

Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire



QUILTS FOR AT-RISK BABIES

Members of the 8th Grade Home Economics class at Alton Central School display the quilts they made for at-risk babies. These quilts will be donated through a non-profit organization started by Ellen Ahlgren of Northwood, NH, in 1988. Last year 150,000 quilts were donated to babies. The project was coordinated by Home Economics teacher Linda Gaulin.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT LOOKS INTERESTING AND SIGNIFICANT

By Bob Calvert

When Town Moderator John Duffek gavels the 1995 Annual Town Meeting to order on Saturday afternoon, March 18, at 1p.m. at the Alton Central School gymnasium, it will be "one down and 26 to go!" (Articles, that is!). Article One in its several parts includes voting by ballot for town officers on Tuesday, March 14, from 7a.m. to 7p.m. And it also includes several amendments to the zoning ordinance, some by petition, and some from the Planning Board, and one amendment to the Building Regulations. The best way to prepare to yote on these, if you didn't get to a public hearing, is to drop by the Town Hall and get a summary of these amendments.

Articles 2 through 27 will be dealt with from the Town Meeting floor with two-way communication and group participation in discussion as needed. It will mean those hard metal chairs and a meeting as long as you want to make it! 21 of these remaining 26 articles have specific money considerations. Only five articles don't. If history repeats itself, the earlier articles will have more lengthy discussion. Those late on the warrant, and with diminished attendance, will be briefer.

The Net Operating Budget Article bottom line, exclusive of (Continued on page 14)

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ALTON RESIDENTS FILE FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

Alton School board member and former State Legislator Arnold "Pete" Shibley is unopposed for a three year term for Selectman and Fire Chief Russell Jones was the only filer for the one-year term.

Four candidates have filed for the three-year terms on the School Board. Incumbent chairman Al Burbank has filed, as have Arthur "Skip" Thomits, Robert Lowthian and Donald Mitchell.

Former School Board member Richard Quindley faces no opposition for a two-year term on the Board to fill the post held by Crystal Newlin, who resigned from the School Board after it voted to initiate steps to withdraw from School Administrative Unit 51.

Incumbent Fire Ward David Jensen is opposed by Charles Adams Jr. in a race for a three-year term and there is a three-way race for two three-year terms on the Planning Board with incumbents Harold Bothwick and Francis Metcalfe opposed by former Town Planner Glenn McLean. Incumbent David Sleeper faces no opposition for a two-year term on the Planning Board and David Dolan is unopposed for the one year Planning Board post.

There is a four-way race for Water Commissioner with incumbent Carl Ciampo opposed by Sherman Brown, Stanley Czech and Malcolm Simonds.

Only two candidates have filed for the three three-year Budget Committee positions, incumbent Gregory Fuller and Dean DeRoche. Stanley Moulton is unopposed for a one year term on the Budget Committee.

Also facing no opposition are incumbents Joseph Houle, Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years; David Countway, Library Trustee for 3 years; Jane Porter, Cemetery Trustee for 3 years; Terri Noyes, School District Moderator for one year; Jeanne Sullivan, School District Clerk for one year; and Shirley Young, School District Treasurer for one year.

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES

Tuesday, March 14 - Town and School Elections
Central Fire Station - 7a.m. to 7p.m.
Saturday, March 18 - Town Meeting
Alton Central School - 1p.m.
Saturday, March 25 - School District Meeting
Alton Central School - 1p.m.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN DISMISS POLICE CHIEF

The Board of Selectmen dismissed Police Chief Stephen I. Marshall after four months of probationary service.

Town Administrator Scott Dunn said that the decision to let Marshall go was based on the determination that the chief had not satisfied the terms of his one-year probation. Leadership abilities, personal conduct and managerial skills were part of the review.

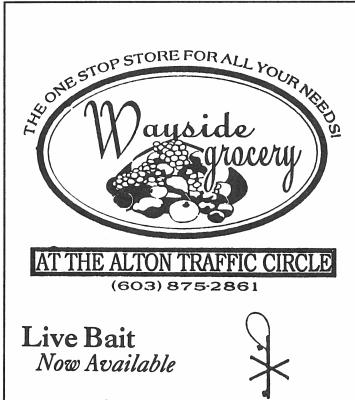
Dunn said that the review of the chief's performance was both a regularly scheduled part of the process and was initiated by a specific recent situation.

At press time, there was no announcement regarding another search for Marshall's replacement.

NEW COUNSELING SERVICE OFFERED IN ALTON BAY

The Bay Church has recently opened its counseling service under the direction of Reverend David Nolan. This service provides counsel that is sound both psychologically and spiritually. Rev. Nolan, who lives in Alton, received his bachelor's degree from Harvard University in psychology and a master's degree in pastoral counseling from Eastern Nazarene College.

Individual counsel will be available to members of the church and the community. Classes and training dealing with problems many people have will also be scheduled. For further information you can call the Bay Church at 875-6765 or contact Rev. Nolan at his home at 875-6522.



Ice Fishing

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING IS SATURDAY, MARCH 25

By Carol Fritz

The School District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at the Alton Central School Gymnasium at 1p.m.

Included in the articles for voters to consider are several standard issues. Voters will be asked to accept reports from agents, auditors, and committees. Salaries for district officers and listed in Article Two, a total of \$6,175 for services provided by Board Members, School Treasurer, Clerk, Moderator, Checklist and Ballot Clerks. Article Three asks voters to indemnify and save harmless employees from legal action when they perform their duties for the district and Article Nine asks the voters to authorize the District to apply for and expend monies from grants and other outside sources during the fiscal year.

The proposed operating budget appears in Article Four in the amount of \$4,226,633. This amount does not include dollar figures requested in other articles. Continued support of voters is requested for the technology plan previously approved. The amount of \$20,000 is requested for computer implementation and \$5,000 for software. The article also includes an additional \$20,000 for labor for roof repair in the Art and Music Wing. The materials are being supplied, labor is the only expense for this repair. The heating system in the section of the school which houses middle school students will require additional funds to complete the upgrade. Voters approved a two year expenditure of \$15,000 and the request is for an additional \$10,000 based on anticipated complications as the system is brought up to code specification and efficiency.

The town is asked to appropriate \$41,375 for a double wide modular unit for two additional classrooms.

There is also an article asking voters to exclude District officials, like election workers, from the social security plan until they earn \$1,000 in a calendar year. The present plan includes anyone earning more than \$100 in a calendar year.

Article Five asks the district to consider the Factfinder's recommendations which were to give to the School Board on December 29, 1994. The report was generated as an attempt to resolve the collective bargaining impasse between the Board and the Alton Teachers Association. The dollar figure will be available at District Meeting and the Factfinder's report can be reviewed by any citizen prior to the meeting by contacting Budget Committee members or School Board members.

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ALTON STUDENT/ATHLETES HONORED BY COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN

Two Alton Central School students were among 273 student/athletes recently honored at the 8th Annual New Hampshire High School Women Athletic/Academic Award Ceremony at the State House in Concord.

Recognized were Jesse McKinney and Jessica Emanouil who were nominated by Principal George Rogers based on the following criteria: 1. Senior in high school. 2. Maintain a B+grade point average. 3. Participate in two varsity sports. 4. Demonstrate qualities of good citizenship and be a positive role model for peers.

Jesse McKinney is a member of the volleyball and softball teams and lists Boston College, Weaton College, Clark University and Mt. Holyoke at the top of her collegiate hopefuls.

Jessica Emanouil is a member of the basketball, volleyball and softball teams and has applied for acceptance at Boston College, Boston University, Weaton College, and the University of New Hampshire.

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

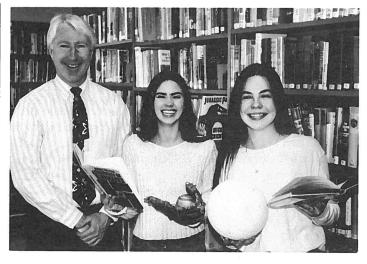
According to a town ordinance, automobiles are not permitted to be parked on any highway in Alton between midnight and 6a.m. from December 1 through April 1.

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

READ ALOUD VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

During the month of March, the students of the Alton Central School will share the enjoyment of literature with one another. We need volunteers to read to the students. If you would like to share your time with us, please contact Jan Balise at 875-7373.

To many parents today, youth is stranger than fiction.



SCHOLAR/ATHLETES

Principal George Rogers congratulates Jesse McKinney (center) and Jessica Emanouil on their recent selection as student/athletes.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

Information may be submitted in writing to <u>Main Street</u> about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public. Color or black and white photos of your organization's events are also welcome.

Send any material to P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit material. For additional information call 875-7300.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Alton Seniors Association will sponsor a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 11. This event will take place at the Pearson Road Community Center from 5 until 7p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

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MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON RICHARD G. CANUEL HEALTH OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

By Carol Fritz

Building inspector and health officer Richard Canuel works for us from his office on the second floor of Town Hall. The floor creaks in the hallway, letting Dick know when visitors approach. He was glad to chat and share information about his position and his service to the community. He came to work in Alton early in November 1992, bringing extensive background in code enforcement from training he received in Virginia. His code enforcement career followed work in the construction field, including training as an electrician and heating and air conditioning person.

Dick's certifications line the wall, attesting to his expertise in plumbing, electrical, mechanical, fire protection, and building inspection. He shared the code books from B.O.C.A. (Building Officials and Code Administrators) which are used to make certain that buildings and equipment are safe for the inhabitants and the community. He also chairs the training and education committee for the New Hampshire Building Officials Association. Dick stays active and current with the continuously changing rules and regulations.

Dick wears many hats and described his job as different every day. Some days he meets with citizens who plan to build a new home, other days he inspects septic systems. His ongoing obligation to enforce state wetlands regulations takes him to many locations through the town. He can also be seen at Zoning Board meetings, providing information at Selectmen's meetings and at the Health Advisory Board.

His career keeps him very busy, but Dick makes time to be a husband and a father. He enjoys skiing and motorcycle riding

SALES SPACE ON VOTING DAY

The Town and School Election will take place from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station, Route 140, on Tuesday, March 14.

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

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with his wife. He also shares household duties, a choice he explains since he lives there, too. He and his 15 year old son enjoy target shooting and deer hunting. And just to be certain that he keeps busy, he serves as a member of the Fire Department.

Dick has worked very hard to insure the safety and welfare of the citizens of Alton. He welcomes all citizens to call or visit his office should questions arise; his door is always open. Dick is very serious about his job, a thoughtful man who has committed himself to the public good. Dick does have a lighter side and he shared a dream he and his wife have. Some day they will buy a huge sailing ship and play pirates as they sail around the Caribbean. Out meeting ended on that pleasant note; he was expecting another member of the community who needed his help.

EVENT INFORMATION NEEDED FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Please submit any information about upcoming activities and events for publication in the Summer Activity Schedule including name of event, location, date, time, sponsor, contact person and phone number.

The information should be mailed to the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, Post Office Box 550, 03809, or dropped off at the Alton Village 5 & 10 before April 1.

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Home Song by LaVyrle Spencer

No Night Too Long by Barbara Vine

Justice by Lary Watson

Imperfect Strangers by Stuart Woods

NON-FICTION

Tell Them We Remember by Susan Bachrach

Savory Stews by Jaques Burdick

Summer Furniture: Practical Designs for the Back Yard by

Thomas Carpenter

Securing Your Child's Future: A Financial & Legal Planner for

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Raising Children Toxic Free by Herbert & Landrigan

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The Cosmic Connection by Charles Sagan

How to Write a Children's book & Get It Published by Barbara

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Baseball: An Illustrated History by Ward & Burns

The Leveling Wind: Politics, the Culture, & Other News by

George Will

CASSETTES

The Edge by Dick Francis **Driving Force by Dick Francis** Sheba by Jack Higgins Home Song by LaVyrle Spencer

REFERENCE

Dictionary of American Biography, Supplement 10

HELP WANTED ON MARCH 30

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street 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 collators and staplers to help put it all together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

Parents never appreciate teachers until it rains all weekend.

NH POLICE TO OFFER CADET TRAINING

The New Hampshire Police Cadet Training Academy Advisory Committee announces that it has applications available for the 22nd Annual Basic Session and the 14th Annual Advanced Sessions.

The Academy will be held from Saturday, June 24, to Friday, June 30, at the Daniel Webster College, in Nashua.

This co-educational program, which is open to candidates 15-18 years of age, is held to give young people who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement a simulated. hands on, realistic experience in the field. The Academy's goal is to provide the student with exposure to the skills and knowledge needed to be an effective law enforcement officer in today's society if he/she so chooses this field.

This is funded by the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association and the New Hampshire Police Association with support services provided by the Exploring Division of the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America and the staff at the Academy.

Fee for the Academy is \$100. Deadline for the application and medical forms is May 26. The basic session (those attending the Academy for the first time) is limited to 100 candidates. The advanced session (for those who have successfully completed the basic session) is limited to 36. Applications are available by contacting the Alton Police Department.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Free Tax help is being offered by VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) to help people with basic returns, particularly elderly, handicapped, and non-English speaking taxpayers. Participants are asked to bring a copy of last year's return.

A representative will be at the Pearson Road Community Center on Tuesdays from 10a.m. to noon. Call Leo Panit at 875-3287 for more information.

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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS

As candidates filed for office, they were given a form that asked "Why are you seeking this office?". These forms were returned to Main Street for publication in this issue.

SELECTMAN FOR ONE YEAR

RUSSELL E. JONES

I have a strong commitment to the town and have answered a call to serve in this capacity again. I am obligated to carry out the will of the majority and also will expect citizen input. I would like to see more people step forward and participate in town boards.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR 3 YEARS DAVID COUNTWAY

I am interested in continuing to serve with Shirley Copeland and Ellamarie Carr as we plan for a major expansion to the Gilman Library. Our plan will provide the necessary space for resources and services. I wish to continue encouraging support from the community in our fund-raising efforts.

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR 3 YEARS SHERMAN H. BROWN

I have been directly connected to the Town of Alton water system for over 18 years, either by working for the water receiver themselves or directly on the entire system. I feel that my input could be of great benefit for maintaining good quality water at reasonable rates.

CARL LEE CIAMPO

We have completed many projects including replacement of services on Barnes Avenue and Bay Hill. We also made important decisions on the water treatment facility. With my experience, I feel I would be able to represent water users fairly. I also believe in finding ways to keep water rates low.

MALCOLM F. SIMONDS

Candidate for Water Commissioner, native of Alton for fifty-seven years, ex-Commissioner. I'm not afraid to speak out, when necessary. Careful to see that funds are spent where most needed. Also, as your director of the Solid Waste Center, my budget of over \$150,000 each year, I spend efficiently.

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 3 YEARS GREGORY FULLER

I have learned a great deal about the finances of the town after my first year on the Budget Committee. There is a great deal to

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do in prioritizing how and where money is spent. We must realize that there is not an endless supply of money to be had.

PLANNING BOARD FOR 3 YEARS

GLEN D.J. MCLEAN

I'm seeking the office of Planning Board member to assist with the Master Plan update and to assist the Board in general. I'm also interested in investigating the possibility of Alton hosting a community cornerstones project to recognize and preserve Alton's significant historical and cultural attributes.

FRANCIS C. METCALFE

To the people of Alton: I have enjoyed serving on the Planning Board these past two years. I would like to continue to do so in order to serve the people and the Town of Alton - making the proper decisions for both.

PLANNING BOARD FOR 2 YEARS

DAVID P. SLEEPER

I feel that my knowledge of building and subdivision requirements, gained during my thirty years in the building trade and during my year as a Planning Board appointee, will be advantageous in this position. I am willing to devote my time to benefit the community in which I live.

PLANNING BOARD FOR ONE YEAR

DAVID DOLAN

As Alton continues to grow, I feel an obligation to help preserve the quaint characteristics of our resort community while we encourage commercial growth in the appropriate zones.

SCHOOL BOARD FOR 3 YEARS

AL BURBANK

Having served for three years on the Board, I feel strongly there is more to be accomplished and things to be completed that have been started. Curriculum work and study has been started but needs to be completed. I feel that I have knowledge and can help in this area.

DONALD MITCHELL

I will try to make fair and honest decisions. I will try to keep the needs of the town, the school, the teachers, and most of all the students, foremost in any decision to insure that our school continues to be a source of pride to the town of Alton.

SCHOOL TREASURER FOR 1 YEAR SHIRLEY E. YOUNG

I have been elected to the position of School Treasurer since 1972. I thank all who have voted for me in the past and again ask for your vote. I work in town and am able to get to the SAU office or school on short notice as needed.

Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. All the rest have 31, except February, which seemed to have 80.

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CHORUS REPRESENTATIVES

Representing the High School Chorus are (left to right standing) Laura Levesque, alto; Thaisae Whitehouse, soprano; Jaime Sample, soprano; Choral Director Lindsay Cameron; (left to right kneeling) Brendon Mitchell, baritone; and Heath Patterson, baritone.

ALTON STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 1995 LAKES REGION MUSIC FESTIVAL

Four members of the Concert Band and five members of the High School Chorus from Alton Central School participated in the Lakes Region music Festival in Gilford last month.

The Chorus was represented by Jaime Sample, soprano; Thaisae Whitehouse, soprano; Laura Levesque, alto; Brendon Mitchell, baritone; and Heath Patterson, baritone. They were accompanied by Choral Director Lindsay Cameron. The LRMF Chorus performed seven pieces under the direction of Dr. Hubert Bird of Keene State College.

The Concert Band was represented by Jessica Emanouil, flute; Andrea Guftormsen, clarinet; Michael Racine, trumpet; and John Herman, trombone. Band Director Anne Stevens accompanied the students. Michael Hathaway, who recently retired after 30 years of teaching at Kenneth High School in Conway, directed the band.

The Lakes Region Music Festival is in its 11th year and was designed to provide students of the Lakes Region with a





BAND REPRESENTATIVES

Representing the Concert Band are (left to right) Michael Racine, trumpet; Andrea Guttormsen, clarinet; Band Director Anne Stevens; Jessica Emanouil, flute; and John Herman, trombone.

festival experience. Currently 14 schools participate in this annual event. Students are selected through a nomination process by their directors. The festival is open to all high school students who participate in either their school's band and/or choral program.

The 1996 Lakes Region Music Festival will be hosted by Kingswood High School in Wolfeboro.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Candidate Night on Wednesday, March 8, at 7:30p.m. in the Music Room of the Alton Central School. This is your opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their opinions on local issues.

A long-winded speaker should realize that while the Constitution guarantees free speach, it doesn't guarantee listeners.

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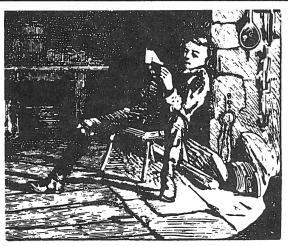
The Gilman Library has recently received a bibliography of New Hampshire History sources in school, Aaademic, and public libraries. Anyone interested is more than welcome to peruse this resource.

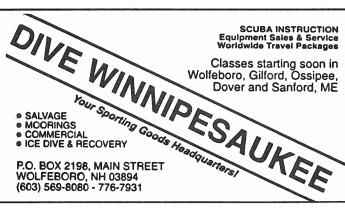
Spring is just around the corner, and the Library has a vast array of books about planting and tending your gardens. It is never too early to start planning!

Tax Forms are also available in the Library. In addition, our copier allows you to make a copy of anything you might need. We charge 10 cents per copy.

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After School Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 23, for grades 2-6, at the Gilman Library from 3 until 4:30p.m. Activities will include movies, art/crafts, cooperative games, exercises and more. Cost is \$5.

Country Line Dancing for Seniors

Tuesdays from 2:15 to 4p.m., at the Pearson Road Community Center. Great exercise and opportunity to meet other seniors. No cost for seniors 60 and over.

Aerobic Classes

Step Aerobics are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 to 10a.m. Aerobics are held on Monday, Wednesdays and Saturday from 8 to 9a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30p.m. Classes are held at the Alton Bay Community Center. Cost is \$2.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

Mondays from 7 to 8:30p.m., at the Alton Bay Community Center. New dances every class. Cost is \$5

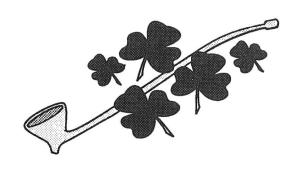
For further information call Kellie McGrath, Recreation Director, 875-0109.

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Many individual residents have expressed their appreciation for <u>Main Street</u> and have indicated an interest in supporting this activity financially.

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- AD HOC COMMITTEE Meets on Call. Chairman Virginia Gray, 875-7474.
- BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE 4th Wednesday, 4p.m., Gilman Library, Chairman Nancy Merrill, 875-2626.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN 1st, 2nd, 4th Monday, 7p.m., 3rd Monday, 9a.m., Chairman James Washburn. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE 3rd Thursday, 7p.m., Chairman Thomas Mynczywor, 875-2065.
- CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meets on Call. Chairman Robert Boudreau, 875-6368.
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE Meets on Call. Chairman Kenneth Gilbert, 859-2021
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES 1st & 3rd Monday, 1p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2nd Wednesday, 7p.m., Chairman Tom Hoopes, 875-3400.
- FIRE WARDS Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM TRUSTEES Meet on Call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- HEALTH COMMITTEE Meets on Call. Chairman Denise Merritt, MD, 875-6151.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM Meets on Call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES Meet on Call. Chairman Jonathan Downing, 875-7243.
- OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE Meets on Call. Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-5188.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Chairman Jay Sydow, 875-6792.
- PLANNING BOARD 3rd Tuesday, 7p.m., Chairman Rick Mongeon. Call 875-5095 for Appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD 2nd & 4th Monday, 6p.m., Chairman Albert Burbank, 875-2222.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST Meet on Call. Chairman Alice Ziegra, 875-2151.
- TOWN BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Meets on Call. Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY 3rd Monday, 3:30p.m., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8a.m., Chairman George Jones, 364-6870. Office 875-4200.
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SCHEDULES

CHURCHES

- Baha'i Fireside Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road, 859-5191
- Bay Church Sunday School, 10a.m., Church, 11a.m., Small Chapel on the Campground, Roy Ames, Pastor
- Community Church Congregational Meeting House, October-April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June-August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor
- 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, James Nason, Pastor
- St. Joan of Arc Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines, Pastor

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ORGANIZATIONS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Tuesday, 8p.m., Alton Bay Community Center.

American Legion - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall American Legion Auxiliary - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall

Cancer Support Group - Tuesday, 6:30p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

Country Drifters Dance Club - Thursday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center.

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., Alton Bay Community Center.

Historical Society - 3rd Tuesday, April-October

Knights of Columbus - 1st Wednesday, 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall.

Lions Club - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Mama Rina's Restaurant.

Masonic Lodge - 2nd Tuesday

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, 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center.

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- Wed. 8 STORY HOUR (3-5 Year Olds) Gilman Library, 9:30 to 10:30a.m.
 MEET THE CANDIDATES, Alton School Music Room, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 10 TEEN DANCE (Grades 5-8), American Legion Hall, 7 to
- Sat. 11 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5p.m.
- Tue. 14 TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS, Central Fire Station, 7a.m. to 7p.m.
- Wed. 15 STORY HOUR (3-5 Year Olds) Gilman Library, 9:30 to 10:30a.m.
- Thu. 16 PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING CLINIC, American Legion Hall, 9 to 11a.m.
 YOUTH LEAGUE REGISTRATION, School Cafeteria, 3 to 4p.m.
- Sat. 18 TOWN MEETING, School Gym, 1p.m.
- Fri 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
 YOUTH LEAGUE REGISTRATION, School Cafeteria, 3
 to 4p.m. and Town Hall, 6 to 8p.m.
- Wed. 22 STORY HOUR (3-5 Year Olds) Gilman Library, 9:30 to 10:30a.m.
- Thu. 23 MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY: "The Honorable Urashima Taro", Alton School, 7p.m.
- Fri. 24 MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY: "The Honorable Urashima Taro", Alton School, 7p.m.
- Sat. 25 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, School Gym, 1p.m. YOUTH LEAGUE REGISTRATION, Town Hall, 6 to 8p.m.
- Wed. 29 STORY HOUR (3-5 Year Olds) Gilman Library, 9:30 to 10:30a.m.
- Thu. 30 MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS CONCERT, Alton School, 7p.m.

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Robert C. Smith 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, 800-922-2230.

<u>Judd Gregg</u>, 393 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20515, 225-7115.

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<u>Bill Zeliff</u>, 224 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, 800-649-7290.

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PERSONAL

I would like to know if there is a Hay Rack Ride facility in the Alton area for an early summer event. Call Laurie Boyce at 875-7371

Sandy and I thank all of the people who were so generous during our recent time of need. A special thanks to Russ Jones and the Alton Volunteer Fire Department. Without their efforts, the house would certainly have been a total loss.

Mike Currid & Family

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PRE-SCHOOLERS OFFERED FREE VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will be sponsoring a Pre-School Vision and Hearing Screening at the American Legion Hall on Main Street on Thursday, March 16, from 9 to 11a.m. All children living in Alton and New Durham between the ages of 4 and 6 are encouraged to attend this free screening. For more information, call the Alton School at 875-0375.

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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

PREPARING FOR SEASONS TO COME

If you've been reading this column for awhile, you know that the outdoors person views the year as having various seasons, or being between seasons. March is one of those "between seasons". It ushers out the winter season and starts towards spring. This is the month to prepare for the seasons to come.

The first season to prepare for is the salmon season opening on April 1st. Buy new fly lines this month or at least strip your old fly line off the reel and hang it in big loops so it does not keep a coiled "set" when you try to cast it or troll in those cold days of early April. If you take the time to do this, your line will lay out straighter when cast and you will have smoother action when trolling.

Your new flies and streamers should be purchased now while the supplies are good. You can buy a fly tying kit and tie your own. It is a great feeling when you catch a fish on your own creation.

It is never too early for the archer to practice. March 18th, the Farmington Fish and Game Club in New Durham will host a 3-D, 30 target shoot. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for juniors (age 12-16), and cubs (aged under 12) shoot free. Food and drinks will be available and trophies will be given for all types of archers. The shoot includes new targets of a mountain lion, coyote, bear, avalina, turkey antelope and of course, deer. Give it a try.

Ice fishing can be really enjoyable this month as the days get warmer. There were some nice looking fish caught during the Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby. Seeing this gives one the incentive to get out there and March is a great month for ending the hard water season.

Good luck!

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ALTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE ELECTS OFFICERS

The Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service recently elected officers for the upcoming year. Sherman Brown was elected President; Eric Elliott - Vice President; Hope Elliott - Secretary; Annette Elliott - Treasurer; and Dexter Brown - Training

Dexter Brown just completed giving a CPR certification course to the Alton Police Department. Alton Police officers are usually first on the scene and they can provide this life-saving procedure and be a vital part of the EMS system.

Currently our service is seeking volunteers interested in joining the service. Attendants are desperately needed for daytime hours Monday through Friday. Other hours are also available. Interested parties should contact one of the officers.

ELECTION DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Town Moderator John Duffek is seeking volunteers to staff the polls for the Town and School Election on March 14.

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.



Worship Sunday 11 AM & 6 PM Wednesday Prayer & Study 7 PM

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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL PRESENTS "MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS" CONCERT

In celebration of "Music In Our Schools" month, the Alton Central School will present a concert on Thursday, March 30, in the gymnasium at 7p.m.

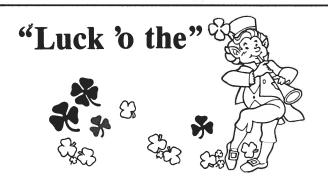
The concert will feature performances by the Concert and Intermediate Bands under the direction of Anne Stevens as well as a performance by the High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Lindsay Cameron.

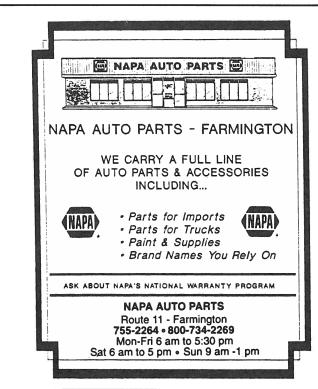
The month of March has been designated by Music Educators National Conference as a time to make communities aware of the value of the music programs in their schools. In Alton, the music program is alive and flourishing and with the ongoing support of parents and community members it will continue to grow.

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LIBRARY BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Private phase donations continue to come in with the result that as of February 8 a total of 62 contributions have pledged or paid \$52,605. The campaign grand total to that date, with town allocations is therefore \$147,555 or about one third of the way.

A recent key gift was from the Byrne Foundation in Manchester for \$3,000. This is the second foundation gift of the campaign. Nineteen additional foundations are being solicited.

Memorial and named gifts total just three to date: the librarian's office, volunteer work area and one of the two needed display cases. The Trustees point out that these kinds of gifts don't have to each come from a single donor. Several people or a club or organization can pool their efforts to honor an individual for whatever reason. Some projects are health and safety-related. For example: handicapped bathrooms (\$12,000) and handicap ramp (\$6000). Some memorial projects would lend themselves to all or part of an "in kind" donation of materials and/or labor. For example: lighting (\$12,000), carpeting (\$20,000) and projection and sound system (\$3000). Appropriate attached plaques and other suitable recognition will be installed for all memorial gifts.

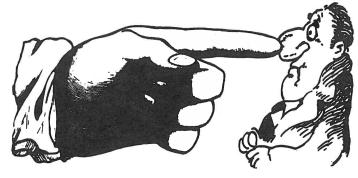
How about a coat room for \$3,000? Or a drinking fountain for \$800? And when we think of those suffocating days of summer, replete with high humidity, how about air conditioning at \$12,000? Now there's a "cool" contribution opportunity!

DEADLINES MUST BE MET FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO COUNT

Absentee ballots for the Town and School Election on Tuesday, March 14, are available through the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

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

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





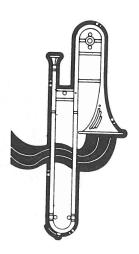
ANNE STEVENS NAMED BAND MANAGER FOR LAKES REGION MUSIC FESTIVAL

Anne Stevens, instrumental music teacher and director of bands for Alton Central School, has been named the "White" Band Manager for the 1996 Lakes Region Music Festival.

Currently in its 11th year, the Lakes Region Music Festival is designed to provide an opportunity for advanced music students to participate in a more challenging environment. Fourteen schools from around the Lakes Region participate in this fun-filled and educational experience. They are: Alton Central School, Belmont High School, Franklin High School, Gilford Middle-High School, Kennett High School, Kingswood Regional High School, Laconia High School, Mascoma Valley Regional High School, Newport Junior/Senior High School, and Winnisquam Regional High School.

Scheduled to perform at the 1996 Lakes Region Music Festival will be the Festival Chorus and two Festival Bands. This is the first year that two bands will be featured. The "Green" Band will consist of students in grades 9 and 1 0, while the "White" Band, which is being managed by Stevens, will be made up of students in the 11th and 12th grades.

Responsibilities of the Band Manager include choosing the students who will participate in a performing ensemble of approximately 100 members, choosing the guest conductor and musical program, and making sure students receive their music in enough time to prepare for the festival.





REHEARSAL TIME

Anne Stevens, Alton Central School Band Director, leads a recent rehearsal of a flute ensemble.

Stevens came to Alton Central School after teaching for three years at Franklin High School where she directed the high school chorus and band program as well as assisted with the instrumental program at the Franklin Middle School. While there, Stevens instituted a Summer Instrumental Program which included 60 private-lesson students this past summer. She also helped the FHS Band raise \$10,000, in a six month period, to replace 25 year old uniforms with new ones designed by her.

Stevens is a two time graduate of the University of New Hampshire with bachelor's degree in music education (1 986) and a master's degree in elementary education (1991). She is an active musician who performs both on French horn and piano. She and her husband, John, reside in Dover.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER GROUP TO PRESENT JAPANESE FOLK TALE

On Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, at 7p.m., the Alton Middle School will present "The Honorable Urashima Taro", a wonderful children's tale based on an ancient folk tale.

Taro, an old fisherman, loves to tell stories about the legends of the sea. After rescuing a sea turtle from a group of mischievous boys, Taro soon finds himself becoming a sea legend of his own. The play is presented in Japanese dramatic form combining music and movement into the action.

The players include: Andy Fuller, Urashima Taro; Megan St. Cyr, Turtle; Anna Varney, Princess; Elvira Hufschmid, Kimo; Jillian Sample, Wife; Amber Locke, Woman; Jen Downing, Sentano; Melanie Makila, Deanna Hillsgrove, and Jocelyn Downing, The Seasons; Tim Croes, Mike Langer, and Greg Salvatore, Mischievous Boys; and Kayla O'Brien, Ashley Southwell, and Katy O'Meara, Sea Creatures.

The play is directed by faculty members Amy Holbrook and Mark Murphy.

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other warrant articles, asks for \$2,080,101.

Capital Improvement Articles will ask \$38,000 to continue the Alton Bay revitalization project; \$9,000 for athletic field expansion; \$7,000 for playground equipment; \$17,500 for a new police vehicle; \$5,000 for police communication equipment; \$9,400 for highway Garage roof improvements; \$8,000 for the purchase and installation of new Highway Garage fuel tanks; and \$12,000 for the purchase of a Parks and Recreation Department pickup truck.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u> articles include \$20,000 for previously established Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$20,000 for previously established Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$57,000 for a new Capital Reserve Fund as the town's 20% share of replacing the Hollywood Beach Road Bridge; and \$25,000 for the previously established Library Addition capital Reserve Fund.

Special current Projects include \$15,000 to build a jetty and install rip-rap on the eastern side of Alton Bay; \$343,000 for planned reconstruction of town highways in Road Improvement Plan with \$98,439 offset from a highway block grant; \$45,000 for improvements to dirt roads in the Gravel Road Improvement Plan; \$40,000 for construction and equipping of a water treatment plant (no cost to taxpayers, but absorbed by water users over a period of time); and \$8,160 for fire hydrant rental fees for the years 1994 and 1995.

<u>Elected Town Officer Salary</u> increases involve three articles. One would seek a total of \$2,888 for all elected officials at a 2% increase rate; and one each (by petition) would have town clerk and town tax collector increase figures determined by the voters.

Outside Agencies articles ask for \$3,000 for Community Health and Hospice of Laconia for primarily homemaker services; \$15,368 for VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity for home health care by visiting registered nurses, nurses aides, hospice team members and clinics held in our town through the year; \$4,810 for Community Action Program of Belknap and Merrimack Counties; and \$630 for New Beginnings (domestic violence and sexual assault crisis services). All of these four were by petition as decreed by the Selectmen. Four additional agencies are not on the warrant because they failed to file the required petition.

A New Revaluation is on the warrant at a price of \$184,000 of which \$84,000 would come from taxes and \$100,000 from the surplus fund balance. The original plan called for this "reval" in 1996.

Other Special Articles deal with authorizing the town to elect NOT to assess and collect a resident tax; authorization for the Town Treasurer, with Selectmen approval, to appoint a Deputy Treasurer; consideration of rescinding last year's Town Meeting action to discontinue election of Highway Agent at end of h is term and appoint a Director of Public Works (by petition); authorization of Selectmen to transfer tax liens and sell town property acquired by tax deed; and the usual "wrap-up" articles. "to hear reports.......and to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

Another measure of civilization's progress is the way the cost of relaxing keeps going up.

CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

HEALTH CARE REFORM

While health care reform was discussed, planned and promoted in Washington, no substantial action was taken. Interestingly the push for reform caused a great deal of action in individual states -- Oregon, Michigan, Florida, Hawaii and all but Rhode Island in the New England states. New Hampshire has taken a good step to start changes here.

The Governor put aside \$100,000,000 from the Medicaid enhancement allotment to fund changes. There were five areas addressed.

An overall health care plan will be evolved. A Health Council already in. Medicaid eligibility was expanded for children and adults. Two years ago low-income, pregnant women were helped with eligibility expansion. Preventive health and education in all current public health problems, i.e., HIV, Hepatitis B, Tuberculosis and substance abuse, as well as an increase in immunization clinics, will be implemented.

Senate Bill 711 was an insurance reform bill hoping to expand health insurance for small businesses. It called for community rating (as in automobile insurance) and elimination of pre-existing conditions. Senate Bill 625 established two pilot programs designed to keep the chronically ill and seniors at home as long as possible. Agencies and facilities available already will be coordinated. Needed facilities and agencies will be sought. It seems obvious that people want to stay in their own homes as long as they can. It is psychologically and economically important for everyone -- patients, families and taxpayers.

Well, it's a start. The money is there and cannot be accessed without legislation. General budget problems need to be solved over a long time -- not one year. We hope the money for reform will be left alone and used only for health care plans passed last year.

I will be at the Alton Town Hall on Monday, March 6, from 2 to 3p.m. I can be reached at 875-2151.





GLENNA H. TONNESEN NEW ALTON POLICE OFFICER

The Alton Police Department gas recently hired Glenna H. Tonnesen as a full-time patrol officer. Tonnesen, age 28, held a part-time patrol officer position with the Alton police for approximately three weeks, prior to assuming full-time duties.

Tonnesen graduated from the 94th N.H. Police Standards & Training Council Recruit Academy, where she was class valedictorian. She and her husband, Mark, live with their daughter, Elke.

She was hired to fill one of two positions that became available in November and December

The teacher had been invited to dinner at a student's house. After the meal, he said, "That was a wonderful dinner. It isn't often that I eat such a dinner as we just had." "Neither do we," said his young pupil.



SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED AT ALTON SCHOOL

The following students have been named to the Honor Roll for the second quarter at the Alton Central School:

GRADE 12 - High Honors: Matthew Christy; Honors: Robert Boyce, Juleigh Everson, Erika Fenton, Rachel Irvin, Kimberli Noonan, Thomas Quindley, and Michael Racine.

GRADE I I - High Honors: Stephanie Osborn; Honors: Laura Coots, Kelly Lord, and Eric O'Brien

GRADE 10 - High Honors: Matthew Fenton; Honors: Kara Damon, Diana Daniels, Jessica Donahue, Paula Hufschmid, and Rebecca Miller.

GRADE 9 - Honors: Jonathan Choquette, Jebediah Christy, Tarsia Kenny, Jennifer Merfeld, and Keith O'Connor.

GRADE 8 - High Honors: Jennifer Downing, Amanda Lambert, and Anna Varney; Honors: Daniel Alting, Rebecca Blair, Shawn Blair, April Boles, Timothy Croes, Jennifer Emanoil, Andrew Fuller, Lambros Georgakopoulos, Andrea Guttormsen, Ennasea Guyette, Christy Holway, and Amber Locke.

GRADE 7 - High Honors: Danielle Moore; Honors: Dawna Comelissen, Joshua Dewey, Jocelyn Downing, Terry Feger, Elvira Hufschmid, Melanie Makila, Mary Marren, Jenny Martin, Eric Morrill, Nicholas Moulton, Elizabeth Quindley, Jillian Sample, Victor Stone, and Korin Todd.

GRADÉ 6 - High Honors: William Bristol, Sara Dore, and Katie Morrill; Honors: Tonya Alden, Zachary Christy, Samantha Coakley, Julie Downing, Loretta Helie, Shawn Hillsgrove, Ryan Loynd, Lorin McGovern, David Osborn, Vincent Paolo, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St. Cyr, Emily Sydow, Amanda Talmadge, and May Varney.

GRADE 5 - High Honors: Matthew Currid, Taylor Gunn, Dana Lang and Marissa Peterson; Honors: Josh Albair, Kathleen Bristol, Krystal Comelissen, Shawn Ford, Morgan Fuller, Serry Hayward, Reed Holway, Leeanne Kenerson, John McAuliffe, Jillian Moulton, Ames Oickle, Tamsin Scott, David Shibley, Jane Varney, and Steven Wood.

GRADE 4 - High Honors: Scott Baumgartner, Nick Hallin, and Terese Hopper; Honors: Adam Ames, David Bailey, Hillary Ballentine, Heath Berthiaume, Dennis Callahan, Jamie Coigley, Ashley Coughlin, Patty Currid, Chris Duffy, Shelby Gunn, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Daniel Laurin, Tyler Lowthian, John McGlone, Daniel Pack, and Patrick Quann.

A sure sign of teenage years is when your children stop asking you where they came from and start refusing to tell you where they are going.

BICENTENNIAL FOCUS

By Judy Fry

BICENTENNIAL FUND RAISING PROJECTS

Alton's 200th birthday celebration is less than a year away. The Bicentennial Committee has been meeting regularly planning monthly activities to celebrate this most historic event.

To help defray the costs for this celebration, the Committee began raising funds last fall. In addition to the pewter medallion displaying the Alton Town Hall and noting Alton's Incorporation in 1796, two more fund raising items have been added commemorating the town's bicentennial. Sweatshirts and tote bags with the Bicentennial logo will be available in March.

Members of the Bicentennial Committee will have a sales table, with these three items, on Election Day - March 14th, Town Meeting Day - March 18th and School District Meeting Day - March 25th.

The pewter medallion will continue to be sold in the Town Clerk's Office. It may also be purchased from committee members Nancy Merrill (875-2626 - evenings), Muriel Stinson (875-5211), and Ginnie Dore (875-3451).

LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS FAMILY CONCERT

The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Robert C. Babb, will present a family concert at 3p.m. on Sunday, March 5, at Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith.

The program is designed to introduce children to classical music. Selections include Concerto for Bass Tuba (2nd Movement) by Ralph Vaughn Williams and two pieces by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Piano Concerto No. 8 (1st Movement) and the Overture to the Marriage of Figaro.

The Orchestra was originally established by the NH Music Festival in 1975. In 1978, a board of directors was formed which then created the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra as it is today. It is supported in part by a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Family tickets for the concert are available at the Alton Village 5 & 10.

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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SOLO & ENSEMBLE PERFORMERS

Students who recently performed in the 1995 Solo and Ensemble Festival are (standing left to right) Rebecca Blair, Mary Marren, Elizabeth Quindley, Tammy Murtagh, (kneeling left to right) Sarajane Peck, Jeremy Collins, Jessica Emanouil, and Jennifer Laurin. Band Director Anne Stevens sits in front.

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL HEADLINE

Eight members of the Alton Central School Concert Band recently traveled to the University of New Hampshire to participate in the 1995 Solo and Ensemble Festival sponsored by the New Hampshire Music Educators Association.

This festival provides the opportunity for students around the state to perform at their ability level for a rating, which ranges from A to D. Students who receive ratings of either A or B are eligible for medals and all students who participate receive a certificate regardless of their score. Participation in Solo and Ensemble is a nationally recognized event and is helpful when being nominated for other state-wide and regional festivals.

Receiving a rating of A were flute soloists Jessica Emanouil and Jennifer Laurin. Both students were accompanied by their Band Director, Anne Stevens. Also receiving an A rating was the mixed woodwind trio: Jessica Emanouil, flute; Jennifer Laurin, flute; and Tammy Murtagh, clarinet. All of these students will receive a blue ribbon and medal as well as their certificates for their work at this year's festival.

Receiving a B rating were drum soloist Jeremy Collins and a flute quartet. Members of the flute quartet were Rebecca Blair, Sarajane Peck, Elizabeth Quindley, and Mary Marren. These students will be receiving red ribbons, medals and certificates.

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS

The Alton office of the Laconia Clinic will be offering free hearing screenings on Monday, April 3, from 9a.m. to 2:30p.m. by Eliza Evans, a certified clinical audiologist with a master's degree in audiology. Appointments are required.

To really enjoy Spring and Summer we first have to endure Ice and Mud!

ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE SEEKING COACHES

Anyone interested in becoming a T-ball, softball or baseball coach for the 1995 season is asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, March 5, at the Town Hall at 7p.m. The Alton Youth League is looking for both head coaches and assistant coaches in these areas. If you are interested, but cannot attend the meeting or have questions, please call Michael Currid at 875-5375 or Cecile Gagnon at 364-6561.

REGISTRATION DATES

Registration dates for T-ball, softball and baseball will be as follows:

Thursday, March 16 School cafeteria 3-4 p.m.
Friday, March 17 School cafeteria 3-4 p.m.
Friday, March 17 Town Hall 6-8 p.m.
Saturday, March 25 Town Hall 10a.m.-Noon

RAFFLE SALES

All children enrolled in the Alton Youth League this Spring will once again be selling raffle tickets to friends and relatives. The selling of raffle tickets is a great way for kids throughout the league to win prizes while at the same time raise money for needed equipment and uniforms for the league. Friends and relatives who buy the \$5 tickets are eligible for cash drawings through the season ranging form \$25 to \$100.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Most of the success the Alton Youth League has seen in recent years has been due to one thing.....increased involvement! One person who demonstrates that attitude of getting involved is Jeff Moulton. During the last three years, when construction of "Little Fenway" was in full swing, nobody put more labor into that effort than Jeff did. From the construction of the concession stand, to making the "Green Monster", to helping with the dugouts, Jeff was always there to do what had to be done. All this while being the head coach of one of our baseball teams. Think about that, parents, next time someone asks you to work the concession stand for 2 hours! Thanks again, Jeff.

The days of chivalry are not dead. Nowadays when a girl drops a book in class, there's usually a boy around who will kick it back to her.



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POSTAL SERVICE LOOKING FOR NEW ALTON OFFICE

The Postal Service is planning on locating a new post office in the downtown area to replace the present facility.

According to Christopher Madden, real estate specialist for the United States Postal Service, the new facility will require 4,000 square feet of space with a 15 to 20 year lease. This would involve either a new building or some renovation work and would ideally be located at some point between the Alton Traffic Circle and three quarters of a mile east of the present facilities.

Mådden said that advertising will begin soon and will run until the end of March. A site selection committee will make decisions based on the requirements concerning size, price and parking. Parking is a major concern with this new location.

SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE SEMINAR TO BE OFFERED

The Alton Police Department has developed a "Safety in the Workplace" Seminar which is ready for presentation to area groups, businesses and organizations that has an interest in the topic. The seminar includes sections in how to notice warning signs of trouble, response to disturbances, personal safety, observation and reporting skills, conflict resolution and "what if" situations.

The entire seminar is about 2 hours in length, but can be adapted to fit a particular time frame and location. The seminar is for managers, line workers, field staff, secretaries, receptionist, clerks and any other personnel that are in close contact with the public.

For more information, or to arrange for a presentation, please call the Alton Police Department at 875-3757 and ask to speak to Officer Tracy Shattuck.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity has continued to grow rapidly in its Hospice Program and is seeking caring individuals to volunteer for those in our community with a life limiting illness.

Hospice volunteers are specially prepared to provide practical and emotional support to individuals and their families. The primary goal of Hospice is to assist the patient and family as fully and comfortably as possible, and to provide support for the family during bereavement.

If you would like to learn more about the opportunity to be a Hospice volunteer, please call Sara Seifert Piper, Volunteer Coordinator, at 569-1590.

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