participating in <u>Main Street</u> is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 875-7300.

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collaters, folders and staplers to help put it all together once a month.

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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

HUNTING SAFELY MEANS HUNTER ORANGE

The colors of October fade away to the browns of November, ushering in the winter season. To the outdoors person the damp earthy smell, the crunch of the dry leaves, and the greater visibility are all reasons to be in the woods this month. November also brings deer season.

There will be more people in the woods this month than any other month of the year. Some hunters just enjoy the sights, sounds, or smells, some hunters just like to get away, but at the same time, they try to out some tasty venison on the table for Thanksgiving.

The first week of November gives one the chance to bag a wily whitetail with a single shot from a blackpowder muzzle loader. The season runs from October 30 to November 9 and both bucks and does are legal during this time. Remember, you need to purchase an additional license.

November 10 opens the regular firearms season throughout the state. Be sure to check the regulations for the deer management area you wish to hunt.

Even though a mandatory hunter orange bill failed to pass at the state level, the wearing of blaze orange by any firearm hunter is advised. Both my wife and I have seen situations in which a hunter could have been mistaken for a deer. Even black and red checks do not stand out in low visibility, shadowy, thick woods common to Alton.

We both have had deer walk up to within 15 feet while wearing full hunter orange. Deer are basically colorblind and perceive orange as a light gray. They don't notice the color, they notice your movement. I urge you to hunt safelywear some form of hunter orange and be visible to other hunters under all light conditions.

Luck be with you in bringing home some tasty venison!

It's a strange world. We've got mobile homes that don't move, sports clothes to work in, junk food that costs more than the real thing and sweatshirts to loaf in.

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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 clothing and toys may be dropped off at the Farmington National Bank, the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, and NH Electric Coop office on Main Street by Wednesday, December 15. Boys and Girls sizes 10 to 16 are needed.

Canned goods and donations are also welcome. 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, 40 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.

If you have any questions, Call Judy Fisichelli at 776-6172.

TOWN FACILITIES AND SCHOOL NOTE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Alton Central School, the Town Hall and the Transfer Station will be closed Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

On Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, the Town Hall and Transfer Station will be closed for Thanksgiving. School Thanksgiving vacation begins Wednesday, November 24.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The Board of Selectmen announced the employee of the month for August was Parks and Recreation Director Kellie McGrath.



THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

NEW 8-VOLUME SET AVAILABLE

Interested in learning more about the <u>Crisis in the</u> <u>Middle East</u>? Need to find out about <u>Life After Communism</u>? Come to the Gilman Library!

An 8-volume set of <u>Lands and Peoples</u> has only recently arrived, with two volumes devoted to the above questions, as well as six volumes pertaining to the rest of the world. These books were published in 1993, and, while events constantly change the "status quo", this is pertinent and relevant information.

The books will circulate - one week only - and will be offered to children and adults. Come take a look!

BAND STUDENTS SELECTED FOR MUSIC FESTIVALS

Four Alton students have been selected to participate in music festivals in November, according to Band Director Karen McCarthy.

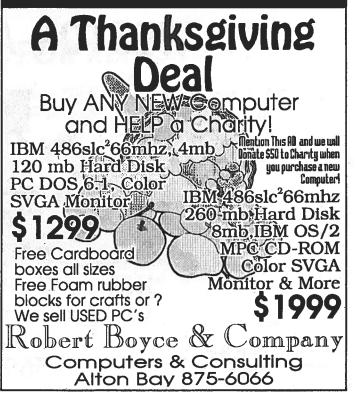
Michael Racine and Jeremy Everson, trumpet; Jessica Emanouil, flute; and Marissa Kelley, clarinet, will travel to Lake Placid, NY, for a four-day festival featuring the most accomplished band members in the northeast. Everson also will be a member of the All New England Festival Band at Plymouth State College.

THE BAY CHURCH

(Advent Christian)

WORSHIP - 11 AM WED. - 7 PM

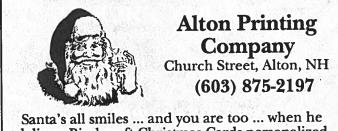
Now Worshipping at Moore Chapel on Alton Bay Christian Conference Center





ALTON TEAM BEATS SUNAPEE IN GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE MATCH

The Granite State Challenge team representing Alton High School recently defeated Sunapee High School in a first round match. The program will be televised in December on Channel 11. Team members are (seated left to right) Rob Boyce, John Herman, Mike Portigue, and Chip Fifield. Standing are English teacher Mark Murphy, coach; Brendon Mitchell, alternate; Jacob Swain, alternate; and Social Studies teacher Nancy Merrill, coach.



Santa's all smiles ... and you are too ... when he delivers Birchcraft Christmas Cards personalized with your name. See our big selection of beautiful cards styles soon.

EIGHT ALTON STUDENTS SELECTED FOR UNH PROJECT SEARCH

Eight Students from Alton Central School have been selected to participate in SEARCH at the University of New Hampshire. They are seniors Marc Newlin, Maureen Coots, Jessica House, Erik Widerstrom, and Courtney Newton and juniors Jesse McKinney, Mike Racine, and Brendon Mitchell.

SEARCH, Seminars for Advanced High School Students, provides an on-campus, intellectually challenging experience for academically talented high school seniors and juniors. Twelve high schools in southeastern New Hampshire and Maine participate.

Interdisciplinary lectures on topics such as Marine Biology, Capital Punishment, and Ethical Considerations in Dealing with World Hunger are followed by group discussions.

The students also will participate in an orientation program, ROPES, in which small groups work together to complete a task involving outdoor obstacles.

GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Holiday Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford at 12:30p.m. on Tuesday, November 9.

In place of a gift exchange, there will be a voluntary collection for the Alton Fireflies' Mrs. Santa Fund.

Committee members are Nicole Smith, chairman, Ellamarie Carr and Rosa Sullivan.

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!

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FOR SALE

1989 Ford Ranger, 5 Speed, 49,000 miles, Utility Box, Full Canvas, 2 New Front Tires, Asking \$6,500, 776-3229

Office Desk, 30"x 60", Wood Grain Top, Like Brand New, Only Asking \$85, 875-3759

Two 185/70 SR13 M&S Tires, \$20 pair; Two A78-13 Tires, \$20 pair; Jenny Lind Antique Spool Bed, Full Size, \$200; Two P-Vees, \$20 each, 293-7105

New 6mph Lifestyler Treadmill, Original Price \$400, Asking \$275, 776-2991

Red Girls Bike, 24" Peugeot 10 Speed, Excellent Condition, Good Christmas Gift, \$60, 875-3964

WANTED

Mom with Education Degree and 12 Years Preschool Experience would like to care for your child in her home. Full or part-time. Spaces available for children 12 months to 9 years old, 875-7369

Babysitting and Odd Jobs: Red Cross Babysitting Certified 13 Year Old, Responsible and Hard Working, Works Well with Children, 875-2253

Part-Time Office Person to work 15-20 hours a week in Consulting Forester's office. Job involves Typing, Working a Computer, Filing, etc., Some Experience Necessary, 875-5492 or 875-7626.

PERSONAL

The Boyce Family would like to thank all those who contributed to help them in the "Walk By The Sea" for the NH National Head Injury Foundation. Over \$12,000 was raised and our pledges totaled over \$500.

SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT WELCOMES "ALMOST ANYTHING"

The Art Department at Alton Central School is grateful for recent donations and continues in its goal of helping you clean out your garage, basement and closets.

Any old x-large tee shirts, old shower curtains, unused latex paint, magazines and any interesting odds and ends will be most welcome.

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November Events

Wed. 3 -STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m. Sat. 6 -3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, Alton Central School, 9a.m.

- SCOUTING FOR FOOD PICK UP, 9 to 11a.m.
- CROSS COUNTRY at Meet of Champions, 2p.m.
- Tue. 9 -ANNUAL MEETING, Garden Club, Pheasant Ridge Country Club, 12:30p.m.
- Wed.10 -STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu.11 -VETERANS DAY: School, Town Hall & Transfer Station Closed
- Sat.13 SPORTS CARD SHOW, American Legion Hall, 10a.m. to 5p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY at New Englands

Sun.14 -SKI AND SKATE SALE, Alton Bay Community Center, Noon to 4p.m.

Wed.17 -STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m. Wed.24 -STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.

THANKSGIVING RECESS BEGINS: Alton Central School

Thu.25 -THANKSGIVING DAY: School, Town Hall and Transfer Station Closed

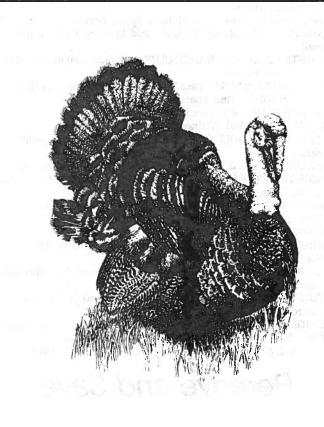
Fri.26 - HOLIDAY CLOSING: School, Town Hall and Transfer Station Closed

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MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

Schedules

CHURCHES:

Alton Bay Christian Conference Center - Sunday 10:30a.m. and 6p.m., Monday-Friday 9a.m., Saturday Prayer Breakfast 8a.m., 875-6161

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

11a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor, 875-5561

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

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

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

Monday & Friday 1 to 3p.m., Wednesday 9a.m. to 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

- **GILMAN LIBRARY:**
- Monday & Wednesday Noon to 8p.m., Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m., Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

TOWN HALL:

- Selectman's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
- Board of Selectmen 1st and 3rd Monday, 7p.m.; 2nd and 4th Monday, 9a.m.
- 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 Monday Thursday, 8:30a.m. 4:30p.m.; Friday, Noon - 8p.m.; Walk-in Office Hours, Wednesday 1 -4p.m. and Friday, 4 - 8p.m. For Appointment 875-5095. LANDFILL:
- Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 7a.m. to 3:30p.m. Sunday - Noon to 3:30p.m.
- Wednesday & Thursday Closed

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

Monday through Friday 10a.m. to 2p.m., Pearson Road Center ORGANIZATIONS:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday 8p.m., Alton Bay Community House

AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall

- COUNTRY DRIFTERS DANCE CLUB Thursday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community House
- CUB SCOUT PACK 53 Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall

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 April through October

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

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

- PC/IBM COMPUTER USERS 1st Monday 7p.m. Lee Maserian Residence 875-2988
- 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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Boards and Committees

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Virginia Gray, 875-7474.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Meets 4th Wednesday at 4p.m. at Gilman Library.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7p.m., 2nd & 4th Mondays at 9a.m. Chairman Reuben Wentworth. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets 3rd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Beverly Kempton, 875-2930

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Robert Boudreau, 875-6368.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. 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.

LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on Call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.

LEVY PARK TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Jonathon Downing, 875-7243.

OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets on Call, Chairman Diane Eagles, 875-2781.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Jay Sydow, 875-6792.

PLANNING BOARD - Meets 1st Tuesday at 7p.m. Chairman Larry Alting. Call 875-5095 for Appointment.

SCHOOL BOARD - Meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 6p.m. at School. Chairman Albert Burbank, 875-2222.

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

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

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

WATER COMMISSION - Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6p.m. Chairman George Jones, 364-6870. Office, 875-4200.

*ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on Call 2nd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Milton Jensen, 875-5990.

*DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION

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POLICE ASSOCIATION PLANS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Alton Police Association is coordinating the annual Thanksgiving food and fruit basket program. The baskets will be assembled at and distributed from the Central Fire Station on Sunday, November 21, with the help of organizers Elaine MacDonald and Pat Pellowe and, hopefully, many volunteers,

Donations of canned goods (money is also welcome) has begun at the Police Station. Make checks out to the Police Association, making sure to write "Thanksgiving Baskets" on the check or on a piece of paper if sending cash.

Volunteers for assembling or delivering baskets may call MacDonald at 875-6389 or Pellowe at 875-3752 for more information or to suggest the name of a shut-in or a needy family.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Alton Firefighter Steve Bell presented a fire safety program to students at Alton Central School during Fire Prevention Week last month.



HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OFFICERS NAMED

High school class officers have been elected at Alton Central School for 1993-94. They are:

Senior Class - Chip Fifield, president; Maureen Coots, vice president; Courtney Newton, secretary; and Kurt Thomits, treasurer.

Junior Class - Brendon Mitchell, president; Matt Christy, vice president; Jessica Emanouil, secretary; and Rob Boyce, treasurer.

Sophomore Class - Stephanie Osborn, president; Amy Russell, vice president; Jessica Locke, secretary; and Laura Coots, treasurer.

Freshman Class - Kara Damon, president; Laura Levesque, vice president; Wendy Kenerson, secretary; and Dorene Lemay, treasurer.

SPORTS CARD SHOW SPONSORED BY CUB SCOUTS

Alton Cub Scout Pack 53 is sponsoring a Sports Card Show on Saturday, November 13, at the American Legion Hall from 10a.m. to 5p.m.

The show will be run by M & M Sports Cards with proceeds benefitting the Cub Scout Pack. There will be an opportunity to buy, sell or trade all types of cards and free cards will be given to all who attend. For more information, call Mike Currid at 875-5375.

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament for males and females, ages 9 to adult, will be sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, November 6, at Alton Central School.

Starting times are scheduled by age: 9 to 13 years - 9a.m.; 14 to 15 years - noon; and 16 to adult - 2p.m.

Teams must register at the School or the Parks and Recreation Department by November 2. The fee is \$6 a team and prizes will be awarded in each age category. Call 875-0109 for more information.

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BICENTENNIAL FOCUS By John Herman

TOWN HALL DEDICATED MAY 7, 1894

The chilling autumn air has swept our town changing the familiar green leaves into an assortment of beautiful colors. The local flock of geese have begun their long trek to warmer weather. The front lawn of our dear Gilman Library acquires a layer of frost each morning. Frost also clings itself to the windows of our ever present Town Hall. The Town Hall has seen many frosts in its time. Ever since May 7, 1894, when the hall was dedicated, it has stood as a symbol for our town and its people. The people of our town 2have always come out over the odds, casting away their differences and working together to better the community.

At the annual town meeting of 1893, a formal agreement was made to build a new meeting house. The Old Bay Meetinghouse having been used since the 1790's had become run down and inconvenient. A committee consistingof townspeople such as Ellsworth H. Rollins, George H. Demerritt, and Charles H. Downing was chosen to solve this problem. The committee raised ten thousand dollars and purchased the Tobias Berry lot, which had previously been covered with flourishing orchards. This purchase was made for one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, a substantial sum of money at that time. At a special meeting on Halloween 1893, the erection of the meetinghouse was won by G.H. Proctor and Son and after some common bickering they decided that brick would be most beneficial for the structure. Also



at this milestone meeting the architect was hired, A.T. Ramsdell of Dover. At the next regular meeting, an added five thousand dollars was raised making the total raised amount fifteen thousand. When the building was completed, the cost had reached fifteen thousand and ninety eight dollars and seventy five cents. This included the

The dimensions of the building are forty-eight feet by eighty feet. The first story is eleven feet, four inches high. The tower is eighty-five feet high and sixteen foot square in length and width.

The building was formally dedicated on Monday, May 7, 1894 creating a major event in the history of Alton. A great celebration followed the dedication, among the activities were a

Many such events have been held in the Town hall. So many that the meetinghouse had once acquired the nickname, the "Old Opry House". Apart from town meetings and the school (Continued on Page 11)

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exercises from 1904 to 1956, dramas and minstrel shows, Memorial Day celebrations, and Fourth of July celebrations; many other worthy town events have been held within the doors of the "new" meetinghouse. Unfortunately, shows like these have not been seen for years. I wish wonderful things like this would come back to Alton to show the younger people of this community what a great place Alton is... Some of us already know.



MARC NEWLIN HEADS STUDENT COUNCIL AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Marc Newlin has been elected president of the High School Student Council at Alton Central School for the 1993-94 school year. Other officers are Jeremy Everson, vice president; Heather Salvatore, secretary; and Jacob Swain, treasurer. All are seniors with the exception of Swain who is a member of the sophomore class.

Council representatives are seniors Lisa Wentworth and Erik Widerstrom, juniors Rachel Irvin and Justin Swain, sophomores Matt Pelletier and Marissa Kelley, and freshmen Thaisae Whitehouse and Jenecia Everson.

Assistant Principal Kimball Walen is the council advisor.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD PICK UP **IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Collection bags for the annual Scouting for Food drive were distributed Saturday, October 30, by members of Cub Scout Pack 53.

On Saturday, November 6, members of the Pack will return to collect the bags between 9 and 11a.m. Bags with your donation of packaged and canned goods should be left on the door or in another visible location.

An elevator operator grew tired of people constantly asking him for the time, so he hung a clock in the elevator. Now, all day long people ask him, "Is that clock right?"



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TRAVELS TO LITHUANIA: THE CONCLUSION By Lori Durkee

This issue concludes the story of Kevin Thomits' three week visit to Vilnius, Lithuania, with Vytautas (Vee-tus) and Halina Jurkunas and their two sons, Jonas and Andrius.

I left off where Kevin, Jonas and friends were spending a few days at the Jurkunas summer home in Nida and had met a group of Americans who had come to Nida with Project Harmony. Project Harmony is similar to the Exchange Program: a group of girls and boys travel to a foreign country to live with host families, proving peoples of different colors, religions, languages, and beliefs can live and communicate together in harmony. Kevin, Jonas and friends rode back to Vilnius with the Americans.

Let's begin by learning something of Lithuania. It is a nation that regained its independence in 1991 after more than 50 years of forced annexation to the Soviet Union. Lithuania covers 25,174 square miles and has an estimated 1993 population of 3,791,000. Most of Lithuania consists of flat and gently sloping land. Beautiful white sand dunes on a long strip of land that separates a lagoon from the Baltic Sea provides a popular resort area. The country has thousands of lakes and hundreds of rivers.

Lithuania has 16 universities and colleges. The chief agricultural products are beef cattle, dairy products and hogs. Chemicals, food products and petroleum products are among its primary manufacturing output. Choral singing and dancing in decorative national costumes have become an annual festive tradition since the 1920s.

Back to Kevin. The boys arrived home Friday evening and retired for the night. Saturday, Kevin, Jonas and Andrius toured the city and shopped. Sunday, they shopped at an open-air market in Vilnius.

For most of the remaining days with the Jurkunas family, the boys would hang out in a park below the Gediminas Tower near Cathedral Square, and spend time in the city. One day they went to the largest black market in Eastern Europe, just outside Vilnius, with Mr. Jurkunas, where he shopped for car parts and paint. The family's Great Dane was left in the car to guard it from being stolen. Vytautas, Jonas, Andrius and Kevin ate at a kiosk ... similar to our concession booths ... only some sell foods, some





wares, cigarettes, lighters, matches, candles, drinks, gum, hot dogs, ice cream, sandwiches, sodas, etc. Lithuania has only one sub kiosk where barbecue beef, turkey and Italian subs are sold.

The next day, Andrius took Kevin to visit the Mazoji Sala Theatre and Art College that Andrius attends. That night they partied at the Journalistikas Cafe and met up with two Danes and a German. The Danes and German spoke fluent English. A reminder ... Kevin drank soda.

The following day Kevin remained home as Jonas was ill and Andrius left for Nida. Jonas felt better the next day so they did more sightseeing and spent the evening, once again, at the Journalistikas Cafe.

Monday, July 26, Kevin received a call from Mr. Knight, Director of the Laconia-Lithuania Exchange Club, saying he had arrived in Vilnius. Kevin asked him if he would retrieve his camera from Andrius when he returned from Nida and bring it back to the U.S.since Andrius would be back after Kevin left for home. Mr. Knight said he would be more than happy to.

On Tuesday, Kevin did some last minute shopping. He bought amber necklaces, military clothing, military insignia buttons and medals, various Russian hats, etc. That evening, Kevin packed for his homeward trip and attended a going home party at the theater.

Kevin arrived in Newark, New Jersey, about 9:30p.m. on Wednesday, July 28. He spent the night and arrived in Alton about 8p.m. the next day after making stops at relatives and friends.

Kevin says he enjoyed the partying with Andrius best. He said Andrius' friends were lots of fun to be around.

The people of Lithuania, for the most part, live quite spontaneously and are quite talented. Both Vytautus and Halina are artists.

I would like to bring this amazing story to a close with a little of Kevin's goals and hobbies. He thinks big and sets high goals for himself that include more travelling, becoming a professional painter or becoming a professional in the theater ... behind the scenes and on stage. His hobbies are travelling, acrylic painting and theater.

The best of luck and success to Kevin in all that you strive to be and do!

A HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

(The following history of Veterans Day is courtesy of the Department of Veteran Affairs)

The observance of Veterans Day goes back to 1921 when an American Soldier - his name "known but to God" - was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The burial site of this unknown World War I soldier became the personification of dignity and reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey, in France, the Arc De Triomphe).

These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I hostilities at 11a.m., November 11, 1918 - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The day became known as "Armistice Day".

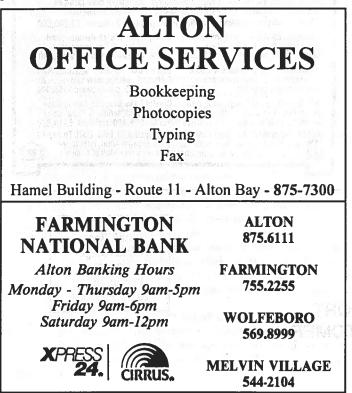
Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action.

If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the war to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But shortly after the holiday was proclaimed, World War II broke out in Europe and shattered that dream.

More than 16 million Americans served during World War II and more than 400,000 died in service during that period. The families and friends of these dead longed for a way to honor their memory - to honor veterans of all wars.

An answer to the dilemma of how to pay tribute to those who had served in this latest great war came in a proposal made by Kansas Congressman Edwin K. Reese. He introduced legislation to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day and make this an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars.

President Eisenhower, in 1954, signed the bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day, and he called for



Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.

Additional significance was added to Veterans Day in 1958, when two more unidentified American war dead - one from World War II and the other from the Korean Conflict were brought to Arlington Cemetery from overseas, and interred beside the World War I soldier.

On Memorial Day 1984, an unidentified American war dead from the Vietnam Conflict was interred alongside the other unidentified dead at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

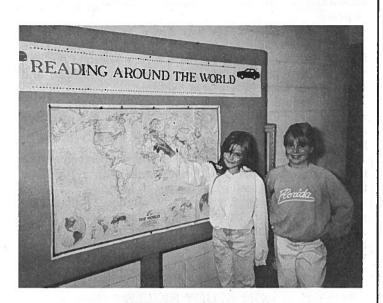
From 1971 to 1975, Veterans Day was observed on the fourth Monday in October in compliance with a 1968 law that changed most national holidays to Mondays.

Believing, however, that the November 11 date held great significance for this country, Congress passed a law in 1975 which returned the holiday to November 11. The law became effective in 1978, the 60th anniversary of the World War I armistice.

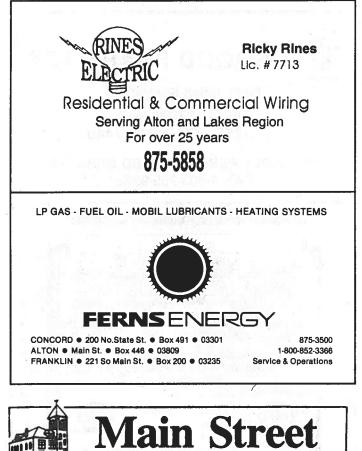
PTCO CONSIDERING WORKSHOP ON STUDY SKILLS

The Alton Central School PTCO is considering a study skills workshop in January for students and parents. Anyone interested should call the School at 875-7500 before November 15 and indicate the grade level of your child.





Fourth Graders Randi Desmarais (left) and Kristie Roberts display the world map where the miles will be charted as students read around the world.



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ALTON STUDENTS PLAN TO "READ AROUND THE WORLD"

Students in Kindergarten through grade 5 at Alton Central School have been challenged by Reading Director Donna Downie to take a reading trip around the world!

Each class will attempt to reach a goal of 24,902 minutes of recreational reading at home, with each minute representing a mile in the distance around the world. Students in kindergarten and grade one will receive credit for the time they are read to each day.

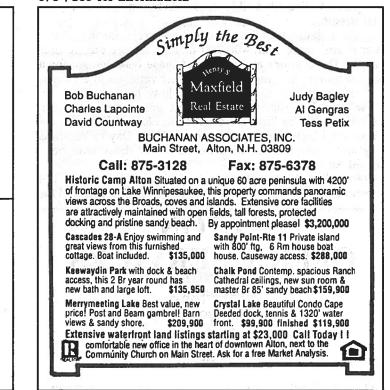
The mileage will be posted on a world map each week as parents report on their child's progress. A classroom ice cream party will be awarded to the winning classes.

Many families have already signed contracts to "Tame the Tube" by turning off the television one half hour each day. This time can be used for reading around the world.

According to Downie, "Our goal is recreational reading on a daily basis that will become a lifetime habit."

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