



Main Street

Alton's Bicentennial 1796-1996

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Alton, New Hampshire



McDONALD'S DONATES TO LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

Emile and Amin Haddad, owners of the McDonald's restaurant in Alton, present a check for \$500 for the Gilman Library Building Fund to Librarian Pat Merrill. The occasion was the grand opening of the restaurant at the Alton Traffic Circle.

ALTON'S REQUEST TO LEAVE SAU 51 DENIED BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The State Board of Education voted last month to deny Alton's request to leave School Administrative Unit 51. SAU 51 includes the school districts of Alton, Barnstead and Pittsfield. The ruling was made "without prejudice" which means that the Alton School Board can re-submit its petition next year.

The withdrawal petition was submitted because the Alton School Board felt it was paying for approximately half of the SAU's expenses while receiving only a third of the superintendent's time. The formula for the distribution of expenses, determined by the State, uses a combination of tax assessments and student population. This results in Alton paying half the costs although it has the smallest student population of the three towns.

The Barnstead and Pittsfield School Boards opposed the petition fearing that the impact on their budgets. They also maintained that the SAU had been through a period of transition and was now entering a stable period in which it would be able to provide the kinds of services needed by all three school districts.

The Board of Education's vote came after the Board turned down a recommendation of the Department of Education to grant the petition effective July 1997, allowing the school boards a year to try to work out their differences.

Alton School Board Chairman Arnold "Pete" Shibley said that he plans to start re-applying for separation immediately.

FILING PERIOD FOR ALTON ELECTIONS ENDS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Nineteen town and school positions are open to Alton residents. The filing period ends Friday, February 2, at the Town Clerk's Office. Candidates must be registered voters to file and may do so Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 4:30p.m. A filing fee of \$1 is required for any office which receives compensation. There is no filing fee for an office that receives no compensation.

Town positions up for election and the person currently holding the office are:

- One Selectman for Three Years - Russell E. Jones
 - One Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years - Shirley Copeland
 - One Library Trustee for Three Years - Shirley Copeland
 - One Fire Ward for Three Years - Russell Sample Jr.
 - One Cemetery Trustee for Three Years - Florence Shaw
 - One Water Commissioner for Three Years - George Jones
 - Three Budget Committee Members for Three Years - Ann Norman-Burke, Thomas C. Hoopes, Stanley Moulton
 - One Budget Committee Member for One Year - Stanley Czech
 - Two Planning Board Members for Three Years - David Dolan, Richard Mongeon
 - One Planning Board Member for One Year - James Washburn
 - One Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years - Cynthia Duffek
 - One Moderator for Two Years - John Duffek
- There are four school district positions open. They are:
- One School Board Member for Three Years - Arnold Shibley
 - One School Treasurer for One Year - Shirley Young
 - One School Clerk for One Year - Jean Sullivan
 - One School Moderator for One Year - Terri Noyes
- Elections for all positions are Tuesday, March 12.

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT W. (BILL) HEIDKE (1901 - 1995)

Bill Heidke's name has been synonymous with everything positive and forward-looking for the town of Alton. This former heating and ventilation contractor came to Alton in the late 1950s from the Boston area and quickly "picked up a glove and got into the local game". Selectman, welfare officer, water commissioner and volunteer Fire Department member, he did it all and served on many town committees. The annual town report was dedicated to him a few years ago.

Deeply involved in civic and community activities here, he has been active in Winnepesaukee Lodge No. 75, F. and A.M., Eastern Star, American Legion Post 72, VFW and the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. Alton has lost a past leader of high character, dedication to his adopted town, and a friend of countless Altonians. Alton won't be the same without Bill Heidke, but his highly favorable memory will long endure.

RLC

**PARKS AND RECREATION PLANS
WINTER CARNIVAL FEBRUARY 17-18**

Five years ago, the first Winter Carnival was announced by the Parks and Recreation Committee featuring a Broom Ball Tournament (the teams were "The Scribblers" from Town Hall, "The Squirters" from the Fire Department, "The Snoopers" from the Police Department, and "The Scholars" from the Alton School teachers), a Skating Party, the Great Alton Bay Bed Race, and a Tug-of-War. The tradition continues this year on February 17 and 18 when the Parks and Recreation Department presents the 1996 Winter Carnival.

On Saturday, February 17, the fun begins with an Ice Skating Party at the Town Ice Rink next to the Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 7 to 9p.m. The focus shifts on Sunday to the Alton Bay Bandstand, headquarters for a full afternoon of activities.

The schedule of events is:

- All Day DJ Music and Fly-In
- 1p.m. Snowball Throw, Broom Ball Games (bring a broom), and Poker Run
- 1:30p.m. Snowshoe Obstacle Course (bring shoes)
- 2p.m. Polar Volleyball
- 2:30p.m. Tug-of-War and Poker Run
- 3p.m. Cross Country Ski Race
- 3:30p.m. Limbo Contest
- 3:45p.m. Parade of Beds and Great Alton Bed Race

All activities sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department are free. Refreshments will be available for purchase.



1995 GREAT ALTON BAY BED RACE

The Alton Bay Inn team, winners of the 1995 Great Alton Bay Bed Race, leads the way to the finish line.

The Mt. Major Snow Mobile Club will sponsor a snowmobile radar run offering two runs clocked by radar for \$10 with proceeds going to the club.

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Alton Middle School students, grades 6-8, will be selling fresh Florida fruit (grapefruit, oranges or mixed selection) February 12-21. Each 2/5 bushel will cost \$11. All orders must be placed by 3p.m. on February 21.

The fruit will be delivered during the week of March 4. Students will be notified of the exact delivery and pickup date after the February vacation.

The money raised by the students will be used for field trips and middle school activities. Please contact any middle school student to place an order or call Charles Downie at Alton Central School at 875-7500. This is the middle school's only fund raiser and the support of the community will be appreciated



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LIBRARY CAMPAIGN ENJOYS YEAR-END FINANCIAL BOOST

By Bob Calvert

The Gilman Library Expansion Campaign enjoyed a happy "bump" in the final days of 1995. Close to \$30,000 additional income was realized in the year-end push, including sales of Alton afghans.

Predominant was a \$25,000 gift of stock honoring the late Harold A. Copeland, which among other things will ensure the very popular courtyard entry facility which so many people have admired in their viewing of the new library model. The gift is a family gift, coordinated by Library Trustee Shirley Copeland and her son. Harold Copeland, who died in 1990, served as a trustee of trust funds and chairman and trustee of cemeteries. He was a strong supporter and good friend of the Gilman Library.

Another stock gift of \$1,000 came from a man and his wife, both of whose volunteer service in this community since retirement has been outstanding and exemplary. The new McDonald's restaurant at the traffic circle joined the parade of supporters with a \$500 opening day contribution to the campaign, pictured elsewhere in this issue.

But there is still a long way to go as we enter 1996, a key year in the three-year campaign. Are you on the list for the honor roll yet? It is hoped that the annual Town Meeting next month will vote another generous appropriation to catch up with the private phrase of the campaign.

ADDITIONAL COMPUTERS DONATED TO ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

The Alton Central School extends its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to David and Diana Brisbee and Bruce and Jan Putney for their generous donations of computer equipment.

The School continues to solicit 386-level used computers to expand its network within classrooms. Did you recently upgrade to multimedia? Your old equipment could be tax deductible! Call Curt Nichols at 875-7500 for more information.

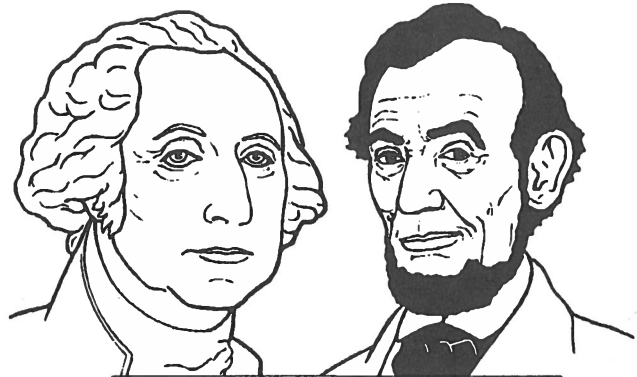
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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IS FEBRUARY 20

The New Hampshire Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20. The Alton polls will be open from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140.

Undeclared voters may declare a party and vote and may upon leaving the polling place change their party affiliation back to undeclared by completing a card provided for that purpose. Declared voters may change party, but may not vote in this election.

Voter registration will be held on Saturday, February 10, from 10a.m. to noon at the Town Hall. Voters also may register at the polls on election day.

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By Kellie McGrath, Recreation Director

INTRODUCTION TO HORSEMANSHIP OFFERED IN FEBRUARY

The Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with Finally Found It Farm in East Alton is sponsoring an Introduction to Horsemanship course for participants nine years and older. Children under nine may participate with a parent or guardian.

Lessons will be held at the Farm from 2:30 to 3:30p.m. every Saturday in February beginning February 3. The course fee is \$20.

The course features the complete care of a horse or pony including grooming, tacking, handling, walking and necessary equipment used for riding. Following the course students will have the opportunity to ride a pony.

Registration, including a parental release form, is required and limited to 10 participants. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or Instructor Cynthia Keating at 569-6896.

VACATION CAMP

Vacation Camp for students in grades 1-6 will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center during school vacation week, February 26 through March 1.

The Camp is in session from 9a.m. to 4p.m. with supervised drop-off and pick-up from 8 to 9a.m. and 4 to 4:30p.m. for working parents.

Vacation Camp fee is \$35 per person and includes cooperative games, arts and crafts, movies, a bowling trip and more.

Registration begins February 1 and space is limited. No registrations will be accepted after February 20.

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

According to a town ordinance, motor vehicles or trailers are not permitted to be parked or stopped on any highway in Alton between 10p.m. and 6a.m. from November 15 through April 1 or at any other time during snow storms when snow removal maintenance is being performed.

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CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegler, State Representative

**SECOND YEAR OF BIENNIUM
FACES A VARIETY OF BILLS**

Happy New Year! The House of Representatives and Senate have started the second year of this biennium in Concord. The first three sessions deliberated and voted on over 100 bills kept for further study (re-referred) from last year.

Mental health licensure laws have now been redefined.

Elderly property exemption laws were revamped to allow towns to ascertain their own income and asset limits. Income levels were increased and now include social security. However, towns must vote to accept these new provisions at a Town Meeting.

For hiring school teachers and workers, there is a requirement for background checks concerning criminal history. School administrative units must complete such a check. They may not hire anyone convicted of murder, child pornography, class A or B sexual assault or kidnaping who would be in direct contact with children.

A pollution prevention program has been established in the Department of Environmental Services. It will be funded from the hazardous waste clean-up fund.

A retirement system for volunteer firefighters has been established. It may be adopted at a Town Meeting by a vote.

A bill allowing a doctor to prescribe a medication which could be taken voluntarily by a terminally ill patient was defeated 256 to 90.

A program to allow more special license plates has been established. More than 300 people may petition for a special plate, the design of which must be approved by the commissioner of safety.

A bill relating to "recovered memory syndrome" has been referred for further study.

Sent back to the Senate was a bill which mandates Certificate of Need Board Review for Ambulatory Surgical Centers. At present they have various regulations but no oversight to assure any expansion would continue quality and safety of care.

The local overseers of welfare may require able bodied recipients to work. Overseers have the option of giving them coverage under Workman's Compensation.

Because of some apparent inconsistencies between the original state seal and the one now being used, there is a bill to redesign the state flag. School children and historians are very interested in participating. Our present flag design dates to 1931. As this needs more careful consideration, the bill was referred for interim study and will be taken up next year.

These are a few of the bills we heard from last session. 54 were killed, 11 were kept for further study and the balance were passed. There are about 800 new bills for which hearings are now being held.

Meanwhile, I will be at the Alton Town Hall on Friday, February 16, from 3 to 4p.m. My telephone number is 875-2151.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN BUDGET

The Budget Committee has announced a public hearing on the town budget Thursday, February 8, at 7p.m. in the Town Hall. A snow date has been set for Saturday, February 10, at 10a.m.

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**HISTORIC MEMORABILIA DISPLAYED
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A spacious glass display case has been loaned to the Bicentennial Committee for the town's 200th birthday celebration throughout 1996. Several members of the committee have volunteered to oversee and arrange historical memorabilia in the case for everyone's enjoyment during this year. The case is located on the main floor of Town Hall.

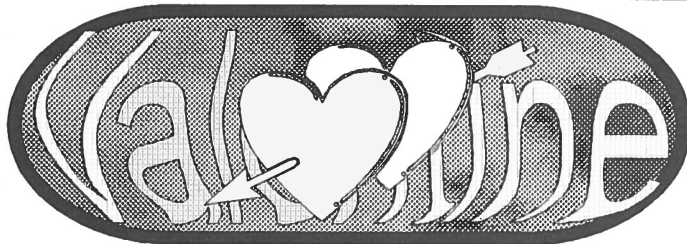
Each month the display will reflect a different theme during the bicentennial year. The first display in January featured memorabilia from Alton Bay. This month the display includes a display of red clay pipe bowls, photos and a brief history of an early Alton industry, the Clay Pipe Factory of John Taber from 1864 to 1872.

The display may be enjoyed between 8:30a.m. and 4:30p.m. Monday through Friday.

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BICENTENNIAL FOCUS

By Linda C. Largey

FORMER U.S. MAILBOAT TONIMAR RESTORED BY NEW OWNERS

Gracing the eastern waters of Lake Winnepesaukee from 1941 through 1965 en route to deliver its mail to summer island residents in Alton Bay and Wolfeboro, U.S. Mailboat Tonimar, captained by Lawrence P. Beck, carried vacationers from all over the northeast on his scenic daily run. Licensed to carry up to 44 passengers, plus crew, the Tonimar departed faithfully each day from Victoria Pier to deliver its mail cargo. In addition to her mail route, Tonimar offered moonlight cruises, charters for private parties, and fishing and trolling parties connected with Aunt Mandy's tourist home in Alton.

The 1926 43' Hubert Johnson cruiser was originally built in Bayhead, New Jersey, as a private motor vessel by the Hubert S. Johnson Boat and Engine Works. The original name, Tonimar, was named after the owner's niece and nephew, Tony and Martha. The Tonimar spent 15 years in ocean waters, cruising as far north as Nova Scotia and as far south as Cuba. In the very early 40s, Tonimar was recruited as a picket boat off the Florida coast during the prewar time.

Captain Beck purchased the boat in 1941. The Tonimar was brought to Portsmouth, NH, where she was hauled out and loaded upon a flatbed for her journey over the roadways to her new home in Alton Bay where she would be stripped down and refitted as a passenger-carrying boat delivering the U.S. mail.

In 1975 present owners, Linda and Ronald Largey from

Leominster, MA, discovered the retired mail boat high and dry in an Alton Bay boathouse. Captain Beck had lost the mail contract in 1965 and chose to store the boat in hopes of getting the mail contract back. Tonimar sat stored for 10 long years and suffered severe deterioration. An agreement was reached between Beck and the Largeys to buy the boat and be able to begin restoration while in Beck's boathouse prior to their relaunching and rechristening her the Great Escape in July 1976. The Largey's labor of love had just begun.

When Captain Beck originally disassembled the boat, he wisely stored the doghouse (aft cabin) and other crafted pieces of mahogany and miscellaneous parts in his barn; which the Largeys later pleasingly retrieved. A lot of white oak has been steamed and bent to replace ribs, knee, stem, transom frame and keel sections. The Largeys over the years have filled photo albums with lots of memorabilia such as posters and post cards of her history as the U.S. Mailboat. Numerous photos depict the Largey's perseverance of a long-term self-restoration project. Today, after 18 years of tender loving care and Ron's skilled craftsmanship, this great vessel is nearing final completion of its restoration back to a private motor vessel.

Still gracing the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee from ice out through Thanksgiving Weekend, the Largeys proudly accept the bows and cheers of admirers as they cruise the waters of the Big Lake!

(The information provided in this article has been collected over the years from the late Captain Lawrence P. Beck of Alton Bay and Florence Allsopp of Bayhead, NJ, daughter of Hubert S. Johnson.)


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TOWN HALL NOTES

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

USE OF OFFICIAL BALLOTS TO BE DECIDED BY VOTERS AT TOWN & SCHOOL MEETINGS

At the Annual Town Meeting this year, voters will be asked to decide on a question concerning the use of official ballots for all future Town Meeting business.

The warrant article will read: "To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town."

This question, which has been submitted by petition, will require a 3/5 majority vote to be enacted. And the question will appear on the written ballot only so there will be no opportunity to debate the matter on the floor of Town Meeting. A similar article will also be on the School District Warrant.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled on this matter to take place at the Town Hall on Wednesday, February 14, beginning at 7p.m.

Because this issue has far reaching implications and represents a significant change in the present Town Meeting format, I thought a brief explanation would be helpful for those who are unable to attend the public hearing. My goal here is to simply describe the provisions of RSA 40:13 without making any recommendation or taking a position in favor of or in opposition to this question.

If this warrant article is passed by the requisite 60% majority vote, the Annual Town Meeting process would take place as follows, beginning in 1997:

(A) Second Tuesday in March - First Session of Town Meeting. This meeting would be held in exactly the same manner as the present format except the purpose would be limited to the discussion and amendment of warrant articles. There would be no final voting on the passage or defeat of the warrant articles at that time.

(B) Public Hearing - 10 to 20 days before the second session to inform voters of the actual warrant articles, in the amended form.

(C) Second Tuesday in April - Second Session of Town Meeting.

This meeting would take place in the form of voting by use of the official written ballot. Voters would enter a voting booth at their convenience and elect Town Officers in addition to acting upon all of the other warrant articles that are typically dealt with at a Town Meeting, such as appropriations and zoning ordinance amendments. If the operating budget were rejected, the Selectmen would then have to decide whether to try again using the same operating process (one time only) or to simply allow the prior year's operating budget to take effect, with a few exceptions for debt, contracts, etc.

In the words of the NH Municipal Association, the main features of this process are extended polling hours, the privacy of voting booths and the opportunity to cast absentee ballots.

Proponents of this measure cite the following advantages:

* Summer residents who live elsewhere during winter months but are registered voters could now vote on the budget.

- * Voters could "force" the Town to level fund budgets, thereby preventing the escalation of property taxes.
- * The official ballot voting process may prevent "blocks" of voters from imposing their will during the traditional Town Meeting.
- * Voters who attend the first session of Town Meeting would still have an opportunity to amend warrant articles.
- * Many people find it impossible to attend the deliberative session of a Town Meeting, but they would probably be able to spend some time in a voting booth, thereby increasing voter participation.

Opponents of this measure cite the following disadvantages:

- * There would not be any incentive for voters to go to the first session because they could not make any final decisions, thereby decreasing active voter participation.
- * It would be too tempting for voters to simply reject a budget and force the town to level fund, but this might mean a reduction in services when inflation is factored in.
- * The traditional form of Town Meeting would be unnecessarily abandoned.
- * The town would not have an approved budget until the second Tuesday in April at the earliest, and a full quarter of the year will already have passed.
- * Voters already have the right to require a secret ballot vote on any measure during the deliberative session of a Town Meeting.

Regardless of which position one might support on this issue, the fate of this question will soon be in the hands of the voters.

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- AD HOC COMMITTEE - Meets on Call.
- BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - 4th Wednesday, 4p.m., Gilman Library, Chairman Nancy Merrill, 875-2626.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday, 6:30 - 9:30p.m., Chairman Russell Jones. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3rd Thursday, 7p.m. Chairman Gregory Fuller, 875-5546
- CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Robert Boudreau, 875-6368.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES - 1st & 3rd Monday, 1p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7p.m. Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris.
- FIRE WARDS - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM TRUSTEES - Meet 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 Jonathan Downing, 875-7243.
- OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-5188
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 1st Thursday, 6:30p.m., Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-5188.
- PLANNING BOARD - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Chairman Harold Bothwick. Call 875-5095 for Appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6p.m., Chairman Arnold P. Shibley, 875-2849.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on Call. Chairman Alice Ziegler, 875-2151.
- 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.
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 2nd Thursday, 7p.m. Chairman Milton Jensen, 875-5990.

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- Bay Church - Sunday, 11a.m. and 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7p.m., Pastor Roy Ames
- 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
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship, Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service, 10:30a.m. (Summer 10a.m.), Evening Service, 6p.m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7p.m., Route 28, Lee Button, Pastor

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Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Town Planner - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings by Appointment, Closed Noon to 1p.m.

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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

COUNTRY DRIFTERS DANCE CLUB - Wednesday, 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

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February Events

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- Fri. 2 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Laconia Christian, 5:30p.m.
- Tue. 6 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Laconia Christian, 7p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL at Nute, 6:30p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL at Nute, 8p.m.
- Wed. 7 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- BLOOD DRIVE, Alton Central School, 3 to 7p.m.
- Fri. 9 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 6:30p.m.
- PUBLIC HEARING on Town Budget, Town Hall, 7p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 8p.m.
- Mon. 12 - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
- Tue. 13 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 7p.m.
- Wed. 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
- STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- PUBLIC HEARING on Official Ballot Voting, Town Hall 7p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL at Coe Brown, 7:30p.m.
- Sat. 17 - WINTER CARNIVAL
- Sun. 18 - WINTER CARNIVAL
- Mon. 19 - PRESIDENTS DAY
- Wed. 21 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu. 22 - WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
- Mon. 26 - SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS

10 YEARS AGO.....

.....Earl Joy and Jill Ouellette were elected King and Queen of the 51st Annual Carnival Ball at Alton Central School.....45 candidates filed for school and town posts.....Police Officer James Wheeler was appointed Investigator, Prosecutor and Juvenile Officer.....the Ladies Guild of St. Joan of Arc and St. James Parishes celebrated its second anniversary.....the Police Department hosted an Open House at its Town Hall basement offices.

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....the first Winter Carnival was held on the ice at Alton Bay.....Farmington National Bank, the Alton Fire Department Auxiliary, and Alton Central School offered free smoke detectors to any Alton resident in a "Partners in Safety" program.....Robert Waterman and Patricia Troendle were King and Queen of the 56th Annual Carnival Ball.....an Open House was held at the East Alton Fire Station to view the restored 1930 Maxim fire truck.....the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours was hosted by A-Bay Carpet and Tile.....the Alton-New Durham Lions Club held a Poker Fun Night at the Alton Bay Community Center.....the Alton Central School received the Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award for its volunteer program.....Also serving in Operation Desert Storm from Alton were David Duval, Karl J. Ingoldsby and Kenneth M. Gilbert..... Police Explorers Ed Soucy and Stephen Thibeault were recognized for their immediate response to a late night structure fire next to the Town Hall.....Rori Boyce, Jessica Miller and Wendy Matson were honored by the NH Commission on the Status of Women for their excellence in athletics and academics.....Over 500 persons attended an Operation Desert Storm Support Rally that included the decoration of a "Caring Tree" with yellow bows and photos of Alton servicemen.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS FEBRUARY 21

On Wednesday, February 21, from 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m. the Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will host a luncheon at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

Sandra White will do a presentation on quilting and Miriam McCarthy will sing. Guest speaker Joan Ford ponders the "Perfect Life".

The cost is \$6. A complimentary preschool nursery is provided. Reservations or cancellations are required. Call Muriel at 875-5211.

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Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad. Ads must be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of the preceding month.

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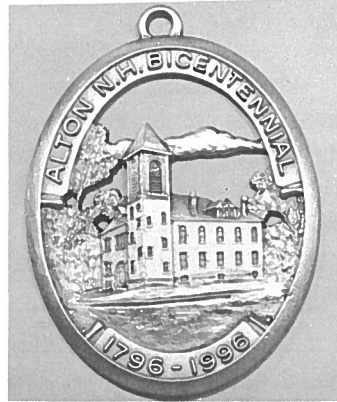
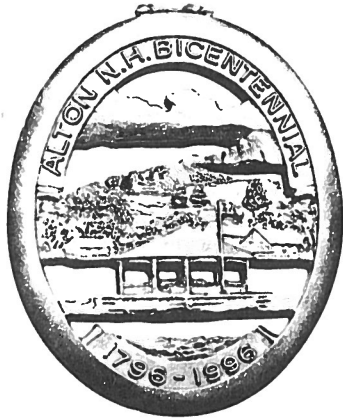
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WINTER CARNIVAL

17Th & 18Th



**BICENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA
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The Bicentennial Medallions may be purchased from committee members Muriel Stinson, 875-5211, or Virginia Dore, 875-3451. The Town Hall Medallion is \$12.50 and the Bandstand in Alton Bay is \$15. These also are available at the Farmington National Bank and First NH Bank in Alton.

The colorful tee shirts and sweatshirts with the Bicentennial logo on display at the Village Store, Wayside, and the East Alton Store.

These items will continue to be available throughout the coming year from the above committee members.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney

A REMEDY FOR "CABIN FEVER"

You "seniors" out there who have not yet joined us at the Community Center on Pearson Road must be experiencing "cabin fever" by now! We all are probably a little weary of the snow, but just getting out once a day at eat lunch at the Center with friends and play bingo or cards is a great morale booster. If you need a ride, call CAP Director Claire Fitzgerald at 875-7102 after 9:30a.m.

Just as schools have "snow days", so do we at the Center, although we do not have to "make up the time" if we take too many! If it is necessary to close the Center, it will be announced on WASR (1420AM), WZNN (893AM) and WOKQ (97.5FM).

The benefits of belonging to the Alton Senior Citizens increase all the time. There are many who volunteer their time and talents for our enjoyment. At least once a week, Jim Obrotka plays the organ for us before lunch and many join him for a sing-along. Sometimes he brings his friend, Lou Raichle, an accomplished banjo player, and they make quite a duo!

At other times we have guest speakers such as the Reverend David Nolan of Alton Bay with his tips on how to cope with stress. We are lucky, too, to have Tony Mariano, who put on a free spaghetti dinner for the Senior Citizen members last month. He was assisted by Wanita Baldwin, Marian Bartlett, Claire Fitzgerald, Florence Mariano, Betty McGlone, Liz Roberts, and Jean Sheusi.

Tony also is in charge of our new 1/10 club and ticket sales begin this month. Remember the chances of winning are much better than the Powerball!

Our apologies to Dom Guiliano. In the printing business, "typos" are inevitable. Dom and his wife, Helen, were married for 54 years, not 34, as printed in last month's column.

Join the Alton Senior Citizens now and come to our next meeting on Wednesday, February 14, Valentine's Day, at 2p.m. Our president, Chris Russell, will show a video on Tai-Chi, a popular Chinese exercise routine. We will get a chance to work off a few calories in a gentle way before delicious refreshments are served!

A study of economics will reveal that the best time to buy anything is usually last year.

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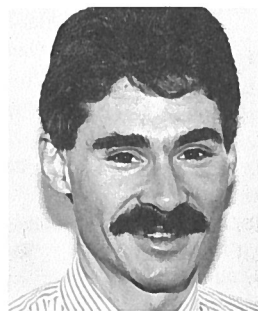
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Claire Martin, ARNP, is also providing health care at our Wolfeboro Falls office location.



Robert J. Mathes, MD

- has provided Family Medical Care, including Obstetrics, in Wolfeboro since 1988.
- completed residency in Family Practice at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Dayton, OH.
- received Medical Degree from Wright State University School of Medicine.
- Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Dayton.
- Board Certified Family Practitioner.



William G. Griever, Jr., MD

- received Medical Degree from the Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA.
- completed residency in Family Practice at Lancaster General Hospital in Pennsylvania.
- earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in functional biology & chemistry from California State University, Fresno, CA.
- Board Certified Family Practitioner.



AnnMarie Zimmermann, MD

- received Medical degree from the University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- completed residency in Family Practice at the MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH.
- completed a post-residency fellowship in Obstetrics at MetroHealth.
- Board Certified Family Practitioner.



ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

GREAT ICE FISHING THIS MONTH

The month of February is usually the month that many people hibernate and wait out the winter. To the outdoor enthusiast, there are still many ways to enjoy Alton's outdoors.

One of the major outdoor sports this month is ice fishing. It is cheaper than downhill skiing and can provide a tasty meal. With many lakes and ponds in the area, finding a place to set out some tilts should be no problem. The problem this year is finding good safe ice. The local ponds have a layer of ice, water and snow on them. The deep snow is still acting as an insulator against the formation of good "black ice". The weight of the snow is pushing down and forcing water up on top of the existing ice. The snow blanket is keeping this water from freezing quickly. Most ponds are safe for walking on and some snowmobilers are challenging the ice safety. Please be careful.

Getting to your chosen spot can be a chore this year. Snowshoes are very helpful this month. They allow one to walk without sinking in too deep. It takes a little practice. Traversing slopes can be tricky. The swamp grass this year is supporting the early dry, fluffy snow. If you step on it, it can collapse and leave a 3 to 4 foot hole. If you stumble in the deep snow, it is very difficult to get back up. It is always good to have a partner along. Let them go first!

Cross country skiing can be enjoyable and challenging this month. The deep snow makes striking out on your own difficult with the most common, narrow cross country skis. Wider skis such as the old Bush Wacker or skis designed for a skier and a pack are available. They are much wider and can better support one in the deep snow.

On February 10 and 11, the 17th annual Great Rotary Fishing Derby takes place. The entry fee is \$15 with \$43,000 worth of prizes. To get an idea of the variety and size of fish caught through the ice, take a look at the "fish board" at the derby headquarters in Meredith during the derby. Bring a camera. Enjoy.

RINES ROAD PIT CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 6

The Rines Road Pit will be closed until April 6 when it will be reopened Saturdays from 8a.m. to 3p.m. and Sundays from noon to 3p.m.

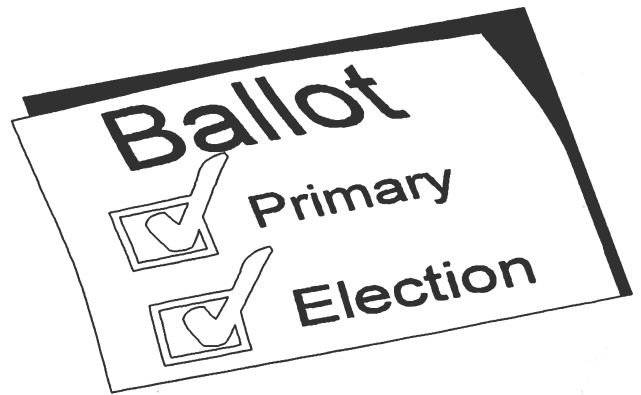
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Absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, February 20, are available through the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

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

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

Individuals who anticipate being away from Alton in March may obtain an application for the Town Meeting election on Tuesday, March 12.

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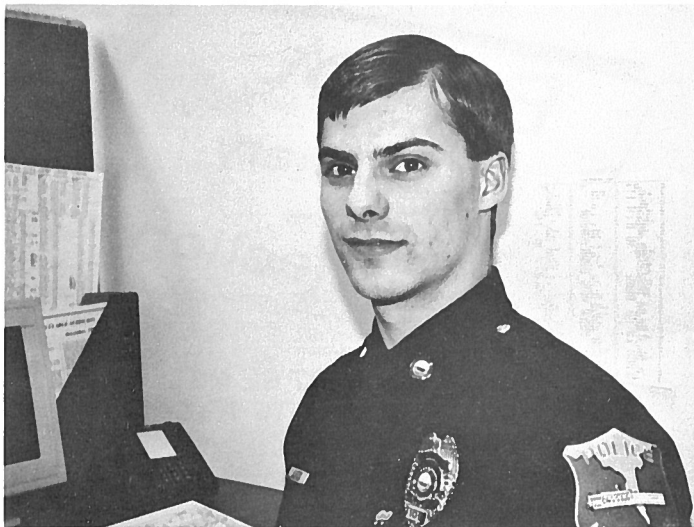


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**MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON
JOHN LESTER
POLICE OFFICER**

By Muriel Walker

In October of 1995, the Alton Police Department welcomed John Lester as a new full-time patrolman. John comes from New York State. He was born in Malone and lived there until he completed kindergarten. The family then moved to Mechanicville where John completed elementary through high school. He then attended Hudson Valley Community College for two years, majoring in criminal justice and received his associate's degree in May 1994.

John was employed as a loss prevention investigator for a retail pharmacy chain for over a year before joining the Alton force.

His parents still live in New York as does his sister, who is a hairdresser. His brother lives in Idaho and has his own business.

This spring, John will be attending a 12-week training academy at the Police Standards and Training Council in Concord. After successful completion of this program he will receive

**OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

The Alton Old Home Week Committee is busy planning the 1996 Old Home Week for August 10-18. This year needs to be particularly special since it is the town's bicentennial year.

The committee has been working closely with the Bicentennial Committee with members of each committee attending the other's meetings.

Anyone who would like to have an input into the plans of Old Home Week should contact Chairman Debbie Burton or attend one of the meetings. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

**PLAN AHEAD FOR
ST. PATTY'S DINNER DANCE**

The American Legion Auxiliary is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16, at the American Legion Hall. Dinner is at 6p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person. There will be door prizes. Call 875-3461 for more information.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public. 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, or fax to 875-3162 by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue.

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certification, which is mandatory for all full-time police officers.

In his spare time, John said, "I like to go to the beach and to go surfing. I also do mountain biking and snowboarding. Indoors, I like working on the computer."

When asked what he liked best about his job he replied, "Meeting the people. Alton is a friendly place. It's nice to be in a town rather than in a city. My hometown is in the capital area of Albany, Troy and Schenectady. The attitudes and life styles here are more friendly and personal." John noted the good rapport among coworkers within the department. "It's a friendly place to work," he said.

In the future, John plans to remain in law enforcement. "I'd like to stay in this field and move up in the ranks."

We are happy to have John Lester with us and we wish him success.

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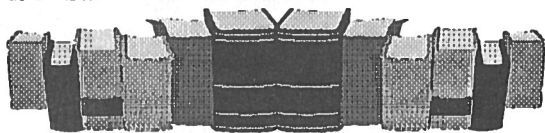
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Blood Drive

February 7TH

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

When a relative or a friend develops a serious illness or has an accident, blood is often needed. We all feel an impulse to help in some way.

A Dedicated Blood Drive will be held from 3 to 7p.m. at the Alton Central School on Wednesday, February 7. The event, sponsored by Farmington National Bank will benefit Christopher and Tyler Finethy, sons of Lisa and Bill Finethy of Alton Bay.

Because the Red Cross supplies blood for hospitals in New Hampshire and Vermont, there is no obligation to "replace" the blood which has been used. However, giving blood in honor of Christopher and Tyler shows you care and at the same time helps to ensure the blood supply remains at the same level.

Help the Red Cross help Christopher, Tyler and others who need blood by donating on February 7. Eligible blood donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. For more information call the Manchester Red Cross Blood Center at 800-262-2660, Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492, or Lisa Finethy at 875-7653.

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Each year BCCD has been responding to local interest and changing some of the varieties and items that are offered. Among these are bareroot stock of evergreens, pears, semidwarf apples, dwarf apples, crabapples (for jelly), sugar maple, and white birch trees, as well as bareroot blueberry, elderberry, raspberry, and strawberry. New this year are Almata crabapple, bayberry, rugosa rose, damp area perennial flowers, peaches, pussy willow, cherries, black walnut, butternut, asparagus, rhubarb and Baldwin apples. Both bayberry and rugosa rose are salt tolerant and can be planted near roads. The wildlife packet will consist of five plants each of Elderberry, Manchu Cherry, Serviceberry, and Rosa Rugosa. This year's shoreland packet contains nearly 20 plants, with a mixture of many varieties, primarily shrubs which flower and produce berries.

The anticipated pick up date for the plants is Saturday, April 27, and because they are bareroot they will need to be planted immediately. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the BCCD soon at 528-8713.

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SALES SPACE ON VOTING DAY

The Presidential Primary Election will take place from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station, Route 140, on Tuesday, February 20.

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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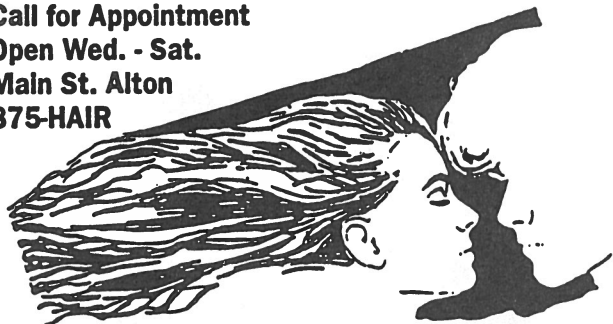
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**10th ANNUAL ICE-OUT CONTEST
DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 29**

This year for the tenth time, Main Street is again sponsoring a contest to see who can come the closest to the date of ice-out as determined by the official ice-watchers around the Lake. Last year it was April 15. The earliest date was March 28 in 1921 and the latest was May 12 in 1888, the first year the event was recorded.

Ice-Out is defined as that moment when the M/S Mt. Washington can reach each of its ports unobstructed by ice.

First prize is dinner for two at Shibley's at the Pier. All entries become the property of Voice of Alton, Inc., and the decision of the judges is final. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 29 and participation is limited to Alton residents and subscribers to Main Street.

ICE-OUT ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

I predict Ice-Out will occur on _____ (date)
at _____ (time)(AM or PM).

Mail this entry form to P. O. Box 210,
Alton Bay 03810 by February 29, 1996.

ELECTION DAY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

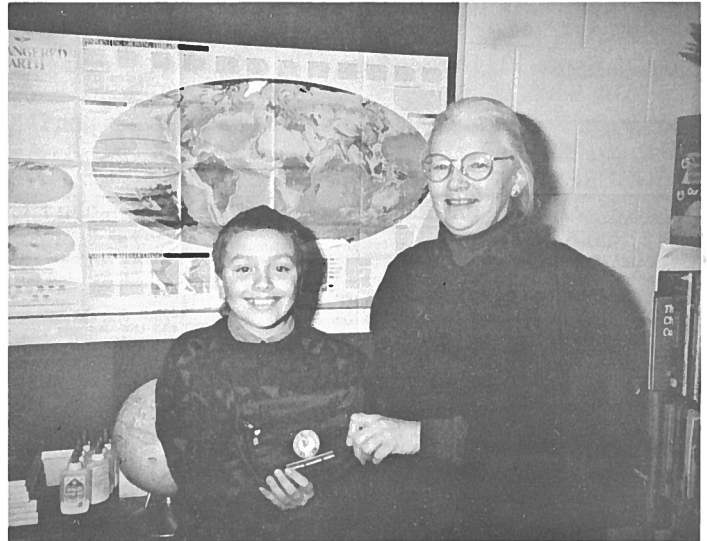
Town Moderator John Duffek is seeking volunteers to staff the polls for the Presidential Primary Election on February 20. Individuals will be needed to check in voters, provide voter assistance and booth supervision, and count ballots at the close of the polls.

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

HELP WANTED ON FEBRUARY 29

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, February 29, at 6:30p.m. Join us!



C. J. DUFFY WINS GEOGRAPHY BEE

C. J. Duffy, a fifth grade student at Alton Central School, is congratulated by Enrichment Coordinator Anne Hoopes after winning the Geography Bee at Alton Central School. Duffy competed against students representing grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 and will now take a written test to qualify for the state bee in March.

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

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**NEW POST OFFICE OPENING
TARGETED FOR FEBRUARY 20**

The Presidential Primary is not the only big local event scheduled for Tuesday, February 20. On that same day the new Alton Post Office on School Street is slated to open, according to Postmaster Ed Laurion. Though a change is not expected, it is suggested that people watch the local area newspapers in the event a change is required.

The postmaster stresses that all current Post Office box holders come in to the new facility on opening and turn in their old keys and get new ones. The present boxes will not be transferred. It will be all new boxes, and there will be 350 more than at present.

To get some idea of the improvements, in addition to the much greater number of boxes, the present facility has 2,000 square feet of space and the new one will have 4,000. They will go from zero off street parking to some 25 such spaces. There will be a much bigger and more comfortable lobby for postal patrons. And they don't expect to need more personnel to operate.

An Open House will be scheduled later on and be properly announced. Laurion is looking forward to this big move with happy anticipation. The 33-year veteran of the U. S. Postal Service has been postmaster in Alton since 1979. The new facility is owned by Bob and Scott Williams and leased to the Postal Service.

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