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ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS PENNY SALE A SUCCESS

Lions Ginny and Dick Gwinn display the bicycle won by Carl Peaslee of Farmington during the Annual Penny Sale and Jamboree sponsored by the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. The Gwinnns served as chairmen of the event, the proceeds of which benefit various community needs.

SHIBLEY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen have elected Arnold P. Shibley chairman for the coming year. He will also represent the Board on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Belknap County Economic Development Commission, the Highway Safety Committee and union negotiations.

Selectman Stanley Czech will serve as vice chairman and represent the Board on the Conservation Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Selectman William Ryan will sit on the Planning Board and the Budget Committee.

Town Administrator Scott Dunn will represent the town on the Lakes Region Cable TV Consortium and the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

Planning Director Karen Cullen will attend meetings of the Lakes Region Planning Commission as the town's representative.

THREE TOWN BOARDS DISCUSS FUTURE

By Bob Longabaugh

The night of April 2 saw a rather unusual event for the Town of Alton: the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment all came together in common session for almost two hours. It was not a crisis matter, nor even a matter of urgency. Quite the contrary, the spirit that prevailed throughout the meeting was one of "let's see what we can agree on now towards making Alton's future that much more pleasant."

The keynote of the meeting was set by Selectman Stan Czech, who was also the lead person in calling for the need for the get-together and better communications between the three boards. Czech related how he keeps hearing that the residents of Alton wish to retain their town's rural atmosphere, while at the same time they are distressed at the upward trend in property taxes. He expressed his hope that the three boards, which all have vital roles to play in what Alton will be like in the future, could begin working together in earnest to achieve agreed-upon goals. He admitted that he was not clear on the exact goals - but that was one of the purposes of the meeting. "First," he said, "let's hear each other's ideas on what we think Alton should be, and if we agree, how do we get there?"

The discussion was both free-wheeling and friendly. The first concentration was on "rural." No one really questioned whether that was the predominant sentiment of the community - to retain its rural character - but a number of voices were heard along the lines that Alton should have some commerce and industry too. Which came back to the question: What is the definition of "rural"? It quickly became clear that "rural" was not the same thing to each person around the table, and especially the other residents of Alton. There was agreement that progress had to be made on defining "rural."

The second thrust of the meeting, following Czech's

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BURTON AND QUINDLEY SELECTED TO FILL SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Deborah Burton, a member of the town Budget Committee and former chairman of Old Home Week, and Richard Quindley, a former member of the School Board, were named to the Alton School Board to fill two vacancies.

Arnold Shibley and Albert Burbank each recently submitted letters of resignation. Shibley cited allegations of conflict of interest regarding SAU facilities and Burbank offered no specific reason in a letter to newly-elected chairman R. Loring Carr.

The School Board solicited letters of interest from the public to fill the vacancies and four residents responded.



ALTON STUDENTS EXPERIENCE TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND DANCING

Students in grade 4, 5 and 6 at Alton Central School recently enjoyed lessons in traditional New England dancing from Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman, who make up the group "Two Fiddles." Lessons were presented in the classrooms and students performed for parents in an evening concert.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 72 HONORS LONG TIME MEMBERS

Claude R. Batchelder Post 72 of the American Legion recognized long time members with pins of service at a recent dinner meeting.

50 year pins were awarded to Judson Downing, George Bickford, Richard Downing, Eugene Hayden, Downing Jones, Tim Reynolds, Steve Rollins, Frank Martines, and Clifford Derby.

Other service awards went to Archie Horne for 45 years; Frederick Foster, 40 years; and Fred Englebrecht and George Stevens, 35 years.

Bill Heidke's burial flag was presented to the Post for display with his 50 year pin and additional funds were bequeathed by him for the Heidke Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship funds were also presented in the name of Ruth Shorrocks Farrell and a plaque will be placed in the Legion Hall in her memory.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 24

Memorial Day exercises are scheduled for Saturday, May 24 at 10a.m. under the auspices of Claude R. Batchelder Post 72 of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the Alton-Alton Bay VFW Post 11163.

The Color Guard will be from the New Hampshire National Guard and they will add to the exercises with a cannon salute.

Parade participants will gather at 9:30a.m. at the Legion Hall for the invocation. The parade will march to Riverside Cemetery for various activities and return to Monument Square for more ceremonies, the benediction, and the decoration of the war memorials.

Specific information on participants and activities were incomplete at press time.

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ALTON STUDENTS ATTEND LAKES REGION JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Six students from Alton Central School recently participated in the Lakes Region Junior High Music Festival at Kingswood Middle School in Wolfboro. They were accompanied by Anne Stevens, band director, and Melinda Eickel, chorus director.

Representing the Alton Concert Band were Emily Sydow, 8th grade flute; Meghan St. Cyr, 8th grade clarinet; David Shibley, 7th grade trumpet; and Jane Varney, 7th grade French horn. Renee LaFreniere, 8th grade soprano, and Rebecca Howard, 7th grade alto, represented the Middle School Chorus.

After rehearsing all day, the evening concert opened with the Festival Chorus under the direction of Thomas Battista, vocal music teacher in the Springfield, Vermont, public school system. The chorus began with "Gaudeamus Hodie," followed by "Wave of the Future" and "Swell Thee Full Chorus." The closing numbers were the patriotic medley, "Of Thee/Sing/America" and the ever-popular and crowd-pleasing "YMCA." LaFreniere auditioned and was chosen as a member of the descant soprano section in the Festival Chorus and was featured in many solo sections throughout the choir portion of the show.

The Festival Band, under the direction of Ernie Mills, a band, chorus, jazz band, and general music teacher at Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton, New Hampshire, opened with John Philip Sousa's "Fairest of the Fair" and then moved on to "Renaissance Motet" by Elliot Del Borge. The Band closed with a rousing version of "Low Brass Boogie" featuring a very talented trombone section.

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keynotes, was how can Alton keep its property taxes under control. It was pointed out that the school district spends about \$8,000 a year per pupil, while a household with two children in school is probably paying school taxes in the thousand dollar range - clearly, a losing proposition.

The discussion proceeded to get even more far ranging. Can Alton attract land uses that do not send children to school? And do we even want to do so, especially if it means losing some of the desired rural character? Of course, in a two-hour meeting there were no answers. The questions, however, sharpened the issues.

What came out of the meeting appeared to be a commitment of working together toward presenting some proposed solutions to the community. Paramount among these was an accelerated schedule - like the Planning Board meeting three times a month - to update the Town's Master Plan. Once an approved Master Plan is in place, ordinances and regulations can be adopted for its implementation. At several points along the way the public is going to be asked to get involved in helping the Planning Board and Selectmen "get it right" as to what the community really wants.

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NEW SETS OF BOOKS FOCUS ON HISTORY

The Library would like to introduce its patrons to two different sets of books given to us a while ago by a local resident, but only recently catalogued. The Story of Civilization, an 11-volume set by William Durant, is a history of all civilization, ancient and modern, Occidental and Oriental. Durant's enthusiasm for writing these books was further spurred by two trips around the world, and particularly by an intensive study of the history of the Far East. The copyright date is 1935, renewed in 1963.

The second set, a seven-volume series entitled History of America, was written by Page Smith, and features different periods in the development of our historical evolution. This is the first extensive history of the United States written by a professional historian since the beginning of this century. The series ends with the conclusion of World War I. "Page Smith offers full coverage of American men and women, from farmers, coal miners, and blacks, to immigrants and writers, and, as always, there are the sparkling writing, fresh material, and surprising insights that made Page Smith's history so rewarding."

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Gilman Library will be held on Wednesday, May 28, at 7p.m. New members are welcome - and needed! Your support is needed, and will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Chris Consentino at 875-5510, or write to MaryBee Longabaugh, HCR 13, Box 199, Alton, NH 03809.



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By Kellie McGrath, Recreation Director

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Activities to look for include: trips to Attitash Alpine and Water Slide, Canobie Lake Park, Surf Coaster, Foxwoods Casino, and Penn Dutch Country; Old Home Day Craft Fair; Youth Soccer; Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments; Canoe Race; Karate, Tennis, Dog Obedience, and Swimming Lessons; Teen Adventure Program; NYSCA Soccer Clinic; Senior Bingo; Body Works; Summer Fun Weeks; 5K Road Race; Afternoon Arts and Crafts and more. There are a lot of activities and programs being offered. Join in the fun!

FOXWOODS CASINO TRIP**AGES 21 AND OVER**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods Casino on Tuesday, June 10. Price is \$29pp and includes round trip coach bus, tour host on the bus, \$10 food voucher, \$5 Keno and \$3 pull tabs. Bus leaves Alton Town Hall at 6a.m. and leaves Foxwoods Casino at 7p.m. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by May 23.

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The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a new exercise class with AFAA certified instructor Melanie Tidd. Classes start Tuesday, May 6 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. \$3 per class. The Body Works program is designed to tone, strengthen muscles, lose inches and reduce stress through strength training. The program is open to men and women of all ages.

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**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL PTSA
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Students and parents from Alton Central School will participate in a Microsoft Family Technology Night on Tuesday, May 20, at 7p.m. This free presentation and hands-on workshop is intended to introduce parents, educators, and students to the Internet and to exciting, new computer software and hardware. Families will experience firsthand how fun and easy it is for children to do their homework using resources from the Internet and the latest multimedia and creativity software,

The Family Technology Night is presented by the PTSA of Alton Central School. Microsoft Corporation is sponsoring the event with the support of Sony, the American Association of School Librarians, *Family PC* magazine, and CompUSA.

Microsoft's Family Technology Night program, now in its fourth year, will reach more than 130,000 parents and teachers in 1,300 schools nationwide this school year and result in donations of more than \$300,000 in free software and hardware to schools.

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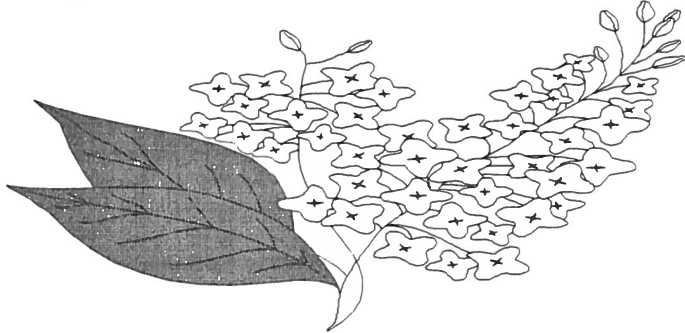
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The next thing to remember is speed. When the weather becomes warmer, people roll down the windows, turn up the stereo and cruise. I do the same thing, but you need to remain attentive to what you're doing - driving. Be aware of your speed and your surroundings. Don't get caught up in the song on the radio or how beautiful the lake looks. Getting to your destination safely is your first priority. Don't forget that!

On a sad note, Wednesday night basketball is over for this year. We all had a great time playing. There was an average attendance of 15-25 players and I look forward to starting up again this fall. I'd also like to thank the Alton Central School for the use of the gym and the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center for their donation of the juice.

For all the ladies out there.....there will be a women's safety seminar on May 31, from 9a.m. to 1p.m.. We will be going over such things as personal safety, home safety, legal issues pertaining to self defense, hands-on self defense and a familiarization with firearms and defense sprays. The seminar is free to any Alton resident over 18. Contact the Alton Police Department now as space is limited and preregistration is required.

The last thing I'd like to address are residential alarms. If your house is equipped with an alarm and you want us to respond to your home if the alarm is activated, you need to come to the police department and complete an alarm information sheet. Even if you have already filled one out with your alarm company, we need one, too. If this form is not filled out, we will not respond to the alarm. The purpose of having this form completed is to provide us with information such as the type of alarm you have, what parts of your house are alarmed, a number where you can be reached, a number for someone else to be reached and directions to your house so we can find it quickly. Also, according to the Town Ordinances the following fee will be applied to false alarms: 1st offense - no charge; 2nd offense within 12 months of 1st offense - \$10; 3rd offense within 12 months of 1st offense - \$15; and 4th or more offenses within 12 months of 1st offense - \$25 per offense.

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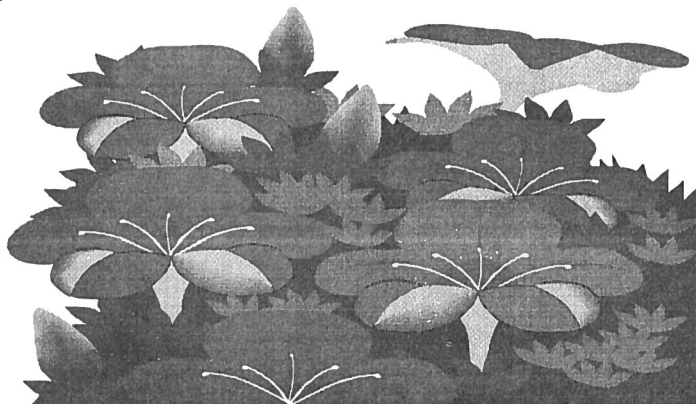
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Members are asked to bring a casserole or a salad or \$5 in lieu of food.

Hostesses are Judith Huss, Winifred Alden, Margaret Birdsey, Shirley Copeland, Aida Downing, Doris Gray, Virginia Gwinn, and Michelle Hanley.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8:30a.m., Chairman Arnold P. Shibley, Call 875-2161 for appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3rd Thursday, 7p.m., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894

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CEMETERY TRUSTEES - 1st & 3rd Monday, 1p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 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, 875-0109.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 1st Thursday, 6:30p.m., Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-0109.

PLANNING BOARD - 1st Monday, 7p.m., Chairman James Washburn, Call 875-5095 for appointment.

SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6p.m., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003.

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 Thursday, 8a.m., Chairman John Streeter, 875-2490, Office, 875-4200.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 2nd Thursday, 7:30p.m., Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.

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**SUPERINTENDENT FINALISTS
TO VISIT ALTON MAY 9**

The Alton School Board, consisting of Loring Carr, Donald Mitchell, Joyce Hopper, Richard Quindley, and Deborah Burton, and the SAU 72 Screening Committee (Cynthia Duffek, Thomas Parker, George Rogers, Angelyn Duffy, Brian Davidson, and Doris Barnes) are in the process of searching for a superintendent for the new SAU 72. The new office will open on July 1 in the Nelson property at the Alton Traffic Circle.

On May 9, three finalists will be in Alton for the day, familiarizing themselves with the school and community. There will be a reception for these candidates in the Music Room at 4p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

QUILTING COURSE BEGINS MAY 5

The Adult Education quilting course at Alton Central School begins Monday, May 5. The \$25 registration fee is payable at the first class.

Schedules**CHURCHES:**

Baha'i Fireside - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road

Bay Church - Sunday School (all ages), 9:30a.m., Worship 11a.m., Evening Study, 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:30p.m., Rand Hill Road, 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. Roussakis, 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, Pastor James Nason

St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m. & 7p.m., Monday thru Saturday except Wednesday, 8:30a.m., Confessions, Saturday, 4p.m. or by appointment, Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor

Wolfboro 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, Pastor Lee Button

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Rines Road Pit - Saturday, 8a.m. to 3p.m., Sunday noon to 3p.m.

TOWN HALL:

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Planning Director - 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.
Building Inspector - Call 875-5095 for Office Hours and Appointments

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

American Legion Junior Members - 3rd Monday, 6p.m., Legion Hall

Boy Scout Troop 53 - Wednesdays, 6p.m., Central Fire Station

Chamber of Commerce Board - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8a.m., 875-5777

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 Thursday

PTSA - 3rd Tuesday, School Library

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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MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

May Events

- Thu. 1 - MAY DAY
 Fri. 2 - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL vs. Derryfield, 4p.m.
 Mon. 5 - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL vs. Moultonboro, 4p.m.
 Tue. 6 - TRACK at Kingswood, 3:30p.m.
 Wed. 7 - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL at Laconia Christian, 4p.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 9 - PUBLIC RECEPTION for Superintendent Candidates,
 Alton School, 4p.m.
 SENIOR CLASS SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Sandy Point
 Restaurant, 5 to 8p.m.
 Sat. 10 - TRACK at Interlakes, 10a.m.
 Sun. 11 - MOTHER'S DAY
 Mon. 12 - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL vs. Sunapee, 4p.m.
 Tue. 13 - TRACK at Gilford, 3:30p.m.
 Wed. 14 - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL at Calvary Christian, 4p.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, Alton School, 7p.m.
 Thu. 15 - TRACK at Kingswood, 3:30p.m.
 Fri. 16 - GUEST NIGHT DINNER, Christian Women's Club,
 6:30p.m.
 Sat. 17 - ARMED FORCES DAY
 Mon. 19 - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL vs. Nute, 4p.m.
 Tue. 20 - TRACK at Raymond, 3:30p.m.
 FAMILY TECHNOLOGY NIGHT, Alton School, 7p.m.
 Wed. 21 - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL vs Concord Christian, 4p.m.
 PTSA ELECTIONS, Alton School, 6:30p.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Thu. 22 - TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED until 2p.m.
 Fri. 23 - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL at Moultonboro, 4p.m.
 Sat. 24 - TRACK at Newfound, 9a.m.
 MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES, Legion Hall, 9:30a.m.
 Mon. 26 - MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED
 Tue. 27 - SPRING LUNCHEON, Garden Club, 12:30p.m.
 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL vs Laconia Christian, 4p.m.
 Wed. 28 - PRESCHOOL IMMUNIZATION, Alton School, 8-10a.m.
 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL at Sunapee, 4p.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sat. 31 - TRACK at Class Meet, 9a.m.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB TO HEAR LOCAL HISTORIAN

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will hold a Guest Night Dinner on Friday, May 16, from 6:30 to 9p.m. at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center in Alton Bay.

Dr. Bruce D. Heald, local historian and teacher, will be presenting the special feature. He will be portraying Master Dudley Leavett, colonial school teacher. Music will be provided by Brad Smith of Laconia. Bill Blount, who owns and operates three radio stations in southern New England will be the special speaker.

Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership. Prepaid reservations for the dinner are necessary and can be made by contacting Helen Harris in Alton or Thelma Osborne in Laconia by Monday, May 5.

A REMINDER TO ADVERTISERS

The deadline for placing new ads or changes to existing ads in Main Street is the 15th of the month and all new advertising copy or copy changes must be delivered to Alton Printing on Church Street by that date each month.

Classified Ads

Alton Residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to noncommercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted or services 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 submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810 by the 15th of the preceding month.

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Personals

- Thank you to the gentleman who came along and plowed the icy part of my driveway about March 6 or 8. Mary Brady, Main Street
- Just a note to express my appreciation for all the kindness afforded me during my recent illness. Your flowers, cards, and letters of good wishes brightened my days. Your offers of help, whenever I needed it, will be long remembered. Paulette Alden
- Thanks to all who sent me flowers, cards and gifts during my stay at LRGH. Victor Vernal



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The screenings will take place May 7 in the office of Dr. James Stark, ENT Associates of NH, located at 85 Spring St., Laconia, and May 19 in the office of Dr. Richard Lee, Laconia Clinic, North Main St., Laconia.

The assessment takes about 30 minutes and examines speech sound development, vocabulary, sentence construction, and abilities to hear and understand spoken language. Parents of children with suspected difficulties will receive referral information for further diagnosis and services.

These free screenings are sponsored by the Lakes Region General Hospital Speech Pathology Department; Audiology and Hearing Aid Services of the Lakes Region at ENT Associates of NH, and the Audiology and Hearing Aid Center at the Laconia Clinic.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE REFLECTIONS

Students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes collaborated on reports about 26 famous New Hampshire people as part of Alton Central School's Academic Fair. There were written reports, poster displays, and representative lifelike figures. The fifth graders created a NH trivia game with over 200 questions and answers. Teachers involved were Lawrice Ballentine and Richard Kirby, fourth grade; Lynn Pelletier and Paul Thornton, fifth grade; and Kim Conlin, Charles Downie, and Sue LeClerc, sixth grade.

**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HOSTS
ANNUAL ACADEMIC FAIR**

Special projects, individual research, and artistic talents were on display during the Academic Fair at Alton Central School recently. Students in kindergarten through high school presented the results of their work to fellow students, families, and friends during the hour and a half open house program. Hallways, libraries, and classrooms were filled with art work, science demonstrations, research reports and original novels. According to Principal George J. Rogers, "I was very impressed by the outstanding work done by the students and it was wonderful to see so many parents and families here to enjoy this special event." The Academic Fair is presented annually at Alton Central School to share the results of the students' hard work with the community.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By George J. Rogers, Alton Central School

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

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The Career Day held here on April 16, was most successful. All students in grades 8-12 attended three career presentations of their choice from among 32 speakers representing different careers. Steve Guyer, Vocational Director of Kingswood High School, was the keynote speaker for the event. Cathy Bond and Toni Brown, guidance interns from Rivier College and Notre Dame College, planned this activity under the direction of Guidance Director Marilyn St. Cyr.

Class Day will take place on June 5 at 8:30a.m. and Graduation will be held on June 14 at 9a.m.

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FIRESIDE CHATS

By Stan Czech

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FIREMAN'S CONVENTION PARADE**

The New Hampshire Fire Association will hold its centennial convention in Alton in September and a grand parade is planned for Sunday, September 7.

Any organization that would like to be represented in the parade with a float is asked to call Lt. Jack Woodland at 875-2691 before July 31. Floats should have a fire department/fire safety theme.

MARCH FIRE CALLS

There were five calls for motor vehicle accidents, four power lines, three accidental alarms, 2 fuel spills, and one each for carbon monoxide, medical emergency, and mutual aid to Rochester.

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10 YEARS AGO.....

.....the Vietnam Memorial in Monument Square was dedicated on Memorial Day.....Phase II of the Recreation Development was given the go ahead for the creation of a ball field and play area along the Merrymeeting River.....Amanda Skinner was named Alton's first Town Planner.....Dan LaCroix won first place in the air-cooled gas engine repair category at the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Skill Olympics.....Cub Scout Pack 53 held a cleanup day at the Mt. Major parking lot and the area behind the Central Fire Station.....Thomas W. Varney was named chairman of the newly-formed Capital Improvements Committee.

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....Pam Andrade, after 8 years in increasingly responsible posts for the Town of Alton, left her position of town administrator to become town manager of Lancaster, NH.....the first planning meeting was held to prepare for Alton's 200th birthday in 1996.....Sid Butler of Alton Bay won the Main Street Ice-Out contest.....the Planning Board was bringing its draft Future Land Use Map to a public hearing.....Main Street saluted Heather Swabowicz and Kerry Pelletier for being named to the Class S All-State Girls Basketball Team.....Richard Quindley became the chairman of the Alton Water Commissioners.....Jack Henderson was announced as the chairman of the Alton School Board.....the Parent-Teacher Community Organization and the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project were presenting "Wednesday Night Out" seminars for parents on child raising topics.....the Drama Club of Alton High School was staging "Ramshackle Inn" as its final production of the school year.

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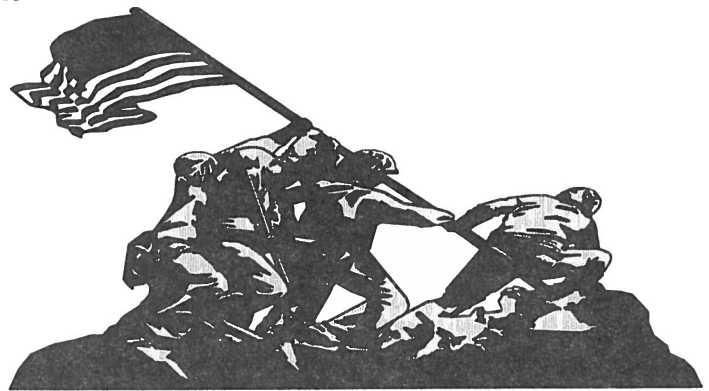
Richard Gwinn has been elected president of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club for the coming year. Other officers are Virginia Gwinn, vice president; Jennifer Hoover, secretary; Cecile Chase, treasurer; Eldon Swim, tail twister; Robert Smith, lion tamer; and Wesley Nicholson, immediate past president.

The local Lions Club sponsors a number of fund raising events to support its community projects, scholarships, and eye care for the needy. The next event will be the annual Golf Night at the Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course on Tuesday, June 10.

**CLASS OF 1997 SPAGHETTI SUPPER
PLANNED FOR FRIDAY, MAY 9**

The Class of 1997 at Alton Central School has announced that the annual Spaghetti Supper will take place on Friday, May 9 from 5 to 8p.m. at the Sandy Point Restaurant in Alton Bay. This annual event, featuring full spaghetti and lasagna dinners, will benefit the year-end activities of the senior class. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and senior citizens.

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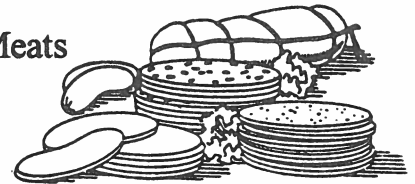
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By Nancy Mooney

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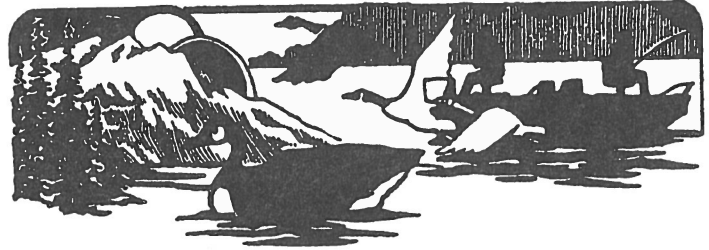
MAY I come in? "Oh, yes!" we say -
Better than April any day!

Now that Spring is in full force, the seniors are gearing up for more activities. Our April meeting was well attended, and our trip coordinator, Ginny Myers, has lined up some interesting excursions from now until October. In late May, the seniors will take a bus trip to the Christmas Tree Shop in Salem. Call the Center at 875-7102 for more information or check the bulletin board and sign up early. Many of our seniors also belong to the Wolfeboro Senior Citizens, and they have travel opportunities galore from day trips to Foxwoods Casino to five-day tours to tourist attractions in the eastern United States.

At our last meeting, we discussed whether to resume winter meetings, which we had voted against last December. We will vote on this matter at our next meeting, May 14. The Constitution Committee is preparing a rough draft for members to read before a vote is taken. Our card party club is doing well and enjoying the dinners out which are paid for from the fees collected at the card games. The 1/10 club will be closing soon with the top prize of \$500 going to some lucky ticket holder. Since this club is an important source of revenue for the senior citizens, another will be started, and we appreciate all those who help us out by buying and selling tickets. Our Steering Committee hopes a few members will step forward to be part of a hospitality group, to help orient new members and make them feel welcome. Many thanks go to Florence Mariano, who has had to resign as cheer person - she has sent out countless cards to members on special occasions. Marge Favreau volunteered to take over this important aspect of our organization.

Our membership is increasing, too - a good sign. Welcome to Jeff and Janice Thomas of New Durham. You have helped bring our numbers up to fifty. Now, if we could only get all of you to attend our meetings! A reminder that dues are now \$5 and must be paid by June 1.

Please try to attend our meeting May 14. We need you and your suggestions for activities and improvement. With your help, the future will hold exciting times for the Senior Citizens Association.



ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

BUGS MEAN GOOD FISHING!

May is the month that spring really blooms with everthing turning green. But with spring, comes the bugs! But when the bugs are the worst, the fishing is the best!

At this writing (mid-April) the Big Lake is just starting to show some fishable open water, so the salmon fishing should still be good well into this month. Fishing in ponds labeled as trout ponds opened on the fourth Saturday of April. With this year's late ice out, these ponds should provide good fishing this month also.

The cold water will dictate the use of nymphs early this month until the water warms and the flying insects emerge. These flying insects can provide the most exciting way to fish - dry fly fishing. To get an idea of this type of fishing, rent the movie "A River Runs Through It." This is a non-technical movie about a family's trials and tribulations and how they use fly fishing to get away from it all.

May provides the hunter with an exciting challenge when the spring wild turkey season opens May 3. These elusive big birds are difficult to hunt. One must use all the correct hunting techniques to be successful.

As always, be sure to check the regulations for the outdoor sport you pursue. Good Luck.

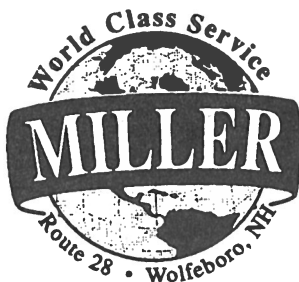
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Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 569-4441.

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CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegler, State Representative

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Our committee has finished all Senate bills, so my activities will be centered on passage of House bills to the Senate and final passage of Senate bills.

We have passed and sent to the Senate bills to have cigarette vending machines locked and activated only by the salesperson, fund renovation of vocational-technical schools, establish a council for Brain and Spinal Cord injuries, explore the feasibility of bringing the New England Patriots to New Hampshire, provide that municipalities shall have "Home Rule" authority to exercise any powers not specifically prohibited by the State of New Hampshire or federal constitution, and establish a youth operators vehicle license for 16 and 17 year olds.

We have kept for further study (or re-referred) bills concerning changes in the Board of Auctioneers and the conduct of auctions, concerning penalties for bringing in boats and seaplanes from waters infested with milfoil and zebra mussel to our clean lakes and rivers, concerning long-term care insurance, concerning boating safety education, and prohibiting land application of sludge and biosolids containing amounts of heavy metals over certain limits.

Killed were bills mandating automobile insurance, raising the speed limits to 75 m.p.h. on interstate highways, levying a county property tax to fund education, prohibiting smoking in all restaurants, eliminating all straight ticket voting, and a Senate bill which was relative to owners of dams for certain dam management practices.

A point of clarification is needed concerning the reporting of House and Senate votes. A yea or nay vote can be misleading. Look carefully as to whether the motion was to "kill" or "to pass". For instance, a "yes" vote could be "to kill".

Rep. Robert Boyce will be in the Town Hall on Monday, May 5, from 3 to 4p.m. Meanwhile, I can be reached at 875-2151.



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TOWN HALL NOTES

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

ALTON

Alton, like most towns, depends on volunteers to effectively function. Community volunteers can include such things as serving on a Town committee, or being involved with scouts, or even stopping your car on a Town street and removing a branch which blocks the road.

When people don't volunteer, citizens begin to turn to their government for action. But when you think about it, who is the government? Nobody enjoys paying taxes but much of what is done by governments today used to be done by civic minded citizens.

Well, the Town needs civic minded citizens for the following agencies: Levey Park Trustees, Gilman Museum Committee, Budget Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission.

Please contact the Selectmen's Office if you are interested in serving or want to know more.

Another need right now is the Old Home Week Committee. Anyone interested in working on this year's event is urged to attend an informational meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, May 5 at 6:30p.m. Without volunteers, this celebration will simply not take place.

Get involved! Speak up! Help out! Think positive! Please do something constructive! A town is only as good as the people it is made up of.

If basketball had never been invented, where would they hold those school dances?



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**MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON
MARY JANE DASCOLI
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

By Muriel Walker

Another friendly face can be seen in the office of the Town Clerk these days. It is that of Mary Jane Dascoli, who became a part-time clerical assistant for that office in July and works two mornings a week and additional hours when needed.

Mary Jane was born in Beverly, Massachusetts. She attended school in that city and graduated from Beverly High School in 1979. After graduation Mary Jane attended evening classes at North Shore Community College in Beverly while working as a bookkeeper in private industry. In 1985, she began working as an assistant city clerk for the Salem City Clerk's office, working with and recording vital records (births, deaths, marriages). She then became an assistant registrar of voters in charge of elections. She worked with the Board of Registrars and was responsible for maintaining accurate voting records and overseeing election day procedures until 1989. In 1986 she also attended Lee Institute of Real Estate Principles and Practices.

From 1989 to 1994 Mary Jane worked as the executive secretary for the chief of the Salem Police Department, in charge of the daily operations of the chief's office. She also was responsible for managing the fiscal operating budget for the department which included approximately 120 employees.

While working at both Salem City Hall and Salem Police Department Mary Jane also attended computer classes at Salem State College.

Mary Jane's father still lives in Beverly and is retired after many years working as a trouble shooter and manager for supermarkets. Her mother worked as assistant city clerk and then city clerk in Beverly. She died in 1991. Mary Jane has one sister, Joan Elizabeth, who lives in Groveland, Massachusetts, and works in property management in Peabody.

Mary Jane married Jerry Dascoli May 10, 1992. Jerry was born in Wakefield, Massachusetts. He attended school there and graduated from Northeast Regional Technical High School in 1972. Jerry has been doing auto body work (preparing and painting cars and motorcycles) for 25 years. Since 1991 Jerry has owned and operated Meister Restoration Corporation in Barnstead which specializes in auto restoration.

Mary Jane and Jerry became parents of Anthony John in January of 1994. He is three years old now and attends a preschool program at the Barnstead Elementary School. "He just loves it", says Mary Jane.

For hobbies Mary Jane likes to read, garden and do



ceramics. She also enjoys taking walks with her son and spending as much time as possible with her family and friends. The family enjoys boating, fishing and water skiing in the summer and skiing and sledding in the winter. They also try to spend some time in early winter at their time-share condominium in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Mary Jane finds working in the Town Clerk's office pleasant and describes Gwen Jones as "just wonderful!" She enjoys her co-workers and says "The customers are great. Each is different and each one is interesting." She adds, "It is different working in a town hall than it is in a city hall. The pace is less hurried and you get to know the people better."

As for the future, Mary Jane says "I'm very happy right where I am. I'd like to stay here and work and, of course, watch my son grow!"

We welcome you, Mary Jane!

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS MAY 14

Registration for Kindergarten 1997-98 is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 at 7p.m. in the Elementary Resource Center at the Alton Central School. Parents who have children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 1997, should attend. Registration forms will be distributed and the requirements for immunizations and birth certification will be explained.

Visitation Day for next year's class will be Friday, May 23. Registered students will be divided into two groups and will spend a typical morning or afternoon session at school so they will know what it will be like next year. Parents are urged to mark these dates on their calendar and plan to attend.

BUDGET COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBER

The Alton Budget Committee is actively seeking a new member to replace Deborah Burton who was appointed to the Alton School Board.

Interested candidates should contact the new Budget Committee Chairman, Peter Pijoan at 875-8894 (Home) or at 875-6161 (Work)

Membership will be voted on at the next Budget Committee meeting on May 15.

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