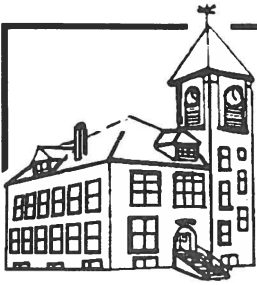


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ATTENTION WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

With no candidate appearing on the ballot for the three-year School Board position and only two candidates for three spots on the Budget Committee, write-ins can play a crucial role in this year's election. Main Street invites all write-in candidates to join those listed on the March ballot to be present on Candidates Night, Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m., Alton Central School Recital Hall.

If you are running as a write-in on a contested position, you will be given the same opportunity as your opponent(s) to give a two-minute presentation and then answer questions from the audience. If the position is uncontested, you will be introduced to the audience but not asked to speak or answer questions. All candidates are welcome to bring a handout for distribution to those attending this forum.

Please RSVP to MaryBee or Bob Longabaugh at 875-5067 if you wish to be recognized that night.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 10

All roads lead to the Alton School Gymnasium and the annual Alton Town meeting on Wednesday, March 10. Come just a bit early, sign in, and be ready for the opening gavel by Moderator Bob Calvert at 7 p.m. Twenty-six (26) articles will be acted on that night as compared with some 48 last year, when it became a "triple header" spread over two nights and past midnight on the second session.

At the polls the day before, Article 1 will be acted on via town and school elections, five questions on zoning ordinances, proposed zone changes for a group of lots, repealing the current Town Building Regulations and adopting a new local Building Code in place thereof. The written ballot will once again pose the question of converting from our traditional Town Meeting pattern to the so-called "SB-2" Australian ballot pattern for all matters.

Warrant articles fall into six categories.

General Operating Budget

This is often called the "sweep article" for the basic town operating budget and is exclusive of all the other warrant

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CHANGE IN AMBULANCE SERVICE

By Bob Longabaugh

At one minute after midnight on the night of March 9/10 the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service (AVAS) will close its long history of service to the community. This does not come as a complete surprise following the December, 1998, Main Street report (page 3) that the AVAS was finding it more and more difficult to muster the minimum two volunteers during the workday to get the ambulance on the road.

The Alton Board of Selectmen received official notice on February 8 of AVAS's intent to discontinue their service. When the Board next convened on February 15, they listened to a report from Fire Chief Russ Sample on the alternatives available for continuing ambulance service to the townspeople. Chief Sample presented three plans of action, which were not necessarily exclusive.

Plan A involved calling in the ambulance teams of adjoining communities to provide the initial response and equipment for each emergency call. Alton Fire Department personnel would take it from there. This is viewed as a temporary way of providing ambulance service.

Plan B would have the Alton "on call" Fire Department provide continuing ambulance service with equipment provided by the Town, while Plan C calls for contracting with a private firm to supply this essential service. The Selectmen advised Chief Sample to proceed with Plan A immediately so that ambulance service will be available on March 10. Subsequently the Selectmen and the Fire Wards will decide whether Plan B or C — or some combination thereof — is the better long-term solution.

The Selectmen also moved to have a warrant article ready for the Town Meeting whereby \$60,000 could be made available to pursue whichever course of action promises to be best for meeting Alton's emergency medical needs.



ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT SET AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION

By John Duffek

The first session of the Annual School District Meeting was held on Saturday, January 30, for the purpose of discussing and approving the warrant articles to be voted upon by official ballot at the polls on Tuesday, March 9.

Fifty-seven voters attended the meeting that saw general agreement with the way the articles were stated. Just two attempts were made to amend an article and only one was approved.

Article IX to establish a Capital Reserve Fund of \$100,000

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REMINDER TO AUTHORS/CONTRIBUTORS

As a "home town" newspaper Main Street not only welcomes manuscripts for publication which deal with Alton events and other items of local interest, but we are dependent upon them to fulfill our motto of being "the Voice of Alton." Therefore, we are anxious to receive articles and stories that meet the above criteria.

Submit your material to be received by the 15th of the month at P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, or place it in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington Bank by 3 P.M. of that day. All submissions **must** contain a name and phone number so that its author can be verified and additional details obtained as needed.



WHAT CAN I DO?

By Richard M. Pike

Superintendent of Schools

Spring, which is just around the corner, is a season that traditionally signals a rebirth of all living things in one form or another. With that in mind, I offer some suggestions for ways that we can invigorate and revitalize our school system.

Public at large, don't accept hearsay about the quality of our school system. Ask for real data and information about student performance and progress and look for signs that the community supports the district. Keep up with the education news via the local media, and don't be afraid to call the Superintendent to talk about educational issues. Become a champion for children and for education improvement. Work with school personnel to build support for school improvement efforts. Most importantly, be an informed voter when it comes time to cast your ballot on key educational funding issues.

Parents, my message to you is spelled R-E-A-D! If you have preschool children, read to them at least 20 minutes a day. If you have older children, have them read to you. Keep good books, magazines, and newspapers in the house, and make sure that your children see *you* read for at least 20 minutes a day. (Remember, you're their primary role model.) If you have difficulty reading, you can tell your children stories; there's a little old storyteller in all of us. Above all, limit your kids' television viewing to no more than two hours a day. Research shows that excessive time in front of the tube is directly linked to poor school performance.

It was very tempting to make this column my January feature and to focus on New Year's resolutions. We all know what happens to most resolutions that we make with the best of intentions, so forget the resolutions and simply make a promise. The promise is to make the success of every student in this community a top priority. With that promise comes the understanding that some sacrifices will have to be made. With apologies to Jimmy Durante, "Everybody *needs* to get into the act!"

REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

All children living in Alton who will be five years old by September 30, 1999, are eligible for kindergarten next year. If your child meets these criteria, please call the Alton School at 875-7373 to register your child by March 30.

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Main Street's Inside Front Page

THE NEW PLAYGROUND IS A GO!

By Marcy Lowthian

At our playground meeting on February 10 we had many interested citizens come who had not been involved before. We need to raise big bucks to replace the playground at Alton Central School. The things we came up with are, in order of appearance:

From now through the end of March your General Mills "box tops for Education" can be sent to the school with your child. Just give them to the teacher who will forward them to Ruby Hawkins, and they will be sent to General Mills who will contribute 15 cents for each pink cereal box top and ten cents for each green top and Yoplait container top.

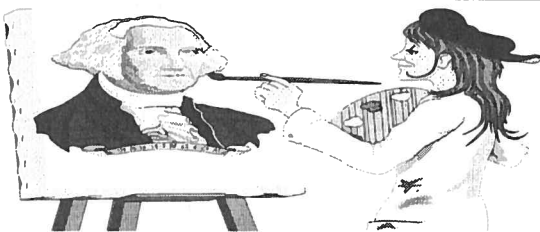
You also will be noticing "Pennies for Playground" containers appearing at businesses throughout Alton. For this volunteers are needed to collect the containers and keep track of the donations.

In March a catalog fund-raiser will go home from the school with the children. It is going to be spring items, such as seeds and plants, that everyone will want at this time of year. They will be delivered in April, and we will need volunteers to help pack orders once the shipment arrives.

In April we are going to have a Walk-a-Thon. There will be one- and five- mile loops starting and ending at the playground. For this to be a success we will need walkers, sponsors, checkpoint volunteers, and artists to help with advertising. We actually have high school students who want to get involved and make this a "town" thing. It will be fun.

Then in July we are going to have a "clean up the race track" party. We need 50 willing people (over 12) who will spend a few hours at the New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon after the race on July 11. It will entail cleaning the bleachers of cans and paper goods left behind by the race fans. The Speedway supplies rubber gloves, water, and the other necessities and — more importantly — we will get \$6 per hour per person to do this "fun," but necessary, job. Please plan to help out.

If you are willing to participate in any of the above events, call Laurie Griggs at 875-3949 or Natasha Itchkavich at 569-1624. Also watch for the fund raising "barometer" that is to be placed in front of the school (thanks to Rick Macduff and Brad Hunter). This will show you how quickly a community that works together can reach its goal of \$13,500.



YOUTH ART MONTH AT ALTON TOWN HALL

The third annual showcase of student artwork will be on display at the Alton Town Hall during regular business hours March 8 - 26. Selected artworks from kindergarten through grade 12 at Alton Central School will be included in the exhibit.

The exhibit is coordinated by art teachers Jennifer Van Cor and Joan Chase.



"INDIANA EXPRESS" WINS ALTON BAY BED RACE

By MaryBee Longabaugh

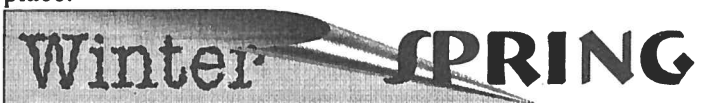
The old adage says, "If at first you don't succeed..." and that is what the McKain family did. At the Alton Winter Carnival, Sunday, February 14, they tried again for the third time, and this year they won. Pictured above is the winning bed and the participants. Rear right, James McKain, rear left Kristan Sacharnoski, front right Nancy McKain, front left Katie McKain, and "in bed" is Emelie McKain. The name for the team came about because Kristan and James drove in, just for the race, by the way, from Indiana where they attend college. Obviously, the third time around was lucky for this team. The family is from Andover, Massachusetts and summers in Alton.

Other participants in the race included the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center group, placing 2nd, Lemon Heads/Boy Scouts, 3rd, JP China and Alton Cabinetry, 4th, and last year's winners, The Blasters, placing 5th with their novel idea of a running motor.

Congratulations also need to go to the Scavenger Hunt participants and winners. The Brown family took 1st, Nathan Sawtelle, 2nd, Katie, Amanda, and Emily Pellowe, 3rd, Wild Willie Wackos, 4th, and 5th to Hemchers and Bickfords.

Winter Carnival is sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation Department. It is held ON Lake Winnepesaukee at the Alton Bay Bandstand. The bay was filled with bob houses, airplanes, snowmobiles, and over 1,000 people, many of whom were ice skating and some who were trying to stay upright. It was an afternoon of fun, music, and camaraderie. Because of the glare ice conditions, some events had to be canceled. However, the Mt. Major Snow Mobile Club did hold its Radar Run and the Aviation Association of New Hampshire did hold its "fly-in." It was an exciting day.

Kellie Troendle, Director of Parks and Recreation, wishes to recognize and thank the volunteers who helped set up, organize, and run the events. They are Debbie Burton, Jay Sydow, and Bill Lionetta. These three volunteers are also Parks and Recreation Commission members and it is because of their commitment and effort that Winter Carnival takes place.





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THE CHECKOUT DESK
By Holly Brown
Librarian

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The next Book Discussion Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 6 p.m. in the library's meeting room. The next book up for discussion is entitled "The Color of Water" by James McBride. If you would like to join the discussion and need the book, come in or give us a call at 875-2550.

The Friends of the Gilman Library will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. We hope to see you there — bring a friend!



**ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE:
PITCH IN AND HELP!**

By Gary Dudman, AYL President

The snow is still on the ground, but the Alton Youth League is thinking spring. The volunteer organization is gearing up for its second year of affiliation with Babe Ruth Baseball and the Suncook Valley Softball and Baseball Leagues.

Last year's association with Babe Ruth brought many advantages, not the least of which was accident insurance for all players and coaches and inter-town play with Barnstead, Gilmanton, New Durham, and Pittsfield.

The one negative last year was the disappointing volunteer turnout. Due to this lack of help, the concession stand was not operated at all events, costing the league hundreds of dollars in the form of lost revenue. We need adult participation and follow through on the part of those who commit. Please help us to support your children. Whether you are a coach, umpire, or member of the field crew, we simply need your time; we'll provide the support and training.

Registration: Alton Town Hall - Saturday, March 6, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, and Sunday, March 14, 1 - 3 p.m. Open to children ages 5 - 12 born August 1, 1986 - July 31, 1994. \$15 registration fee (\$10 late fee added after these dates).

Major League Try-Outs: Alton Central School Field - Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, with a rain date of Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m.

Coaching Clinic and Umpiring Clinic: Alton Central School Gym - Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Open to all interested people.

This looks to be another year of growth and positive instruction for the youth of our town. For more information call Gary Dudman at 875-6170.



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CONCORD CORNER

By Rob Boyce

State Representative



CRUNCH TIME

It should come as no surprise that a solution to the "Claremont Crisis" is THE hot topic lately in Concord. Thus far, in advance of the Court imposed April 1 deadline, little else is being discussed. Neither should it be a big surprise that most of the solutions include a combination of several new or increased taxes.

At the time of this writing (February 17) one proposed solution combines a statewide property tax with an increase in the tobacco tax — Speaker Sytek's "Smart Plan." Another, the Hager/Below plan, also includes a statewide property tax along with an income tax. The Peterson "ACT plan" would implement a statewide property tax and a "consumption tax" — which is a tax on nearly all goods and services.

There is a pattern here — all the contenders, except Senator Mary Brown's "Education Homestead Act," include a statewide property tax. All the property tax variations would make Alton a "donor" town — meaning taxpayers in Alton would be paying more in property taxes than needed to support Alton's school in order to support schools in "receiving" towns.

A tobacco tax increase — 25 cents per pack and applying to all forms of tobacco — has been passed by a majority vote in the House and sent to the Senate.

The Governor has not revealed her plan at the time of this writing. The Senate seems to be favoring either an income tax or video gambling, but thus far no bills have been acted on there.

If you have questions on any of the above, or have other State government matters that you would like to discuss with me, I can be reached at 875-7371 when I am not in Concord. My e-mail address is <rboyce@worldpath.net>.

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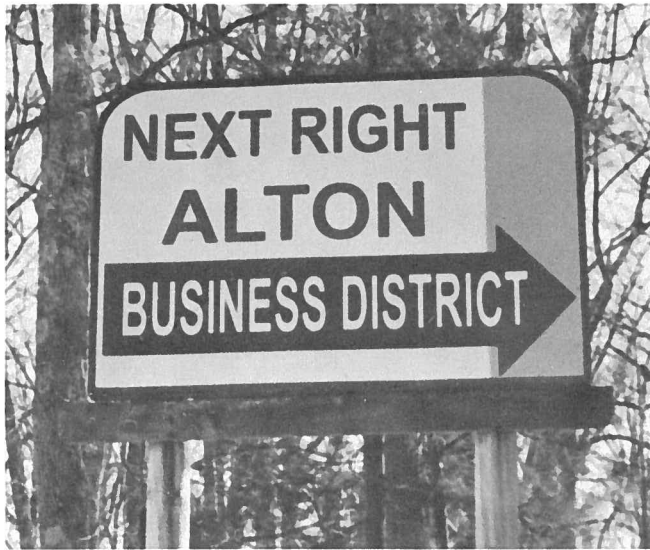
Three women from Alton Central School were honored last month at the 12th Annual New Hampshire High School Women's Athletic/Academic Award program sponsored by the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women. Among the high school women recognized for achieving academic and athletic excellence are Jennifer Emanouil (soccer, basketball, softball), Amber Locke (soccer, softball), and Anna Varney (soccer, softball).

Award recipients are nominated each year by their school principals based on criteria which requires that the high school senior have a B+ grade point average, letter in at least two varsity sports, participate in community service activities and serve as a role model to her peers.

The Commission on the Status of Women is celebrating its 30th anniversary of serving as a strong voice to women in the state by monitoring legislation, overcoming discrimination, promoting skills and education, and recognizing women for their accomplishments.

SPRINGTIME DOLL SHOW AND SALE

Mark your calendars now! The Happy Hobby Doll Club is once again sponsoring a doll show and sale. The date to circle is Sunday, April 25. It will be held at the Alton Central School from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be further information on the events of the day in the April issue of Main Street. If you wish for more information, call Ruth Messier, 875-6750.



HOW TO GET THERE FROM HERE

Pictured above is a new view in the local scene. In the Fall of 1998 Alton Selectman Bill Ryan brought to the attention of his fellow Board of Selectmen the decrepit condition of the existing sign as motorists proceed south on Route 28 from Wolfeboro to the Alton circle. The worn and beat-up condition of the "Alton Business District," sign obviously portrayed the image of a business district that was roughly in the same condition as the sign. Which, of course, was not the case.

Selectman Ryan proposed that the Board appropriate \$250 for a replacement sign that would portray more accurately the up-to-date image of Alton's business district. So moved, and appropriated.

Small glitch, however. When the quote came in to do the job "really right," the price was \$425. Not too tough; Ryan came back to the December 21 Selectmen's meeting and reported that Bob DeRoche had made a significant contribution to the shortfall and with the gift from another business there was only a \$25 gap between the cost and the Town's appropriation. Selectman Bob Longabaugh responded "here."

REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

By Becca Blair

This year students involved in the Alton Drama Department will host one of the 1999 New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild Regional Drama Festivals.

The festival will take place on Saturday, March 13, and will be an all-day event. Performances begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Not only will Alton drama participants be performing the play *Crunch Time* by Mark Medoff and Phil Trien, but many high school students will also be involved with organizing and planning the day.

Nashua, Bow, Conval Regional, Laconia, Saint Bani, White Mountains Regional, and Littleton will be the seven other school attending the festival. The two judges will be Peggy Rae Johnson, a theater educator at Franklin Pierce College, and Wallace Pineault, a theater educator at New England College. The judges' consultant is Jennifer Perry. Throughout the day students will attend the performances and at the conclusion of the festival, judges will select three of the participating schools to attend the state festival which will be held at White Mountains Regional High School on March 26 and 27.

This event is open to the public, and tickets will be on sale the day of the festival for \$1 a show or \$6 for the day.

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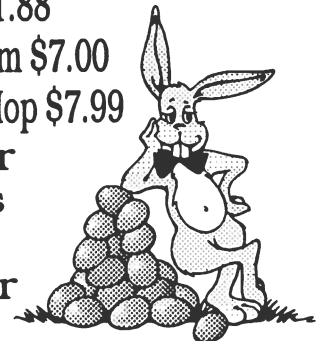
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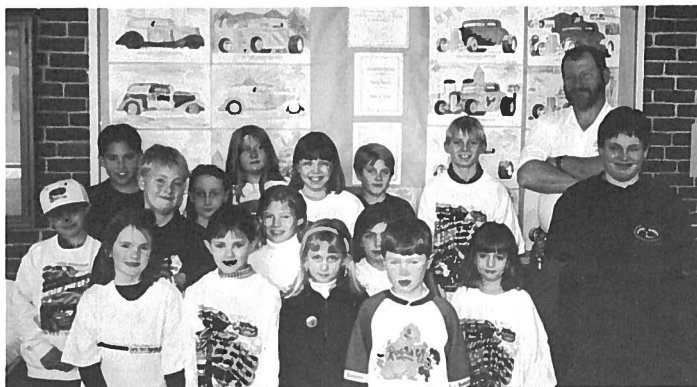
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**DESIGN-A-ROD CONTEST
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Kirt Hussey (right rear), custodian at Alton Central School, recently sponsored the second annual Design-A-Rod Contest for students in kindergarten through grade 6. The kindergarten winners (row 1, left to right) are Lauretta Tremblay, first place; Kassie Lamper, second; Lindsey Malone, third; and Ethan Ehler, fourth. First and second grade winners (row 2, left to right) Tommy Pellowe, first; Stephanie Roy, second; Casey Beranger, third; and Aishea Sweezey, fourth. Third and fourth grade winners are (row 3, left to right) Chris Loprete, first; Kelsey Moore, second; and Kelsey Tinkham, fourth. Third place winner, Jeff St. Cyr, was not present for the photo. Fifth and Sixth grade winners are (row 4, left to right) Pat Quinn, first; Cassandra Golden, second; Jimmy Grant, third; and Brian Roy, fourth. Standing in front of Hussey is sixth grader David Roberts who received an Honorable Mention. Best of Show was Pat Quinn and Kirt's Pick was Chris Loprete.

Prizes were donated by Dick Spadaro of Early Ford Reproductions, Pete & Jake's Hot Rod Parts, Total Performance Hot Rods, Roy Brizic Street Rods, Butch's Rod Shop, RB's Obsolete Automotive, Inc., Open Road Collectibles, and Bob Moscoffian of Performance Series. Special thanks to Joan Chase and Jennifer Van Cor of the School's Art Department for their assistance.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

By Patti McMullen

For those who may not have already heard, Post Commander Norm French has moved to Maine. Because of his busy schedule, he has passed over the reins of command to 1st Vice Commander Ken McMullen. We all wish Norm good luck with his new endeavors.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day dance on March 20. The 6 p.m. dinner will feature corned beef and cabbage which will be followed by live musical entertainment for your dancing and listening pleasure. The cost for this great evening of fun and enjoyment is only \$7 per person.

We have received correspondence from the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton thanking us for our donation of Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day decorations for their annual festivities. The Valentine's Day dance at the home was attended by a Post 72 delegation, and they are hoping to see us again for St. Patrick's Day. As soon as we receive a date and time, we will post a sign-up sheet.

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BALLOT, Alton Central School, 10 a.m.
- Sun. 7 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton School, 4 - 7 p.m.
- Mon. 8 YOUTH ART MONTH SHOWCASE BEGINS,
Town Hall, see story
- Tue. 9 VOTE — TOWN AND SCHOOL BALLOTS, Alton
Central Fire Station, Rt. 140, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 10 "TWO LEAVES & A BUD LUNCHEON, Lakes Region
Christian Women's Club, Christian Conference Center,
11:30 a.m., see story
TOWN MEETING, Alton Central School, 7 p.m., see story
- Thu. 11 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road
Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Fri. 12 PASSION PLAY, St. Joan of Arc Church, 7 p.m., see story
- Sat. 13 GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE, 8 a.m. - 12 noon, see
story for sites
REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL, Alton Central School,
9 a.m., see story
- Sun. 14 ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE REGISTRATION, Town
Hall, 1 - 3 p.m., see story
INDOOR SOCCER FINALS, Alton School, 1 - 5 p.m.
- Wed. 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Sat. 20 ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE, American
Legion, 6 p.m., see story
VERNAL EQUINOX, 8:47 p.m. EST — Is it spring yet?
- Mon. 22 HARLEM ROCKETS vs. FACULTY/STUDENT ALL-
STARS, Alton Central School, 6:30 p.m., see story
- Fri. 26 YOUTH ART MONTH SHOWCASE ENDS, Town Hall,
see story
- Sat. 27 ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE COACHING CLINIC AND
UMPIRING CLINIC, Alton Central School Gym,
9 a.m. - 12 noon, see story
- Sun. 28 PALM SUNDAY
- Tue. 30 LAST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION,
see story
- Wed. 31 PASSOVER BEGINS

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:
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CANDIDATES NIGHT IS MARCH 2

Now an annual custom, once again Main Street will sponsor Candidates Night. This is your opportunity as voters to hear the candidates for contested School and Town offices express their views and be questioned by the audience. Candidates running unopposed and who come to the meeting will be introduced.

The date is Tuesday, March 2; the place is the Recital Room at the Alton Central School; and the time for the meeting to begin is 7 p.m.

Mark Northridge will repeat his role of the past two years as moderator. As was the case last year, the candidates will be limited to a two-minute opening presentation. The question period that follows will not be open ended, but instead terminated by the moderator with an eye on the clock and the audience's attention span.

Make yourself an even more informed voter. Come out for this forum to see and hear for yourself what the candidates have to offer their community, if elected. Last year again there were more than 80 people in the audience.

TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

Elections (Phase 1)

When you come to vote at the Alton Central Fire Station between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, follow the entrance and exit signs to help maintain the best possible traffic flow at the polls. Exit will be into the garage area where sales tables will be operating.

There are TWO elections with two separate ballots and two vote counting machines (one for school ballots and one for town government ballots). Each will be clearly identified. The entire school warrant will be on the school ballot as well as the election of officers.

Town Meeting (Phase 2)

The traditional annual Town Meeting will be held at the Alton Central School the next night, Wednesday, March 10, starting at 7 p.m. All voters will be checked in against the current voting lists and issued colored cards with which to vote. In the event a continuation of the meeting is required to handle all business on the warrant, or in the event of a weather postponement of the original Wednesday Town Meeting, it will be held the very next night, Thursday, March 11, in the same location at 7 p.m.

Assistant Moderator

Moderator Bob Calvert is pleased to recognize the appointment of Mark Northridge as Assistant Town Moderator. He will be on duty at the elections and in attendance at the Town Meeting. Prior to that, he will moderate the Candidates Night forum on Tuesday, March 2, in the Music Recital Room at the Alton Central School. The forum starts at 7 p.m.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots must be turned in at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 8, to be counted the next day at the polls.

??? ABOUT THE MARCH 9 SCHOOL BALLOT?

ATTEND THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Superintendent Pike is urging all taxpayers to plan to attend an informational meeting, scheduled for March 6, 10 a.m., Alton Central School. It is not a requirement for the School Board to hold a public hearing between the Deliberative Session and the vote, but they set up this session to inform you of the questions which will appear on the March 9 ballot.

To be knowledgeable about the school and its needs, you can obtain a copy of the SAU #72 Alton Annual School District Report before the meeting from the school, the SAU office, or Town Hall. Otherwise, a copy will be available on March 6 at the meeting. This report covers 12 areas of the school, as well as sections on finance, enrollment, and most importantly the election warrant, Deliberative Session Minutes, and the next budget. If you could not attend the January 30 meeting, this is a must-read report.

Try to attend this important meeting which is, after all, being held for you.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION REMINDER FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Please remember you **MUST** bring in your old registration when you come in to renew or transfer a vehicle. The Town Clerk's staff must see your previous registration in order to process your request. Thank you for your assistance.



CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

When the candidates filed to run for office in the school and town elections, they were given a questionnaire and asked to return it to Main Street by February 13. The form called for information on the candidate's background (training and/or experience) and a position statement — no more than 50 words — on "Why are you seeking this office?"

The information contained in the questionnaires that were returned by the deadline is reproduced below. When the candidate's position statement exceeded 50 words, neutral editors reduced the statements to meet the specified maximum in order to provide a level playing field. Statements edited to meet the 50-word maximum are designated "condensed."

SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS

(Elect Two)

ROBERT F. BOLLINGER

Questionnaire not received by press time.

Laurie Boyce (875-7371)

Background: Active resident of Alton for 13+ years; Budget Committee, 2 years; School Volunteer Coordinator, 12 years.

Statement: (Condensed) I feel qualified to run for Selectman with my experience of Town finances through the Budget Committee and as coordinator of the school volunteers. With a qualified sub chair, I will continue working with the volunteer program but have no other work commitments. I look forward to being Selectman(woman).

FRANCIS C. METCALFE

Background: Former Selectman; Capital Improvement Committee; Planning Board for 5 years, Vice Chair for two; served on 911 Committee; volunteer on our local paper, Main Street.

Statement: (Condensed) I would like to serve on the Board of Selectmen with the same dedication as I did on the Planning Board. I feel the decisions I made on the Planning Board were of the best interest to the town and people who came before. I would appreciate your vote.

PETER J. PIJOAN (875-8894)

Background: Budget Committee, 1996-present and current chairman; Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 1997-1998. Retired professional engineer specializing in management of large subcontracts.

Statement: (Condensed) As a candidate for Selectman, I am qualified through participation on other town committees, am a straight shooter, have no hidden agendas, have no vested interests, have no interest in playing games, will represent and be available to the townspeople. I will expose any games the Selectmen may play.

ARNOLD P. SHIBLEY (875-2849)

Background: Selectman (1995-1998); School Board (1969-1981 and 1991-1996); State Representative (1991-1992); Owner Shibley's Ice Cream Stand since 1973; Owner Shibley's at the Pier since 1993; Alton resident since 1963; Husband, Father, Grandfather.

Statement: (Condensed) I would like to serve as a Selectman to make Town government accountable. A fiscal conservative, I get results on a limited budget. My objectives: Focus on essentials, i.e., road reconstruction and personnel issues; get the most for a dollar; and investigate a village revitalization project similar to the Bay.

REUBEN L. WENTWORTH

Questionnaire not received by press time.

TOWN CLERK - 1 YEAR

(Elect One)

HELEN "LYNN" BROOKS (875-6563)

Background: 3 1/2 years in Alton Town Clerk's Office, 2 years Alton Deputy Town Clerk, Certified Motor Vehicle Municipal Agent, first year completed TC Certification School.

Statement: I am running for the position of Town Clerk because the people of Alton deserve the best possible service. I have the training and experience to run the office effectively and efficiently as well as to maintain the high standard that has been set.

DEBORAH L. BURTON (875-6045)

Background: Office management; supervision; Budget Committee; community involvement on various committees.

Statement: (Condensed) The Town Clerk position would be a great opportunity to advance personally and professionally. I wish to bring back to this office a sense of longevity and stability with a smile. My ultimate goal: expand the office hours one evening a week to accommodate the needs of the community.

DIANTHA S. MOULTON (875-5931)

Background: Alton Water Works Secretary 1976 - 1985; elected Tax Collector 1977 - 1985; Assessing/Land Use and Property Records Administrative Assistant 1986 - 1998; appointed Town Clerk from January-Election, 1999.

Statement: (Condensed) I would be proud to serve as Town Clerk. With my background and work record with the town, I can continue to provide the most consistent, professional, and courteous service to the townspeople. I would strive to bring back the motor vehicle program as soon as certification classes are offered.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS - 3 YEARS

(Elect One)

SHIRLEY COPELAND (875-2267)

Background: A resident of Alton for many years with a great concern for the town. Have served as a Trustee of Trust Funds for three terms and very familiar with the issues involved.

Statement: I would like to continue to serve on this board, since I have respect for the donor's wishes and feel responsible in using good judgment as to the manner in which they are carried out.

ROBERT J. T. LONGABAUGH (875-5067)

Background: Retired community planner. In Alton: Secretary, Alton Housing for the Elderly; Secretary, Town Engineering Needs Study Committee; Capital Improvements Programming Subcommittee; Caregiver; Co-editor of Main Street; Selectman (1998-1999).

Statement: After one year's experience as a Selectman, I've decided to take a sabbatical. I've been impressed with Joe Houle's management of the Trust Funds, and I'd like my next community service to be under his tutelage.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS

(Elect One)

SHIRLEY COPELAND (875-2267)

Background: I have served on this board for many years and have been the treasurer each term. I have a good working relationship with the other members, and we have seen one goal come to pass — the new addition.

Statement: I would like to continue in this office since there are other projects that we would like to see accomplished.

FIRE WARD - 3 YEARS

(Elect One)

CHARLES B. ADAMS, JR.

Questionnaire not received by press time.

RICHARD QUINDLEY

Questionnaire not received by press time.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS

(Elect One)

DIANTHA S. MOULTON (875-5931)

Background: Elected Tax Collector for 8 years; employed by the Town in Assessing/Land Use and Property Records for 12 years; appointed Town Clerk from January 4 to election. During the early part of my career, I assisted in selling cemetery lots and answered questions about the cemetery before the Town hired a permanent seasonal caretaker.

Statement: The current previous Trustees have worked hard to provide the Town with beautiful cemetery grounds through the careful attention of the caretaker and his assistant. Please allow me to oversee the care of our cemeteries and to make them a place of beauty and peace.

WATER COMMISSIONER - 3 YEARS

(Elect One)

CHARLES B. ADAMS, JR.

Questionnaire not received by press time.

MALCOLM "MAL" SIMONDS (875-5480)

Background: Lifelong resident of Alton; currently Director of the Solid Waste Center for over 10 years; former Water Commissioner in 1994; business owner in town; experienced with operating budgets, financial reports, and department procedures.

Statement: I would strive to keep a good team working together and offer experience, new ideas, and good personality to the Alton Water Works. I look forward to my pending retirement as it will allow me the opportunity to spend more time with the Water Department as your Water Commissioner.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3 YEARS

(Elect Three)

ANNA D. GRIFFIN (859-8558)

Background: AA, Accounting, 1977, UNH; BA, Management, 1988, UNH. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard 1966-1997, the last 14 years as a budget analyst preparing and maintaining the PNSY Expense Budget; Senior Budget Analyst in Comptroller when I took early retirement in 1997.

Statement: (Condensed) I have the experience and training to work with the Budget Committee preparing the best possible budget to meet Alton's growing needs, always keeping in mind the tax dollars supporting the Town come from the hard-working citizens. I look forward to the challenge and opportunity to make it work!

ALAN SHERWOOD (293-7041)

Background: Alton Budget Committee (appointed January, 1999); former Danville Selectman; former engineering division manager with budget preparation/management responsibility.

Statement: Firstly, to do what I can to stem the upward march of the Alton tax rate. Secondly, as I recently moved to Alton, serving on a town committee will be an opportunity for me to learn more about the town.

PLANNING BOARD - 3 YEARS

(Elect Two)

DONN BROCK (875-4343)

Background: A 6-year background as a building, home, and security inspector coupled with 8 years of service to the Town qualifies me for a regular position on the Planning Board (currently an alternate member); 2-year member of CIP. Past positions: Buildings Committee (Chair) and Zoning Board of Adjustment, 6 years (2 years as Chair).

Statement: I am seeking an elected seat on the Planning Board rather than an appointed position so that my expertise in land use and planning administration can be put to better use on a regular basis.

ROBERT "BOB" GILSON

Background: Recently retired from civil engineering field. 24 years with private consulting firm, 15 years with Orange County, NY, as Senior Engineer. Responsibilities included working with Planning Boards, reviewing plans, writing reports, and inspections. Attended seminars and conferences on drainage and construction law. Certified in OSHA's construction standards for excavations.

Statement: As a relocated permanent resident, I would like to contribute my knowledge and experience in helping the town move forward. With proper planning the town will remain a friendly community where people and businesses will continue to relocate.

DOROTHE S. WENTWORTH

Background: Home owner in town for over 30 years; business owner for over 5 years; 2-year Associate Degree in Health Science.

Statement: I am interested in the future of Alton and its growth. Interested in giving or seeing everyone is treated equally and fairly.

SCHOOL BOARD - 3 YEARS

(Elect One)

No candidate listed on ballot. *Write-ins will decide this office.*

SCHOOL BOARD - 2 YEARS

(Elect One)

ROBERT J. LOPRETE

Background: I have been on the School Board for the past 6 months as an appointed member of the Board. I am trained and experienced in business management.

Statement: To fulfill my quest in contributing and supporting the education of my children and the children of this community. My intentions are to complete the full 2-year term on the Board and to be fiscally responsible to the community without making education secondary.

SCHOOL MODERATOR - 1 YEAR

(Elect One)

TERIA. NOYES

Questionnaire not received by press time.

SCHOOL TREASURER - 1 YEAR

(Elect One)

SHIRLEY E. YOUNG (875-7530)

Background: I have been elected to this office since 1972.

Statement: Thank you for your votes in the past and would appreciate your vote again this year.

SCHOOL BOARD CLERK - 1 YEAR

(Elect One)

CHRISTINE WHALEN (875-5842)

Background: Associates degree in Social Sciences. 12 years experience in dictation transcription.

Statement: As I presently work for the Town of Alton taking minutes for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and occasional other boards, I feel I am qualified to fill this position.



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CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Worship, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wed. Family Night Pitch-in Dinner, 6 p.m. in Lombard Center Dining Hall; Adventure groups, 7 p.m.; Sun. Worship, Moore Chapel; other services, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; Pastor Robert H. Hett
- Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Service, 11 a.m.; Congregational Meeting House
- First Free Will Baptist Church — Sun. School, 9:45 a.m.; Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason
- St. Joan of Arc — Sat., 5 p.m., Sun., 8 and 11 a.m., Mon. - Sat., except Wed., 8 a.m.; Confessions, Sat., 4 p.m. or by appointment; Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. (Summer 10 a.m.); Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY:

- Mon. and Wed., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Tue. and Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Thu. and Sun.

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

- Mon - Fri., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Pearson Rd. Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER:

- Sun., Mon., Fri., and Sat., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Tue., Wed., and Thu.
Rines Road Pit — Closed until April 3.

TOWN HALL:

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.
Parks and Recreation — 875-0109 for info and appts.
Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

ORGANIZATIONS:

- Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
- American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
- American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
- American Legion Jr. Auxiliary — 1st Tue., 6 p.m., Legion Hall
- Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station
- Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
- Eastern Star — 2nd Tue., when meeting, 875-5211
- Flying Club — 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900
- Friends of the Gilman Library — Watch "Checkout Desk"
- Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House
- Girl Scout Junior Troop 630, Wed., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe.
- Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- Historical Society — 3rd Tue., Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., open by request, 569-2629
- Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
- Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., 6:30 p.m., Edgewood Restaurant
- Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu., when meeting, 875-7448
- PTSA — 3rd Tue., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.
- Senior Citizens — 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- VFW — 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets once a month, day varies, 6:30 p.m., Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109
- PLANNING BOARD — 4th Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Bonnie Dunbar; call 875-5095 for appointment
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meet on call. Chairman Cindy Duffek, 569-4441
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:30 p.m., Chairman David Countway, 875-2550
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8 a.m., Chairman Charles B. Adams, Jr., 875-7246
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Glen McLean, 875-5095
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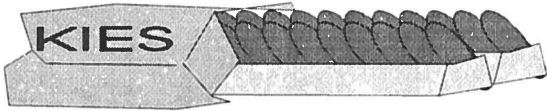
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IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME AGAIN!

According to Lisa Goodwin, leader of Girl Scout Junior Troop 630, Saturday, March 13, is the "official" day nationwide to sell those special cookies that you can buy only once a year. Troop 630 will be out there on that date selling you your favorite(s) at either the Alton Post Office or the Alton Circle Grocery (formerly Wayside) from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. If you have other plans for that day, call Lisa Goodwin at 875-6202, and she will make other arrangements with you.

**PASSION PLAY PERFORMANCE
ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH**

Friday, March 12, at 7 p.m. will be a very special night at St. Joan of Arc Church in Alton. The youth group from St. Agnes Parish Church in Ashland has been invited to perform "The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."

These young men and women have been doing this for the past six years and have performed throughout New Hampshire. Over 45 players will bring to life the story of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his great sacrifice at Calvary. This is accomplished through the use of music, mime, and the spoken word, all enhanced by special lighting effects. It is a moving performance.

Everyone is invited, especially the youth of our town since the players are teenagers. Following the performance light refreshments will be available in the parish hall where the audience can "meet the stars."

**BAY CHURCH 50-DAY SPIRITUAL
ADVENTURE CONTINUES**

The folk at the Bay Church are in the midst of their 50-day spiritual adventure called "Promises Worth Keeping: Resolving to Live What We Say We Believe." In addition to the Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, the church family gathers each Wednesday night in small groups to encourage one another in fulfilling their promises to God.

The age-appropriate groups meet following a Family Night Pitch-In Dinner in the Lombard Center Dining Hall. Each family brings a dish to share at the 6 p.m. meal. Then the "Promise Kids" (Kindergarten - grade 6), the teens, and the adults break off into discussion groups at 7 p.m. These sessions are stimulated by videos, cassettes, and audio-visuals that focus on the "promise" of the week.

The adventure continues through Easter Sunday, April 4. Guests are always welcome at any of the events. For more information, call Pastor Bob Hett at 875-4388.

**BIBLE STUDIES AND
YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

Alton residents, we invite you to a night of worship and delving into the Word of God. Bible studies are held Thursday evenings, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center, except that the final Thursday of the month we meet at the Alton Bay Community Center. All are welcome.

Attention Teenagers!

Everyone faces challenging and often difficult choices every day. Please come and get equipped with the tools you need to stand up for what is right in a day when many do not have the guts to do so, or do not even care. Youth group meetings will be held on Saturday nights from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Please join us.

Any questions? Call Bobby or Tanya Frost, 875-6056.



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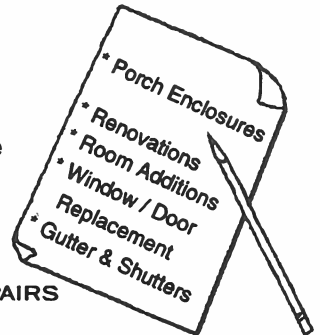
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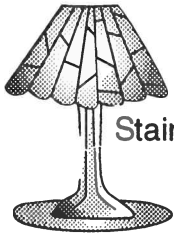
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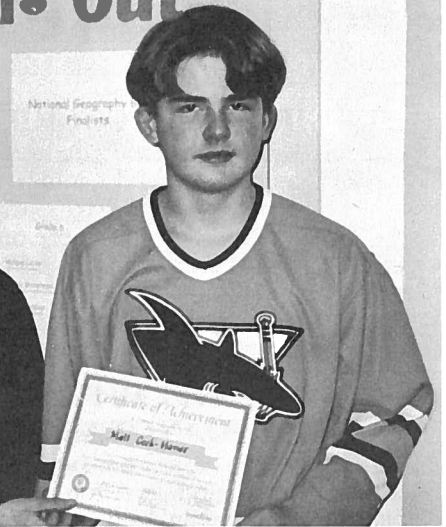
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MATTHEW COOK-HAMER WINS GEOGRAPHY BEE AT ALTON SCHOOL

Matthew Cook-Hamer, an eighth grade student at Alton Central School, is congratulated by Susan Quinn, Enrichment Assistant, after winning the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 11th annual National Geography Bee. The school winners took a written test to be eligible for the state Bee on April 9.

The sponsors, the National Geographic Society and BANK ONE, will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, for state champs and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee national championships on May 25 - 26. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

All students in grades four through eight at Alton Central School competed in the Bee.



TO PROTECT AND SERVE
By Detective Steven T. Holly
Community Liaison Officer

UPCOMING TRAINING PROGRAMS

This year the Alton Police Department plans on sponsoring a few community education programs. These programs will include a citizen's firearm academy, a women's safety seminar, a bicycle rodeo for the kids, and a 55-Alive driving program for seniors over 55. Keep checking our website for times and dates for these programs. Also, if you would like to see a program that we don't offer, drop me a line so I know what your interests are.

The following is a question submitted to the Alton Police Department: "I've noticed that the Ford Expedition has not yet been marked as a police cruiser, why is this?" — Interested Taxpayer.

The police department currently has four police vehicles, three fully marked Ford Crown Victorias, and the unmarked Expedition. The Expedition is fully equipped with lights and siren for patrol use and is used as a patrol vehicle during inclement weather. The reason that the Expedition has remained unmarked is that there are times when an investigation takes us out of town, or we have to perform a function in which we do not want people to know right away

that we are the police. However, due to the increasing amount of mileage being put onto the Crown Victorias, Chief Iwans has ordered the graphics for the Expedition so that it may be made into a full-time patrol vehicle. The drawback to this is that it takes away an unmarked vehicle for use in situations where we have used one in the past. We anticipate the Expedition will be ready for regular patrols by May 1.

Stay safe! For questions or comments please contact me at 875-3752 or altonpd@worldpath.net. Visit us on the worldwide web at www.worldpath.net/~apd.

SOIL POTENTIAL INDEX

The Belknap County Conservation District is accepting soil potential index (SPI) applications until April 15. SPI's calculate the value of fields that have farm land quality soil but are not being used to grow crops to sell. The purposes of providing a tax break to people who keep their land in fields are: reduce town service costs, provide scenic viewing areas, and help wildlife. The application process involves a visit to the office and a \$25 service fee. For more information, call Jan Hooper at 528-8713.

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articles. This year's proposal is \$2,833,412, as compared with \$2,585,331 proposed at town meeting a year ago.

Money Articles Involving Capital Reserve Funds

Articles include \$80,000 to be added to Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$10,000 to be added to Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund; \$122,400 to purchase and equip a Highway Department 10-wheel dump truck with \$25,000 to come from Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for a net expenditure of \$97,400. Also, \$5,000 to start a Maintenance Shed Capital Reserve Fund; and \$50,000 to be added to the Highway Garage Expansion Capital Reserve Fund.

Straight Spending Appropriations

An increase of \$16,504 over 1998 for wages and benefits in the collective bargaining agreement for union employees; \$55,000 for Phase III improvements in the Alton Bay revitalization program; \$8,900 for construction of basketball courts at Liberty Tree Park; \$22,992 for a new police cruiser; \$8,500 for police mobile data terminal communication systems; \$5,500 for a hot water pressure washer; \$37,540 as first year payment on a proposed 4-year lease/purchase agreement of a new Highway Department Front End Loader; and \$60,000 for ambulance services.

Independent Service Agencies

To be voted upon are \$3,000 for Community Health & Hospice (for Homemaker Service); \$6,124 for Community Action Program; \$1,500 for American Red Cross; \$5,848 for VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity for in-home health care, clinics and hospice care; \$1,000 for New Beginnings (Women's Crisis Center); and \$12,000 for Youth Service Bureau's Court Diversion program.

Appropriations With Offsetting Funds

Up for consideration are \$500,000 to Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, partially offset by an estimated \$110,335 block grant; \$26,185 to alleviate erosion problems at the Town Beach contingent on an estimated grant of \$20,948; \$100,000 to complete Main Street sidewalk reconstruction project, partially offset by a grant of \$80,000 or 80% of final project costs, whichever is less; and \$15,000 for water system improvements on Pine Street Extension, offset in entirety by water user fees.

Other Articles

A possible article to create a "Clough-Morrell Nature Trail" on 1.7 acre tract of land (Tax Map 29, Lot 29); and the usual "housekeeping article" including acknowledgment of reports and "any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Michelle Near from "Two Leaves & A Bud" in Meredith will present the special feature at a luncheon on Wednesday, March 10, 11:30 a.m., at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay. Paul Moynihan from Laconia will provide the music and the speaker will be Anne Nolan from Alton.

Reservations for the luncheon and available complimentary nursery may be made by calling Janet Benedetto in Alton, 875-2032 (from 2 - 6 p.m.) or Harriet Ireland in Gilford, 524-7194 by Wednesday, March 3.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, an interdenominational group with no formal membership, is the sponsor of the luncheon.



LOTS TO DO

March is the month to get ready for "salmon season." April 1 is the opening of the "open water" seasons for salmon and lake trout.

For starters, clean and lubricate reels and make sure the drag works. Inspect and clean fishing rods with a product similar to Armorall. This will renew color to a sun bleached rod and hide scratches. Use some furniture paste wax to give life to cork handles. Check the eyes and their windings. Renew your lines and leaders since they are basically plastic and turn brittle with age. UV rays from the sun also effect the lines.

Current technology has devised modern lines for different purposes. Many of these lines are thinner in diameter with longer wearing properties. Learn some of the new knots developed to go along with these new lines. It will increase your catch. Most manufacturers enclose information and diagrams with their new lines. These knots can be two- to three-times stronger than the older style knots.

Sharpen your hooks. Flies and lures left over the winter in a shed or garage can rust. A rusty hook is a dull hook. There are many hook sharpeners available. One I like is the EZ-LAP diamond sharpener. It is pen sized and shaped and has a 1/8th by 2-inch stone with one flat side and a hook groove on the other side. It is compact, lightweight, and only costs about \$6.

Refinish your oars if you row a boat or paddle a canoe. Sand them down and paint, linseed oil, or clear coat them to protect them. Have the outboard motor tuned and/or charge up the trolling motor battery.

In March I tie my salmon and trout flies. If you do not make or tie your own flies or lures, you can get some good deals at the various New England sportsmen's shows. There is still one more New Hampshire show - the NH Fishing and Sportsman Show on March 7 - 9 at Rockingham Park in Salem. These shows are a good place to see all the new gear, get good deals, and learn about the sport.

Besides all this, one can still ice fish with longer daylight and warmer days. Rabbits may be hunted until March 15 while smelt dipping starts on that date. Plus turkey season is coming. What will you do first?

Keep busy, keep young.

LANGER WINS LITERARY CONTEST

Michael Langer, a senior at Alton Central School, has been selected as the high school winner of the 1999 Blue Ribbon Literary Contest, sponsored by New Hampshire Partners in Education. Langer will be honored this month at an awards ceremony where he will read his essay on "How Our School Volunteers Make A Difference."

In his essay Langer describes volunteering as "having the courage, decency, and kindness to do what you know in your heart is right and true, even if it may mean that you have to give up something you wanted. It's the ability to discern between what's really important, and what's merely desired. It's the strength to give, which is harder than it looks. Be it time, money, or compassion, we all have the choice to donate something to those who don't have it. If we aren't willing to do at least this much, how can we look at ourselves in the mirror each morning, because are we really contributing to the society?"

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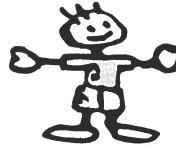
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The Parks and Recreation Department has had a very busy winter with the addition of new programs and after school activities. Also, we celebrated "Healthy Heart Month" with a free month of exercise classes at the Body Works program. A special thank you to Melanie Tidd for offering this excellent program at no charge to the participants. If you missed the free month, we still invite you to join with us every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Spring Schedule of Events for April, May, and June will be available April 1. Schedules are distributed through the school and local businesses. If you would like one mailed to you, call Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

Making Memories Scrap-booking Class

Ages 9-12. March 20, Alton Bay Community Center, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Register before March 5. \$5 fee includes your own scrapbook, paper, instruction, stickers, stencils, and cutouts. You bring the photos (as many as you want). You can make a general scrapbook or a theme book, including: school years, best friends, family vacation, and baby book.

"Kinder Rec"

Ages 3-5. March 9 at the Alton Bay Community Center from 10 - 11 a.m. Children must be three as of 3/1/99. Register before March 2, \$2. Great socializing opportunity for your little one. Creative games, art and movement.

Baby and Me

Ages 1-3. March 10 at the Alton Bay Community Center from 10 - 11 a.m. Register before March 2, \$2. A socialization-through-play class for parents and babies.

Senior Citizen Bingo

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Senior Bingo at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, March 4, from 1 - 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

Body Works

With Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified

Body Works consists of 30 minutes of low impact aerobics for cardiovascular training and 30 minutes of weight training. Alton Bay Community Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. \$3/class, or \$20/4 weeks. Bring mat, light hand weights, and water; Casual dress; drop in anytime.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

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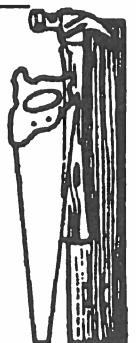
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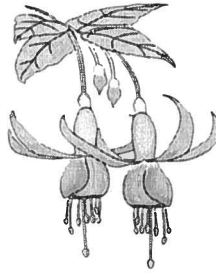
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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Brandon Potvin, Carol Young, Todd Brown, and Wendy St. Laurent were inducted into the Alton Chapter of the National Honor Society . . . Tammy Rogers and Stephen Burke reigned as Queen and King of the Winter Carnival Ball at Alton Central School . . . Kelly Hall won the chance to represent Alton Central School in the Belknap County Spelling Bee . . . The VNA began a "Welcome Baby" program for first-time parents in the Alton area.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Apache Players hosted a regional drama festival — seven schools participated by performing a series of one-act plays . . . Dave Geddes and the Country Lightning Band were the featured entertainment at the American Legion Auxiliary's St. Patrick's Day Dance . . . Maureen Coots, Barbara McKenney, and Courtney Newton received Women Athletic/Academic Awards from the NH Commission on the Status of Women . . . John Temchak was named Town Assessor by the Board of Selectmen.



Card of Thanks

On behalf of all patients who receive blood and blood products, the New England American Red Cross Blood Services would like to thank the community of Alton for their support at our February 9 bloodmobile sponsored by

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Our final records show 85 people offered to donate, resulting in 82 "pints of life" collected.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all who presented themselves to the blood drive, as they have helped to replenish the blood supply in the New Hampshire area. See you again when we return to Alton in July.

/s/Scott Chisholm,

Blood Services Representative

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for the construction of a new school was successfully amended to include the testing of possible building sites for the suitability of a new school as an additional acceptable use of the fund. The amendment and the article were approved unanimously.

The Budget Committee attempted to amend Article XII to reduce the operating budget of the school from \$5,425,888 to \$5,396,117. The amendment was overwhelmingly defeated and the article was passed as originally proposed.

All other articles were approved either unanimously or with only a handful of dissenting votes.

Article I will determine the School District officers including a three-year member and a two-year member of the School Board, a Moderator, a School District Clerk, and a School District Treasurer. Article II determines the salaries of the Clerk, Moderator, and Supervisors of the Checklist.

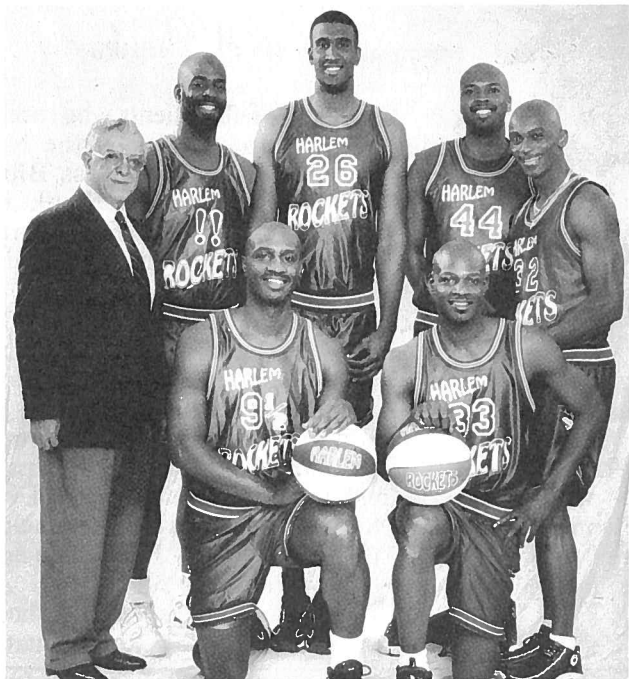
Articles III, IV, V, and VI establish Capital Reserve Funds for repairing and replacing water heaters, boilers, and ventilation systems (\$15,000), repairing and replacing sections of the roof (\$15,000), replacing the gym floor (\$15,000) and installing a fire suppression system (\$20,000).

Article VII authorizes a three-year lease agreement for a double modular classroom building and \$25,000 for the first year's payment. Article VIII establishes a Capital Reserve Fund of \$175,000 for the purchase of land for a new school.

Article X seeks approval of the collective bargaining agreement for the next three years between the School Board and the Alton Teachers' Association and the appropriation of \$70,024, the estimated cost of the first year. Article XI authorizes a special meeting to be called in the event Article X is defeated.

Article XIII seeks to return the School District Meeting to its previous format where articles are discussed and voted upon at the same meeting rather than on the official ballot. An affirmative vote would be in favor of returning to the former method of voting. A negative vote would retain the current system.

Article XIV would allow the School Board to exclude election workers earning less than \$1,000 a year from payroll taxes.



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**HARLEM ROCKETS TO FACE
FACULTY AND STUDENT ALL-STARS**

By Patrick Hanley

Everybody get ready! It's almost time for the funniest game of basketball you have ever seen. On Monday, March 22, the Alton faculty and senior All-Stars will be playing against the Harlem Rockets, a team of talented, well-known, and well-trained players who excel in comedy basketball at its finest.

The Rockets focus on bringing comedy basketball into towns and cities for a more personalized and intimate game for the benefit of these local communities. The Rockets also have a great halftime show that involves crowd participation. There are 20 to 30 children gathered from the audience to test their basketball skills until there are two finalists, a boy and a girl who receive a prize for their efforts.

Performing will be The Rainbow Man who played

basketball at John Jay College in New York City where he was the leading scorer and rebounder. Also participating will be Jamming Jay Griffin who at Oklahoma City University averaged 17 points and 17 rebounds per game. These two players bring a wonderful comedy experience wherever they travel.

Participating for Alton will be: Scott "The Thunder" Hutchins, Kristi "Prime Time" Getz, Laurie "Air" Griggs, "Big" Brian Davidson, Jim "Tough Time" Lefreniere, Steve "The Enforcer" Holly, "Mighty" Marlee Quann, Mike "Psycho" Goldberg, "Ferocious" Phil Best, Adam "Tricky" Travers, Pat "The Punisher" Hanley, Sandy "The Snake" Found, Andy "The Horse" Morse, "Crazy" Carly Blanchard, "Downtown" Kim Noyes, and "Kicken" Emily King.

The game will go from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices may be purchased from The Barnstead Country Store, Alton Circle Grocery, Alton Bay Lakeview Market, Alton Village Store, McGraths Food Center, and The Harvest Grill. Tickets cost \$6.

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