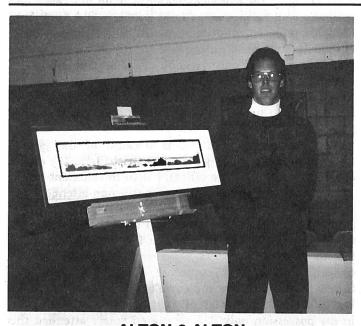


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Alton, New Hampshire



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Selectman Reuben Wentworth displayed a photograph sent from Alton, Illinois, in recognition of this community's support during the devastating mid-west floods. The photo was on display at the Town Meeting and may be seen in the Town Hall.

TOWN/SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS

The Annual Town and School District Election on March 18 resulted in 1,068 ballots cast and the results are as follows:

Incumbent Reuben L. Wentworth (686) outdistanced challengers Richard Quindley (272) and Richard E. Helie (72) for the three-year Selectman's post. Six candidates ran for the three-year Highway Agent position. Kenneth G. Roberts (388) won the race followed by George W. Thoroughgood (314), Arthur Douglas (125), Michael Swabowicz (93), Louis Divito (59) and Clark M. Stoddard

In other races, Thomas C. Hoopes beat Jack Henderson to be Cemetery Trustee for three years 669 to 335; John E. Streeter (579) out-paced Richard Darrell White (220) and Richard D.P.Duncan Jr. (114) to be a Water Commissioner for three years; and Carl "Lee" Ciampo beat Fred Kunz 414 to 347 for the one-year seat on the Water Commission.

Three people were elected to the Budget Committee for three years - Charles B. Adams Jr. (686), Thomas J. Mynczywor (631), and Donna L. Laurin (627) - followed by Frank DeCoster with 433 votes. Three one-year seats on the Budget Committee were won by Philip Arthur Laurion (657),

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ACTS ON 35 WARRANT ARTICLES

A rather thinly-attended, but rich in discussion, Alton Annual Town Meeting reached final article number 35 after five hours and twenty minutes on Saturday, March 12. A feigned yawn by the Town Moderator greeted the announcement of the final article - that and many more empty chairs from 4p.m. on.

By a standing count vote of 94-92, voters approved authorizing the selectmen to appoint a Director of Public Works (with an engineering background) in March 1997 at the conclusion of the current Highway Agent's elected tour of duty. They also voted to change the current General Fund Sewage Trust Fund to a newly created "Capping of the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund" and added \$100,000 to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

Also approved were a police cruiser (\$17,000); rebuilding of fire truck 1M2 (\$20,000); Fire Department air packs (\$15,000); Highway Garage improvements (\$7,500); Salt Shed construction (\$5,000); and a new wood chipper machine (\$13,500). A new plain paper engineering copy machine (\$6,400) was rejected; but a four-year lease agreement for a new back hoe tractor for the Highway Department was approved (\$12,000 for the first year).

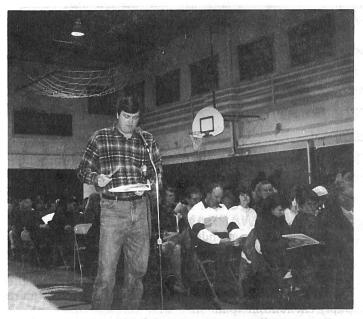
The bottom line of the operating budget (exclusive of all special articles) was increased to \$2,021,078.84 by amendments adding a 3% salary increase for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer and a provision for extra sand and salt, spreader repair and tire chain replacements because of the extended severe winter.

\$415,000 was voted for reconstruction of town highways following the town's 10-year Road Improvement Program with a Highway Block Grant offset of \$94,443 or a net cost of \$320,557. Also \$18,000 for penetration and sealing of gravel roads on the town's 5-year Gravel Road Improvement Program. \$60,000 was voted for Town Hall improvements subject to funding from the Clough-Morrell Trust Fund at no cost to taxpayers.

\$36,000 from Water Department surplus funds was voted to improve the water system on Barnes Avenue and Bay Hill Road and to include \$8,000 for road reconstruction following the work. \$50,000 was added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund; \$100,000 to Phase II of the Alton Bay Revitalization Project; and \$50,000 to the Gilman Library Additions Capital Reserve Fund, designating the Library Trustees as agents to expend.

"Outside agencies" petitioned requests (by action of the Selectmen) were approved as follows: Community Action Program (\$4,581); New Beginnings (\$630); Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice (\$8,509); Lakes Region Community Services (\$600); and Community Health and Hospice

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SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

John Lord introduces an amendment to Article I questioning the right of former School District Clerk Mary Jane Finethy to include personal opinions in her official minutes of the 1993 meeting. Voters at the meeting passed the amendment deleting the final paragraph of her report.

CUB SCOUTS TO HOST SPORTS CARD SHOW

Alton Cub Scout Pack 53 is sponsoring a Sports Card Show on Saturday, April 16, at the American Legion Hall from 9a.m. to 3p.m.

The show will be run by M & M Sports Cards with proceeds benefitting the Cub Scout Pack. There will be an opportunity to buy, sell or trade all types of cards and free cards will be given to all who attend. For more information, call Debbie Burton at 875-2197.

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FUNDS ADDED TO BUDGET AT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Less than 200 voters added \$119,236 to the budget of \$3,888,519 recommended by the School Board. The additions will fund the duration clause in the teachers' contract should the state Supreme Court rule that the clause is legal and restore about \$40,000 unidentified cuts from the general budget.

In a separate article, \$44,201 were approved for improving the ventilation in the middle school (\$12,000), vinyl siding on the eaves (\$10,000), a chain link fence and retaining wall between the Clarke property and the School (\$7,200), replacement of deteriorating plumbing (\$15,000), and \$1 to keep open an account for future repairs to the roof on the art and music section of the building.

The minutes of the 1993 Annual School District Meeting were amended by John Lord to delete the last paragraph from the report submitted by former School Clerk Mary Jane Finethy.

The paragraph read: "It is because of the elected privilege of this out-going School District Clerk, (by choice of not re-running for the office), I wish to comment on my distress of the attendance or better still non-attendance of registered voters at this 1993 School District Meeting! Because the Statutes of the State of New Hampshire states that I am the true historian for the Town of Alton's School District Meeting for 1993, I herewith submit to you the citizens of Alton, New Hampshire, that at the time of this School District Meeting, the Town of Alton, New Hampshire had 2,683 registered voters! By virtue of the legal check-list in my possession only 223 registered voters attended this School District Meeting. This calculates that only 8% of the registered voters in the Town of Alton, New Hampshire voted for a School Budget of \$3,788,818.00. This is ludicrous and shameful and not Democracy in action!!!"

The amendment was approved after a number of speakers cited the illegality of using public funds to express personal opinion. Finethy was not in attendance to comment on her report.

CANCER FUND ESTABLISHED

An account has been established at Farmington National Bank for Anthony Lance, grandson of Mary Lance and Ann Harris of Alton, to help offset the cost of his cancer treatments. Anyone wishing to donate may do so at the Bank or at Wayside Grocery.

It seldom occurs to teenagers that someday they will know as little as their parents.



LIONS CLUB PENNY SALE **IS SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club has announced Saturday, April 9, as the date of its 38th 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 television. 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 open again this year with special officers deputized to place in jail anyone whose arrest is purchased by a friend or relative.

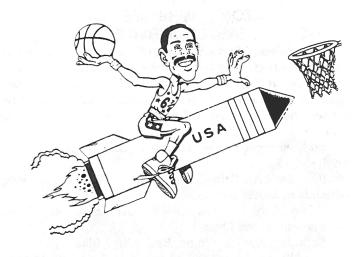
A penny toss and candy wheel are among the activities that precede the calling of numbers as the prize giveaway gets underway.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Alton Seniors are hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 16, from 5 to 7p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children. Proceeds will be used to benefit the community.



THE HARLEM ROCKETS ARE COMING TO ALTON

On Monday, April 11, the Harlem Rockets are coming to Alton to play against the Alton All-Stars in a basketball game sponsored by the Junior Class. The fun-filled game begins at 7p.m.

Tickets are \$6 each and will be available at the door or in advance from members of the class or class advisor Sherrill Brown.

The game will be fun for the whole family. Don't miss it!

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERLY **AVAILABLE THROUGH APRIL 12**

Tax counseling for the elderly and assistance with preparation of basic tax returns will be offered by VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Tuesdays, through April 12. The program is offered at the Pearson Road Community Center from 10a.m. to noon. Participants are asked to bring a copy of last year's return. Call Leo Panit, 875-3287, for additional information.



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ALTON CHURCHES PLAN EASTER SERVICES

The Advent Christian Church and the Community Church of Alton will have a joint Easter Sunrise Service in the Chapel at the Conference Center at 6a.m. on Sunday, April 3. The Reverend Peter Roussaki will conduct the service and a breakfast will follow at 7a.m. in the Dining Hall

Both churches also will have their regular 11a.m. services.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church announces the following schedule of Easter services:

Friday, April 1 - 3p.m., Good Friday Service and 7p.m., Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 2 - 7p.m., Easter Vigil Mass Sunday, April 3 - 8 and 11a.m., Regular Easter Mass

JAMES WASHBURN ELECTED SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN

James Washburn has been elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen by his fellow Board members David Tuttle and recently re-elected Reuben Wentworth.

Representation on various boards and committees include Washburn on the Conservation Commission, Water Commission, and Address Committee. Tuttle will serve on the Budget Committee and Ad Hoc Committee. Wentworth is assigned to the Planning Board, Capital Improvements Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Board of Adjustment.

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Some of the many volunteers that donated their time and effort recently to construct an addition to the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service building that will provide office and training room space.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

The Board of Selectmen recently announced their selections for Employees of the Month for October 1993 through January 1994.

The Alton Cemetery Crew of Mark Divito and Jack Bernard were cited for their "outstanding service and commitment to quality work, superior performance, and dedication" for October 1993.

The November 1993 recipient was Town Secretary and Welfare Officer Pat Rockwood. The proclamation noted her "exemplary devotion to the principles of customer service, public satisfaction and a pleasant personality".

Diantha Moulton, Assessing Clerk, was selected for December 1993 recognizing "her many years of service to the Town and for working under constantly changing circumstances with many different officials".

The most recent proclamation for January 1994 was issued to the Highway Crew of Kenneth Roberts, Clark Stoddard, Richard Bassett, Mike Caverly, Louis Divito, Richard Helie, Robert Drew and Mark Divito "in recognition of the work performed during a good old fashioned winter. This was a job well done".

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By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

ADMINISTERING THE COUNTY

What does the "county" do? Where do our taxes go? Well, we have a nursing home, a Superior Court, a jail, a Sheriff's Department, a Registry of Deeds, a Fire Dispatch Unit, a ski area, and an airport.

Three commissioners are elected to administer the county business. The 18 state representatives from within the county are responsible for evolving the budget. We comprise what is called the "County Delegation".

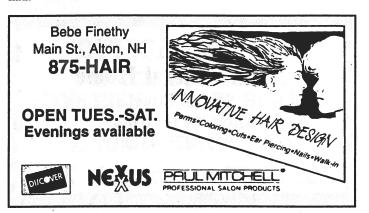
Each year, in December, all entities submit their budget requests to the commissioners. They scrutinize the figures and pass their recommendations to the delegation for hearings and finalization. There is a group of non-county agencies partially funded by the county. These are Soil Conservation District, UNH Cooperative Extension Service, CAP Transportation, Meals on Wheels, Family Planning and Prenatal Clinic. Belknap County Economic Development Council and Lakes Region Mental Health also receive county money.

At the Court House, the Human Services Department oversees Aid to the Totally and Permanently Disabled, Care of Children, Old Age Assistance and Nursing Home Care. If there is no vacancy for someone eligible at the nursing home, that person is cared for in a private facility at county expense. Nearly \$2.5 million will be used for such care this year. The Registry of Deeds is self-supporting. County administration, the Sheriff's Office and Economic Development Council, as well as the Registry of Deeds are located in the Court House. The nursing home and county jail are on North Main Street, Laconia, in separate building complexes.

The total budget last year was just over \$9 million. There are state and federal funds received which lessen the amount needed from county taxpayers. We expect the budget to be down one and a half to two percent this year. Gunstock will be asking less for debt service funds and department heads have done well. With an improving economy, social services needs should be less. Hopefully, this article clarifies some questions about county functions.

I will be at the Alton Town Hall on Monday, April 4, from 3 to 4p.m. Meanwhile, I can be reached at 875-2151.

People who are not grateful for the good things they have are thge same people who would not be happy with what they wished they had.



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Donald Mitchell (640) and Gregory Fuller (547). Stanley E. Czech received 371 votes.

Lone candidate Donald MacDonald received 738 votes for one of two three-year posts on the Planning Board and Frances Washburn was elected to the other by write-in.

Running unopposed were Town Clerk Gwendolyn M. Jones (999); Tax Collector Anne M. Kroeger (965); Treasurer Helen M. Sullivan (941); Trustee of Trust Funds Jean P. Roberts (959); Library Trustee Ellamarie N. Carr (918); Fire Ward Russell E. Jones (977); Moderator John F. Duffek (939); and Supervisor of the Checklist Jean P. Roberts (934).

Robert Loring Carr (551) and Crystal A. Newlin (509) were elected to three-year terms on the School Board. Harold W. Finethy III (497) and Arthur G. Thomits (395) also ran for the posts. The number of votes reflect the final tally in a recount on March 18 requested by Finethy. The recount did not change the outcome of the election.

Terri R. Noyes beat Jack Henderson for the one-year position as School District Moderator 640 to 343. Jeanne Sullivan (896) was unopposed for School District Clerk and Shirley E. Young (909) was unopposed for School District Treasurer.

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We welcome individual support and accept donations sent to Main Street, P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay NH 03810.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLEA MARKET

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Flea Market at the Alton Bay Community House from 8a.m. to 3p.m. on Saturday, April 23. Spaces are available for \$15 each. Call 776-5070 or 875-2825.





ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Reuben Wentworth, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, offered introductory remarks at the Annual Town Meeting after which voters made their way through 35 articles in five hours and 20 minutes.



HOW DOES YOUR HOME COMPARE?



Old Wolfeboro Road Sold: 9/13/93

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WINNERS ANNOUNCED FROM FEBRUARY'S WINTER CARNIVAL

The Alton Bay Winter Carnival held in February attracted many participants and spectators of all ages. The feelings of fun, laughter, and competition were present in all of the events.

The winner of the Great Alton Bay Bed Race was Brook and Bridle Summer Homes, holding onto the first place title for the second year in a row. The Town Hall team placed second, Alton Bay Pavilion third and Cub Scout Pack 53 was fourth.

The first place winner in the snow shoe obstacle course, and winner of a Gunstock all-day ski pass, was Lee McLean with a time of 18.36 seconds. The winner of the limbo contest, and winner of a Gunstock all-day ski pass, was Tyler Lowe, who was more limber than the 16 other participants.

The winners of the Parks and Recreation Department's Train Raffle were Matt, Jason and Eric Snell, who received a True Value Electric Train donated by Alton Country Supply. Second prize, cooking classes from Sonia Bowden, went to Paul Brixner.

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER CAMP COMING TO ALTON IN AUGUST

North American Soccer Camp will be offering soccer instruction in Alton this summer from 9a.m. to noon August 1-5. All participants ages 7-16 are invited to register at the Parks and Recreation Department.

The program fee is \$87 per participant which includes the camp, a soccer ball, and tee-shirt. A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required at time of registration. The last day to register is June 17.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.



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The Eleventh Hour by Michael Phillips
New Stories From The South by Shannon Ravenel
Outpost by Dana Fuller Ross
River Gold by Wilbur Smith
Family Blessings by Lavyrie Spencer
Accident by Danielle Steele
An Old School Tie by Andrew Taylor
Millroy the Magician by Paul Theroux
Love's Lady Lost by Patricia Veryan
Bluebeard by Kurt Vonnegut
Handsome Women by Judith Wall
The Man Who Invented Florida by Randy White

Love Can Build A Bridge by Naomi Judd
Devotion: A Memoir by Miriam LeVine
The Chemotherapy Survival Guide by Judith McKay
How We Die: Reflections on Life's Final Chapter by Sherwin
Muland

NONFICTION

<u>Judy Garland: The Secret Life of an American Legend</u> by David Shipman

CHILDREN

Borrequita and the Coyote by Vera Aardema
The Snowman by Raymond Briggs
Come to the Doctor, Harry by Mary Chalmers
Petey's Bedtime Story by Beverly Cleary
Tom by Tomie DePaola
Ship by David McCauley
Young Oxford Companion to the Congress of the US by
Donald Ritchie
Young Oxford Companion to the Presidency of the US by
Richard Pious
Komodo by Peter Sis

CASSETTES

The General's Daughter by Nelson DeMille
The Fifties (4) by David Halberstam
Battlefield Earth by Ron Hubbard
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(\$3,000). A \$2,000 request for the Chamber of Commerce was rejected.

Cemetery Trustees were vested with total cemetery responsibilities provided regulation changes were preceded by two public hearings and town budget process duly followed. Parks and Playgrounds Committee (established 1959) was changed to an appointed five-member Parks and Recreation Commission and a recreation revolving fund authorized to enable fees, etc. to be used for recreation purposes.

A Town Forest on Alton Mountain was authorized on town-owned land. Any proceeds from the forest were to be placed in a Town Forest Maintenance Fund for construction of recreational trails. And the Conservation Commission was vested with the management and stewardship of all town-owned conservation lands. The Selectmen were authorized to sell town-owned property provided both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission agree in each specific case.

Six housekeeping-type articles were approved that should help shorten future town meetings. Each was approved until rescinded by a later town meeting vote and will not require future annual action to approve in the Warrant. They are (1) authorizing Selectmen to receive and expend unanticipated funds and grants; (2) same for the Library Trustees; (3) authorizing Selectmen to receive gifts of personal property for any public purpose provided a public hearing is held and that the gift will not require town funds to be added as a condition; (4) authorizing Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of tax collection; (5) authorizing the Selectmen to accept designated streets; and (6) indemnification for all town employees and agents (elected and appointed) and volunteers from personal financial loss and expenses, including legal fees and reasonable costs.



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CHARLES GRASSIE APPOINTED ALTON TOWN PLANNER

Charles "Chuck" Grassie, a former Rochester City Councilor, has been appointed Town Planner by the Board of Selectmen and began his duties on March 15.

Grassie was selected from among 11 candidates for his enthusiasm and a great deal of planning experience from the private development side. Also noted was his solid municipal experience and extensive knowledge of computers.

During his 18 years on the Rochester City Council,

Grassie spent four years on the Planning Board.

According to Grassie, his biggest challenge will be to bring in new development and growth without damaging the town's unique quality of life. Grassie said that the Planning Board and Selectmen have already indicated support for long-range planning.

Mondays are a hard way to spend one-seventh of your life.

TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS SOUGHT FOR CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Parks and Recreation Department is coordinating an Adult CO-ED Softball League for participants 16 years and older. Games will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning at 6p.m. from June 14 until September

A list of team members is due by May 27 and schedules will be available June 6. If you are interested in participating and you do not have a team, an attempt will be made to place you on a team.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation

Department at 875-0109.

FREE MEASLES CLINIC

VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity will hold a free measles clinic at Alton Central School at 9a.m. on Friday, April 22, for all students in grade 6.

NH state immunization requirements call for two doses of measles vaccine for all students prior to entering the

seventh grade.

Information on the vaccine and permission forms have been mailed to all parents of sixth graders whose child needs the vaccine.

For further information, call School Nurse Connie

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

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

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

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:

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

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

Building Inspector - Monday - Thursday, 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.; Friday, Noon - 8p.m.; Walk-in Office Hours, Wednesday 1 -4p.m. and Friday, 4 - 8p.m. For Appointment 875-5095. LANDFILL:

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

COUNTRY DRIFTERS DANCE CLUB - Thursday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community House

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday April through October 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

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

PC/IBM COMPUTER USERS - 1st Monday 7p.m. Lee Maserian Residence 875-2988

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

SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday 2p.m., Pearson Road Center VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m., Pearson Road Center CALL 875-7300 TO UP-DATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

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AD HOC COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Virginia Gray, 875-7474.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Meets 4th Wednesday at 4p.m. at Gilman Library.

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9a.m. Chairman James Washburn. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets 3rd Thursday at 7p.m. Chairman Beverly Kempton, 875-2930

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Robert Boudreau, 875-6368.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. CEMETERY TRUSTEES - Meet 1st & 3rd Monday at 1p.m. Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.

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3p.m.

Sat. 2 - EASTER EGG HUNT, Route 140 Recreation Area, 10a.m.

EASTER VIGIL, St. Joan of Arc Church, 7p.m.

Sun. 3 - EASTER SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

SUNRISE SERVICE, Conference Center Chapel, 6a.m.

Wed. 6 - STORY HOUR:3 to 5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.

Mon. 11 - HARLEM ROCKETS BASKETBALL GAME, School Gym, 7p.m.

Tue. 12 - TRACK AND FIELD at Raymond, 3:30p.m. SOFTBALL at Derryfield, 4p.m. BASEBALL at Derryfield, 4p.m.

Wed. 13 - STORY HOUR:3 to 5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.

Thu. 14 - SOFTBALL at Moultonboro, 4p.m.

Sat. 16 - SPORTS CARD SHOW, American Legion Hall, 9a.m. to 3p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD at Bishop Brady, 10a.m.

SOFTBALL vs. Linwood (2), 10:30a.m.

BASEBALL vs. Linwood (2), 10:30a.m.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Pearson Road Community

Center, 5 to 7p.m.

Tue. 19 - BOOK FAIR, Alton Central School, 8a.m. to 3p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD at Laconia, 3:30p.m.
"HISTORICAL MARKERS", Historical Society, Gilman

Library, 7:30p.m.

Wed. 20 - BOOK FAIR, Alton Central School, 8a.m. to 3p.m. STORY HOUR:3 to 5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m. SOFTBALL vs. Derryfield, 4p.m. BASEBALL vs. Derryfield, 4p.m.

Fri. 22 - EARTH DAY
MEASLES CLINIC, Alton Central School, 9a.m.

BASEBALL vs. Epping, Noon

Sat. 23 - FLEA MARKET, Alton Bay Community House, 8a.m. to 3p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Epping, Noon

Mon. 25 - SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS

Wed. 27 - SECRETARY'S DAY

STORY HOUR:3 to 5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.

Fri. 29 - NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

Sat. 30 - SOFTBALL vs. Moultonboro, 1p.m. BASEBALL vs. Moultonboro, 1p.m.



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I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful evening at my surprise retirement party on March 5. Words alone can never express how I feel. It certainly was a humbling experience. Sandy and I thank everyone for an evening to remember. Thanks to all who participated in any way. Alton is a great place to live.

Tom Mynczywor

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Alton Ambulance Department, Alton Police Department and to R. Wentworth for his quick response in calling for help last month after our car accident.

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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

OPEN WATER FISHING BEGINS APRIL 1

April is the month that ushers in the spring seasons. With the warmer weather, winter's icy grip on the local lakes loosens, providing some open water in which to wet a fishing line. April 1 ushers out the ice fishing season as bobhouses, by law, must be off the ice. But April 1 also starts the open water fishing season - salmon season, as I call it.

Having spent some cabin fever days of March tying flies, cleaning fly lines, oiling and cleaning fishing reels and checking fly rods, I'm ready for a breath of spring. With the harshness of this winter, spring might be a little late. Looking back at last spring shows the blizzard of 1993 arrived on March 13. My fishing log book records show that Alton Bay did not open up until April 20 and Wolfeboro Bay was only three-fourths open on April 17. Could be a late season start this year, too.

Though it may seem like spring is in the air when one goes out fishing this month, one must still dress for the weather. It may be warm on the land, but some ice is still on the lake and water temperatures are still in the 40s. It can be mighty cold out on the water. If you get wet, hypothermia can set in quickly, so bring extra clothes and gloves, watch the weather, and follow safe boating rules.

See you out there and good luck.

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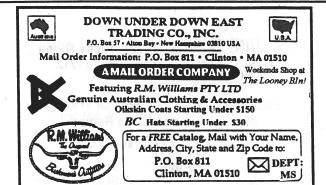
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CANDIDATES' NIGHT

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By Nancy Merrill

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Captain Levallee turned her into a passenger tourist vessel and she continued in this capacity until 1939 when she was destroyed by fire at the Weirs. Captain Lavallee would not let this be the "end" so he initiated a search all over New England for a vessel which might replace the old "Mount". He finally came across an old sidewheeler on Lake



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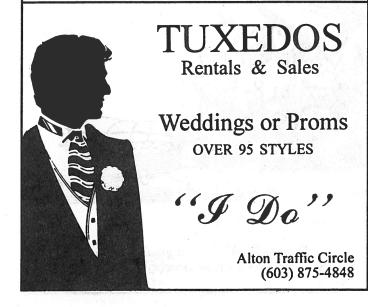
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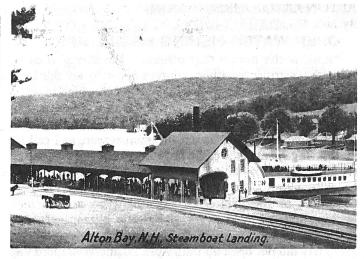
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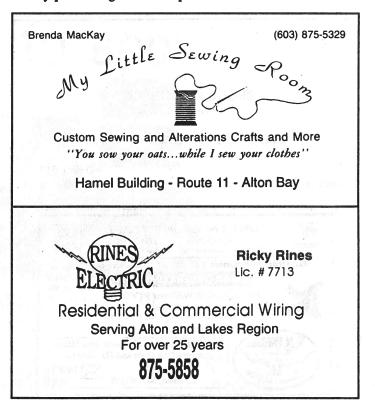


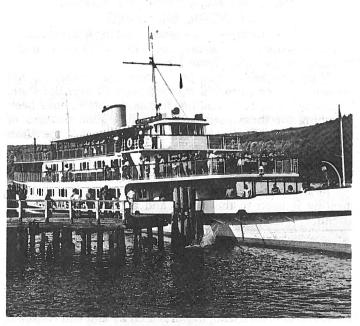
THE ALTON BAY STEAMBOAT LANDING

Champlain. The sidewheeler was purchased, transported in sections to Lakeport, and reassembled in 1940. At a cost of \$150,000, the "Mount Washington II" was launched August 12, 1940. In the spring of 1946 the "Mount" was converted from steam to diesel power.

Several remodeling efforts have increased both passenger capacity and better visibility. Neither bankruptcy in 1942 nor changing ownership could halt the "Mount"! The "Mount", today, carries around 200,000 people annually due to marketing expertise. The motorship's advertising emphasizes the beauty of the area and accessibility throughout Eastern Canada and the Eastern seaboard. The "Mount's" business directly affects area restaurants, motels and businesses. If the "Mount" is busy, so then is the rest of the Lakes Region.

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recreation and a second home and emphasizing the absence of a state sales and income tax, we have seen a population increase both seasonal and year round. The 1960 census showed a population of 606,921, with 1980 hitting the one million mark. The population increase has had an impact on the Lakes Region. With 25,000 registered boats on Winnipesaukee, boating is no longer quite as relaxing, not to mention the pollution caused by gas and oil. Thousands of dollars have been spent to curb the spread of milfoil which plagues many areas of the big Lake.

We have seen, over night, the destruction of spaciousness through the spread of condos along the shoreline. With the construction of more summer homes and condos came more docks, more moorings, more boat houses and the arrival of jet skis, water skiers, tubing, faster boats and litter.

Since the days of the gundalow, over two hundred years ago, Lake Winnipesaukee has seen boating evolve from commercial to pleasure use, a changing industry has brought us from steam power to gasoline, wood to fiberglass and five m.p.h. to seventy-five m.p.h. The sleek, colorful craft of the 1990's staggers our imagination and covers the water as far as the eye can see.

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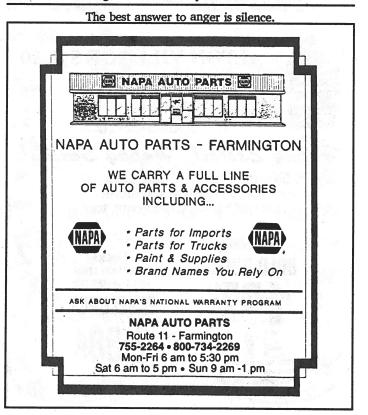
The Alton With A Sound History (AWASH) Commission has taken a significant step toward major development and economic recovery by signing a one-year contract with I.C.Fahre, renowned community seer.

Fahre has been given responsibility for designing three major reports. The first will be the blueprint for the development of a commercial market for harvesting the increasing amounts of Milfoil in Alton Bay. According to Fahre, "There is great potential for dried Milfoil as a substitute for tobacco. This possibility is causing considerable concern among the southern tobacco-growing states."

The second report will describe a road salt recovery station to be built on the site of the capped landfill. Discarded snow from throughout the state will be shipped to the landfill where it will be processed to recover road salt for resale to other communities. "We have the potential of becoming the road salt capital of the country", Fahre excitedly pointed out.

The third report will detail an alternative if the Milfoil program fails to materialize. In that case, Alton Bay will be filled in allowing an airport to be constructed for year-round operation by the Flying Club. Fahre anticipates significant revenues from landing and take-off fees. "Perhaps we will see the day when Alton's taxes will be replaced by its airport fees!", Fahre said in a recent interview.

"My primary concerns", he continued, "are the establishment of Alton as a major economic center providing jobs for hundreds of immigrants, reducing taxes, and making Alton the envy of all the surrounding communities." Fahre was asked to complete his report by April 1, 1995, at which time he must begin his voluntary commitment.



THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

READING IS A MAGIC TRIP

Come join the Gilman Library and Alton Central School and take a magic trip! You can go anywhere you want just by reading a book. It truly <u>is</u> magic!

This particular magic trip starts April 1 and concludes May 15. To go along, each student must sign up at the Gilman Library. Children from grades one through eight are invited to join. Students in the first four grades will be required to read 12 books, while those in the last four grades will read six books. Four books will come from the Gilman Library, and four from the School Library.

This very special magic trip is sponsored by MacDonalds, that has given us certificates, reading charts, stickers and posters. When the student reaches his or her goal, MacDonalds has a special prize waiting for the lucky reader. What an exciting way to welcome in spring!

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HISTORICAL MARKERS TOPIC OF APRIL MEETING

The Alton Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the 1994 season on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30p.m. in the

meeting room of the Gilman Library.

Mary Batchelder will be sharing the history of NH according to the historical markers seen all over the state. For many years, Mary and her husband, Calvin, have been searching for these markers and taking slide pictures of them which she used in her enrichment classes at the Alton School. These markers cover items of NH history, NH firsts, NH people, and finally our own new marker at Railroad Square in Alton Bay.

As always, the meeting will close with refreshments. The meeting is open to the public and all are encouraged to

attend.

VNA-HOSPICE OFFERING GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity is offering another of its series of Grief Recovery Groups. The program, open to all who have experienced the death of a loved one or close friend, began March 29 and will continue for eight weeks.

Experienced leaders will help group members safely explore, express and resolve their feelings of grief. The group format will allow for sharing and learning strategies for coping, enabling the members to work toward healing.

For further information and to register call 569-1590.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR

This year the Annual Book Fair at Alton Central School will be held from 8a.m. to 3p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20.

The Fair features an extensive selection of children's books for pre-schoolers and up and offers an excellent opportunity for purchasing gifts for family members.

The proceeds will be used to purchase a printer to go with the computer bought with last year's receipts.



SAU 51 TEACHERS ATTEND STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

New Hampshire Commissioner of Education Charles Marston was the keynote speaker at the SAU 51 Staff Development Day attended by teachers and staff from the Alton, Barnstead, and Pittsfield schools.

Following the keynote address, participants chose from workshops on "Alternative Assessment", "Science Connection", "Higher Order Thinking Skills", "Education in the Information Age: Computers, Communications and Media Technologies", "Inclusion of Special Needs Students", and "The Change Process in Education".

The workshop was hosted by Alton Central School.

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5 YEARS AGO.....

.....the Oak Birch Inn was destroyed by fire.....the Middle School Drama Club presented "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory".....the sophomore class at Alton School sponsored Donkey Ball.....Pauline and Forest Tilton were profiled in Main Street.....the Apache Players presented "Candid".....the Alton-New Durham Lions Club presented a check for \$2,000 for the new School playground.....Police Officer James Wheeler was promoted to lieutenant.....Bob Calvert was elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in participating in <u>Main Street</u> 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 and staplers to help put it all together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, April 28, at 6:30p.m. Join us!

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The Alton Central School High School Choir celebrated St. Patrick's Day by presenting a concert for senior citizens at the Pearson Road Community Center. Members of the choir are Pam Bothwick, Maureen Coots, Laura Levesque, Jolene MacDonald, Jaime Sample, Anina Soucy, Jess Trefethen, Thaisae Whitehouse, Sarah Sanborn, Jessica Donahue, Elizabeth Knowlton, and Melissa Elliott. The choir is under the direction of John Nichols, vocal music teacher.

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TEENAGE MISSIONARY: COMING TO AN END

By Lori Durkee

This is the final chapter of Jeremy Everson's story of his summer stay in Colombia, South America, doing missionary work. He and his team rebuilt the airplane runway, separated the industrial arts classroom from the airplane hanger and built cement sidewalks. The team spent time with the Macu Indian Tribe; learning their culture, survival traits, and ceremonial rites. Jeremy also told humorous stories of his and his teammates exciting leisure activities.

Now for the last chapter.

Upon the return to Finca from the Macu territory, the team spent the first week completing the mortar job on the classroom walls and cleaning the runway and sidewalks, plus taking care of all the equipment they had used.

Jeremy discovered the other team was renovating a missionary house for a family who would be arriving shortly. They had painted the inside and outside of the house. The older houses were made of wood which was detrimental to its longevity because of the high humidity and termites. Therefore, the older houses have been coated with plaster to extend their life. The newer houses are built completely of cement and plaster, warding off such problems.

The second week back was free time. The team went horseback riding, hiking and inner tube riding on the white water behind the dorm. They hiked to a large waterfall, 30 feet high and 10 feet wide, and fooled around in the falls and in an ankle deep pool behind the falls. One day they floated from the falls over dips in the river until heavy rains forced them to retreat to the dormitory. Jeremy says it rained approximately 50% of his stay in Finca.

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One night they had what was referred to as a "lock-in". The doors were locked. No one could leave the building. For about four hours they played team games, racquet ball, volleyball, soccer, and basketball. That evening they played cards, board games and watched a video of the 1993 Super Bowl.

On the last evening Jeremy, Jonathan and the rest of the guys cooked the supper. Listen to this for a palatable meal: three regular pizzas (made from scratch and larger than a Bigfoot), about 25 pizza pies (like pot pies), 44 foot-long breadsticks to dip in pizza sauce, and many, many one-liter bottles of soda. How's that for a last meal. The girls not only thought the boys did a superb job, they begged for more. It couldn't be! The guys had run out of dough.

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they could drink soda. This made their last night at Finca even more exciting and memorable.

The luggage was sent on ahead and the teams were driven out in cattle trucks that had slatted sides. Planks spanned the width of the truck making seating for the group and giving them the opportunity to enjoy the scenery on the ride to Villavicencio. There they had about two hours to shop and stock up on soda before catching the charter bus for the five and a half hour ride to Bogota.

The group spent the night at a mission house and the next morning they took the plane home. Jeremy's and Jonathan's parents met them at Logan Airport and they rode home in the Everson van.

Jeremy's hobbies are mountain biking, snow boarding, ice hockey, ice skating, skiing and computers. His goals are to major in math in college and become a full-fledged missionary. He will attend a special school of languages and any other school which will lead him into the life of missionary teaching. Jeremy says he prefers Colombia but is willing to fill in wherever the calling takes him.

At school, Jeremy played basketball and joined the drama club, working in the sound and lighting areas. He is vice president of the Student Council, plays trumpet in the school band, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

A sad postscript to this exciting story was learned recently.

Sometime in the second week of February, a band of guerrillas marched into Finca looking for the cook and two pilots. When they found they were not among the people there, they took the mechanic and Mr. VanDyke, Jeremy's team leader, hostage. The rest of the people were evacuated to Villavicencio immediately following the incident.

As of this writing, no more news has been received. I have asked Jeremy to keep me posted on any changes in the hostage situation and I will keep you informed.



TEAM MEMBERS HEADING HOME

BRIGMAN TO CONTINUE AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

June Tanguay, chairman of SAU 51 School Board (serving Alton, Barnstead and Pittsfield School Districts) recently announced that the Board has signed a three-year contract with Dr. Elaine T. Brigman to continue as Superintendent of Schools through June 1997.

Brigman came to the area from the Silver Lake Regional School District in Massachusetts where she served as Assistant Superintendent. She also has served as Director of Professional Development where she was responsible for activities including the Teacher Center for the City of Boston.

Many small children are the kind of kids that their parents wouldn't let them play with.

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ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

By Dorothy Roussaki

This little town of Alton, nestled near the lake, Is typical New England, with folks not hard to take. Its Main Street covers but a mile and rolls down to the Bay. The houses, white and not so new, bear welcome mats that say, "Come in, let's visit, stay awhile, what's new with you today?" The faithful love to go to church and sing their sacred songs. They think of one another when anything goes wrong. With hearts so pure and simple and glory on their minds They pray for sick and helpless and always to be kind And lend a hand to anyone for reasons they can find. Their names reflect old history, Like Adams, Alden, Locke, And down the road the graveyard holds Sanborn's family flock. Its library, museum, both bear the Gilman name, The Henry Wilson highway Vice-Presidential fame, While its historical society will find more of the same. The Alton Town Hall clock chimes the hour every day And can be heard 'most everywhere, even down the Bay. The doctor, bank and grocery store are in convenient spots; With Main Street covering all you need, you'll find that helps a lot, And when you want to cross that street, the traffic even stops! So what more could a person want, up this New Hampshire way, Kind people, friends, and clear blue skies, five minutes from the Bay?

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