



Main Street

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WINTER CARNIVAL BALL KING & QUEEN NOMINEES



Photo by John Duffek

TOWN AND SCHOOL POSTS FILING ENDS FEBRUARY 2

Time has almost run out for candidates filing for the 14 town and 4 school posts for the 1990 election. Friday, February 2, at 5p.m. is the deadline in the Town Clerk's office.

School District positions include:

School Moderator, School Clerk and School Treasurer - 1 year each; and one School Board member for 3 years.

Town positions include: one Selectman for 3 years; Town Moderator for 2 years; one Trustee of the Trust Funds, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Trustee, one Fire Ward, one Water Commissioner, three Budget Committee members and 2 Planning Board members for three years each; one Water Commissioner for 2 years; and one Checklist Supervisor for 6 years.

Main Street will carry a complete list of candidates and their statements in the March issue and also will sponsor "MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT" on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30p.m. in the Recital Room at the Alton Central School. All candidates will be invited to make brief statements and respond to questions from the voters. Ted Cole will moderate the forum, and light refreshments will be available following the meeting.

AHS GETS READY FOR WINTER CARNIVAL WEEK AND CARNIVAL BALL

In its 55th year at Alton High School, the Winter Carnival is a lasting tradition that seems to grow stronger each year. A week filled with fun and competition culminating with the "Carnival Ball" is an exciting event unique to Alton.

This year's schedule is as follows: On Thursday, February 8, there will be the opening assembly, pep rally and that evening home basketball games vs Wilton. On Saturday, February 10, the Senior Class will sponsor a pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria for students as well as townspeople. The kickoff for the following week will be on Monday February 12 and there will be a "brain bowl". Tuesday, February 13, a foul-shooting contest, mock rock lip synch contest, and snow sculpture contest will be held. On Wednesday, February 14, "Name That Tune" and Broom Ball. Thursday, February 15, computer games and tug o'war. Each of these events is worth a certain number of points for each class which are tallied at the end of the week. The winner of the school broom-ball will be pitted against a town team on Saturday, February 17, at 11a.m. at the School.

On Friday, February 16, at 9:30p.m., reigning Carnival Ball King and Queen Steve Burke and Tammy Rogers will crown their successors at the Winter Carnival Ball in the Alton School Gymnasium. Carnival King hopefuls are Todd Brown, Chris Irvin, Russ Troendle, and Peter Coots. Candidates for Carnival Queen are Wendy St. Laurent, Heidi Swabowicz, Noelle Strong, and Andrea Shealy.

Princes and Princesses include David Emerson and Susan Lamper from Grade 11, Ryan Dadura and Tonyel Mitchell from Grade 10, and Jeff Irvin and Elizabeth Mitchell from Grade 9. Second graders selected as Pages are Brian Headley, Deanna Hillsgrove, Elvira Hufschmid, Eric Morrill, Howard Sanborn, and Nicole Wentworth.

The theme for this year is "Reflections" and, as usual, elaborate decorations have been planned for the Gym. Tickets, \$6 per person and \$10 a couple, are available at the School Office or at the door.

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Advent Christian Church - Sunday 11a.m. & 6p.m., Pastor Dr. Warren Harris
 Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
 Community Church - Sunday School 9:30a.m., Morning Worship 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Peter E. Roussaki
 First Free Will Baptist Church - Sunday School 9:45a.m., Church 11a.m., Evening Service 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7p.m., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines

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

GILMAN LIBRARY:

Monday & Wednesday Noon to 8p.m.
 Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

TOWN HALL:

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, and Town Clerk - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
 Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
 Planning Board - Monday 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., Closed Noon to 12:30p.m.

LANDFILL:

Monday, Thursday, Friday - 8a.m. to 3:30p.m.
 Tuesday & Saturday - 7:30a.m. to 3p.m.
 Wednesday & Sunday - CLOSED

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ORGANIZATIONS:

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 CHESS CLUB - Tuesday 7:30p.m., Busy Corner Store
 CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
 FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
 HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
 LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday 6:30p.m., Community House
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 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday
 NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School
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ALTON/ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets 1st Wednesday in the Town Hall, Chairman Cathy Mars, 875-6277.
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets each Monday at 9a.m. in the Town Hall. Chairman Robert L. Calvert. Call 875-2161 for Appt.
 BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Kim Kroeger 293-8830
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Ted Cole, 875-2437.
 CEMETERY TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Harold Copeland, 875-2267.
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets Every Other Thursday at 7:30pm Chairman Michael Burke, 875-5492.
 FIRE WARDS - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
 GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Anna Haase, 875-5611, Eleanor Hayes, 875-7420.
 LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES - Chairman Juliet E.E. Peverley, 875-7232.
 LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on call.
 LANDFILL STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Ted Cole, 875-2437
 OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets 4th Monday at 7p.m. in the American Legion Hall. Co-Chairmen Pat Brady & Joanne Fiorini
 PARKS AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION - Meets on Call. Chairman Jonathon Downing, 875-7243.
 PLANNING BOARD - Meets 1st Tuesday at 7p.m. Chairman Joseph Bristol. Call Planning Office, 875-5095, for Appointment.
 SCHOOL BOARD - Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:30p.m. at School, Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-2910.
 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on Call. Chairman Alice Ziegra, 875-2151.
 TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - Meet 3rd Monday at 3:30p.m. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321
 WAGE AND SALARY REVIEW BOARD - Meets on Call. Chairman Eldon C. Swim, 875-5158.
 WATER COMMISSIONERS - Meet Last Thursday, Chairman Robert Tilton, 364-2521.
 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on Call. Chairman Paul Todd, 875-3772.

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**RENEWED SPIRIT
A "GOOD FEELING"**

By Faith Francis

As I sat in the Alton Gym on January 15 there was a different feeling in the air. I realized that it was something familiar, but I just couldn't place it.

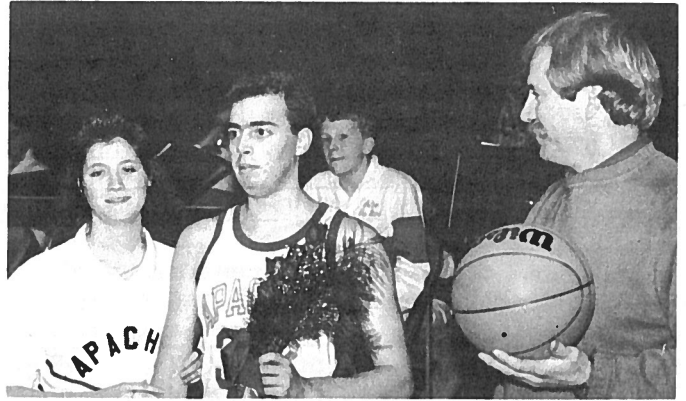
I quickly became distracted by the game; Alton was playing extremely well, and the fans, myself included, were counting down the points before Senior Chris Irvin would have 1000 career points for AHS. After three breakaway steals in a row, he had done it!

The game stopped, the fans roared, the band played, the team "high-fived", the cheerleaders screamed, and it was in this total chaos that I looked around, took a deep inhale and realized that the new, yet old familiar feeling in Alton High, is rekindled school spirit.

Being something of a skeptic, I tried to attribute this to Chris' 1000th point. But the new Pep Band is at all of the games, adding so much to the excitement. The cheerleaders did a half-time show that must have taken endless hours of preparation, surely not for this game only. The gym was packed as it hasn't been in a long time with students, faculty and townspeople of all ages, and each as genuinely happy to be there as I was.

This type of atmosphere does not arise merely from having an undefeated basketball team. This revolves around a student body that actually cares about their school, a faculty that actually cares about the students, the curriculum and school as a whole, and an administration that is accessible and actually believes that they're running the best school around.

In this increasingly complicated world, it's nice to know that singing "when the blue and white fall into line" can still bring a tear to the eye. Thank you, Alton High!



1000th POINT HONORS were bestowed upon Chris Irvin by Coach Brian Davidson and Cheerleader Noelle Strong after the Alton High School senior reached the scoring milestone during the Apaches' victory over Calvary Christian. (Rochester Courier Photo)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR SUMMER LEAGUES**

Parents are needed to volunteer their time to the Alton Youth Baseball and Softball League as coaches, assistant coaches, and umpires. The League also needs parents interested in fund raising for the league.

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THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

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The Library recently purchased a series of videocassettes about New Hampshire, including This is New Hampshire, Foliage, NH, White Mountains, NH, Franconia Notch, Mt. Washington 1852-1908, The Best of NH Crossroads, and Just Up The Road.

These are about different parts of the state and will be fun to view. The first five are self-explanatory. The Best of NH Crossroads is from the most popular local series from NH Public Television. Just Up The Road takes the viewer to some unlikely places with NH humorist and storyteller, Fritz Wetherbee.

Remember videocassettes circulate at no charge and are checked out just like a book.

New books include:

Spy Line by Len Deighton

"B" is for Burqlar by Sue Grafton

"A" is for Alibi by Sue Grafton

Send Bygraves by Martha Grimes

SENIOR CLASS PLANS JURIED CRAFTS FAIR

On Saturday, June 2, the Alton Central School Senior Class of 1990 will sponsor the First Annual Juried Crafts Fair. The Fair will be at the Alton Bay Community House, next to the MS Mount Washington Dock.

Crafters should submit their work or a picture of it to the Alton School by March 1 so that the jury's decision can be made by March 9. Decisions will be based on quality, originality and design. The varied arts backgrounds of the three jury members will assure quality in a wide range of crafts.

Advertising will be done in 6 regional papers, radio and posters. Of course, the Mount Washington will be picking up and dropping off passengers through the day.

The Fair will benefit the Class of 1990 Project Graduation, a trip to New York City. Project Graduation promotes an alcohol/drug free graduation. For more information, contact Connie Racine at the Alton Central School, 875-7500.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS NAMED

Officers of the Alton Fire Department were announced by Chief Russell Jones at the recent annual meeting of Alton Firemen, Inc.

They include Norman Barrett, assistant chief; Robert Witham, deputy chief; Robert Mann, chaplain; Charles Adams, department clerk; and Russell Sample, training officer.

Station officers are Lieutenants Charles Adams, Nicholas Kalfas, and Jack Woodland, Central Station; Captain Russell Sample, Alton Bay Station; Captain Irving Roberts, East Alton Station; and Lieutenant John Farrell, West Alton Station.

Officers of Alton Firemen, Inc., elected by the membership at the meeting are President Russell Jones, Vice-President Norman Barrett, Secretary Steve Dana and Treasurer Edward Consentino.

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ALTON YOUTH BUSY WITH SKIING AND HOCKEY

By Debby Eyer

Alton's kids are busy. Of course, they are all busy with school, but many of Alton's youth are busy after school with all kinds of activities. The long New England winters find many of the kids joining hockey teams and ski clubs.

Josh Hoopes has been a member of the Gunstock Ski Club for 2 years now. From the beginning of December, or whenever there is snow through to the end of the cold weather, usually about March, he skis every Saturday and Sunday and during school vacations. He trains for 4 hours and the rest of the time he can free-ski. Gunstock has different divisions for the various ability levels. Each division has its own coach for training the kids in downhill slalom racing. Kids from Gunstock race against kids from other mountain's ski clubs at the same level.

Then there's hockey. Bill and Katie Bristol, ages 7 and 5 1/2, are team members of the Back Bay Indians Wolfeboro hockey team. A "Mites C" team, they play against other teams from other towns in Southern New Hampshire and Maine. As in skiing, there are different levels according to ability and age within the league. Some other Alton hockey players that are on other teams and other levels are John Dain, Ryan Loynd, Mary Marren and Eric True.

These after school activities are time consuming and require a lot of commitment from parents, but kids really enjoy these activities. They learn sportsmanship, make friends in other towns and get out and do what kids do best - stay busy being a kid.

NO SCHOOL TODAY?

You wake up and find it snowed during the night and the roads are iced over! Will there be school today? How do you find out? Call the school? Your teacher? Your bus driver? NO! NO! NO!

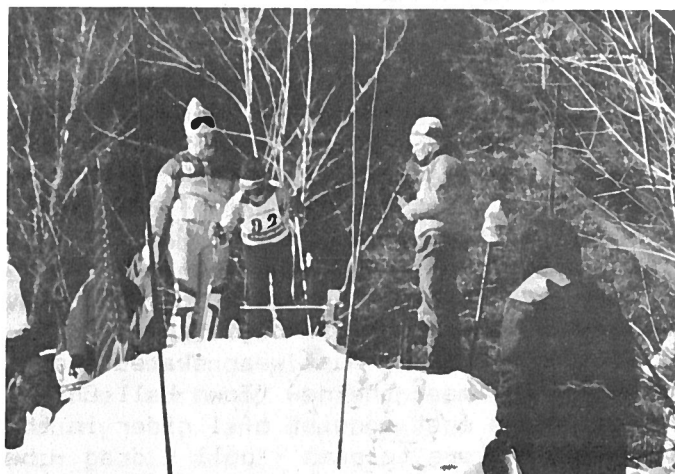
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SLALOM SKIER Josh Hoopes breaks from the starting gate during his first downhill race. (Photo by Ann Hoopes)

REUNION PLANS FOR CLASSES OF 1965-1976

On Saturday, July 20, the classes of 1965-1976 will be having a reunion at Alton High School.

There will be a social hour, catered buffet and dancing. Tickets are \$25 per person. If you are in one of these classes and have not been notified, contact Patty Lee-Loynd at 875-5744, or Bob Blackstock at 875-5466.

To defray the costs involved, a raffle was recently held. First prize went to Fred Browning, 2nd prize to Robert Gray Jr., 3rd prize to Marge Ross and 4th prize to Joan Giradin.

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TOWN HALL ISSUES BED RACE CHALLENGE

By Glen McLean

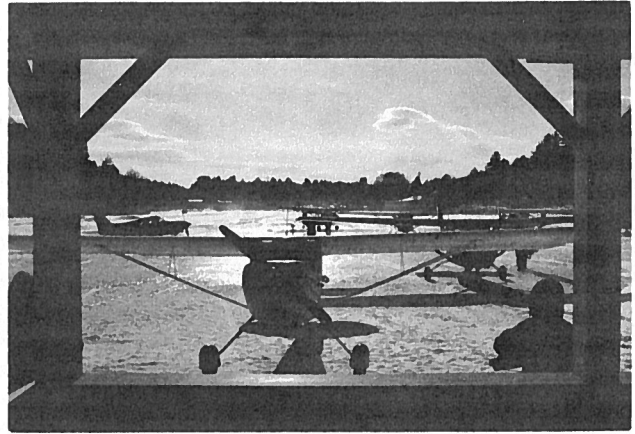
Could it be true? A sequel to the First Annual Never-To-Held-Again Town Hall challenge? Well maybe, but that's another story.

On a more seasonal note. The Scribblers are up to something: a part of the Winter Carnival festivities, the Town Hall "Scribblers" have challenged the Alton Police Department "Snoopers" and on Sunday, February 18 at 1p.m. the race will begin!

The contestants must wear skates and be prepared to meet the new "Town Hall Challenge". Teams must consist of 1 rider in the bed and 4 skaters to push - pull - drag - be dragged-etc. The challenge is open to everyone with 4 friends, a pair of skates, and a bed. Form a team and contact Parks and Recreation Director Luanne Dadura, 875-2061 for more details. Afternoon events include a barbeque on the new Bandstand, a skating party, and snow sculpture competition.

The Alton Flying Club has allowed the use of the landing strip and made the appropriate arrangements. The strip will be officially closed between 1 and 2p.m., thereafter please do not skate or linger on the strip.

Think small - big ideas upset people.



FLYING CLUB FLY-IN ATTRACTS 40 PLANES

By Jeanne Cole

The Alton Bay Flying Club sponsored a pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 13. It was a beautiful but cold day and approximately 40 planes landed on the ice. They came from many places - Plymouth and Beverly, Massachusetts; Biddeford, Augusta and Limington, Maine; and Derry, Manchester, and Laconia, New Hampshire, to name a few.

As we sat and enjoyed breakfast in the Community House with several of these pilots, you couldn't help but feel the enthusiasm they have for their sport. They watched each new landing and compared types, from the oldest antique-classic to the newest homemade plane. These small planes get about fifteen miles to the gallon of fuel, so it is not such an expensive mode of travel.

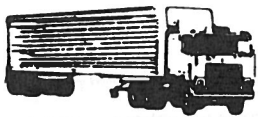
Our new acquaintances were leaving Alton Bay for a picnic on a lake near Augusta, Maine. They carried hot dogs, buns, relish and everything necessary for their lunch.

If you enjoy watching planes land and take off, go down to the bay during a weekend. There may be several planes there as these enthusiasts fly into our area for a cup of coffee or cocoa and share the latest news. (Photo by Ted Cole)

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SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS SALUTED FOR SERVICE

By Debby Eyer

The week of February 4-10 is New Hampshire School Volunteer week. This week has been set aside by Gov. Judd Gregg for "New Hampshirites" to take the time to thank the many volunteers in our community.

As a part of the NH/Partners in Education, Alton Coordinators Laurie Boyce and Debby Eyer thank all those listed below for their volunteerism this year. Without the constant help of these volunteers we wouldn't have such a great school. Listed below are the names of the school volunteers as well as all those who helped so dilligently this summer putting up the playground. We have listed those who worked all summer, but there were 125 people one Saturday who came and helped put it up. The playground is beautiful. Those who work in the school, some everyday, are great and we salute you.

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| Cindy Dore | Rolf Dutzmann |
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| Sue Blair | Jeanne Sample |
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| Laurie Boyce | Phyllis Chamberlain |
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| Susan Fenton | Dorothy Hubbard |
| Amparo Hufschmid | Judy Fry |
| Ginny Kenny | Connie Racine |
| Russ Sample | Mike Fuller |
| Carol Locke | Janet Sleeper |

There are high school volunteers also. These students use their study hall time to work with those younger who need a little extra help. Those students are Karon Wentworth, Tanya Witherbee, Hope Elliot, and Barbara Simpson.



FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Thu. 1 - BUDGET HEARING, Warrant Articles, Alton Bay Community House, 7p.m.
- Fri. 2 - GROUNDHOG DAY
FILING ENDS for town and school elections, 5p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Tue. 6 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, Away, 6:30p.m.
BUDGET HEARING, School Budget, Alton Central School, 7p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, Away, 8p.m.
- Wed. 7 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 8 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Wilton, Home, 5p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Wilton, Home, 6:30p.m.
- Fri. 9 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 10 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Alton Central School
- Mon. 12 - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
- Wed. 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 16 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
WINTER CARNIVAL BACL, Alton Central School, 8p.m.
- Sat. 17 - FINANCES WORKSHOP, Gilman Library, 9:30a.m.
BROOM BALL TOURNAMENT, Alton Central School, 11a.m.
- Sun. 18 - BED RACE, Alton Bay, 1p.m.
- Mon. 19 - PRESIDENT'S DAY
BROWNIE INSTALLATION, Community Church
CHILD FIND CLINIC, Barnstead Elementary School
- Tue. 20 - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, Away, 7:30pm
- Wed. 21 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 22 - WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Epping, Away, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 23 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 24 - FINANCES WORKSHOP, Gilman Library, 9:30a.m.
- Mon. 26 - SCHOOL RECESS BEGINS
- Wed. 28 - ASH WEDNESDAY
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CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

By Warren B. Harris

"How come Alton doesn't have a drug store?" "How come the Bay area is so messy and unattractive?" "Why do we have to drive 11 miles to do most of our shopping?" These are but a few of the questions one hears almost on a daily basis.

Yes, it is easy for us to ask questions but not so easy to come up with meaningful answers.

Answers and solutions will come only when one of us shows increasing concern and interest. Most of the good things taking place in Alton (and there are many) come as a result of participation and community concern.

Our annual Town Meeting (which includes voting day) offers us a golden opportunity to help find some of the answers to the frequent questions we ask.

Our town needs to have candidates for office who are progressive by nature and who desire to develop changes that will enhance the quality of life in Alton. We must and can preserve our historic values and yet still move ahead with vision. Your participation and mine, either as a candidate and/or voter, will surely help to point the way to real and meaningful progress.

In addition to participation as candid-

ates and/or voters, we also must look carefully at programs. Do they meet our present day needs? A town's future is largely determined by a Master Plan and by zoning. How good is our zoning, for instance? Are we zoned so that we have a balanced community where small business and light industry can feel at home? Are we encouraging moderately priced housing? Should we require 2, 3, or 5 acre lots for homes of any kind? Hearings on these all-important programs will soon get underway. Just how many of our citizens will show concern by attending? Will we all understand just what kind of zoning we are voting for?

Yes, Alton is going to change, for it is inevitable. Just how it changes will depend upon the response each one of us makes in the immediate days ahead. We need participating citizens who vote with knowledge. One person can make the difference. Can your town count on you?

ALTON LIONESSE CLUB HAS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Alton Lioness Club celebrated its fifth anniversary with a dinner-dance on January 19.

An active year-round schedule of community service includes support of the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Dinners, Camp Pride and Camp Carefree for diabetic children, the CHAP Program for needy families and Harbor House in Wolfeboro for abused or abandoned children.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Lioness Club is invited to the Open House Meeting on Saturday, February 3, at 6:30p.m. in the Alton Bay Community House or call Barbara Ciampo at 875-5645.

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ICE-OUT CONTEST DEADLINE NEARS

By Florence Shaw

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The Belknap, the first lake steamboat, an awkward craft, made regular trips from Lake Village (Lakeport) to Meredith, Center Harbor and Alton Bay by 1834. From Center Harbor to Alton Bay the running time was six hours.

The steamer, Mount Washington, was launched at Alton Bay in 1872 with Captain Wiggin in charge. It is perhaps the oldest running today on the inland waters of the United States.

David Lee, executive director of the Lakes Region Association, tells me, his office is the "watcher" for "ice-out". This year he will personally check specific points from the shores and make his official announcement.

Be sure to enter Main Street's Ice-Out Contest! Entries must be postmarked no later than February 28. All entries become the property of Voice of Alton Inc., publisher of Main Street. The decision of the judges is final.

This year's winner will enjoy dinner for two, hosted by Bill Bunker of Victoria Pier Restaurant of Alton Bay.

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The workshop will begin on Saturday, February 17, and continues on February 24, March 10, 17 and 31 (April 7 snow date) from 9:30a.m. until 11:30a.m. at the Gilman Library. The seminar will be conducted by Barbara J. Hunter, Extension Educator with UNH Cooperative Extension.

This is an opportunity you can't afford to miss. Seating is limited. The charge for this series is \$10\individual and \$15\ couple.

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SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FOCUSES ON HISTORY

By Judy Fry

In the spring of 1985, Enrichment Teacher Mary Batchelder had an idea ... a plan. She would like to put together a program between Alton Central School fourth grade students and the Alton Historical Society. Members of the Society would be invited to speak to the students during the school day. To give them a "hands on experience" a field trip or two would be included in the program.

Mrs. B shared her ideas with Principal Sherwood Fleury who was most enthusiastic saying, "involving the students in the community would be most beneficial. Also, it would present a wonderful opportunity for townspeople who had little or no contact with the school a chance to visit and become involved with the school community. "This new partnership program would be called "Getting to Know Our Town". The plan blended itself perfectly with the curriculum as the two fourth grades were studying New Hampshire and Colonial History. Why not expand the program to include an Alton Mini-History Class?

Mrs. B believed the speakers would help give the students a sense of community history and a sense of appreciation of Alton history. To those students who recently moved here it would give them an awareness of town history...that some family roots dated back to the early 1700's...the town was rich in history. Field trips added another dimension. Students would be able to



CEMETERY TRUSTEE Tom Hoopes conducted a tour of an Alton cemetery for fourth graders as part of the Partnership program. (Photo by Cindy Duffek)

relate to Alton's history much better by visiting an historic building or an old cemetery first hand.

The idea was enthusiastically received by the Society President Warren Bodwell. Secretary Maureen Kalfas coordinated the six speakers and one field trip in the Spring of 1985. Topics included that first year were: Pictorial Overviews of the Town, Post Offices of Alton, Trains and Ships, Alton Bay Camp Ground, Cemeteries, One Room School Houses, plus a visit to Town Hall and the Gilman Museum.

Two years later in 1987, the School and Society were recipients of a special award presented by the New Hampshire Volunteer Program for their innovative partnership program. Alton was one of eight such Partnerships in New Hampshire to be recognized as outstanding in bringing community and school resources together for mutual benefit. Thirty-six schools throughout the State were nominated for this award. During its six year partnership, new programs have been added and others phased out. Added this year, State Archeologist Robert Bovair gave a talk and slide

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presentation about Indians, related artifacts and dugout canoes. A dugout canoe discovered in East Alton's Roberts Cove by the Roberts family was on display for the students and teachers to enjoy first hand.

There is now a lecture on the town's historic district and two National Historic Landmarks, the East Alton Meeting House and the Community House in the Bay. A field trip to the Meeting House and a walk to Sarah Glidden's gravesite ("she was killed by a stream of lightning" in 1825) and a visit to the Alton Historical Society Museum round out a busy schedule for students and teachers.

Each May, since 1986, the fourth graders reciprocate by presenting an evening program for Society members. The boys and girls "show and tell" programs tie in with and reflect their study of colonial New Hampshire and Alton history. Members have enjoyed demonstrations of old tools, origins of town names and histories of New Hampshire towns. Teachers Janet Dunham, Charles Downie, Maureen Smith, and Richard Kirby have given their time and talents to the program over the past six years.

Several letters from Society members reflect their feelings about the program: "...we got a feeling of satisfaction...", "we could still contribute and be of interest to a new audience," and "it was a challenge to bring Alton history alive to the students."

With Mrs. B's retirement in June 1988, Enrichment Teacher Ann Hoopes continues the partnership program. There is a new look to the program for 1989-90. Lectures and field trips have already begun. A variety of topics have been selected and speakers are being scheduled throughout the school year. It looks like another challenging and busy schedule for the fourth grades, their teachers and Society members.

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BUDGET HEARINGS

The Selectmen's 1990 budget was reviewed on Tuesday, January 30, and warrant articles with dollar figures will be heard on Thursday, February 1. Both hearings begin at 7p.m. in the Alton Bay Community House.

On Tuesday, February 6, the school budget will be presented at 7p.m. in Alton Central School.

These hearings will be conducted by Budget Committee Chairman, Kim Kroeger.

Following the first two hearings, the Budget Committee will meet on Saturday, February 3, to consider input from the hearings and make a final recommendation which will be presented to the Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 14th.

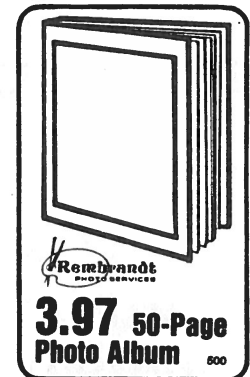
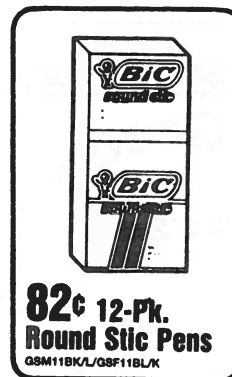
Following the February 6th School Budget Hearing, the Budget Committee will again consider input from the meeting and determine its final recommendation to the Annual School District Meeting on Saturday, March 17.

FREE THROW CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

On Saturday, January 13, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a Free Throw Contest at Alton Central School for students from Alton, New Durham and Gilmanton.

These winners will participate in a state-wide competition: Age 10 Category - John Spack and Jenecia Everson; Age 11 - Michael Croteau and Tina Eldridge; Age 12 - Matt Pelletier and Deanne Beaudry; Age 13 - Brendan Mitchell and Sara Wyatt; and Age 14 - Katherine Hughes.

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6 PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR WINTER RECREATION

By Debby Eyler

You may think that because we are in the middle of winter that activity in Alton has ceased. Well, you are wrong. While most of us have been nursing our "Mid-Winter Blues", Luanne Dadura of Parks and Recreation has been bustling about getting a great winter recreation program together.

No more excuses about nothing to do during February and March! On Tuesday February 6, Alton Parks and Recreation rolls out its brand new winter program. All kinds of activities for all ages are being offered.

The Shorin-Ryu Disciple School will be offering karate and self-defense classes on Wednesdays in the Town Hall. Kids, ages 6 to 8 years will meet from 3 to 4pm, and 9 years and up will meet from 4 to 5pm. The first class is February 7. The classes are taught by Deus H. Marchados, a 3rd Degree Black Belt and by Claire Marchados, a 2nd Degree Black Belt. The fee is \$15 per month, with discounts for family participation. The classes focus on self-defense and self-control and not aggressive behavior.

Self Defense for Women will be offered on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 also at the Town Hall Auditorium. The fee for the 4 two

hour classes is \$25 and open to women ages 14 to 114. The first class is February 9. The focus of this class is awareness and prevention.

Ballet is another offering this winter. These classes will be taught by the Nancy Kelly Breton School of Dance. The classes are for beginners and will be taught on Fridays from 3 to 4p.m. ages 5-7 and 4 to 5p.m. ages 9-12. The first class is February 9. At the end of May, Alton's students will participate in the annual dance recital.

An Alton resident, Susie Ferullo, will be teaching Aerobics. The classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:45 to 6:45 and on Saturday morning 9 to 10 in the Town Hall Auditorium. The fee is \$2 per class. First class is February 6. Susie is a certified Aerobics instructor and will stress combination high-low impact aerobics during this class.

Patty Lee-Loynd will be teaching a Jewelry-Making class on Thursday from 3 to 4pm in the Alton Elementary Resource Room. Kids ages 8 to 13, will learn the fundamentals of bead-stringing and will design and make their own necklace, earrings and bracelet. The fee is \$12 for 4 weeks and a minimum of 6 students must sign up for the class to run. Patty has taught her craft in the Enrichment Program in the school and it has always been a hit.

Debby Eyler will repeat her Melon Basket class of last summer and will add two more classes, a Weed Basket and an Easter Basket. These classes will be held Monday nights from 6 to 9pm at the Community House in Alton Bay. Each class will meet twice. The first class is February 12. The fees are \$20 each for the Melon and Weed Baskets and \$32 for the Easter Basket with a minimum of 4 people per class. All materials are included in the fees.

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BERNARD MURPHY HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club recently sponsored an "Appreciation Night for Bernard Murphy" for his many years of service to local service organizations and the community of Alton.

Several gifts and many thanks were given to Murphy from organization leaders including George Smith of the Knights of Columbus, Leo MacDonald of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor of the Alton Police Association, and John Irving of the Lions Club.

Murphy was presented with a Life Membership in the Lions Club.

LEGION POST SCHEDULES 1990 ALL CLUBS NIGHT

All Clubs Night, an annual community event, has been set for Saturday, March 24, according to American Legion Post 72, sponsor of the event.

Planned as an evening of friendship and an opportunity to share information about Alton's clubs and organizations, the event begins at 6p.m. with a social hour, a family style dinner at 7, followed by the program, "The Community of Alton."

All club members, their families and friends are invited to attend. Tickets at \$5 each are limited to 100 and they are available from various club members and American Legion Post 72.

AMELIA MCKINNEY CHOSEN FOR LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Amelia McKinney has been selected to represent Alton High School at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar this spring. She was selected from among sophomores who entered essays on leadership, service and personal goals.

She will participate in the New Hampshire Seminar along with representatives from each high school in the state. At that time, a boy and a girl will be selected to represent New Hampshire at the International Seminar in St. Paul, Minnesota, this summer.

CONCORD CORNER

**By Representative Alice Ziegra
LEGISLATURE FACED WITH OVER 700 BILLS**

With 1989 problems solved, we have started work on the over 700 bills submitted for consideration from now until the end of April.

For those of us in the Lakes Region, the controversial bills about boat registration, dock taxes, impact fees, and more jet ski regulation and deregulation have engendered a great deal of interest.

There are two gun control bills. One has been voted down in committee already.

Over all the bills looms the deficit. Revenue estimates were not met which puts us in the position of cutting all departments and looking for income in different ways. The advocates of a broad based tax feel that more taxes are the answer. Others feel we must cut spending.

Solid waste, short and long range planning, is ongoing.

My committee, Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs, has heard a bill asking for a committee to study the feasibility of legalizing drugs, especially marijuana. This is a complex issue as well as an emotional one.

It's a long docket and we are well into it already.

I plan to be at the Alton Town Hall from 3 to 4p.m. on Monday, February 5. My telephone number is 875-2151.

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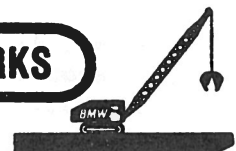
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