



# Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire



## CAMPAIGNING AT THE POLLS

Despite the snow and cold temperatures on election day, candidates were enthusiastic as they campaigned outside the Central Fire Station polls.

## \$2,651,825 APPROVED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

It was a marathon six-hour session that started at 7p.m. on Wednesday evening and went into the wee hours of Thursday morning, March 10-11, and a grand total of \$2,651,825 was authorized for 1993 at the annual Town Meeting. That included \$2,094,621 for the operating budget (up from the Budget Committee-recommended \$2,053,720) and the sum total of all approved warrant articles.

The 302 voters who started the meeting shrunk to less than 75 at the finish, as the hardy ones trudged out into a modest snowstorm.

The totals approved added up to \$74,668 more than a year ago. But projections for offsetting income also increased by \$61,429, so that the net increase for tax purposes would be tentatively only \$13,239.

Several money items were rejected by the voters. The following "outside agencies" in a total of \$19,573 were allocated nothing for 1993, even though some have been traditionally providing services to Alton for years: Lakes Region Community Services, Community Health and Hospice, Hospice of Southern Carroll County, American Red Cross, Youth Services Bureau, Harbor House, Lakes Region Association and Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Also rejected: \$60,000 for Phase II of the Main Street Sidewalk Program; \$25,000 for a proposed capital reserve fund for Town Tax Map up-dating; \$5,400 for a consultant to evaluate town staffing needs.

Approved money articles included: \$347,000 for road improvements, offset by a \$95,556 Highway Block Grant and a \$24,030 Hazard Mitigation Grant for a net expense of \$227,464; \$50,000 to a new Gilman Library Capital Reserve

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## TUTTLE, WASHBURN ARE SELECTMEN; SHIBLEY RETURNS TO SCHOOL BOARD

David G. Tuttle defeated a field of five to be elected to the three year position of selectman. He received 261 votes followed closely by Paul M. Kneeland with 247 and Lawrence J. Alting with 233. They were trailed by Florence C. Shaw with 120 votes and Richard J. Fiore with 57 votes.

James C. Washburn (394) was elected to the two year selectmen's post after serving as an appointed selectman since July when Bonnie Joseph submitted her resignation. He beat Warren A. Roberge (301) and Donald R. MacDonald (193).

Arnold "Pete" Shibley was re-elected to the School Board by defeating Donna Laurin 570 to 371.

In other races, Florence C. Shaw was re-elected Cemetery Trustee for three years (560) over Richard D. White (346); George M. Jones continues as Water Commissioner for three years (489) by beating Robert L. Tilton (339); Thomas C. Hoopes (483), Warren B. Harris (452) and Ann Norman-Burke (431) beat Christine F. Consentino (392), Barbara A. Fortier (351) and Estella H. Dore (337) for the three positions on the Budget Committee for three years; and Harold W. Finethy III (466) will continue as School District Moderator for another year. He was challenged by Terri R. Noyes (333) and Ruth A. Messier (127).

Running unopposed were Shirley G. Copeland, Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and Library Trustee for three years; Russell M. Sample, Jr., Fire Ward for three years; Richard A. Mongeon and Ellen U. Mulligan for the two positions on the Planning Board for three years; Francis C. Metcalfe, Planning Board for two years; Jeanne M. Sullivan, School District Clerk for one year; and Shirley E. Young, School District Treasurer for one year.

A question submitted by petition to see if the voters were in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to five members was defeated 458 to 416.

The six amendments to the Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Planning Board on the written ballot were approved.

968 voters cast their ballots in the March 9 elections.

## GARDEN CLUB BEGINS SEASON

The first meeting of the Garden Club for 1993 will be held Tuesday, April 27, at 1:30p.m. at the Gilman Library. Janet Warren of the New Hampshire Conservation Corps will speak and show slides of the summer work program for young people on environmental projects.

Hostesses for the meeting are chairman Margaret Birdsey, Agnes Cooney, Mildred Edwards, Claire Fitzgerald, Jeanne Perkins, and Ponce Sherburne.

## PICTURE OF WW II ESCORT CARRIER PRESENTED TO AMERICAN LEGION POST

By Lori Durkee

The members of American Legion Post #72 attending a dinner meeting on February 21st were delighted when member Donald MacDonald presented the Post with a photo of an artist's drawing of the escort carrier USS Bismark Sea. The drawing depicts the ship under attack by one of the two kamikazes responsible for sinking the Bismark Sea exactly 48 years ago on February 21, 1945, as the ship and its crew participated in the take-over of Iwo Jima from the Japanese. The drawing omits much of the unpleasant, catastrophic destruction at the request of MacDonald and his shipmates.

Built by the Kaiser Shipyards in Vancouver, Washington, the ship was launched on April 17, 1944, and was first named the USS Alikula Bay. The name was changed to Bismark Sea on May 16, 1944, and the ship was commissioned at the U.S. Naval Station in Astoria, Oregon. Four days later Captain John Lockwood Pratt took command of the ship with its 61 officers and 538 men.

The Bismark Sea and other escort carriers were referred to as "little giants", "baby carriers", and "jeeps". They had to put themselves on the hot seat to protect convoy movements. They had to take punishment as well as dish it out. The Bismark Sea was such a ship. She fought hard, she went down hard, and she was the last escort carrier destroyed. The Bismark Sea held fast, for an hour and a half after she was hit, before she slipped silently to her watery grave, leaving behind a mass of steam floating over the water. 318 men were lost during the night.

For her action in the Pacific, the Bismark Sea earned three battle stars on its Asiatic-Pacific Area Service Medal: one for the Leyte Operation November 14-23, 1944; one for the Luzon Operation January 4-16, 1945; and one for the Iwo Jima Operation February 16-21, 1945. It also was awarded the American Campaign Medal and American WW II Victory Medal.

Donald MacDonald was born July 16, 1926 in Lynn, Massachusetts and he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on his 17th



### USS BISMARK SEA

Steve Temple (left), first vice commander of American Legion Post #72, accepts a picture of the USS Bismark Sea from former crew member Donald MacDonald.

birthday in 1943. He served as Boswain on various ships, starting at the Quansit Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia, launching sea planes over the Atlantic. MacDonald's rank as Boswain on the Bismark Sea meant he was "go-fer", "do-fer", and "get-fer". Versatility was his forte. Donald MacDonald was discharged in 1947. He says he had "enjoyed" his navy life.

MacDonald married in 1950. He worked at various jobs such as a licensed master plumber and licensed electrician. He retired in 1962 from the Lynn City Fire Department and moved to NH with his wife and seven children.

MacDonald is one of the 553 survivors of the sinking of the Bismark Sea. The following day when word was passed that the American flag was raised atop Mount Suribachi, code-named "Hot Rock", on Iwo Jima, the men of the Bismark Sea knew their sacrifices and hardships had not been in vain. Their hearts filled with pride as they watched their victory flag swaying gently in the breeze. An infinite memory.




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## SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING PASSES ALL WARRANT ARTICLES

In less than three hours, approximately 300 voters overwhelmingly approved the eight-article School District Warrant at a reconvened meeting on Friday, March 19. The original meeting date of March 13 was disrupted by a snow storm.

The meeting began with the singing of the National Anthem by Jamie Sample, an opening prayer by the Reverend Dr. Warren Harris, and the presentation of a plant to Nancy Thomas, School Secretary for the past 16 years, who is leaving to accept a position with the Governor Wentworth School District.

Following a reading of the meeting rules by Moderator Harold Finethy III, voters approved a budget of \$3,788,818 with little discussion after an amendment to increase the amount by \$3,878 was withdrawn. The increase, to restore the budget to its original amount, was determined to be unnecessary due to subsequent personnel and other changes.

They also voted to raise and appropriate \$23,354 to fund teacher salary increases for 1993-94 due to past negotiations after a School Board motion to pass over the article was defeated. The School Board objected that such a vote would affect pending negotiations. The article was amended to direct the School Board to live up to the contract as it has been determined by the PELRB decision.

An attempt by the School Board to eliminate the position of Census Taker, a saving of \$175, was voted down and the article to fund the salaries of the School Board and District officers and agents was approved to include \$1,000 for the Board Chairperson, \$3,600 for four Board members,

\$900 for School Treasurer, \$175 for Census Taker, \$100 for School Clerk, \$100 for School Moderator, \$120 for Supervisors of the Checklist, and \$180 for Ballot Clerks.

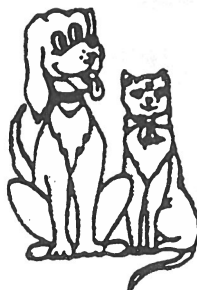
An article submitted by petition to raise and appropriate \$30,000 to hire a full-time Spanish teacher was approved despite the objections of some School Board members and Superintendent Elaine Brigman.

A motion from the floor to express "support and confidence to secure the people in the positions of principal and vice principal, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hastings" was approved with standing applause from many in the audience. Marcy Lowthian, a parent of two school children, offered the motion because of rumors that the School Board is planning to get rid of the administrators.

## LIBRARY FRIENDS ELECTION

The Friends of the Gilman Library will elect officers and collect 1993 dues at its business meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at 1:30p.m. in the Gilman Library. All are welcome.

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**COMMUNITY SERIES ON FAMILIES OFFERED AT ALTON SCHOOL**

"Growing Happy and Healthy Families", a series of three community seminars will be sponsored by the Alton PTCO and the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project.

The first seminar is scheduled for Thursday, April 1. Paul Spack, a chemical dependency counselor, will discuss "The Effects of Alcoholism on Children and Families".

On Thursday, April 15, Family and Divorce Mediator Janice Wingate will present "Managing Family Conflicts". The final program, "Changing Times: Parenting the Early Adolescent", will be offered by Chuck Rhoades, a sexuality education consultant, on Thursday, May 6.

All sessions begin at 6:30p.m. in the High School Library and are free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided by calling the School at 875-7500. More information is available from Linda Thomits, 293-0422, or Donna San Antonio, 569-5510.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

Volunteers are needed to assist in the restoration of the caboose, youth dances and summer day camp. If you are interested in donating your time and ideas, call Recreation Director Kellie McGrath at 875-2161.

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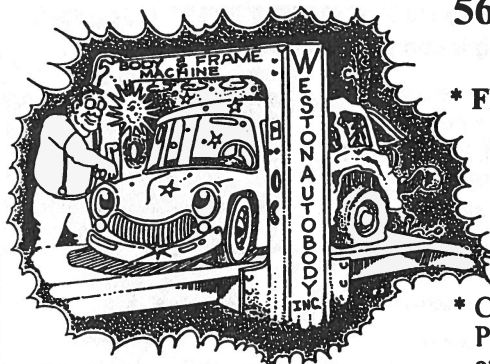
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The dictionary says incorporation means "united in one body by law to act as a single". It took from 1770 to 1796 for Alton to become incorporated as a variety of events took place.

The area was settled in 1770 with approximately 30 people and the first town meeting was held in 1777 at which the idea of incorporation was discussed. However, the country's revolt and family matters came first.

By 1780, the population had grown to 150. In 1788, 82 heads of families from tracts where Barnstead, Farmington, New Durham and Alton come together in a triangle met to sign a petition to separate, incorporate and form their own township.

From 1790, when the population was 445, incorporation was discussed at every town meeting but was delayed as various groups felt closer to New Durham or Gilmanton than to Alton. At the 1792 meeting incorporation was approved, but those in charge had voted against it, so the petition was never sent to the legislature.

In 1794, a petition for incorporation was sent to the legislature. Among the suggested names were New Durham Gore, New Dover, Liberty, and Roxbury. Two other petitions against incorporation citing "so far distant" also were sent to the legislature and no action was taken.

On January 15, 1796, 36 men (none of the original settlers) signed a Petition for Incorporation of the Town of Alton. It was accepted by the people in March, presented to the NH legislature in June and approved by Governor J. T. Gilman on June 16. Four years later, in 1800, the population stood at 721.

**SPRING CLEANING?**

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for donated games and toys to help fill its Youth Program Center. If you have extra games you do not need, please keep the Parks and Recreation Department in mind.



**AMANDA LAMBERT WINS  
SCHOOL SPELLING BEE**

Sixth-grader Amanda Lambert out-spelled ten other contestants from grades five through eight to win the Alton School Spelling Bee Contest. First runner-up was Jerusha Hayward, fifth grade. Other participants were Peter Brewitt, Josh Dewey, Aaron Dore, Kristina Guttormsen, Justin Herman, Paula Hufschmid, Mike Langer, and Kevin Wentworth.

**ALTON SENIORS COFFEE HOURS**

Coffee Hours will be held at the Pearson Road Community Center for persons 60 years of age or older from 2 to 4p.m. on Sunday, April 18, and Sunday, April 25. Movies will be shown and light refreshments served.

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**MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT**

The annual Meet the Candidates Night was sponsored by the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce. UNH Professor William Scott moderated the event held in the School Music Recital Room last month.

**THE CHECKOUT DESK**

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

**IDEAS SOUGHT FOR EXPANSION**

A model of the Library has been made and can be seen in the Reference Room. This will give everyone a clear idea of just how the Library looks at the present. We are interested in everyone's opinion as to just how the addition should be fashioned. Please drop in, look it over, and give us your advice.

**APRIL SCHOOL VACATION**

If your children are home during the April school vacation, send them to the Library! We have, of course, many wonderful books, but also videos, tapes, and our fantastic new CD-ROM with 14 different sources of information and also PFS Write and Lotus 123.

**NEW BOOKS**

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- The Last Magician by Janette Hospital
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- The Venetian Mask by Rosalind Laker
- All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
- Texas Sunrise by Fern Michaels
- Along Came A Spider by James Patterson
- Degree of Guilt by Richard Patterson
- Voices of Summer by Diane Pearson
- Highgate Rise by Anne Perry
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ALL ABOUT ALTON: Did you know that clay was taken from Alton to make bricks for Governor Wentworth's mansion in Wolfeboro?

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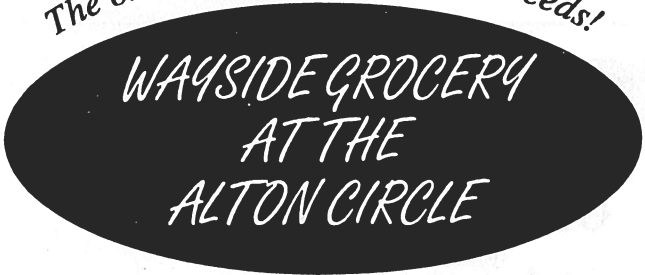


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## LIONS CLUB PENNY SALE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 3

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club has announced Saturday, April 3, as the date of its 37th Annual Penny Sale and Jamboree.

One or more of the hundreds of prizes and gifts donated by businesses and individuals in the Alton area can be won by purchasing 100 tickets for a dollar.

Special raffles will be conducted for the most outstanding donations in addition to the spectacular door prize awarded to the person with the winning ticket stub from their packet of penny sale tickets.

Another highlight will be the winner of the grand prize, a 19" Sylvania color TV. Tickets for the TV are available in businesses throughout the community and from members of the Lions Club.

The Town Jail, a favorite activity for everyone, will be operating again this year with special officers deputized to place in jail anyone whose arrest is purchased by an acquaintance or relative.

A penny toss and candy wheel are among the activities that precede the calling of numbers as the prize giveaway gets underway.

All proceeds from this evening of excitement and entertainment go to the activities account of the Lions Club that is used to support community projects such as eye care for the needy, college scholarships, blood drives, health clinics, and equipment for school and youth activities. The proceeds from the Food Baskets Raffle support the administrative costs of running the organization.

Doors to the Alton School Gym open at 6p.m. and prizes will be awarded starting at 8p.m.

**ALL ABOUT ALTON:** During the Civil War, George D. Savage enlisted nearly all the men from Alton and New Durham for Company A, 12th NH Volunteers.

## ANNUAL SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

The Alton Central School will hold its annual Book Fair for elementary and middle school children on Tuesday, April 20, and Wednesday, April 21. It will be located on the Patio and will be open from 8a.m. to 3p.m. both days. Parents and other community members are welcome to attend. There will be books of interest to preschoolers, teenagers and children in kindergarten through grade 8.

Profits from the event are earmarked for the purchase of a CD-ROM workstation for the Elementary Resource Center that will permit the use of electronic encyclopedias, magazine indexes, as well as CDs in science, geography, history and the arts.



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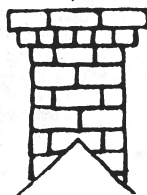
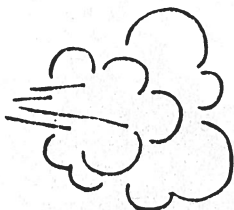
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Community Church - Sunday, Congregational Meeting House, 11a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, 875-5561

Cornerstone Bible Church - Sunday 9:30a.m. & 6p.m., Sunday School 11a.m., Pastor Scott Button, 875-2865

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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#### GILMAN LIBRARY:

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#### TOWN HALL:

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

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

Building Inspector - Monday - Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.; Walk-in Office Hours, Wednesday and Friday, 1-4p.m.

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Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday - 7a.m. to 3:30p.m.

Sunday - Noon to 3:30p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday - Closed

#### SENIOR MEAL SITE:

Monday through Friday 10a.m. to 2p.m., Pearson Road Center

#### ORGANIZATIONS:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday 8p.m., Alton Bay Community House

AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall

CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall

EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday

GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday

FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday

HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m. Cong. Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall

LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30p.m. Mama Rina's Restaurant, New Durham, September thru June

MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday

NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School

PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - 3rd Wednesday 7p.m. Alton Central School

ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m. Church Hall

SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday 10a.m., Pearson Road Center

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#### FREE TAX HELP

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provides free tax help with basic returns particularly for the elderly, handicapped and non-English-speaking taxpayers.

A VITA representative will be at the Pearson Road Community Center each Tuesday through April 15 from 10a.m. to noon. Participants are asked to bring a copy of last year's return.

#### LISA RACINE ALSO RECEIVES WOMEN ATHLETES AWARD

It was reported last month that three Alton students received NH High School Women Athletes Awards for athletic and academic excellence. In addition to Heather Patterson, Keri Pelletier and Heather Swabowicz, Lisa Racine also received an award for her performance.



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## April Events

- Thu. 1 - SEMINAR: "Effects of Alcoholism on Children and Families", Alton School, 6:30p.m.
- Fri. 2 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 3 - PENNY SALE, Lions Club, School Gym, 6p.m.
- Sun. 4 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
PALM SUNDAY
- Tue. 6 - TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 7 - STORY HOUR, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 9 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 10 - EASTER EGG HUNT, 10a.m.
- Sun. 11 - EASTER SUNDAY
- Tue. 13 - TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon  
TRACK at Gilford, 3:30p.m.  
SOFTBALL at Derryfield, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL at Derryfield, 4p.m.
- Wed. 14 - STORY HOUR, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
ELECTION, Friends of the Library, 1:30p.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 15 - SEMINAR: "Managing Family Conflicts", Alton School, 6:30p.m.
- Fri. 16 - REPORT CARDS ISSUED  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 17 - TRACK at Interlakes, 10a.m.  
SOFTBALL at Linwood (2), 10:30a.m.  
BASEBALL at Linwood (2), 10:30a.m.
- Sun. 18 - SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Pearson Road Community Center, 2 to 4p.m.
- Tue. 20 - BOOK FAIR, Alton School, 8a.m. to 3p.m.  
TRACK at Franklin, 3:30p.m.  
SPEAKER: "Side Saddle Riding", Historical Society, Gilman Library, 4:30p.m.
- Wed. 21 - BOOK FAIR, Alton School, 8a.m. to 3p.m.  
STORY HOUR, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Derryfield, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL vs. Derryfield, 4p.m.
- Wed. 21 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 23 - SOFTBALL at Epping, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL at Epping, 4p.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sun. 25 - SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Pearson Road Community Center, 2 to 4p.m.
- Mon. 26 - SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS
- Tue. 27 - SPEAKER: "NH Conservation Corps", Garden Club, Gilman Library, 1:30p.m.
- Wed. 28 - STORY HOUR, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 30 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.



### PAT MERRILL HONORED

Former selectman Pat Merrill was honored last month for her six years of service on the Board at a "surprise" dinner attended by family, friends, neighbors, and current and former Town employees. Here she is seen with neighbor Al Wilder, former selectman and master of ceremonies Bob Calvert, and Raymond Burton, member of the Governor's Council. Merrill continues as the Town Librarian.

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**NEWS FROM THE COUNTY**

In 1992 several Laconia businessmen formed an Economic Development Council. Its purpose is to help local businesses and create a climate which would encourage businesses to locate in Belknap County.

The initial funding came from private and tax dollars. The County Delegation offered up to \$35,000 on a dollar for dollar basis. In other words, for each dollar raised privately, a dollar would be available from the County's General Fund. This is seed money which over a four five year period would be given in lesser amounts. After this time the Council must be self-supporting. Other counties have similar arrangements.

Where an Economic Council exists, it can access assistance in financial matters, consultation, and other State services. Grants become available. Our County Commissioners gave an office and secretarial services. On July 6 Eliza Leadbeater was hired as executive director.

What has been done in these eight months? The Director has visited all 11 municipalities and met with selectmen, administrators, and planners to discuss each town's economic situation. She has talked to State agencies from which she can access assistance, i.e. Department of

Resources and Economic Development, the Office of Industrial Development, Office of Travel and Tourism, Office of State Planning, Job Council and Business Visitation Program. She has contacted local service programs such as SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). Visits have been made to County business owners to discern problem areas.

The Council has 50 incorporators, a board of directors of 11, an executive committee of 7, and four officers. Each town and Laconia are represented as incorporators.

Leadbeater has contacted the NH Vocational Technical College in Laconia in an effort to coordinate the education of skilled people with the possible businesses locating here. To date, several businesses have located here to enhance their operations. 80 new jobs have been created. There are local businesses hoping to expand their operations on site. Leadbeater works with local Economic Councils and tourism groups. She and her part-time secretary have accomplished much in a short time. I have mentioned but a few of her activities. As our region has a high unemployment rate, we can be grateful for the Council's many efforts.

For more information, contact Leadbeater, 524-3057, or Robert Calvert, Alton's Representative to the Council, at 875-7326.

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If you find a baby bird or mammal in the woods, leave it there. Its parent may be hiding or gathering food. But you can put back a hatchling that has fallen from the nest - mother birds will not reject their young because a human has touched them.



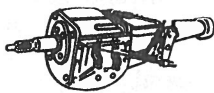
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**SELECTMEN'S DEBATE**

Moderator Bob Calvert (left) directs a question to one of the candidates during last month's Selectmen's Debate sponsored by Alton 2000 as an opportunity to get to know the candidate's better.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Women's pick-up basketball games are played every Monday in the New Durham School Gym from 7 to 9p.m. for women from all surrounding towns. The group will not be returning to the Alton Gym as previously announced. For information, call Cecile Gagnon at 364-6561 or Diana Perry at 859-6930.

**HELP WANTED**

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 875-7300. No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collaters, folders and staplers to help put it all together once a month.

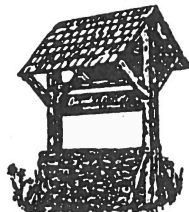
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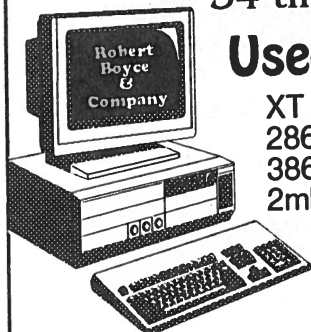
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**ALTON OUTDOORS**

By Jack Miller

**SALMON SEASON IS BACK!**

April in Alton means only one thing to the avid outdoor person -- Salmon Season. Landlocked salmon (*Salmo Salar* Sebago, to be exact) were first discovered in Maine's Sebago Lake and were first stocked in 13 of NH's lakes in 1866. Guess which big lake was one of them.

The largest salmon specimen was a 35-pounder netted from Sebago Lake in 1893. The world record landlocked salmon is a 22.5-pounder caught in the Songo River in Maine in 1907. New Hampshire's record is an 18-pound, 8-ounce salmon from Pleasant Lake in New London in 1911. Though some would say those were the good old days, there are still some respectable fish to be caught in our local area. My personal best was a 25.25-inch fish caught in 1988 on a tandem streamer I tied myself. "Where?", you might ask. "In the water!", I would reply. Any serious fisherman keeps his or her "hot spots" a secret.

If you want to catch a salmon, April is THE MONTH to have your line in the water. The warming temperatures and oxygen level allow salmon to roam the shallows at this time of year in search of their favorite food, rainbow smelt. Smelt spawn this time of year and you will find the salmon where the smelt are.

Fishing for salmon can be as easy as throwing out a bobber and hook baited with a smelt, shiner or night crawler and waiting for the salmon to bite. One may choose to troll various spoons, spinners, plugs or streamer flies and hunt for feeding salmon. Most serious salmon fishermen have their favorite spots, but the fish do change their habits

from year to year. If you put in the time and keep your eyes and ears open, you can keep track of where the salmon are concentrated.

Although it looks like the opening day of April 1 will provide only limited amounts of open water to fish in, the year looks to be a good one - fish-wise. The salmon caught in the Fish and Game's nets during salmon stripping this year averaged 21 inches and over three pounds. An added bonus this year will be Rainbow Trout which averaged 18 inches last year.

Wherever you find some open water, I'll see you there. I'll be the one in the ultra light canoe with my yellow lab or a human fishing pal in the front. See you there. Good Luck!

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## CHARLOTTE KNEELAND TO ADDRESS ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Alton Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 20, at 4:30p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Room of the Gilman Library.

Charlotte Kneeland, the director of the International Side Saddle Organization, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be side saddle riding - its history and customs. She will also tell of the Organization's participation in the last five presidential inaugural parades.

Hostesses for the evening are Judy Fry and Nina Leidtke. Members are encouraged to bring guests and the public is welcome.

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## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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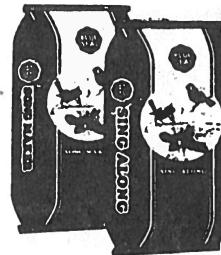
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In other action: the purpose of the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Funds was changed to the Landfill Cover Capital Reserve Fund; a non-expendable Knights Pond Conservation Road Fund Trust was established; the 1981 Town Meeting action to establish a Wage and Salary Review Board was rescinded; and an easement was granted to William U. and Marie A. O'Brien on Route 11-D to reconstruct, maintain and repair a dwelling structure within the Route 11-D right-of-way.

For the second year in a row, an effort to eliminate the position of Town Planner was defeated. Also defeated was the proposal to appoint the Road Agent at the end of the current term in March, 1994, rather than continue it as an elected position.

An article to consider selling the Alton Bay Inn property was passed over because the bank had sold it prior to the meeting. The usual housekeeping articles were approved without discussion.

**5 YEARS AGO.....**

Grades four, five and six presented "James and the Giant Peach" under the direction of Lynn Pelletier.....the Selectmen passed an ordinance introducing mandatory recycling in Alton.....Leo and Marion MacDonald were honored at a surprise testimonial attended by almost 300 people.....Cindy and Ricky Finethy won the Ice-Out Contest.....Mary Batchelder retired from the Alton Central School after 15 years of service to the Elementary Resource Center..... Friends of the Library presented "The Shakers: Hands to Work, Hearts to God".....Chris Choquette received the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award.....David McKenney was elected chairman of the School Board.



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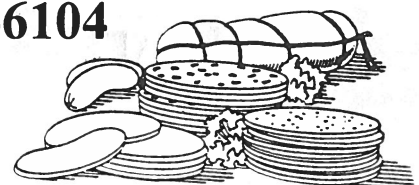
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Reuben Wentworth has been elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen and appointments to the various boards and committees are announced.

Wentworth will represent the Board on the Ad-Hoc Committee and the Planning Board. James Washburn will serve on the Blue Ribbon Committee, Conservation Commission, and the Budget Committee. Dave Tuttle has been assigned to the Board of Adjustment, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Water Commission.

### EASTER EGGCITEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt for ages 7 and under. This holiday event will be held on Saturday, April 10, at 10a.m., rain or shine.

Activities include hunting for eggs, the bunny hop and hokey pokey, face painting, and games. Bring a decorated container - a basket, bag or bucket - to collect your eggs and enter the "best decorated container" contest.

Check local papers and fliers for location. Admission is free. For more information, contact Recreation Director Kellie McGrath at 875-2161.

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