

# Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire

## **CARR AND HOPPER ON SCHOOL BOARD WILLIAM RYAN IS NEW SELECTMAN**

The annual Town and School District elections drew only 758 of the 3,195 eligible voters last month as various Town and School District positions were decided.

There were only three races contested. William Ryan (342 votes) was elected selectman for three years beating Peter J. Pijoan (235) and Albert C. Burbank (113). There were six filed candidates running for the two three-year School Board positions in addition to one announced write-in candidate. Incumbent Robert L. Carr (377) and PTSA President Joyce Hopper (284) were elected, followed by Robert Loprete (191), William "Bill" Watson, Jr. (145), Angelyn D. Duffy (143), and Marjorie O'Toole (77)

Four people ran for the two three-year positions on the Planning Board. The results were David P. Sleeper, Sr. (393), Pamela Canuel (261), Ruthanne Barnett (254), and Stephen Sheldon (235).

Unchallenged Town candidates included Gwendolyn M. Jones, Town Clerk for three years (672); Anne M. Kroeger, Tax Collector for three years (642); Helen M. Sullivan, Treasurer for three years (619); Muriel Stinson, Trustee of Trust Funds for three years (645); Kenneth G. Roberts, Highway Agent for three years (620); Ellamarie Carr, Library Trustee for three years (610); Russell E. Jones, Fire Ward for three years (671); John E. Streeter, Water Commissioner for three years (617); Pamela Canuel, Budget Committee for two years (549); Scott Gage, Budget Committee for one year (519); Bonnie Dunbar, Planning Board for one year (527); and Nancy L. Mokrzecki, Supervisor of the Checklist for three years, (577).

School District candidates running unopposed included Terri A. Noyes, School Moderator for one year (548), Cynthia A. Duffek, School Clerk for one year (626); and Shirley E. Young, School Treasurer for one year (626)

Write-in candidates Laurie Boyce (95), Scott Swezey (20) and Ruth Messier (14) were elected members of the Budget Committee for three years. Tom Hoopes received 16 write-in votes for Cemetery Trustee for three years.

Voters split their opinion when it came to adopting the provisions for official ballot voting on all issues, commonly referred to as SB2. The vote required 3/5 to pass and it was defeated for Town issues and passed for School District issues. A recount was requested of the School District results and the original outcome was confirmed.

By a vote of 472 to 203, residents indicated that the Board of Selectmen should be increased from three members to five. The question of modifying elderly exemptions was approved 546 to 104.

All zoning amendments with the exception of an amendment submitted by petition regarding sign regulations, were approved.



## **REUBEN WENTWORTH HONORED**

Town Administrator Scott Dunn presented a plaque to retiring selectman Reuben Wentworth at the annual Town Meeting in recognition of his service to the community.

## **\$3.4 MILLION BUDGET APPROVED AT 1997 TOWN MEETING**

by Bob Longabaugh

The 1997 Alton Town Meeting, held on March 12, will not be remembered for its smooth sailing in adopting a \$3.4 million town budget - rather, it will be remembered as the meeting where the last significant article on the agenda was voted on first. It was no contest. The meeting started at 7 p.m. and, after 12 minutes of introductions and explanations of the rules of the meeting, the 226 voters took only another 10 minutes to not only revise the agenda, but to overwhelmingly pass Article 35 prohibiting the introduction of "Class B sewage sludge/biosolids" into the Town. The competing Article 34 was withdrawn by the Selectmen.

The second most discussed issue was Article 13, the appropriation of \$18,000 to purchase a new Town Hall copy machine. A significant majority approved the article.

Other capital improvement articles approved were: \$5,000 for repairs and improvements to the Town boat docks; \$20,000 for a replacement police patrol car; \$50,000 added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund; \$30,000 for a replacement fire boat; \$50,000 added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; and \$10,000 for improvements to the Alton Bay Community Center to be offset in its entirety by the Clough-Morrell Trust Fund.

There were four articles approved dealing with improvements to Town roads and bridges: \$575,000 for the reconstruction of Town Highways, \$68,500 added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, and \$45,000 for resurfacing dirt roads. The fourth article, requiring a 2/3 vote with no one voting in the negative, redesignated the Hollywood

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## ALTON RESIDENTS AMONG STATE HONORED HEROES

Ray Penn and John H. Young, Sr. are among 26 NH residents honored by the Union Leader for risking their own lives to save others during 1996. The recipients will receive a framed medal at ceremonies this month in Manchester.

Penn and another Public Service Company of NH employee rescued three men whose boat had capsized and sank while they were cleaning up an oil spill in the Piscataqua River on June 30. The men were wearing life preservers but whirlpools were pulling them under and the fierce currents were sweeping them from shore. Drowning would have been imminent if the quick-thinking Penn and his co-worker hadn't jumped into a boat, raced down the river and pulled them out.

During the tragic Alton dam break last March, Young was singled out for rescuing Larry Sinclair, whose tractor-trailer was stuck in a sink hole as water roared over Route 140. He threw a rope to Sinclair, who tied it around his waist. Young, assisted by his wife, fought to pull Sinclair to safety through the raging waters.

A neighbor wrote that Young's good deeds did not stop there. He brought Sinclair home with him and gave up a week's work to try to ease the suffering of neighbors victimized by the flood, letting the damage to his own home wait.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING APPROVES \$4.9 MILLION BUDGET

Voters at a sparsely attended School District Meeting March 15, rejected the recommendations of the Budget Committee and passed a budget of \$4,891,834. The amount represents an increase of 8% over last year.

While most of the increase and most of the discussion centered around the establishment and staffing of SAU 72 which will be operation in this summer, voters endorsed the plan presented by the School Board including the hiring of a superintendent rather than to combine the position with existing administrative staff as recommended by an amendment to reduce the budget by \$50,000.

Another suggestion to use the additional money to hire more classroom aides.

A special article to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for computer upgrades was opposed by the Budget Committee. Voters, however, endorsed the School Board's recommendation and passed the article.

Additional recommended Budget Committee cuts of \$800 from the Student Activities account and \$600 from the Library account received little or no support from the voters.

\$20,000 was approved to for a newly-created School Buildings Maintenance Fund for meeting the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting School Board Vice Chairman Loring Carr presented an update from the building study committee which is examining options for increasing school facilities. These include expanding and renovating the existing building, building a new high school and renovating the existing school for grades kindergarten through 8, or building a new K-6 elementary school and renovating the existing building for grades 7-12. A final proposal is expected to be ready for the 1998 District Meeting.

Re-elected School District Treasurer Shirley Young was recognized for her 25 years of service and retiring School Board member Dick Quindley was thanked for his service to the Board.



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## KAREN CULLEN NAMED PLANNING DIRECTOR

By Bob Calvert

Karen Cullen came on board as Alton Planning Director on February 12 and is heavily involved in all phases of planning for the Town of Alton and its future.

The new title (it was formerly "town planner") more aptly describes the role of the incumbent. Often the "town planner" concept implied just working with the Planning Board, whereas the planning official's role really extends to all facets of the town and its future. Cullen will be working with the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Conservation Commission as well as budget preparations for the office of Code Enforcement. And she may be assigned periodically to special projects, utilizing her expertise.

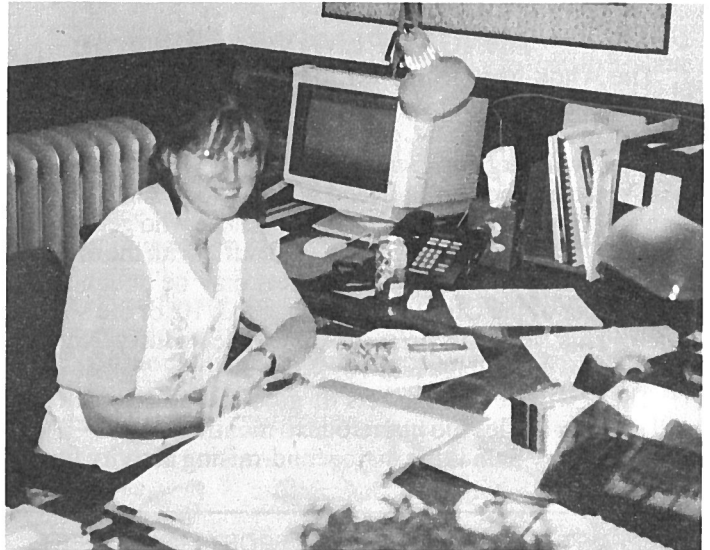
She is admirably qualified with some 13 years experience, most recently as Planning Consultant to the Town of Peterborough, NH, with its long range planning and planning board activities. She began with the Southwest Regional Planning Commission and has since been self-employed as a consultant and specialist with several towns. She holds a master's degree in regional planning from the University of Massachusetts, where she also pursued her undergraduate studies. She holds a membership in the American Institute of Certified Planners.

This Bedford, MA, native is married to a civil engineer, and they have a ten year old son, all currently living in Hillsborough, NH.

As she looks to the upcoming planning priorities, she suggests a new and updated Master Plan, revised subdivision site plans and zoning regulations as well as a booklet totally in layman's language that will be user friendly and make life a bit easier for those who want to build, expand or seek a land use objective and for whom the "system" is often confusing or intimidating. She would also like to review the Alton Civic Profile findings and recommendations and incorporate them in future planning.

Karen has a unique hobby. She has made over 60 quilts and now enjoys doing her own designs. One fine example hangs in her office, adjacent to her desk.

She stresses that she hopes for a long tenure in Alton, and after visiting with her and learning of her strong dedication to the job, this writer would agree and hope that, indeed, she has a long tenure here.



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## LIONS CLUB PLANS ANNUAL PENNY SALE

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will hold its 41st annual Penny Sale and Jamboree on Saturday, April 5, from 6 to 10p.m. at the Alton Central School.

There will be games, such as the Candy Wheel and Penny Toss. You can "lock up" a friend in "jail" for a small fee and there will be plenty of refreshments for those who get hungry.

The Club is also having its bicycle raffle with the drawing to be held that evening. Raffle tickets may be bought from any member of the Club, at the Village 5 & 10, or the Village Video. This year the prize is a 21-speed Huffy Nirvana provided by the Village 5 & 10.

There will be two baskets of groceries to be raffled as well as other raffles too numerous to mention.

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## LIBRARY GROUND BREAKING NEARS

By David Countway, Library Trustee

The Gilman Library moved closer to a Spring ground breaking with Town Meeting approval of its request for \$50,000. This brings the total raised by taxation since March of 1993 to \$250,000. The Town of Alton has now completed its pledge of public support for the expansion of the Library. This public support has inspired the fund raising efforts and success of the Kitchen Cabinet Committee to contact and seek private support from the Alton Community. A recent letter was mailed to 1,500 summer residents and community supporters. Forty additional gifts have added \$2,000 to the Fund which brings the private total up to \$340,000.

Private support is still needed to assure funding for all of the original design features. The Kitchen Cabinet Committee will continue to solicit private funds with \$68,500 still needed to reach the construction budget of \$658,500. The recent private gifts of \$2,000 will assure that the rear entrance can be built as designed.

Private support will be solicited for the interior furnishings. A community member in the interior design business has pledged to pass on her savings in the purchase of furniture as a memorial gift to her parents. This example of in-kind giving will "Help Make the Gilman Library All That It Can Be" The New Gilman Library will be a distinctive public building and a source of community pride!



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**FIRESIDE CHATS**

By Stan Czech

**BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED**

On April 1, burning permits are required and the following rules apply:

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3. You may burn only on the day for which the permit was issued.

**FEBRUARY FIRE CALLS**

There were seven calls for motor vehicle accidents, two chimney fires, two accidental alarms and one mutual aid request from New Durham.

**ALTON STUDENTS ATTEND 1997 LAKES REGION MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Eleven band students and eight chorus students from Alton Central School recently traveled to Winnisquam Regional High School in Tilton to participate in the 1997 Lakes Region Music Festival. The students were accompanied by Band Director Anne Geller and Choral Director Melinda Eickel.

Students participating in the Blue Band (Grades 9 and 10) were Elizabeth Quindley, flute; Becca Blair, flute; Katie O'Meara, bass clarinet; Jennifer Emanouil, alto sax; Andrea Guttormsen, alto sax; Jill Gagnon, baritone sax; Jason Morris, trumpet; and Joseph Irving, percussion. Students participating in the Festival Chorus were Jolene MacDonald, soprano; Amy Teague, soprano; Thaisae Whitehouse, soprano; Jessica Brownell, alto; Harlee Dain, alto; Jessica Benedetto, alto; Deanna Hillsgrove, alto; and Tom Teague, bass. Students participating in the White Band (Grades 11 and 12) were Rebecca Miller, piccolo; Tammy Murtagh, clarinet; and Tarsia Kenny, clarinet.

The Lakes Region Music Festival is designed to provide an opportunity for advanced students to participate in a more challenging environment. The 1998 Lakes Region Music Festival will be held at Kennett High School in Conway.

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**A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

By George J. Rogers, Alton Central School

**ALTON**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were in attendance at the annual School District Meeting. The School District budget was passed as recommended by the Alton School Board. The school budget is the educational plan for the School District for the upcoming school year. I can assure you that we will continue in our endeavor to provide the students of Alton with the best possible education.

Loring Carr, vice chairman of the Alton School Board, and chairman of the Facility Study Committee, gave a presentation regarding the space needs. Public hearings will be held relating to a building project to be presented at the 1998 School District Meeting.

I'd like to also thank the Alton fans for their support during our winter athletic season and especially those who attended our post season playoff games. The boys varsity team gave us a lot to cheer about, making it to the finals of the Class S championship. Their efforts will not soon be forgotten.

The Middle School Science Fair was held on March 11 and was a huge success. Science teacher Brian Davidson did an excellent job of organizing this event. The projects were well done and the enthusiasm for the fair was evident. Brian Sanborn's classes also presented a Science Magic Show. The high school chemistry and physics students did an excellent job of bringing science to life with the exciting displays of "magic".

A Career Day for students in grades 8-12 is being planned for Wednesday, April 16.

College bound juniors are encouraged to take the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) in their junior year. The remaining test dates this year are May 3 and June 7. Registration deadlines are April 9 and May 14.

Local scholarship applications will be made available to seniors in April. There are also four local scholarships available for students who are already enrolled in college.



**ALTON OUTDOORS**

By Jack Miller

**OPEN WATER FISHING BEGINS APRIL 1**

April is the month that old Man Winter unlocks his icy grip and opens the way for spring. The first of April is the beginning of the open water fishing season for salmon and lake trout. The fourth Saturday is the opening of trout fishing in ponds classified as Trout Ponds. For a listing, see the 1997 NH Freshwater Fishing Digest.


As I write this (mid March) winter's icy grip is reluctant to let go, we have had 15 inches of snow in the last two weeks. With the cold weather still making ice, it looks like there will not be much open water. If you can't find any, the Merrymeeting River along the Letter S Road will be the place to fish on opening day. Some nice salmon and rainbows were caught last fall at the end of the season. Remember this is fly fishing only water until April 25. Have a good supply of flies because the river bottom can "eat" your flies as there are many bottom dwelling snags to hook on. Other areas to try if there is late ice out are the Winnepesaukee River from Paugus Bay to Winnisquam Lake, Opechee Bay, and the area between the dam at Lochmere and Silver Lake. The currents there keep the waters ice free.

As the lakes open up look for salmon to be following the smelt moving into the shallows as they start to spawn. Any method of fishing can produce salmon, lake trout, or rainbow trout as the water warms and the fish begin to feed heavily. Good Luck.

As the snow melts this spring, an ugly sight can also appear - roadside trash. Last month I noticed a lot of trash along Alton's roadsides while I've been checking for deer tracks crossing the roads. I have noticed many beer cans, soda cans, wine bottles, and fast food wrappers discarded along our scenic roads. Although we would all like to blame the tourists, I've seen many items appear during mid-week. Let's all be more responsible and aware. During the weekend of the Great Winni Ice Fishing Derby, I saw a large pile of trash on Echo Point roadside, evidently dumped by one group of people who must have been partying on the lake. This irresponsible act is a form of pollution and gives outdoor people a bad reputation. This can also cause landowners to get upset and close off our access ways. Please pass the word to pick up after oneself and put trash in its proper place. One should always have a trash bag packed amongst the gear or picnic lunch you bring with you. Thank you!

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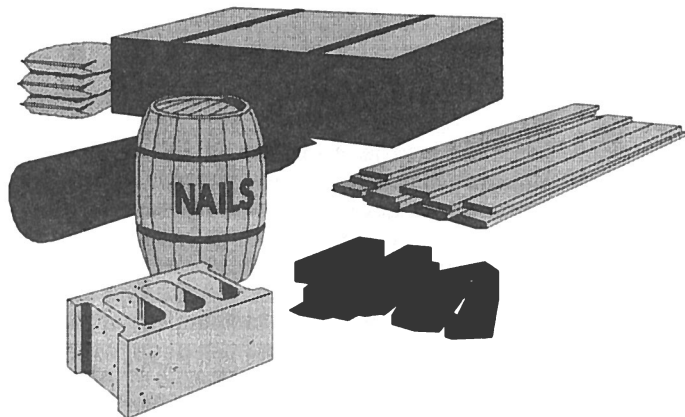


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Spring is the time to begin the home improvement projects we have been putting off all winter. Come and meet the neighborhood craftsmen who can help with all those improvements and renovations.

A sampling of Alton's restaurateurs will provide the guests with refreshments during EXPO '97, giving attendees a preview of the Chamber's next sponsored event, "A Taste of Alton," tentatively scheduled for early June.

**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS**

By Ken Roberts, Highway Agent

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING**

Just when we thought everything was about to melt, we entered into a period of almost daily snowstorms. And yet, March snowfalls still make us look forward to spring and mud season and the black flies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Alton for your support at the polls and at Town Meeting. It's nice to know that as a community, we share many goals for the benefit of our Town.

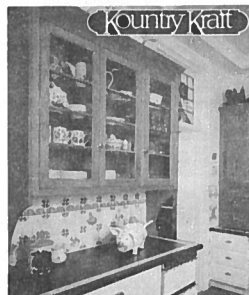
The Highway Crew is ready (very ready, actually) to put away the plows and sanders and start our road projects for this year. There is a great deal of work scheduled and we hope to begin as soon as possible.

As usual, we rely on help from the public. Please alert us immediately if anyone observes a road defect or water traveling over a road. The sooner we are able to respond, the better we can fix things and save money too. There are many pot holes to fill, much brush to cut, roads to widen, drainage to improve, culverts to replace, etc. We appreciate your cooperation and encourage feedback. Every call is important to us!

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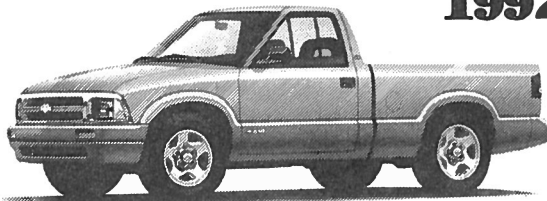
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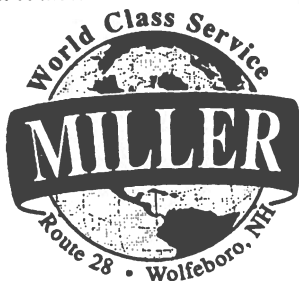
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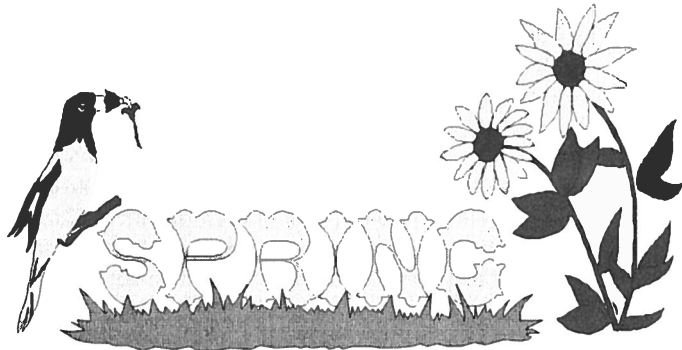
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## SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney

### APRIL SHOWERS

April showers may find us relaxing -  
We hope this month isn't too taxing!

After a few humidity-laden weeks in sultry Florida, it certainly is a pleasure to be back in New Hampshire breathing cool refreshing air once again!

The return of April and our "snowbirds" usually signifies heightened activity at the Senior Center. We would like to encourage each member of the Alton Senior Citizen Association to invite a potential new member to our meeting on Wednesday, April 9, at 2p.m. Several important items will be discussed and the Steering Committee will summarize recent events and report on projected activities for the coming months. Trip Coordinator Ginny Myers has some interesting trips lined up.

Claire Fitzgerald, CAP Director, informs us that the Laconia Senior Citizens will join us for lunch on Tuesday, April 29.

Kelly McGrath of the Parks and Recreation Department has announced that she and her staff will begin "Chair Exercises" with us soon. Check the bulletin board for times and dates.

We are fortunate to have Kerry Foster offer tax assistance through April 15 at 9:30a.m. twice a week. Call 875-7102 for more information.

We are happy to announce that the following seniors are recovering well from recent surgery: Leon Hebert, Tony Mariano, and Bea Nott. We wish them a quick return to full health. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Waneta Baldwin and Edith Scott who are ill. We look forward to the return of our organist, Jim Obrotka, who has been in Pennsylvania.

That's all for this month, folks. No fooling!

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11a.m., Evening Study, 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting,  
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- Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October-  
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- AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
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- AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR MEMBERS - 3rd Monday,  
6p.m., Legion Hall
- BOY SCOUTS TROOP 53 - Wednesdays, 6p.m., Central Fire  
Station
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD - 1st & 3rd Wednesday,  
8a.m., 875-5777
- CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 6:30p.m., Legion Hall
- EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
- GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
- FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
- HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 7p.m., Alton Bay  
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- HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, April - October
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Wednesday, 7:30p.m., St.  
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- LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Mama Rina's  
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- MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday
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## PERSONAL

Thank you for your kind gesture! Brenda MacKay

Congratulations to Mr. Carr and Mrs. Hopper on their success in running for the school board. I want to personally thank all of the 191 voters who stood up and cast their vote for me. I truly appreciate your support. It is time for this community to come together and support the elected. I hope that all the people that believed in me at the polls will join me at the PTSA and the School Board meetings and show support for our leaders. Again, thank you. Bob Loprete

## 10 YEARS AGO.....

.....high school senior Robert Gilmore was selected for the All-State Music Festival Concert Band.....Connie Quindley's design was selected for the Old Home Week logo.....Ice-Out occurred at 11:45a.m. on April 12.....Barbara Ciampo was elected president of the Lioness Club.....Terri Noyes was elected chairman of the School Board.....Donald Morse was appointed Recreation Director by the Board of Selectmen.....Thomas Murtagh was elected president of the Lions Club.

## 5 YEARS AGO.....

.....the vacant Alton Bay Inn suffered severe damage in a March two-alarm fire.....the 1992 Town Meeting was reported as having taken five hours, with a budget of \$2,580,166 being approved.....1153 voters elected Reuben Wentworth as a new Selectman while Bonnie Joseph was re-elected.....School Board electees were Stephen Parker and Albert Burbank.....a secret ballot at the School District meeting rejected an independent fact finders report intended to settle the contract dispute with the Teachers' Association.....the Alton/Alton Bay Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #11163 celebrated its first anniversary.....Jaime Lee Sample was honored by the NH House of Representatives for her singing of the National Anthem when the House hosted the President of the United States earlier in 1992.....Assistant Librarian Mary Batchelder and her husband departed for Georgia to begin their hike back to NH on the Appalachian Trail.....Sherman Brown was elected president of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

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**TOWN HALL NOTES**

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE ELECTED**

Another Town Meeting has come and gone and yet the satisfaction of participating in the purest form of democratic action lingers. To those who chose not to take part - you have no cause for dissatisfaction with your Town government.

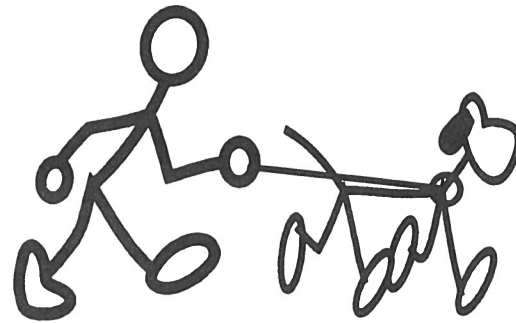
Congratulations and best wishes to all the newly elected and reelected candidates. The Office of the Town Administrator exists to help all Town officials as well as members of the public. My door is open for anyone who has questions or concerns and although I serve as a conduit to the Selectmen, the Board is the governing body of the Town.

Now that the voters have appropriated the sum of \$3,391,433, there is much to do. Hopefully, we will be able to do everything that was budgeted, deal with those things that come-up that are not budgeted, and still have some unspent money left over to be used to reduce taxes. I estimate that the 1997 Town Tax rate will be the same as the 1996 rate of \$4.15.

In addition to the daily assortment of correspondence, personnel, legal and financial, customer service and administrative functions, some of the projects I am currently working on include:

purchase of a new Town Hall copy machine, requests for proposals for engineering services, up-dates to various Town policies (a never-ending task), purchase of new computers, and purchase of a new steam roller.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to working with a new Board of Selectmen and as always, working on behalf of the Town. If anyone is interested in volunteering to serve on a Town committee, please contact my office - there are plenty of opportunities available.



**RABIES CLINIC APRIL 19**

A Rabies Clinic for all domestic animals will be held on Saturday, April 19 from 12:30 to 2p.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140. The cost for each shot is \$8. Licenses also will be available.

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This play met with critical and public acclaim when it was first produced by New York's WPA Theatre in 1987. Concerned with a group of close-knit southern women in a small town beauty parlor, the play is hilarious and touching, revealing the strength and purposefulness of each of the characters. Critic Clive Barnes of the New York Post called it a play "...suffused with humor and tinged with tragedy."

Alton's production features Anna Varney as M'Lynn, Jessica Benedetto as Shelby, Desiree Crossley as Truvy, Nadine Vailette as Annelle, Amber Locke as Clairee, and Becca Blair as Ouiser. The production stage manager is Brandi Smith and the production designer is Jill Gagnon. Approximately 20 other students are working on various aspects of the production as well. The director is faculty member Elizabeth Lent.

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**CONCORD CORNER**

By Alice Ziegler, State Representative

**LEGISLATURE HANDLING OVER 800 BILLS**

We are in the midst of passing or killing the over 800 bills this year. Thus far those passed to another committee (usually Finance) include:

A House Resolution urging television and radio, in or out of state, to refuse to broadcast reports of exit polls and predictions about the outcomes of elections.

Services at the Veterans Home will be expanded to address the changing needs.

A committee will be created to study the establishment of a New Hampshire Volunteer Program.

Two dam regulation bills were passed: one to clarify the definition of "dam" and "dams in disrepair," and the second bill addressed the implementation of the Emergency Action Plan for municipalities who own dams. "Permitting" for building dams and facilitating repairs on dams in disrepair has been changed.

There is another (4th) attempt to change the term of the governor from two to four years.

There may be a prohibition of former members of the House of Representatives from becoming lobbyists for two years after leaving the House.

Bills that were killed include: a bill to expand or establish casino or video gambling, a bill to return to biennial sessions, and for the third time, a newer version of "Right to Work." The vote was 157 to 193 against. It was an effort to be fair to both sides.

By a vote of 286 to 57, a bill banning conibear and leghold traps was killed. The Fish and Game Department, Farm Bureau, and New Hampshire Wildlife Federation all backed killing this bill as necessary to wildlife control.

Gilmanton has a beautiful new school. It was a special pleasure to be present at the ribbon cutting ceremonies. I will be at Alton on Monday, April 7, from 3 to 4p.m. Meanwhile I can be reached at 875-2151.

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Beach Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund as a broader Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

The special warrant article to add \$50,000 to the Gilman Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund passed, while the special warrant article to create and fund a Capital Reserve Fund for the up-dating of tax maps failed.

Articles dealing with the salaries of elected officials were approved at the following amounts: Town Clerk, \$28,000; Tax Collector, \$25,000; and Highway Agent, \$36,000.

The "sweep" article to "defray all necessary charges arising in the management of Town affairs" was passed after being successfully amended by the Highway Agent to add \$25,000 for road sand and replacement plow blades. After the amendment the total approved was \$2,339,965.

Additionally, the Town Meeting approved the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached with the employees of the Highway Department. The petition article to appropriate \$22,000 for the purchase of a machine roller for the Highway Department was approved, but the other petition article to spend \$32,600 for a new police boat was withdrawn.

There were several articles making money available for health and social services: \$1,000 to New Beginnings; \$8,166 to VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity; \$5,302 to the Community Action Program of Belknap and Merrimack Counties; \$1,500 for the Greater White Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross; and \$3,000 to Laconia's Community Health and Hospice.

Property transactions were also on the agenda and the voters in attendance approved them all: Article 28 enabling the Town to sell 1/10 of an acre in Alton Bay to the Campmeeting Association in order to unite Pop's Clamshell under one landlord; Article 29 passing the West Alton Community Center to the West Alton Fire Association; Article 30 disposing of the house on the newly acquired land for the Library expansion; and Article 31 selling the land on which the Salt Shed was situated. Article 33, approved at the meeting, reconstituted the committee overseeing the operations of the Gilman Museum.

Article 32 was not the usual kind of action put before a Town meeting. A past member of the community, A. William Heidke, had provided in his estate that a trust fund be established "for the purpose of assisting the residents of Alton to remain in their homes so long as reasonably possible despite advancing age and/or health problems." The voters had no hesitation in accepting the gift and establishing the fund.

The article to adopt a conflict of interest ordinance applicable to all Town officials, whether elected or appointed, failed.

At the beginning of the meeting the retiring Selectman Reuben Wentworth was presented with a plaque and honored for his five years of service on the Board.

Just before the 1997 Town Meeting adjourned at 11:10p.m. the Town Administrator announced that the total appropriations approved during the evening amounted to \$3,391,433.

**SPRING GARDEN PARTY LUNCHEON**

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will hold a "Spring Garden Party Luncheon" on Wednesday, April 9, from 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m. at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

Virginia Taylor, who has appeared on Channel 11, will present "Herb Garden Cooking." Music will be provided by Fran, Julia, and Ann Hodges of Center Tuftonboro. Grace Hallis from St. Johnsbury, VT. will be the special speaker.

Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership. Reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery are necessary and can be made by contacting Helen Harris in Alton or Thelma Osborne in Laconia by Monday, April 7.



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**FOR THE FUN OF IT**

By Kellie McGrath, Recreation Director

**SCAVENGER HUNT FOR CHILDREN 11-14**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt for participants 11-14 years old on April 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Town Hall. A \$20 cash prize will be awarded to the winner. Registration is required by April 2.

**BASEBALL COACH TRAINING**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department has established an official chapter of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association to train local volunteer youth coaches on the appropriate methods of working with children.

The training for baseball coaches will be held at the Alton Town Hall on the following dates: Baseball 1st year - Monday, April 14, 5:30 to 9p.m.; Baseball 2nd year - Tuesday, April 15, 5:30 to 7:30p.m.; Baseball 3rd year - Tuesday, April 15, 7.30 to 9p.m. Registration fee is \$15.

**CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL CLEAN UP DAY**

An Adult Co-Ed Softball League Clean Up Day will be held at Jones Field on Sunday, April 27, from 1 to 4p.m., rain or shine. Volunteers will rake, paint, collect trash and clean up the field. All participants that attend for the three hours will have a reduced registration fee of \$10.

**VACATION FUN WEEK FOR GRADES 1-5**

Vacation Fun Week is planned at the Alton Bay Community Center from April 28 to May 2 from 9a.m. to 4p.m. Participants in grades 1-5 will enjoy "Holiday Week," where a holiday is celebrated everyday. Activities include: arts and crafts, cooperative games, music, drama, afternoon movies, bowling trip to Fun Spot and more. Registration fee is \$35 per person for Alton residents and \$45 for non-residents. Registration ends April 18.

**PENN DUTCH/GETTYSBURG TRIP**

A four day trip to Pennsylvania is planned for September 11-14 with Collette Tours including Penn Dutch Country, Amish and Mennonite Farmlands, Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Gettysburg, Hershey Chocolate World USA, and Founder's Hall.

The rate per person (twin \$324, triple \$320, single \$424) includes transportation, hotel, highlighted tours and three breakfasts and three dinners. A \$25 deposit must be received by April 11. Final payment is due July 13. A cancellation waiver may be purchased for an additional \$10.

**MINDING ALTON'S BUSINESS**

By Julie Slayton Frank, Executive Director

Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce

**BUSY TIMES FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS**

March has indeed come in like a lion for the Chamber of Commerce where we are eagerly preparing to launch Year Two of the Chamber reorganization.

We are in the final stages of putting together the all new Alton Area Guide and hope to have the 12-page brochure ready by early May. On March 5, Steve and Raquel Rogers hosted a Business After Hours at the Bayside Inn. Unfortunately weather worked against us that night and attendance was light, but it was a wonderful opportunity for Chamber members to make contact with each other.

We are currently working on a number of projects, among them the construction of an Informational Plaza (kiosk) on Route 11 that would have a map of the Alton Area and space for advertising. The Home & Construction Expo is coming up on Saturday, April 19, and we hope for a good turn out.

One of our most important tasks right now is the nomination and installation of officers and directors to lead the Chamber through the next year. We encourage all Chamber members to become involved and submit nominations to the Board by Wednesday, April 16. We will send ballots out to all members who have paid their 1997 membership investment on April 23 and the final balloting will be held at the next Business After Hours at the Alton Town Hall on Wednesday, May 7, from 4:30 to 6:30p.m.

**SNOWMOBILE CLUB SPONSORS  
FIRST ANNUAL POKER RUN**

The first annual Poker Run sponsored by the Mt. Major Snowmobile Club was held on Saturday, February 15. The following people won prizes for the best poker hands: Kay Hasey, Mac Francis (2), Beth Stevens, Mick Rogers, Ellen Dorrance, Ben Shibley, Richard Dean, Leslie Rentel, Bob Bystrack (2), Don White (2), and James Foley.

The club would like to thank the following for their donations of prizes: Kawasaki-Yamaha of Laconia, Owen's Marine, Thurston's Marine, A-1 Sports Center, Dockside Restaurant, Alton Bay Diner, Hooksett Kawasaki, Rochester Sports, Bickford's Sport Center, Shibley's at the Pier, Karen's Kitchen, and Larry's Sales.

The club sponsored a Radar Run during the Alton Winter Carnival. There were about 40 entrants, and caps were given out for the highest speeds. The highest speed documented was 95 miles an hour for the of a mile run.

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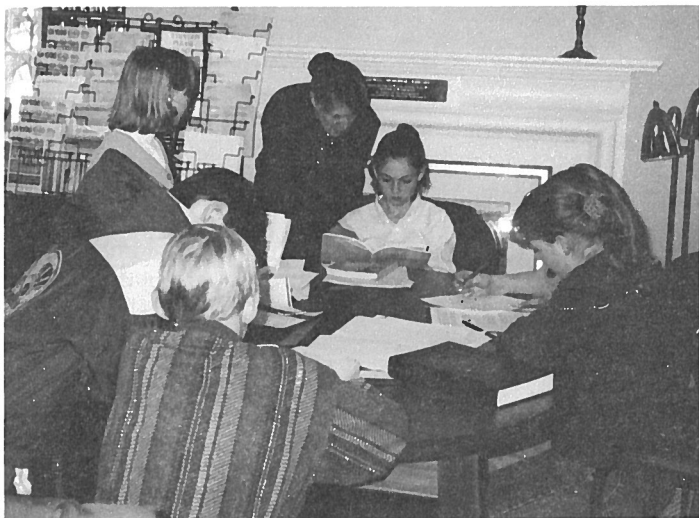
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**HISTORY RESEARCH**

Fourth and sixth graders from Alton Central School visited the Gilman Library recently to conduct research on various topics of NH history. This was done in preparation for an oral and written presentation during the Academic Fair in April. Some of the scholars are seen with fourth grade teacher Lawrice Ballentine.

**THE CHECKOUT DESK**

By Holly Brown, Librarian

**NEW AT THE LIBRARY**

The Library has compiled a list of book reviews from the New York Times of the best books from 1900 to 1991. The reviews provide a summary of the book, giving readers and students an excellent resource.

If anyone has a desire to see the MacDowell artists' colony in Peterborough, but has never been there, the Gilman Library has a solution for you. Thanks to Chubb Life Company, a beautiful and fascinating hour-long video entitled "MacDowell: An American Artists' Colony" has been given to us. You will have a chance to tour this community as well as hear about Edward and Marian MacDowell, founders and supporters of this amazing place. In addition to seeing and hearing about the many artists who visit this site and are able to stay and work on projects or what ever they choose to do, you will have a tour of the grounds. The photography is breathtaking and one of the photographers is Tom Cole, son of Alton's Jeanne and Ted Cole. In addition to the video, several interesting brochures are included for your perusal. The entire "package" is a visual treat.

**CONSCIENCE JAR**

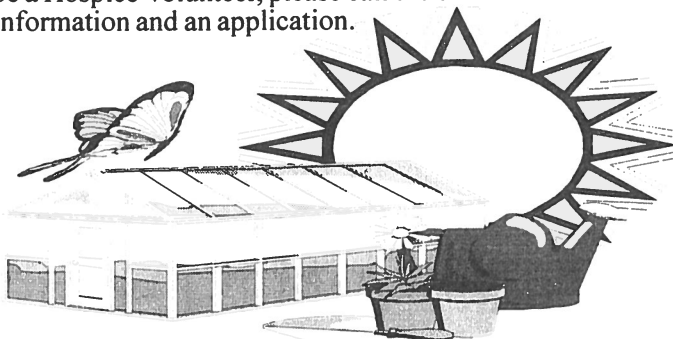
The Gilman Library has adopted a conscience jar. If you have any overdue items, now is a great time to return them. When you do, leave something in the conscience jar and we will all feel better. Also . . . donations are gratefully accepted.

**VNA SEEKING HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS**

VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity seeks caring men and women who would like to train to become Hospice Volunteers. The Spring training program will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30p.m., beginning April 9 and continuing through June 4, at the Adult Day Care Suite at Huggins Hospital

Hospice volunteers are trained to provide practical and emotional support to individuals and families when there is a life-threatening illness. The main goal of Hospice is to help the patient and family live as fully and comfortably as possible, and to provide support for the family during bereavement

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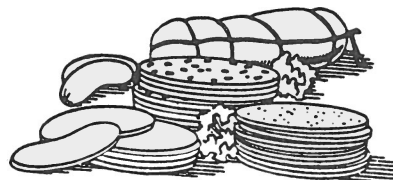
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As a part of Alton's bicentennial celebration, Kabeyun, a summer camp for boys since 1924, is offering a full scholarship to an Alton boy for a four-week stay this August.

Applicants should be between the ages of 9 and 12, though an older or younger boy may be considered. A committee of Alton community members will review applications along with Kabeyun's director, Chuck Mills. The recipient of the scholarship will be a boy who the committee feels will be able to grow as a result of the experience. The boy should have positive social skills and an eagerness to learn and to seek out new challenges.

The deadline for applications is April 18. To request an application please call Marilyn Dame at 875-2211, or contact Director Chuck Mills by phone at 746-3485; by mail at 214 Stumpfield Road Hopkinton, NH 03229; or through E-mail at [cmills@conknet.com](mailto:cmills@conknet.com).

### SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public. Color or black and white photos of your organization's events are also welcome

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, fax to 569-9807 or E-mail to [jduffek@worldpath.net](mailto:jduffek@worldpath.net) by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Material may also be left in the Main Street mail box at the Farmington National Bank.

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### BABE RUTH LEAGUE SIGN-UP

Registration for Babe Ruth baseball will be held on Sunday, April 6, from 2 to 4p.m. at the Alton School Gymnasium. Any player born prior to August 1, 1984 and on or after August 1, 1981 is eligible for Babe Ruth competition. All new players must submit a copy of their birth certificate at the time of registration. A parent or guardian must accompany all players to registration. There is a \$20 league registration fee. For more information contact Gary Noyes at 875-7140.




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**SELECTMAN CANDIDATES**

Candidates for the vacant selectman's seat spoke of their qualifications during Candidates' Night sponsored by Main Street. They are (left to right) Al Burbank, Peter Pijoan and winner William Ryan.

**YOUTH LEAGUE PLANS CLINIC FOR COACHES AND PARENTS**

A Baseball Clinic for all coaches (new and experienced) and interested parents will be held in the Alton School Gym on Sunday, April 6 from 1 to 5p.m. All parents, especially the moms, are more than welcome to attend. This event is free of charge.

Major league baseball and Softball tryouts will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 9a.m. to noon at "Little Fenway" on the Letter S Road. The rain date will be on Sunday, April 13, from 1 to 4p.m. All past players and future candidates must tryout, even those who have played on a major league team before. The annual "Little Fenway Clean-up Day" has been scheduled for the same time.

On Monday, April 14 and Tuesday, April 15 The Alton Youth League will sponsor NYSCA coaches training to be held at the Gilman Library. The Alton Youth League will pay the \$15 class fee. Call Kellie McGrath at 875-0109 for exact times and detailed information.

On Sunday April 20 from 1 to 4p.m., all children ages 8 to 15 are invited to a Baseball Clinic to be held at the Alton School or a Softball Clinic to be held at "Little Fenway". This event is free of charge.

**TRICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE FORMING**

With the Alton Bicentennial Year now a part of history, the call is going out for volunteers to serve on the Alton Tricentennial Committee. Newly appointed co-chairmen April and Ernest Pfuhl are anxious to get the planning started and expressed the hope of having a full committee in place shortly. They stressed that it is vital that this committee remain intact and work continuously till the Tricentennial year.

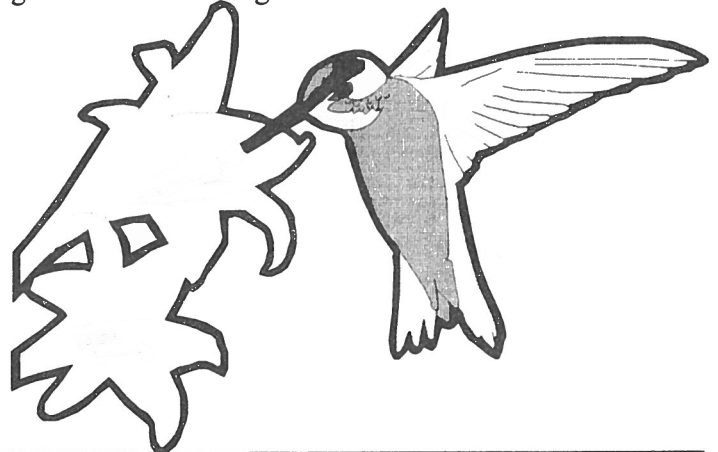
The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1 in the Phantasy Room of the recently opened East Alton Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend this 7p.m. meeting, and it is hoped that club and organizational representatives will join with individuals at large to ensure a representative committee makeup. So come and join the Pfuhs!

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### BOY SCOUT TROOP 53 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The boys of Troop 53, Boy Scouts of America of Alton, have recently welcomed new members: Serry Hayward, Brandon Rousseau, Tony Sanborn and Joshua Strickland.

A highlight of the winter was an overnight ski trip to Loon Mountain. Several members enjoyed two days of skiing at Loon and overnight accommodations at Parker's Motel in Lincoln. A second ski trip to Gunstock enabled the boys to work on the Skiing Merit Badge under the direction of Mr. Kenerson, a Scout leader and qualified ski instructor from the Green Mountain Boy Scout Council of Vermont.

The troop has a variety of spring activities on its agenda including work on the requirements for the Communications Merit Badge and the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge that involved visits to Town Hall and attendance at the Town Meeting.

A group is now working on the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge, leading up to a trip to Washington, D.C., during the April school vacation.

Public service projects are a main goal of Scouting. In February four boys assisted at the Red Cross Blood Drive at Alton School: Matt Currid, Ben Jensen, Dan Moulton and Mike Murray. The troop has begun the process of adopting a portion of state highway in the Alton area in the NHDOT Adopt-a-Highway Program. A third project is assisting the Fire Department in their project to upgrade the landscaping of the Central Station grounds.



## April Fools !

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### HELP WANTED ON APRIL 24

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

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collators and staplers to help put it all together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, April 24, at 6:30p.m.

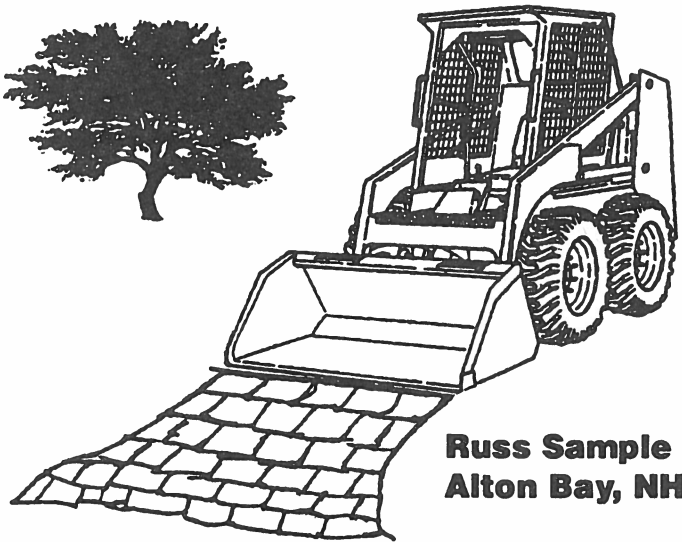
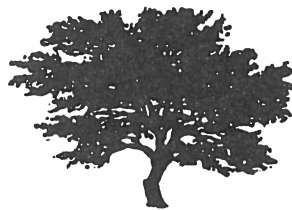
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