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## THE LATEST ON THE ABOVE...

By Bob Longabaugh

Pictured above is what you hope to find outside your door in short order if you require emergency medical assistance in Alton anytime during the next few months. The Alton Fire Department is now providing this service while Town officials and other vitally interested parties work out a long-term solution to the provision of ambulance service in Alton.

The front page of last month's issue of Main Street reported that the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service (AVAS) would be discontinuing their service after midnight on March 9/10. This followed a "heads-up" report in December's Main Street that the AVAS was finding it increasingly difficult to turn out the minimum two volunteers to get their ambulance underway during the workday. The need for additional volunteers was urgent, and interested persons were encouraged to contact AVAS President Sherman Brown.

At the Town's Board of Selectmen meeting on March 1 Brown reported in more detail. He stated that although the AVAS filed its February 8 notification with the Town that it "will no longer be providing ambulance care" as of 12:01 a.m. on March 10, that did not mean the AVAS was disbanding. If additional volunteers could be found, they hoped to be able to continue as before. In the meantime, on February 15, Fire Chief Russell Sample had presented the Selectmen with recommendations on how emergency medical services could be continued in Alton. The Selectmen advised Sample to be ready to go with "Plan A" on March 10.

Plan A is a temporary way of providing ambulance service

by using the emergency response teams and equipment from adjacent communities to augment Alton Fire Department personnel who should be the first to arrive on the scene. Chief Sample has subsequently arranged for the short-term lease of an ambulance (the one shown above) and Alton has fitted it with the necessary equipment and supplies to fulfill its rescue mission. This includes one of the two Defibrillators that the Alton-New Durham Lions Club helped purchase.

As might be expected, the provision of ambulance services was the subject of much discussion when Article 19 came up at Town Meeting. Thirty-six minutes were spent in debate; with just over 200 votes being cast, only a few voters were against appropriating \$60,000 for ambulance services. The sentiment of the voters was clear: Let's get this problem quickly worked out with a satisfactory long-term solution.

It wasn't long before the new equipment and crews were called into service. The Alton Fire Department assumed "the duty" at 12:01 a.m. on the 10th and at 7:28 a.m. on the 11th they were "toned out" to respond to a person having breathing difficulty in central Alton. Five minutes later the Alton ambulance was on the scene and not that much longer the patient was stable in Huggins hospital. From March 10 until March 17 the Fire Department has responded to six similar calls, all of which resulted in satisfactory outcomes.

Chief Sample does wish to emphasize that the present temporary arrangements are, indeed, for emergency calls only. Persons needing an ambulance for transport scheduled in advance to a medical facility should make arrangements with another agency that provides such services.



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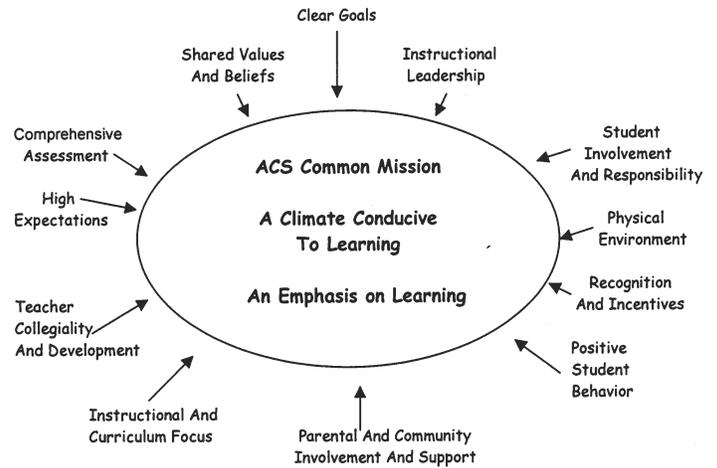
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## LET'S SEE WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE

By Richard M. Pike

Superintendent of Schools

A few weeks ago I was discussing the subject of quality schools, strategic planning, and excellence in education with an Alton resident. He said he had faithfully read all the past Main Street articles that I had submitted which focused on these subjects, but it would be helpful if he could see "what it all looks like" in a different format. So, for him and all the other "visual learners" out there, I submit the following graphic, which I believe captures the essence of a quality school and answers the question: "If we had an exemplary school system, what would it look like?"



## BAY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CHURCH JOIN FOR EASTER SERVICE

The annual Easter Sunrise Service, co-sponsored by the Bay Church and the Alton Community Church, will begin at 7 a.m., Sunday, April 4. This year's service will be held at the Community church, hosted by interim Pastor Bob Decker. Pastor Bob Hett of the Bay Church will speak on the topic, "The Resurrection: Fact or Fancy?"

Following the service, breakfast will be served by the host church. Folks are reminded that Daylight Savings Time begins that morning, so they must remember to set their clocks ahead one hour the night before in order to be on time.

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# Main Street's Inside Front Page



## SPRINGTIME DOLL SHOW & SALE

Signs of spring in Alton: robins, potholes, "peepers," mud, school vacation, AND Happy Hobby Doll Club's Springtime Doll Show & Sale. This is the 14th year the club has sponsored its annual doll show which brings hundreds of doll collectors and curious newcomers to the Alton Central School. From 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, April 25, more than 50 dealer tables will offer antique, vintage, modern, and artist dolls for sale, as well as all types of clothing, doll furniture, and other doll-related items. Pictured above is Ruth Messier with her 1998 show booth.

Featured guests this year will be members of the American Academy of Doll Artists who will conduct demonstrations throughout the day.

Kathy Pollack of Rochester has been involved in the arts since she was a child. Four years ago Pollack began to work in polymer clays, creating one-of-a-kind dolls. Her portrait dolls have been a success, winning ribbons in various shows. She will be demonstrating sculpting in polymer on April 25.

Wendy Trommer of Bedford has a heritage of creativity. Her love of dolls is recent, beginning with simple country rag dolls using patterns. She went on to create her own; she draws the pattern, creates the doll, paints the face, and designs the clothes. She will demonstrate sculpting in cloth.

From artist to collector they all have something to share, and the doll show is the place to do it. Dealers will be on hand from the tri-state area, as well as Connecticut.

Admission is \$2/adults and \$1/under 12 and door prizes will be awarded. Lunch will be available on the premises. There is ample free on-street and handicap-accessible parking. For more information call Ruth Messier, 875-6750.

## ALTON'S LATEST HONOR

By R. Lee Trevlac

Alton has been honored by being chosen as the locale for the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Central New Hampshire Blackfly Breeders Association ("C.N.H.B.B.A."). The gala May meeting will be preceded by a huge planning session on Thursday, April 1, in the South Alton Community Center.

C.N.H.B.B.A.'s featured guest speaker will be Ivan Itche, president of the Maine Mosquito Coalition, who will debunk the myths surrounding which itch itches most. Local coordinators for the event are Roger Pfuhl and his wife, April, of Alton Bay. The Pfuhs' were last in the news at this time a year ago when they were cited as primemovers in the advance planning for the Alton Tricentennial celebration.

## ALTON ELECTION RESULTS

By John Duffek

Some 996 voters (30% of those eligible) turned out to cast their ballots for town and school officials and the official school ballot (see separate story) last month.

Two former members of the Board of Selectmen, Reuben L. Wentworth and Arnold P. Shibley, were returned to office from among a roster of six candidates and one announced write-in candidate. Wentworth led the field with 653 votes followed by Shibley (266), Peter J. Pijoan (238), write-in Steve McMahon (203), Laurie J. Boyce (191), Francis C. Metcalfe (139), and Robert F. Bollinger (106).

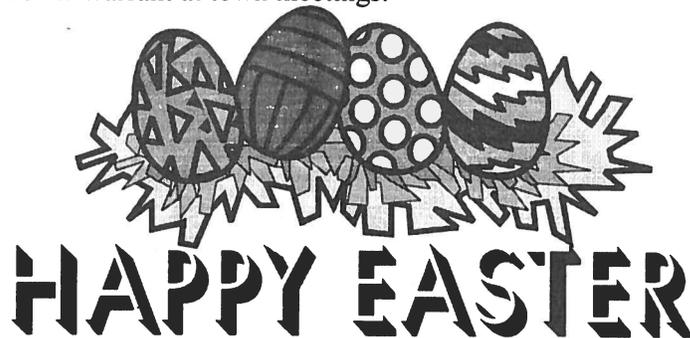
Three candidates sought the position of Town Clerk — Diantha S. Moulton (368), Helen L. Brooks (365), and Deborah L. Burton (177). A recount, requested by Brooks, was held on March 16 with Brooks holding at 365 votes while Moulton increased her lead to 373.

In other contested town races Shirley Copeland (611) defeated Robert Longabaugh (314) for Trustee of Trust Funds for three years; Richard Quindley (490) beat Charles B. Adams, Jr. (433) for Fire Ward for three years; Malcolm Simonds (484) defeated Charles B. Adams, Jr. (411) for Water Commissioner for three years; and Dorothy S. Wentworth (592) and Donn Brock (458) won the two Planning Board positions for three years over Robert Gilson (415).

Unopposed candidates were Shirley Copeland (858) for Library Trustee for three years, Diantha Moulton (827) for Cemetery Trustee for three years, and Anna D. Griffin (677) and Alan Sherwood (626) who were elected to two of the three positions on the Budget Committee for three years while Gregg Fuller received 13 write-in votes.

School district elections resulted in only one race between write-in candidates for the three-year position on the School Board. Larry Alting beat Laurie Boyce, 215 to 34. Robert Loprete (672) was elected to the two-year School Board post, Terri A. Noyes was reelected School Moderator (743), Christine Whalen was elected School Clerk (755), and Shirley E. Young will continue as School Treasurer (817).

All of the zoning questions on the town ballot were approved and the voters chose to continue dealing with the Town Warrant at town meetings.



**EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**By Pastor Bob Hett  
Roller Rallies**

On Monday, April 12, 5:30 p.m., area youth are invited to meet at the Alton Bay Conference Center to travel to Newington for a "Roller Rally" at Happy Wheels. Bus transportation is available for these monthly rallies (another is scheduled for May 10) by the Conference Center. The cost for roller skating is \$3.50 (including skate rental), plus \$2 for round-trip transportation.

There will be taped Christian music, as well as a brief inspirational message during intermission. Even the "young-at-heart" are invited to come along. For further information, call Tim Goodwin at 875-6161.

**Northern Lights Youth Choir**

Sunday, April 18, 10:45 a.m., the Bay Church will host the Northern Lights Youth Choir from Presque Isle, Maine. Nearly 50 young people will once again forfeit their school vacation in favor of ministering to churches all over New England during the choir's annual spring tour.

The theme of their musical will be "Living in His Grace." There will be no charge for this special concert that will take the place of the usual Morning Worship Service. A free-will offering will be received for the choir. The service will be held in the Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

**APRIL IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH**

**By Charlene Burke**

Huggins Hospital is hosting a special program on occupational therapy on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, April 19, 21, and 23. Charlene Burke and Betsy Newcomb, the occupational therapists at Huggins, will be available from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. to explain the variety of testing areas and numerous modalities that encompasses this field. There will be a demonstration of special adaptive equipment.

This free educational program, open to all wishing more information, is a great learning opportunity for young people considering this career, as well as for caregivers to understand the dynamics of occupational therapy. Individuals requiring rehabilitative services, young child or elderly person, can benefit from the creative interventions designed to assist them in adapting to challenges, i.e., feeding, dressing, or grooming oneself; home safety; or getting back to work. Various therapy programs are provided: stress management, joint protection/energy conservation, cognitive/perceptual training in conjunction with speech therapy, hand therapy, strengthening, endurance training, and adaptive strategies for daily living.

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**BEYOND CLAREMONT**

As I write this, there is still neither resolution nor consensus on a solution for the Claremont situation, so I will discuss some of the other issues being worked on.

The Finance Committee is in the middle of dissecting and understanding the proposed budget. Endless hearings and presentations by the departments will eventually bring it into focus.

The other committees are working through their list of bills. The Transportation committee (where Stan Czech hangs his hat) recently dealt with some railroad bills and driver's ed. Science & Technology has been dealing with the conflicting areas of air and water pollution regarding the gasoline additive MTBE.

The Education Committee has looked at bills asking the Federal government to live up to their promises about funding special education.

Hopefully by next issue we will have a resolution to Claremont and finally be able to look more clearly at the future.

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### DID YOU SEE THE CAT IN THE HAT?

March 2 was Dr. Seuss' birthday. To honor the occasion McGrath's Food Center held a "Read to a Child Day." Here is Edith Pelton, Store Manager, as the Cat in the Hat, reading to Ashley Dwyer and her sister, Nicole, on the right. June Tanguay and Pelton originated the idea. Fifteen children were entertained at this unique happening.

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### WHAT'S AFOOT ON MAIN STREET

**By Anne Quarles**

Things are afoot at 8 Main Street in Alton — quite literally. Dr. Denise Merritt's SELF HEALTH LOFT is in full swing with people tapping their toes and swinging their arms as they listen to the instructions of certified trainers Kelly Little and Rich Penney.

The strengthening and aerobic exercises prescribed by Dr. Merritt are effective as part of the treatment for many health problems, including: diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, high cholesterol and blood pressure levels, and fatigue.

"My knees don't hurt climbing stairs like they used to," smiled Dolores Fairburn.

"I'm happy," added Shirley Eaton. "It motivates me to exercise with a determined group of people."

Merritt, who has been a member of The American College of Sports Medicine for five years, last year completed the Team Physician Course and is being certified as a Clinical Fitness Instructor.

"The Loft is exciting!" she exclaimed. "It enables me to combine my love of sports and movement with my life's profession of diagnosing and treating disease. My patients are also excited because they combine work with play. Spinning is fun. It is sweeping the nation. Sweat flies, fat melts, riders grimace, riders laugh. Frankly, nothing else I could prescribe would contribute as much to the overall well-being of my patients."

The SELF HEALTH LOFT programs are designed to produce a body with a bold, competent immune system to intercede in the beginning stages of illness and to encourage healthful lifestyle changes, enabling many who suffer from chronic disease to decrease their medicine levels and decrease their pain.

Dr. Merritt invites community members to call 875-5577 for a tour of The Loft or more information.

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### ALTON TOWN MEETING RESULTS

**By Robert L. Calvert**

At the annual Alton Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 10, in the Alton School gymnasium, 212 voters adopted a 1999 operating budget of \$2,960,412, exclusive of warrant articles.

#### Additional Costs

Added to the above figure were the cost items approved in several warrant articles as follows: \$16,504 for increase in wages and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement with the Highway Department employees; \$55,000 for Phase III improvements at Alton Bay; \$8,900 for basketball courts at Liberty Tree Park; \$22,992 for a new police cruiser; \$8,500 for police mobile data terminal communication systems; \$80,000 added to Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; and \$10,000 added to Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund.

#### Highway Costs

Also added were \$5,500 for a hot water pressure washer; \$37,540 for the first year of a 4-year lease-purchase agreement on a front end loader; \$500,000 added to Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund (partially offset by a \$110,335 Highway Block Grant); \$5,000 for a Maintenance Shed Capital Reserve Fund; \$50,000 addition to the Highway Garage Expansion Capital Reserve Fund. An amendment to the operating budget (sweep article) total added \$20,000 for salt and sand, plus \$107,000 for a new 6-wheel dump truck. The truck came about after the voters turned down an earlier article for a 10-wheel dump truck.

#### Other "Money" Articles

Also added were: \$26,185 for alleviation of erosion problems at the Town Beach, offset by a \$20,940 grant for this purpose; \$100,000 to complete Main Street sidewalks from Rollins Hill to Alton Bay; \$15,000 for Pine Street Extension water system improvements to be offset in its entirety by fees of users. After much discussion, up to \$60,000 was approved for interim ambulance service until a permanent solution can be found by the Selectmen.

#### Outside Service Agencies

The following appropriations were approved and can be added as well to the sweep article total: \$3,000 for Community Health and Hospice; \$6,124 for Community Action Program; \$1,500 for American Red Cross; \$5,848 for VNA Hospice; \$1,000 for "New Beginnings" (Women's Crisis Center); and \$12,000 for Youth Service Bureau's Court Diversion Program.

#### One Article Passed Over

A majority vote passed over a petitioned article asking that a 1.7 acre tract off Route 140 at Mill Pond become a protected nature trail into perpetuity and called the "Clough-Morrell Nature Trail." Town counsel confirmed the assertion of the Chairman of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (and specifically the Clough-Morrell Fund) that state law specifies that only the Trustees can make that decision.

#### Other Actions

Some corrections were made and approved to the minutes of the 1998 Annual Report, and a non-binding resolution was approved to endorse "meaningful campaign reform."

Two ladies were recognized by Selectmen Chairman Stanley Czech for outstanding and long service to the community. Virginia Dore was cited for 50 years in business in Alton (beauty parlor), and Alice Calvert for 10 years of significant and dedicated service as a State Representative from Alton and Belknap County.

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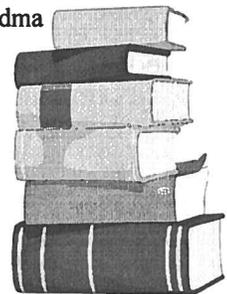
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## OUTCOME OF SCHOOL WARRANT

By John Duffek

For the second year in a row, voters defeated the school operating budget as voters continue to address the School District Warrant at the polls rather than at a School District Meeting. This year, the margin was only one vote (435 to 436) and a recount was held on March 19 with the outcome being unchanged (434 to 442). The proposed operating budget was \$5,425,888 while the default budget is \$5,340,248.

The collective bargaining agreement between the Alton Teachers' Association and the School Board was defeated 299 to 606, although voters authorized the School Board to call a special meeting to address only cost items of the agreement, 471 to 382.

Article II to fix the salaries of the Clerk, Moderator, and Supervisors of the Checklist was approved 597 to 295.

Various capital reserve funds were approved: \$15,000 for repairing and replacing water heaters, boilers, and ventilation systems (739 to 166); \$15,000 for repairing and replacing sections of the roof (757 to 167); \$15,000 for replacing the gym floor (638 to 274); and \$20,000 for the installation of a fire suppression system (691 to 220). A new capital reserve fund of \$175,000 to purchase land for a future school was established (466 to 444).

Approval was given for a three-year lease and \$25,000 for the first year payment for a double classroom modular (640 to 272). A request for \$100,000 to test possible building sites for a new school was defeated 434 to 473. An article to allow the School Board to exclude election workers earning less than \$1,000 a year from payroll taxes was approved (531 to 292).

Revisiting the "SB2" issue the voters decided to continue voting on the warrant at the polls.

### WHO DONE IT?

By Officer Susan Roberts  
Alton Police Department

The week of April 19 is going to be very exciting for the Alton School 9th grade Civics classes. The students have been working with the Alton Police Department as part of its "You and the Law Program" studying crime scene investigation and citizens rights. As a final project the students will be participating in their own mock crime scene investigation. With the assistance and cooperation of the Alton School faculty this project will be exciting as well as challenging for everyone.

Each class will be broken up into teams with a police officer mentor. The team will be given fingerprint equipment and a camera to use in their investigation of the mock crime scene. The scenes were created to reflect true-to-life crimes, and each team must document and report the facts as they investigate.

The students of the Civics classes have learned how to fingerprint and conduct basic crime scene investigations. However, the project does not just end with the actual crime scene. Students have learned how the United States Constitution applies to police work, especially in relationship to interviewing witnesses and suspects. The students will be required to properly interview while protecting people's rights. The teams will interview people who may have been witnesses or suspects to the mock crime.

Which team will unfold the crime scene puzzle first and uncover the suspect identity? Everyone will have to wait until April 19 to learn the answer.

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## ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to the honor roll for the second quarter at Alton Central School. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects and Honors requires a grade of at least 83 in all subjects.

**Fourth Grade** – High Honors: Jane Farrell and Kelsie Moore; Honors: Dottie Jean Bailey, Robbie Boudreau, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Kimberly Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Nicholas Lundy, Bryce St.Cyr, Jeffrey St.Cyr, George Stevens, Wesley Taggett, and Ty Tremblay.

**Fifth Grade** – High Honors: Owen Laurion and Patrick Quinn; Honors: Johanna Dickson, Nicholas Divito, Allyson Dudman, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Brittany Moore, Joshua O'Neil, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan, Jacqueline Piaseczny, Daniel Pitman, Katrina Tidd, and Caitlin Wentworth.

**Sixth Grade** – High Honors: Anne Farrell and Stephanie Tanguay; Honors: Amanda Boudreau, Crystal Cleasby, Kelly Eagles, Vanessa Gilbert, Cassandra Golden, Erin Hannafin, Sonya Itchkavich-Levasseur, Morgan Locke, Tara Loprete, Robert Malone, Ashley Marren, Whitney Marston, David McMahan, Brenna Quann, Shayna Randall, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Michael Tidd, Sarah Tinkham, and Ashley Waterman.

**Seventh Grade** – High Honors: Lyndsey Caron, Tonya Prescott, Daniel Quinn and Krista Shibley; Honors: Tamara Cornelissen, David Currid, Carl Dickson, Dylan Laurion, Dakotah Nixon, Matthew Sydow, and Lindsey Tinlin.

**Eighth Grade** – High Honors: Hilary Ballentine, Terese Hopper, Amanda Jones, and Erin Wood; Honors: Adam Ames, Katie Brooks, Jennifer Carr, Patricia Currid, Nicholas Hallin, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Marc Levasseur, Kristin Murray, and David Snell.

**Ninth Grade** – High Honors: David Benedetto, Rebecca Howard, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Marissa Peterson, and Jane Varney; Honors: Joshua Albair, Dana Lang, David Shibley, and Dennis Sweeney.

**Tenth Grade** – High Honors: Renee LaFreniere, Katie Morrill and Meghan St.Cyr; Honors: Amy Beauregard, Zachary Christy, Kelsie Croes, Sara Dore, Tara Elliott, Loretta Helie, Heather Joslyn, Lorin McGovern, and Ashley Southwell.

**Eleventh Grade** – High Honors: Danielle Moore; Honors: Michael Caverly, Jacob Locke, Jenny Martin, and Victor Stone.

**Twelfth Grade** – High Honors: Tonia Elliott and Jennifer Emanouil; Honors: Daniel Alting, Carly Blanchard, Desiree Crossley, Andrena Dore, Andrew Fuller, Ennasea Guyette, Christy Holway, Amanda Lambert, Amber Locke, Sarah McDonald, Kimberly Noyes, Christopher Ouellette, Amanda Pacheco, Gregory Salvatore, and Anna Varney.

## ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Alton Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the 1999 season on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Gilman Library.

We welcome all members and friends to become acquainted with our new museum home and to help plan our activities for the year.

This will be an opportunity to pay your 1999 dues of \$5 per member and to enjoy the delicious refreshments provided by our hostesses.



**THANKS, TOOTH FAIRY**

The Tooth Fairy, above (Ginny Burunis of Lakes Region General Hospital's Dental Health program), recently visited Alton Central's kindergarten, first, and second grades. She presented an exciting and educational program about the importance of caring for and maintaining healthy teeth.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

Anita Ratte from Gilford and her sister, Barbara Whitaker, from Somers, Connecticut, will present a program about cross stitching at a luncheon, April 14, 11:30 a.m., Conference Center, Route 11, Alton Bay. Nancy Heald of Gilford will provide the music; the speaker will be Anne Nolan from Alton.

Reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery may be made by calling Janet Benedetto, Alton, 875-2032 (between 2 and 6 p.m) or Harriet Ireland, Gilford, 524-7194, by Wednesday, April 7.

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



**THE CHECKOUT DESK**  
By Holly Brown  
Librarian

**A LOT IS HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY**

Those of you who visit the library on a regular basis may have noticed activity in and around the case located at the entrance of the adult wing. Recently we have enjoyed some wonderful displays that members of our community have been willing to share. January we celebrated Barbie's 40th birthday, February we enjoyed a breathtaking arrangement of photographs put together by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, and for March we welcomed spring with a beautiful rock display. If you have a special collection you would like to share, please let us know. For more information please stop in or call 875-2550.

The year 2000 is just around the corner. Many people are concerned about the Y2K Millennium Bug. If you would like more information about Y2K, how it might affect you and your community, and what you can do about it, visit our Y2K display at the library.

The Friends of the Gilman Library will be holding their annual meeting on April 6 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room. Hope to see you there!

The book discussion group is scheduled to meet on April 14 at 6 p.m. in the meeting room. *The Color of Water* by James McBride will be discussed. If you need a copy of the book, come in and check one out.

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## APRIL EVENTS

- Thu. 1 PASSOVER  
APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- Sat. 3 ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE, Major League Try-outs,  
Alton School Field, 10 a.m. - 12 Noon (rain date 4/10)  
PENNY SALE, Lions Club event, Alton School, 7 p.m.,  
see story  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, 2 a.m.
- Sun. 4 EASTER  
SUNRISE SERVICE, Community Church, 7 a.m., breakfast  
following, see story
- Tue. 6 FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Annual Meeting,  
7 p.m., see Checkout Desk  
SCENIC BYWAYS PROJECT HEARING, Town Hall,  
7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 7 BINGO, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 8 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road  
Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Fri. 9 SPAGHETTI DINNER, American Legion, 6 - 8 p.m.,  
see Post 72 story
- Sat. 10 RABIES CLINIC, Alton Central Fire Station,  
12:30 - 2 p.m., see story
- Mon. 12 ROLLER RALLIES, 5:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 14 LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club,  
Christian Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story  
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 6 p.m., Gilman Library,  
see Checkout Desk  
BINGO, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 16 ALTON STUDENTS, Tetanus Booster, 8 - 9 a.m.; GRADE  
6 STUDENTS, MMR vaccine, 8 - 9 a.m.; PRE-  
SCHOOL CHILDREN, Clinic for up to age 6, 9 -  
10:30 a.m., Alton Central School, see story
- Sun. 18 NORTHERN LIGHTS YOUTH CHOIR, 10:45 a.m.,  
see story
- Tue. 20 ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING, 7:30 p.m.,  
see story
- Wed. 21 BINGO, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. 25 SPRINGTIME DOLL SHOW & SALE, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.,  
Alton Central School, see story  
MARCH FOR PARKS, Town Forest Loop Trail, 1 p.m.,  
see story
- Wed.. 28 BINGO, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ALTON

### PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOG!

All dog licenses are due by April 30. If dogs are not licensed by June 1, there will be a forfeit of \$25 and a fine of \$1 per month.

#### License fees are:

- Male or Female - \$10
- Spayed or neutered dog - \$7.50
- Puppies (3 months to 7 months) - \$4.50
- First dog for owner over 65 - \$2

A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of registration.

Residents also are reminded of the leash law ordinance for the Town of Alton.

Diantha S. Moulton  
Alton Town Clerk

## CHECK THESE NOTICES OUT...

### RABIES CLINIC ON APRIL 10

The annual clinic to obtain rabies shots for dogs will be held Saturday, April 10, Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. A current rabies shot is required before a dog license can be obtained. Additional information may be obtained from the Town Clerk's office, 875-2101.

### BURN PERMITS

Fire Chief Russell M. Sample, Jr. would like to remind Alton residents that starting April 1 Burn Permits will be issued and are REQUIRED for burning brush, household rubbish, or untreated wood.

Anyone needing a permit can apply at the Alton Central Station on a Tuesday or Thursday morning or by calling the Alton Fire Department, 875-0222, to schedule an appointment.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

Are you interested in learning how the Town of Alton operates? Do you want to be a part of the budget-making process and have input into trying to keep our taxes lower?

Here is your opportunity! There is a vacancy on the Budget Committee which the other members would like to see filled. Please consider joining this group. Call Scott Swezey at 776-5566 for more information as to the procedures of applying for this position.

### SCENIC BYWAYS PROJECT

#### PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m. in Town Hall to receive testimony on whether or not Alton shall agree to the designation of Route 11 in the Town of Alton from the traffic circle to the Gilford town line as part of the "Scenic Byways Project" sponsored by the U. S. Department of Transportation, the New Hampshire Office of State Planning, and the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Please note that Route 28 from the traffic circle to the Wolfeboro town line has already been so designated.

### IMMUNIZATIONS OFFERED AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Spring is here and with it comes the immunization clinic at Alton Central School on Friday, April 16. Students who need a tetanus booster will be offered that vaccine from 8 - 9 a.m. along with sixth grade students who need an MMR vaccine. Parents will be notified if their children require the vaccines. From 9 - 10:30 a.m. a pre-school clinic for children up to 6 years old will be held. The clinic is provided at no charge by VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity and will be held in the school nurse's office.

Efforts are being made to offer a program of dental cleanings at the school. In the meantime parents are reminded of the opportunity at the NH Technical Institute in Concord where the Dental Hygiene program offers cleanings for children, \$10, and adults, \$15. More information is available at 271-7160.

# Information Center

## SCHEDULES

### CHURCHES:

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

### GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

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### ORGANIZATIONS:

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

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## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

(Main Street's next issue will list the new officers.)

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN — Meeting time to be determined; watch Town Hall board for notice. Call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 1st Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.
- FIRE WARDS — Meet on call. Russell Jones, 875-7510.
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- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call. Chairman Ken Gilbert, 859-2021.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets once a month, day varies, 6:30 p.m., Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
- PLANNING BOARD — 4th Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Bonnie Dunbar; call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003.
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- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
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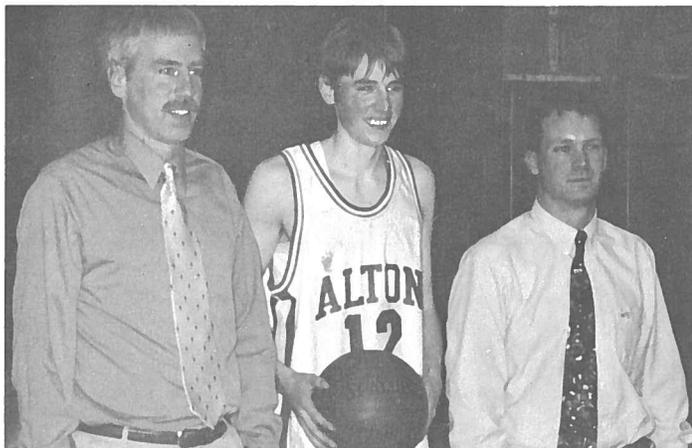
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# Main Street's Sports Page



## 1000 POINTS — IN JUST TWO YEARS!

Pictured above in the center (Coach Matt Locke, left, Athletic Director Scott Hutchins, right) Alton's Ben Locke scored his 1000th point on February 16 against Sunapee. A packed house came out to see the game and show their enthusiastic support.

Locke needed 24 points that evening to reach the mark and it came in the 3rd period as he took a pass to go in for a lay-up shot. He ended up with 34 points; by the way, Alton won the game. Congratulations for a job well done.

## ALTON SOCCER PLAYERS ARE GOLDEN!

By Peter Clifford

Three of Alton's six teams took first place in their divisional post-season soccer tournaments. On March 7 and 14 the Lakes Region Soccer Club held its post-season Indoor Soccer Tournament at four locations.

### U18 Boys and Girls

U18 (up to 18 years of age) Boys Tournament was held at Brewster Academy March 7. Alton's U18 Boys team (David Blanchard, James Harrell, Joseph Hillsgrove, Reed Holway, John McAuliffe, Eric Snell), coached by John McAuliffe, finished in fourth place. They were undefeated through the regular season (7 - 0).

U18 Girls Tournament, held at Wakefield on March 14, was won by the Alton U18 girls (Randi Desmarais, Morgan Fuller, Christy Holway, Rebecca Howard, Emily King, Meghan St. Cyr, Jane Varney). Coach Bill Holway's team beat Wolfboro and then Moultonboro to win the Gold Medal. This team also finished first in the regular season.

### U14 Girls and Boys

Alton entered two teams, a U14 Girls and a U14 Boys, both coached by Robert Lowthian all season. These teams played their tournaments at Moultonboro Academy. Alton's U14 Girls team (Crystal Bailey, Dottie Jean Bailey, Jill Green, Rachel Harrell, Emily Lowthian, Ashley Marren) was knocked out of the tournament early but put up a good fight to the end. They were the only all-girls team in the tournament.

Alton's U14 Boys (David Bailey, Robert Clifford, David Finethy, Travis Hillsgrove, Tyler Lowthian, Kyle McAuliffe, Timothy Waterman) finished in first place in their division and had to play against U15 teams in the tournament. They out hustled, out passed, and out scored their bigger U15

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**ALTON OUTDOORS**  
by Jack Miller

## WHAT STARTED ON CHRISTMAS...

This year I started thinking about the month of April on Christmas Day. Santa gave me a new rotating fly tying vice, and I couldn't wait to tie some trolling streamers for salmon season. April 1 is the opening day. Like you could miss the "traffic jam" in the bay, or all the anglers on the bay bridge!!!

April is the month to have a line in the water. Salmon, lake trout, and rainbows are in the shallows at this time. They are following the spawning smelt and will bite quite readily.

As of this writing, people are still driving trucks and cars out on the ice. With only 15 days until April 1, there may not be much open water. If not, one can always fish the Merry Meeting River, but remember that from the Alton Bay Bridge upriver is fly-fishing only. The word on the river is to use something olive green. A green nymph imitation or a bead head matuka are supposed to be the flies to use.

The lake side of the Bay Bridge is open to any legal fishing method. In addition to flies, a shiner, smelt, night crawler, or spinner, will take salmon, lakers or rainbow here. I've seen lake trout of 4 pounds taken on cast flies behind the old roller skating rink, salmon caught on shiners at Levy Park, and salmon hooked with worms in the bay.

As the ice lets go it's winter's grip on the big lake, any place may hold fish. In the bay, Sandy Point area is a good place to try. In front of Cascades is OK also. Echo Point is a favorite spot of mine, with Black Point next on my "have to fish" list. By this time, most of the Big Lake is open and the fish are everywhere. Get a line in the water! I'll be the one rowing the ultra-lite canoe with one of my Labrador dogs in front as ballast if my wife can't fish that day.

In the evenings, be sure to look up for the turkey vultures soaring over the bay towards Alton Mountain where they go to rest for the night. Most likely you'll see a beautiful sunset too.

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## MAJOR PROBLEMS PREDICTED DUE TO Y2K COMPUTER CRASHES

By J. F. Keffud

Alton town and school officials are scrambling to address the myriad of problems anticipated when the year 2000 begins and computer systems throughout the town and the world have difficulty recognizing the two digits "00" as the year 2000 and not 1900.

A committee of town bureaucrats, school officials, and various dubious volunteers has been formed to coordinate its activities with the recently announced New Hampshire State Y2K Coordinator, N. O. Problem. Problem has called for a summit meeting to begin deliberations on April 1 of this year. A solution is not expected, however, until April 1, 2000.

Until then, the local committee has announced that in order to avert a complete "melt-down" it is absolutely essential that every Alton citizen play their part by taking the following steps:

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opponents. After winning their first two games, the U14 Boys faced off against arch rival Moultonboro in the championship match. The hard-fought game ended tied 3 to 3. In overtime Alton won the game 5 to 3 and the gold medal.

#### U11/U12 Teams

U11/U12 post-season tournaments were held in Alton School gym. The youngest team in the league, Altons' U11 (Kristopher Callahan, Ryan Finethy, Ben Jamin Jones, Logan Hopper, Nicholas Lundy, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Jason Tanguay, Chad Tenander, Krystal Vigue), coached by Scott Tanguay and David St. Cyr, improved immensely every week. By the end of the season they were holding their own and winning the close games. In the first round of the tournament, they lost to Wolfeboro 1 to 0. It was an exciting game and could have gone the other way just as easily.

Alton's U12 team (David Clifford, James Grant, Brendon Pellowe, Noah Prive, Patrick Quinn, Chris Ryan, Matthew Snell, Tom Weimert), coached by Jim Grant, was undefeated all season and won the U11/U12 Indoor Soccer Tournament. 2 - 0. Alton's defense never gave Wakefield's team many chances. The team passed the ball very well and set up good shots on goal. The defense turned away offensive threats and moved the ball back to their offense quickly.

It has been very heartwarming to see how this indoor game of soccer has captured the interest of the Lakes Region public. Enthusiasm abounds. This fast-paced game is really catching on.

The Alton Soccer Club would like to thank all the players for their sportsmanship and their parents for their commitment. In closing, the club would also like to thank all the coaches for their dedication, leadership, and joyfulness that they brought to their teams.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

By Patti McMullen

It's that time of year when we can breathe a sigh of relief — ol' man winter will be gone soon. Think Spring!

Bingo is still going strong on Wednesday nights BUT, we now start at 6:30 p.m. for those who need to rise early in the morning. We are still looking for help to run the games. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Junior Auxiliary will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner, April 9, from 6 - 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for everyone 12 years and over and \$3 for children. Mark your calendar and come out to support our young ladies. It is guaranteed to be tasty! Also for your information, our spring conference will be held in Lincoln on April 25 at Post 83.

If anyone is interested in attending Girls State this year, please remember the deadline for the application is May 15. Orientation is May 8 and will be held in Plymouth. Watch in our May column for the details of the Past Commander's and Past President's night scheduled for the middle of June.

Once again, it has been a long winter for those who find it hard to get out. Couldn't you find it in your heart to stop by and check on the older folks? It would brighten their day!

### UNITED ASSOCIATIONS 1999 CALENDAR

For those who like to plan ahead, the United Associations of Alton have set their 1999 meeting dates. They are to be held on two Saturdays, June 26 and August 28. The meetings start at 9 a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Speakers will be published in the June and August issues of Main Street.

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### JOSHUA KERN IS TOP SPELLER AT ALTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

For the second year in a row, Joshua Kern, an eighth grade student at Alton Central School, is the winner of the Middle School Spelling Bee. Thomas Malone, also an eighth grader, was runner-up. Kern will represent the school in regional competition.

Participants pictured above are: (front row, left to right) Heath Berthiaume, grade 8; Danielle LePouttre, Grade 6; David Currid, grade 7, and David McMahan, grade 6; (back row, left to right) Richard Pike, school superintendent and spelling bee moderator; Daniel Quinn, Grade 7; Carl Dickson, grade 7; Anne Farrell, grade 6; Thomas Malone, grade 8; Joshua Kern, grade 8; and Barbara Enos, middle school English teacher and spelling bee coordinator.

### ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HONORS GOOD CITIZENS

Students in grades two through five received special recognition in ceremonies at Alton Central School. Awards were presented to those students who earned good citizenship status for the second quarter of the school year. They are:

**Grade Two** – Shaida Anderson, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Steven Giani, Samantha Golden, Kim Grant, Colin Hammond, Andrea Hillsgrove, Michael Jensen, Justin Kantar, Kaitlyn Kirchhoff, Jack LaFreniere, Ashley Lionetta, William Macduff, Joshua Merchant, Christine Mills, Crystal Murray, Katelyn Ordway, Katie Lynn Powers, Kristie Lee Powers, Maegan Rojek, Stephanie Roy, Kelsea Scerra, Michael Stevens, Kathleen Sykes, and Caitlin Sylvester.

**Grade Three** – Hayley Barnet, Drew Barthel, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Amber Couture, Jacob Dore, Courtney Emerson, Ryan Finethy, Emily Folan, Laura Goulet, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Tyler Houghton, Brian Jones, Jesse Lane, Christopher Loprete, Alina Loynd, Samantha MacDonald, Karol Anne Mansfield, Chantal Pearson, Amanda Pellowe, Thomas Philbrick, Tara Prescott, Jennifer Shafer, Stephen Talon, Chad Tenander, Brianna Tidd, Olivia Varney, Krystal Vigue, and Caitlin Wenzlau.

**Grade Four** – Dottie Jean Bailey, Bryan Bishop, Brittany Bowden, Kristopher Callahan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Ashley Dwyer, Jane Farrell, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Kim Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Christine Mills, Kelsey Moore, Carmen Niquette, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Merrill Stone, Ashley Sweeney, Milton Taylor, and Kelsey Tinkham.

**Grade Five** – Johanna Dickson, Nicholas Divito, Allyson Dudman, Chris Frost, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Luke LaFreniere, Nicholas Lund, Brittany Moore, Daniel Pitman, Patrick Quinn, Sara Talon, Aimee Terravechia and Katrina Tidd.

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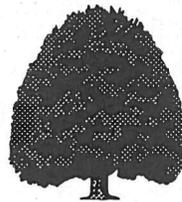
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### FUN FOR ALL AGES

**Night-Time Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt:** Ages 8 - 10, Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., Liberty Tree Park, rain or shine. Bring flashlight and container to hold eggs. Candy and prizes to be hidden in plastic eggs.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Ages 3 - 7, Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m., Liberty Tree Park, rain or shine. Bring container for eggs. Find candy and prizes in plastic eggs. Enter "Paper Bag Easter Basket Contest." Bring a decorated paper bag Easter Basket; judging at 10:30 a.m. First prize receives a giant Easter Basket.

**Body Works with Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified:** Strength training for muscles, heart, and body. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center, \$3/class or \$20/4 weeks. Bring hand weights, mat, and water.

**Country Line Dancing Lessons:** Adults of all ages, Tuesdays, Alton Bay Community Center, 2 - 4 p.m. \$3/6 months to cover cost of handout materials. All levels of ability are welcome. Classes ongoing.

**Teen Dance:** Grades 6-8, April 9, Alton Bay Community Center, 7 - 9:30 p.m., \$3. Come at 6:30 p.m.; learn trendy dances, including electric slide and Jitter-Bug Swing, \$1/person.

**Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp:** Coming June 28 - July 2, sign up now! To be held at the Alton Central School Gym and sponsored by Plymouth State College and Parks and Recreation. Grades 2-4, Boys and Girls, 8 - 10 a.m., register before June 1, \$45, fee after June 1, \$70. Grades 5-8, Boys and Girls, 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., register before June 1, \$65, fee after June 1, \$90. Fee includes camp T-shirt and ball. Typical daily schedule: warm up, skill work, large group activity and games, self-help sessions, mini lectures, and more. Registration forms and information at the Parks and Recreation office.

**Spring Break Day!:** Ages 7 - 11, join the fun of Spring Break; spend Wednesday, April 28, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center, doing activities and games. \$7 includes ice cream sundaes, scavenger hunt, creative cooking, cooperative games, movies, candy bar bingo, and arts and crafts. Bring morning snack and lunch. Register by April 21.

**After School Club:** Have fun after school in safe, supervised environment. Ages 8 - 12, enjoy great after-school group in the school Home Ec room, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 - 5 p.m. Held April 20 - May 20. Deadline to register, April 16. Program fee \$2/day. Activities include games, crafts, and outdoor workshops. Snacks are provided. This is a great socialization and educational opportunity for your student.

**Karate Lessons:** Progressive class for continuing students and class for beginners. Kwoon Karate Academy and Parks and Recreation are sponsoring karate lessons, ages 6 - 10, Tuesdays, May 4 - June 1, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m., Kwoon Karate Academy located on Main Street. The Art of Karate teaches character, mobility, self-control, and confidence. Classes divided by age and ability. Students meet at Alton School cafeteria, 3 p.m., to be walked to studio by Karate Academy staff. Parents pick up students at Main Street location. \$25/5-week session. Registration deadline April 23.

**Co-Ed Adult Softball League:** Age 18 and over. Team captains' meeting to discuss team rules and regulations to be held June 2, 6:30 p.m., Alton Town Hall. Interested teams contact Parks and Recreation to secure a team slot before the meeting. Registration is \$15/player; all fees, waiver forms, and completed rosters must be turned in at captains' meeting, June 2; late forms will NOT be accepted. Call 875-0109 to sign up your team to play or to be placed on a list to join a team.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Alton residents may place classified ads in any issue of Main Street. As a public service ads are primarily for *non-commercial* private individuals who have items for sale (except real estate for sale or rent), items or services wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each noncommercial ad of 35 words or less. Each additional 35 words costs \$1. (There is no charge for "Cards of Thanks.") The rate for commercial ads is \$12.50 per column inch. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad, or edit it for length/style. Ads must be submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may also be placed in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington Bank. Ads must contain a phone number.

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**FIVE YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Many volunteers donated time and effort to construct an addition to the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service building . . . the Alton Central School High School Choir presented a concert for senior citizens at the Pearson Road Community Center . . . members of the fifth grade classes at Alton Central School created "The Vanishing Wall," a multimedia tribute to endangered species around the world.

*Cards of Thanks*

First, I would like to thank the Town's Administrative Services Department, the Alton Fire Department, and all who assisted at the polls during the March 9 Town and School Election.

I would also like to extend my special thanks to my Deputy Laurie Dunn, Clerical Assistant Mary Jane Dascoli and my Special Election Deputy Phyllis Draper for all of their knowledge and assistance with the preparation and election.

Sincerely,

/s/ Diantha S. Moulton  
Alton Town Clerk



To the voters of the Town of Alton:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you who voted for me and showed your confidence by electing me your Town Clerk for the remaining one-year term of Gwendolyn Jones. I am very honored and happy to be serving you, the people of the Town of Alton. Please stop by and get to know my staff and me. We will be happy to see you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Diantha S. Moulton  
Alton Town Clerk

The Alton Indoor Soccer Club would like to thank the team sponsors for their much appreciated support. They are: Alton Circle Grocery, Curry Realtors, DeVylder's Market, Farmington National Bank, McGrath Food Center, Miller Auto World, and Piche's Ski and Sports.

A special thank you goes to Marcy Lowthian for assisting as community rep, handling registrations, writing news releases, and being a great team parent. Also many thanks to Ben Jones for refereeing some of the games.

The club also thanks the Alton School Board for approving the use of the gym.

Without all of you Alton would not have a chance to participate in the Lakes Region Soccer Club.

/s/Peter Clifford, Alton Indoor Soccer Club

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**By Meg Jones**

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There were a total of 58 entries for this event from the four levels, i.e., Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos. Congratulations to all the entrants and winners. We look forward to next year's race!

**Walkathon**

Pack 53 is sponsoring a Walkathon on May 20. They are now taking pledges for this event. These monies are to help them pay for camp. If you wish more information, call Meg Jones at 875-6117.

**PENNY SALE**

**ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB**

**By Peter M. Gerbino**

On Saturday, April 3, the 43rd annual Penny Sale and Jamboree will be held at the Alton Central School, sponsored by the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. It starts at 7 p.m.

The door prize this year will again be a wonderful Bose Wave Radio. The Penny Sale is a large fund-raising activity with all money raised being used by the club to support charitable and service activities in the community.

Proceeds from last year's Penny Sale helped purchase two Defibrillators. One is now carried by the Alton Fire Department Rescue Truck to assist our emergency medical personnel in providing up-to-date life saving procedures to residents and guests in the Lakes Region. The other Defibrillator went to the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

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**By Kellie Troendle**

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In Alton the Parks and Recreation and the Conservation Commission will be clearing and developing the loop trail in the Town Forest. This March for Parks event will be held on Sunday, April 25, 1 - 3 p.m. Community volunteers and groups are needed. Please call Kellie at 875-0109 for more information or to volunteer.

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