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32 ARTICLES FACING TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 15

By Bob Calvert

Now we have another reason to "beware the ides of March!" It's the annual Alton Town Meeting warrant for Wednesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the Alton Central School gymnasium. The Board of Selectmen is serving up a challenging menu of some 32 tasty warrant articles! To complete it in one night will take everyone's cooperation and a "pushy" moderator. If history repeats itself, there is a tendency to linger long over the first few articles, and then as the night goes on and people slowly slip away, the last several articles don't get the same attention from a greatly diminished audience.

So, what's on the menu? To start with, the so-called "sweep article" or town operating budget for 2000 comes in at \$3,125,794, exclusive of any funds for special warrant articles voted at the meeting. Such funds must be added to the above total.

FIRE DEPARTMENT related considerations include \$30,000 to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$10,000 for Radio Capital Reserve Fund; \$10,000 into a proposed new Fire Station fund; \$22,200 for Alton's share of Lakes Region Mutual Aid Association capital improvement project; and to restrict revenues from ambulance billing to expenditures for ambulance replacement and maintenance.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT related considerations include: \$500,000 to be added to Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund partially offset by a Highway Block Grant estimated at \$117,650; \$75,000 added to Highway Garage Expansion Capital Reserve Fund; and \$107,000 for a new Department dump truck.

OUTSIDE AGENCY requests include the following: \$3,000 for Community Health and Hospice of Laconia; \$6,124 for Community Action Program; \$5,169 for Lakes Region Planning Commission membership; \$1,500 for American Red Cross; \$11,470 for VNA/Hospice (local); \$1,000 for New Beginnings; and \$12,000 for the Youth Services Bureau (court diversion program).

WATER DEPARTMENT considerations (both to be paid by water users and no tax money involved) include: \$550,000 for construction, installation and equipping of a new water supply well via long-term borrowing; and \$35,000 for water system improvement on Riverlake Street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT related considerations include \$23,400 for a new cruiser; and \$8,500 for a mobile data terminal communications system.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS include \$9,500 to complete basketball courts; \$9,000 outboard motor for a public safety boat; \$5,000 to start a portable pump fund; \$20,000 for updating Town Parcel Maps and aerial photography; \$14,800 for repairs at the Pearson Road Community Center; \$25,000

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FIRST TEAM PREPARES FOR ROBOT COMPETITION

What does it take to create a five-foot, 130-pound, remote-controlled robotic powerhouse? Imagination. Technology. Teamwork. And a lot of fun! Seems the more creative science and math are, the more teens stay interested.

Alton's FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics team, led by coach Brian Hikel, has been brainstorming a robot design to compete at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 23-25.

Pictured here is their entry for the competition. In the clash of robots and student handlers, many traditional showdowns will be evident, along with the competition on the "intellectual playing field."

There will be a national championship taking place at EPCOT Center in Orlando.

If you wish to help this enthusiastic and energetic group, contact Brian Hikel at Alton Central School, 875-7500, or 875-0380. They can use your expertise, volunteer efforts, or donations to cover transportation to Philadelphia.



CANDIDATES NIGHT IS MARCH 7

Main Street will again sponsor Candidates Night. This is your chance as voters to hear the candidates for contested town and school offices express their views and be questioned by the audience. This year we are inviting the people running for the New Hampshire Representative vacancy (primary held February 8). As a courtesy to the visitors running for (or supporting) the representative position, they will be presented first. Candidates running unopposed and who come to the meeting will be introduced.

The date is Tuesday, March 7; the meeting time is 7 p.m.; the place is the Alton Central School Music Room. Mark Northridge will again be the moderator. As before the candidates will be limited to a two-minute opening presentation. A question period will follow which can be terminated by the moderator who has an eye on the clock.

Make yourself an even more informed voter. Come out to see and hear what the candidates have to offer, if elected. Last year there were close to 100 people in the audience.



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SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE SESSION HELD

By Owen P. Conway, Ph.D

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Approximately 30 citizens attended the annual Deliberative Session of the Alton School District held on Saturday, February 5. At the outset of the meeting the Board paid special recognition to Loring Carr, a retiring Board member, for his outstanding service to the children of the Alton School District.

The deliberative session convened to consider 17 articles. Articles I and II considered the terms and salaries of the officials of the School District. Six articles were devoted to school building repairs, including emergency maintenance, roofing repairs, replacing the gym floor, bleachers, installing a fire suppression system, and finally to secure an appropriation for general safety and security repairs.

Two articles request the purchase or lease of a modular classroom unit. Article VII calls for the outright purchase of a modular for \$81,000. A purchase would eliminate a three-year lease at \$30,000 per year as represented by Article VIII. A lease purchase would be considered only if an outright purchase were defeated.

Discussion on the purchase of a new tractor centered setting aside \$10,000 this year for a tractor costing approximately \$20,000. The Budget Committee recommended against the article for this year, but it was approved by the deliberative session.

An article was presented to eliminate the Senate Bill 2 procedure which is currently in effect. Article XI, presented by petition, calls for the repeal of the current method of having a deliberative session and then a separate day for voting on the warrant articles. Because of the confusion which some times ensues over the meaning of a "Yes" or "No" vote in articles of this nature, an amendment was passed to read "A yes vote will return to traditional annual school district meeting." The additional phrase will be submitted to the NH Department of Revenue Administration for review.

Articles XIII and XVI were related to a land purchase and site review for a new school. An additional \$100,000 would be appropriated for land and under Article XVI, \$20,000 would be authorized for land surveys, test borings and assessment costs in connection with a land purchase. Both articles passed.

Prior to considering the final article the deliberative session

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Main Street's Inside Front Page



POST CANE TO ELLEN MacELROY

Ellen E. MacElroy of Stage Coach Road in East Alton is the newest recipient of the famed Boston Post Cane, which is traditionally held by the town's oldest citizen. MacElroy passed the century mark last November and has lived in Alton for over 30 years having moved here with her husband when they retired from operating a diner and service station in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

The tradition of the Boston Post Cane began in 1909 when the owner and editor of that newspaper sent out some 700 canes to the Boards of Selectmen in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island for them to bestow upon their town's oldest citizen. While the tradition of the cane has faded in most New England towns, it remains strong in Alton with MacElroy receiving the cane in a February 9 ceremony at her home.

MacElroy is pictured above with the rose festooned cane in her left hand and the framed official proclamation in her right. On the left is Donald House, a nephew, and on the right her sister, Thelma House.

THE BLUES COME TO ALTON BAY

By Cecil Ables

One of the first things that does NOT pop into your mind as you stare out at the ice and snow with a cup of fresh black coffee at the Olde Bay Diner is the Mississippi Delta, more specifically, Mississippi Delta Blues music. This music, "The Blues" is certainly not unfamiliar in certain circles of New England. Boston has proven the home of many national level, latter day blues musicians. Well, you say, this sort of cross culturalization is understandable in an urban crossroads such as Boston, but — in New Hampshire? Yes! Did you know a native New Hampshire artist recently made a blues recording that was nominated for a Grammy award?

The Blues comes to Alton Bay in April in a big way. A legitimate blues legend and two-time Grammy nominee, Joe Willie "Pinetop" Perkins will head an all-star lineup on April 1 in the first ever April Fools Blues Break 2000! This is legitimate history being made right here in Alton. Pinetop will be joined by a slew of other blues bands whose performers are acclaimed in their own right. Alligator Records artist, "Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin," is co-billed with Pinetop and known from his years as guitar player for the late great Muddy Waters. Also featured will be: Blues Duo Paul Rishell and Annie Raines; Wolfeboro's "Racky" Thomas and his band; plus regional favorites, Kan-Tu Blues and Maine's answer to Stevie Ray Vaughn, Mark "Guitar" Miller Blues band.

This musical celebration, taking place at the season opening of the Bay View Pavilion, Alton Bay, Saturday, April 1, is truly history being made. Alton Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with the management, will have a limited number of special discount cards for this event and others. See Kellie Troendle for more information on this opportunity. Have you guessed who the Grammy nominated New Hampshire artist is? Call 875-1255 with your answer or for more information.

MASONS' SUPPORT GOES ON

Over time the Masons have been renowned for their support of worthwhile causes. In Alton the tradition is being upheld as the Winnipisaukee [sic] Lodge #75 presented checks in February for the support of the Alton Police Department's DARE program and the Alton Community Service Program (ACSP). Below left, Arthur Douglas, Master of the Winnipisaukee Lodge, awards the DARE check to Chief Kevin Iwans and Officer Glenna Heath of the Alton Police Department while below right Douglas presents a similar check to ACSP's Dorothy Wentworth.



Sometimes it takes a miracle to get a couple into church.

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celebrate another miracle. The miracle of Jesus Christ.



The Christian Churches of Alton
The Bay Church ~ The Community Church ~ St. Joan of Arc
(see Information Center for worship times)

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM HITTING STRIDE

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) ended the month of January by serving 102 individuals in its food pantry.

February brought approval from the federally funded Community Action Program (CAP) to begin receiving government-supplied foods in March. This program will help the food pantry in its ability to meet the demand of our growing client base. However, we will continue to need donations — both food and financial — to meet the demands for the many items not supplied by CAP.

As always we are extremely grateful for ongoing community support. We would particularly like to thank Alton's three churches (St. Joan of Arc, The Community Church, and The Bay Church) for their commitment of monthly financial support to the ACSP. We would also like to thank the Masons for their generous donation (see photo and story on page 3).

The ACSP can be reached at 875-2273. We are open Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 12 noon and Saturdays 2 – 4 p.m.

MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

Don't forget Moms in Touch are changing their meeting time to MONDAYS at 9:30 a.m. We will still meet at the Bay Church on Rand Hill Road and child care is provided.

I encourage you moms or grandmoms to join us for some fantastic prayer time. Our group of four faithful ladies wishes to grow. We know a lot of moms work; if even one mom wanted to meet in the evening, I would try to begin an evening group.

I cannot express the encouragement received when we

join together for a common goal. A member may be discouraged about a school problem; we pray for that, encourage the mother, or exchange ideas on how to resolve the conflict. We pray not only for the children but also the teachers, staff, administration, and yes, even the bus drivers. Each week we try to take two or three areas of the school to pray they do the best job they can and the students to work together to get the most out of their learning experience.

Once again, we are a nondenominational group with no political agenda. Call me at 875-2866 for information.

SUMMER CHRISTIAN CAMPS

The Alton Community Church will be holding a camp night to introduce families to summer Christian camps. The meeting will be held on March 12 at 5 p.m. at the Community Church on Church Street. A camp-style dinner will be served immediately after presentations. Camps to be introduced: Sentinel; Adventure; Marinatha; Brookwoods; and Fireside.

Please plan to attend!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Hearth & Home Luncheon" on Wednesday, March 8 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Hearthside Cooking" will be the Special Feature by Mary Ritter of The Country Lady Antiques in Center Ossipee; Pat Hanson from Middleton will not only provide the Special Music, "Fireside Tunes," but will also be the Special Speaker presenting "And the Spark Goes On."

Reservations for the lunch and available complimentary nursery may be made by calling Janet in Alton at 875-2032 between 2 - 6 p.m. or Harriet in Gilford at 524-7194.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an inter-denominational group with no formal membership.

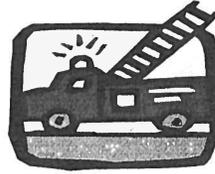
OOPS!



Luckily the pilot and passenger of this four-seater private plane were able to walk away when its engine faltered upon take-off from the ice runway on Alton Bay in February. Here the damaged aircraft is seen several days later as it is being readied for transport away from the crash site by truck.

ENERGY CO-OP READY TO GO TO BID

The February issue of Main Street (page 17) reported on a new energy cooperative that is obtaining group discounts on heating oil and other fuels. For the 1999-2000 heating season the group obtained a fuel oil price of 82 cents a gallon. This month the co-op will go to bid for the September 2000 - August 2001 heating season. If you wish to join or obtain more information, call 776-2488. Resident membership is \$15, business, \$30.



FIRESIDE CHATS
by Stan Czech
Alton Fire Department

ANTICIPATING

Several items of interest from your friendly firefighter this month. Word has it from the big guy in charge, that fire department activity increased 47 percent in 1999 due to the calls for emergency medical service. This helps explain why the Chief's proposed budget is significantly higher in 2000.

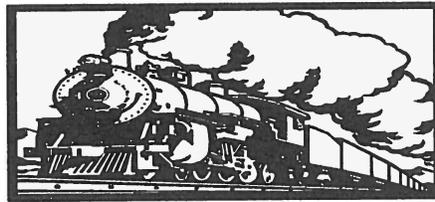
Chief Sample is also trying to be more pro-active to be able to respond more effectively to incidents. For example, on New Years Eve he had a small crew on duty in the event there were problems with the Y2K change-over while also covering the increased potential for automobile accidents. Well Y2K was a fizzle, but the department was ready if it had been otherwise.

Along similar lines, during the Alton Bay Fly-In last month, the Chief had a crew ready at the Bay in case there were any mishaps. Standing by were the old snowmobile and sled from the Police Department that had been outfitted with a pump, foam generator, and hose to suppress fires in or around the aircraft. The rescue truck was also there for support if necessary. Bill Watson should be applauded for his efforts in making the Fly-In a safe and successful event.

The Alton Fire Department would like to help the Food Pantry for Alton's needy families by providing an alternate drop-off location. If you have canned goods or other perishable items for the pantry, you may drop them off at the Alton Central Station on Route 140 during the day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you have questions, call 875-0222.

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The Brook Street Band - Sat., March 25th
Jonathan Webster Band - Fri., April 14th & Sat., April 15th
Ron Jones Band - Fri., April 21st & Sat., April 22nd
The Dave Berry Band - Fri., April 28th & Sat., April 29th
FROM ALTON ROTARY 2 MILES SOUTH ON RT 11

NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

By Joan Burns, Art Education

The Alton High School Art Department is pleased to announce the New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards exhibition list. The winners this year are: Katie Morrill, Grade 11, a gold key award (gold key awards are sent to New York City for national judging) for her calendar titled: "Horrors of the Holocaust;" Jessica Benedetto, Grade 12, a silver key award for her untitled monochromatic canvas painting; Deanna Hillsgrove, Grade 12, a silver key award for her canvas painting titled: "One Fine Day."

TESTING 1...2...3...

ALTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 9, 10, and 11 the Alton High School Drama Department will present *Testing 1...2...3...*, an evening of one-act plays at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. These plays, *This is a Test* by Stephen Gregg and *Loose Connections* and *Something Different* by Michael Scanlan, all have to do with tests that high school students face during their high school years.

The first, *This is a Test* by Stephen Gregg, is a comedy in which Alan has only 60 minutes to complete the test, the oh-so-important predictor of his future. Cast members include Geoff Scholl, Jane Varney, Katie Brooks, Tonya Simonds, Rob Levesque, Kristie Roberts, Justine Houghton, Deb Beaupre, Leanne Kennerson, Rachel Harrell, Marissa Southwell, Kristen Murray, Jason Snell, and Erin Wood.

In the second play, *Loose Connections*, a comedy by Michael Scanlan, the test is connecting with each other in this age of pagers, answering machines, faxes, e-mail, and chatrooms. Cast members in this gem of a play include Zach Shea, Hilary Ballentine, Ashley Southwell, Jon Owen, Dave

Osborn, Renee LaFreniere, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Howie Sanborn, Ryan Loynd, Serry Hayward, Caleb Gagne, and Kelly Ferland.

In the third play, *Something Different* by Michael Scanlan, the test is much more difficult. This drama tells what happens in a small school and a small town when a boy decides to take another boy to the prom. Cast members of this though-provoking play are Toby Shea, Jon Russo, Jessica Benedetto, Nicole Wentworth, Tony Sanborn, Geoff Scholl, Jacob Locke, Korin Eagles, Morgan Fuller, Ashli Coughlin, Kayla O'Brien, Emily Sydow, Katy O'Meara, and Howie Sanborn.

The production stage manager is Meghan St. Cyr and her assistants are Caleb Gagne, Renee LaFreniere, and Norman Gilbert. The plays are being directed by staff member Elizabeth Lent. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door on the nights of the performance. Please join us for a touching, comic, and thought-provoking evening of theater.

YOUTH ART MONTH, 2000

By Jennifer Van Cor, Art Teacher

It's here again! March is Youth Art Month and Alton Central School will be showing off the work of its many young artists at the Alton Town Hall.

From March 11 - March 31, the public is invited to enjoy and reflect about the various forms of art produced by the students of Alton Central School. It is a unique opportunity for YOU to see what WE have been creating in kindergarten - grade 7. The artwork will be on display from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

There will be paintings, sculpture, drawings, mixed media, caricatures, architecture, and much more. So, stop in and browse. We hope you will enjoy the creativity and unique visual awareness of our youth and come away refreshed.

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“INDIANA EXPRESS” WINS AGAIN!

Pictured above are — for the second time — the winners of the Alton Bay Bed Race, an annual event at Winter Festival. The participants were: rear right, James McKain, rear left, Amber Harmeyer, center riding the bed, Joseph McKain, front right, Abby McKain, and front left Katie McKain. James is a student at Indiana Tech, and Amber, also from Indiana, was a visitor and participant in this exciting race. The McKain family is from Andover, Massachusetts, and spends summers in Alton.

The winners nosed out the second place Woodcrest and third place Little Tikes. The winners won five tubing passes to the Gunstock Ski Area. Congratulations to all who participated. You certainly provide a lot of entertainment in a short space of time for those who attend Winter Festival.



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
by Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

SNOW, STORMS, FROZEN CULVERTS

Snow is here! There isn't a lot of it, but it has snowed. Gunstock Ski Area is reporting excellent conditions for all you skiers.

So far it's been a mild winter for snow, but it has been extremely cold. We have been out thawing out culverts. Some culverts were frozen solid, end to end.

February 14 was our first big storm. Paved roads we were able to manage, but dirt roads turned to a sheet of ice. During this type of storm, we have to wait for the rain to stop before we put down sand. If we do not, as fast as it is sanded, it washes off. It also takes a long time because we actually back the truck up the roads that are ice.

Here is a thought: A car weights about two tons and is tough to handle on ice. A fully loaded truck is about 17+ tons. A lot of credit goes to the drivers.

On a better note spring is just around the corner — warm weather, blue skies, and green grass.

Remember to vote on March 14 and attend Town Meeting on March 15.

SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN!

SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY?

The *official* school closing announcements for Alton Central School are broadcast over radio stations WASR (1420AM), WLKZ (104.9FM), WLNH (98.3FM), WOKQ (97.5FM), WZNN (930AM) and shown on WMUR-TV (Channel 9).

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CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

When the candidates filed to run for office in the school and town elections, they were given a questionnaire and asked to return it to Main Street by a specified date. The form called for information on the candidate's background (training and/or experience) and a position statement — no more than 50 words — on "Why are you seeking this office?"

The information contained in the questionnaires that were returned by the deadline is reproduced below. When the candidate's position statement exceeded 50 words, neutral editors reduced the statements to meet the specified maximum in order to provide a level playing field. Statements edited to meet the 50-word maximum are designated "condensed."



SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

STEPHAN MCMAHON (875-6322)

Background: Owner, operator Alton Bay Lakeview Market; ZBA member; Police Committee.

Statement: (Condensed) It's important to grow as a community — fix roads, upgrade the downtown, bay, school, parks, sidewalks. This must come at a managed pace. With the initial taxes to fund education and increases to follow, we must watch how our dollars are spent. We can grow yet live within our means.

EVELYN NARDO

Background: Three years on Budget Committee; six years President Alton Senior Citizens.

Statement: I am seeking this office to give senior citizens a voice on the Board; also to give all residents of Alton an honest, unbiased opinion on all matters concerning them. Thank you.

DARYL D. TILTON

Questionnaire not received by press time.

TOWN CLERK - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

HELEN "LYNN" BROOKS (875-6563)

Background: I have all the necessary training and experience needed to seek the office of Town Clerk as I was Deputy Town Clerk for more than three years.

Statement: I am seeking the position of Town Clerk because the people of Alton deserve someone who has the necessary training, experience, and knowledge it takes to provide the highest quality of service. I believe I can return stability to one of the most important positions in town government.

LISA WATERMAN (875-5699)

Background: Appointed Deputy Town Clerk September, 1999; current Town Clerk; Certified Municipal Agent; enrolled in the three-year Town Clerk Certification Program to be completed in 2001.

Statement: I bring to the Town Clerk's position the ability to maintain a full-service office, including license plates and decals. I have developed effective working relationships with other departments in the town. I have lived in Alton over 30 years and would like to continue being your Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

ANNE KROEGER

Questionnaire returned without background or statement.

TREASURER - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

HELEN M. SULLIVAN

Questionnaire not received by press time.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

MURIEL V. STINSON

Questionnaire not received by press time.

HIGHWAY AGENT - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

KENNETH G. ROBERTS

Background: Construction field since age 16; leadership Staff Sergeant, United States Marine Corps, 7 1/2 years; design and build, 20 years; Highway Foreman, Alton, six months; Highway Agent, Town of Alton, six years.

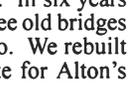
Statement: (Condensed) I seek to remain Highway Agent. In six years enormous steps were made into the future of our roads — three old bridges and many roads rebuilt. I initiated a program two years ago. We rebuilt dirt roads, saving over \$223,000! A vote for me is a vote for Alton's future.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

NANCY D. JORDAN (875-3841)

Background: Alton resident since 1971; active library volunteer for past four years.

Statement: I believe I would make a good Library Trustee because of my work background at the local New Hampshire Electric Cooperative office



as well as my extreme interest in the Gilman Library, having been a patron since moving to Alton.

DAVID "PETE" ROCKWOOD

Background: Experience includes over 30 years in facility management and supervisory roles with degrees in related fields. Responsible for budgets, employees, and buildings in both private and public sectors. Have expertise and time to commit to the task.

Statement: (Condensed) Candidate for office of Trustee to benefit library. Very aware of daily operations and maintenance needs. Currently Alton Maintenance Supervisor, working closely with town officials, departments, and library staff. Willing and ready to meet needs of library both in job and as Trustee. Would appreciate your vote on election day.

FIRE WARD - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

KENNETH G. ROBERTS

Background: Running for position of Fire Ward with three-year insight of operations and needs of growing town.

Statement: I feel that I can benefit the town and the residents if I am elected to this position.

FIRE WARD - 1 YEAR (Elect One)

JOSEPH B. BRENNAN, JR.

Questionnaire not received by press time.

JOHN H. YOUNG, SR. (875-7530)

Background: Was a volunteer fireman for years.

Statement: To put a "hands on" with the fire service that once I served for years and to assist the chief in any way I can.

MODERATOR - 2 YEARS (Elect One)

MARK A. NORTHRIDGE (875-5255)

Background: 30+ years management experience; past Planning Board member; past Capital Improvement Committee member.

Statement: The Town Moderator's position is an integral part of town government. I am most desirous to serve the people of Alton in this position and have the experience and background to administer the position in a fair and effective manner.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

SHIRLEY E. YOUNG

Questionnaire not received by press time.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 2 YEARS (Elect One)

PAULETTE C. ALDEN (875-2851)

Background: Have been cemetery trustee since Diantha Moulton's resignation. Served as secretary during this time. Secretary to several groups in town — in third year as secretary to Alton Garden Club and served in this capacity to Tuesday Group of St. Joan of Arc Church.

Statement: Served as Cemetery Trustee secretary since my appointment to complete the year of Diantha Moulton's term. Enjoyed working with the other two cemetery trustees and the cemetery caretaker. I feel I can be of service in this capacity, and I hope you'll vote for me for the two-year term.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 1 YEAR (Elect One)

MARK S. DIVITO (364-5591)

Background: Have worked as the caretaker for four years.

WATER COMMISSIONER - 3 YEARS (Elect One)

JOHN STREETER

Questionnaire not received by press time.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3 YEARS (Elect Three)

No candidate listed on ballot. *Write-ins will decide this office.*

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 1 YEAR (Elect One)

DONNA BRIGGS

Questionnaire not received by press time.

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MARCH EVENTS

- Wed. 1 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. 5 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton Central School, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Tue. 7 CANDIDATES' NIGHT, Alton Central School,
7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 8 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center,
11:30 a.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
GILMAN LIBRARY SLIDE PRESENTATION, Library,
7 p.m., see Checkout
- Thu. 9 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community
Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Testing 1...2...3..., High School Drama, Alton Central School,
7:30 p.m., see story
- Fri. 10 *Testing 1...2...3...*, High School Drama, Alton Central School,
7:30 p.m., see story
- Sat. 11 YOUTH ART SHOW, Town Hall, until 3/31
Testing 1...2...3..., High School Drama, Alton Central School,
7:30 p.m., see story
- Sun. 12 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton Central School, 4 - 8 p.m.
COMMUNITY CHURCH CAMP NIGHT, see story
- Mon. 13 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library 6:30 p.m.,
see Checkout
- Tue. 14 VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! - Town, School, NH Rep., Alton
Central Fire Station, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 15 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
TOWN MEETING, Alton Central School,
7 p.m., see stories
- Fri. 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Sun. 19 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton Central School, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Mon. 20 VERNAL EQUINOX, 2:37 a.m. EST, Spring has Sprung!
- Wed. 22 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. 26 INDOOR SOCCER, Alton Central School, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Wed. 29 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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ELECTION DAY MARCH 14

HOW TO AVOID LONG DELAYS

By Bob Calvert

Last March, with the advent of the new SB-2 system of balloting on the School ballot, there were some periods of the day when long delays were experienced and irritating backups resulted, such as the period of 4:30 - 7 p.m. These were caused by the addition of warrant articles requiring careful consideration in the voting booth. This adds considerably to the time in the booth, causing others to wait.

On March 14 there will be THREE BALLOTS for each voter! The School ballot will have the candidates for school offices as well as SEVENTEEN warrant articles, 16 of which have funding involved. The Town ballot will have all candidates for town offices plus some zoning amendments. And then there will be a "finals" ballot for election of a replacement State Representative.

Some Suggestions To Speed It Up: 1) Vote early if you can. Polls will open at 7 a.m. 2) It tends to be quieter during the lunch hour, if you can make it then. 3) Contact the school to get a copy of the warrant articles and study them carefully before coming to the polls. At the School deliberative session on February 5 only about 35 voters — out of some 3,300, plus — came out to get acquainted with the warrant articles and to help shape the final articles. 4) See a separate article below appealing for more volunteers, and then volunteer yourself if you can. 5) There is no need for Independent voters to change party, even temporarily, since this is not a primary. Everything will be on one common ballot in each of the three elections. 6) Remember — there will be people waiting behind you to get into a booth. Be considerate. 7) Know who you are going to vote for on all three ballots BEFORE you come to the polls. If we all do our "homework" in advance and come to the polls prepared, it will be a faster and better experience for everyone.

Voting will take place from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station, located on Route 140.

EXTRA VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Town Moderator, in an effort to try most anything to expedite the voting process on March 14, is seeking more volunteers to speed up the sign-in procedure. If you'd like to help, call Bob Calvert at 875-2151 to sign up for a four-hour daytime tour of duty or for the evening "count session" after the polls close. The greater need is for the period during the polling hours of 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. It is hoped that instead of just two lines for signing in (A-L and M-Z) there could be three or even four lines operating by further division of the alphabetical groupings. That number, again, is 875-2151!

SALES TABLES

If a local non-profit agency desires sales table space in connection with the March 14 town and school elections, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 875-2101 to see if space is still available. There are a very limited number of spaces, and it has to be on a "first come - first served" basis.

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 Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun Services, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Moore Chapel; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor
 Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Services, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor
 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
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 Parks and Recreation — 875-0109 for info and appts.
 Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

ORGANIZATIONS:

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 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 — 1st Tue. (in season), Library
 Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House
 Girl Scout Jr. Troop 630, Wed., 5 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center.
 Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
 Historical Society — 3rd Tue., Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum 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., Foxy Johnnie's Restaurant, New Durham, 6:30 p.m.
 Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu., when meeting, 875-7448
 Moms In Touch — Mon., The Bay Church, 9:30 a.m.
 P.T.S.A. — 3rd Wed., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.
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 PLANNING BOARD — 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Bonnie Dunbar; call 875-5095 for appointment.
 SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Deborah Burton, 875-6045.
 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meet on call, Chairman MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.
 TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:30 p.m., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 875-2550.
 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
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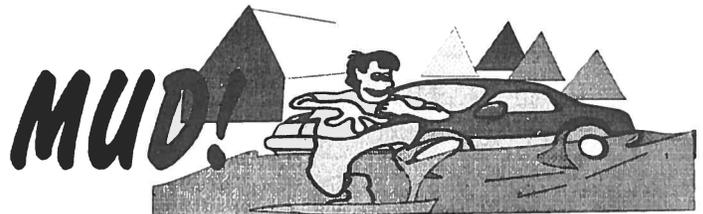
- Leo Fraser, 225-3664 (w), 435-6626 (h)

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Robert Boyce, 875-7371 (h); rboyce@worldpath.net
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PLANNING BOARD - 3 YEARS

(Elect Two)

ALAN SHERWOOD (293-70441)

Background: Currently Planning Board alternate member, Capital Improvements Committee member, and Budget Committee Vice Chair; previously in Danville, served as Selectman, Planning Board member, and Conservation Commission Chair; former systems engineering division director with considerable project planning experience.

Statement: I have a genuine interest in land use planning with an eye toward preserving the small town character of Alton. The Planning Board is both an opportunity for me to make a contribution to the town and to learn more about the town.

PLANNING BOARD - 1 YEAR

(Elect One)

FRANCES E. WASHBURN

Questionnaire not received by press time.

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST - 6 YEARS

No candidate listed on ballot. *Write-in will decide this office.*

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST - 4 YEARS

LAURIE J. BOYCE (875-7371)

Background: Supervisor of the Checklist for several months now.

Statement: I would like to be a Supervisor of the Checklist because I like challenges and feel that is what it would take to keep the list accurate and updated to current voting information. I have worked updating information lists before and have done it successfully and enjoy it.

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST - 2 YEARS

MARYBEE E. LONGABAUGH (875-5067)

Background: Supervisor of the Checklist since May, 1999.

Statement: Having begun the task of working on the checklist, I wish to continue updating the information through the required ten-year verification process which takes place in 2001.

SCHOOL BOARD - 3 YEARS

(Elect Two)

PETER FARRELL

Questionnaire not received, but Mr. Farrell contacted Main Street just before press time and said he was withdrawing his name from the race; however, his name will still appear on the ballot.

WAYNE FRASER (875-3327)

Background: Employed as chief admissions officer at NH Community Technical College, Laconia, I am extremely familiar with issues facing students in both technical and college preparatory curriculums. Also past member of the Alton School Board and have served on the Site Acquisition and Building Committee since inception.

Statement: I am a longtime member of Alton (almost 20 years) and have two children who are impacted by our school system. I would like to use my professional and school board experience to serve both the taxpayers of Alton and our children. The town and the school must work together.

JOYCE HOPPER (776-8733)

Background: Alton resident for ten years; currently serving on Alton School Board; two years as an Executive on New Hampshire School Board Association; Past President and Vice President of PTSA; 1999 New Hampshire PTA volunteer of the year; five years Co-Chair for development of the New Hampshire and Massachusetts literacy program.

Statement: The children and residents of Alton are very important to me. I feel that my dedication and commitment to our town is needed even more so now in the times of confusion and uncertainty in education and funding. I would like to continue my work on the board to help.

SCHOOL MODERATOR - 1 YEAR

(Elect One)

TERIA. NOYES

Questionnaire not received by press time.

SCHOOL TREASURER - 1 YEAR

(Elect One)

SHIRLEY E. YOUNG (875-7530)

Background: Been elected to this office since 1972.

Statement: Have been elected to this position since 1972. Live and work in Alton so able to get to SAU Office or school on short notice. Thank all who have voted for me in past and would appreciate your vote again this year.

SCHOOL BOARD CLERK - 1 YEAR

(Elect One)

No candidate listed on ballot. *Write-in will decide this office.*

DELIBERATIVE Continued from page 2

endorsed the appropriation of \$7,500 for a new playground. This amount will be added to the \$12,000 raised by the PTSA, as well as the \$4,000 in the District's budget over the past two years.

The meeting concluded with a consideration of Article

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

On March 14 there will be five zoning amendments to be decided. A majority vote is required to pass; each of the following questions is recommended by the Planning Board.

Question #1: This amendment revises Section 220 (Non-conforming Uses) to clarify treatment of non-conforming structures and correct grammatical errors. All non-conforming structures will be treated equally, regardless of what the property is used for. **Question #2:** This amendment revises existing Section 227 (Setbacks) to place the setback requirements for structures located in the Shoreland Protection Overlay District into the general setback requirement section. The section also clarifies from what line setback distances are to be measured. **Question #3:** This amendment revises existing Section 301 (Permitted Uses, Table of Uses) as follows: permits single-family and combined dwelling and business in Zone RS; prohibits manufactured homes in Zone RS; permits boat service in Zone RC; adds contractor equipment storage as a Special Exception in Zones RC, RR, and RU; permits not-for-profit recreational uses in Zones RR and RU; adds outdoor recreation as a Special Exception in Zones R, RR, and RU; permits marinas in Zone RC. **Question #4:** This amendment revises the existing Section 312 (Restrictions Governing Use in the Lakeshore Residential Zone) to require a minimum road frontage of 30 feet for all mainland waterfront lots, and to require that access to such lots be via the required 30 feet of road frontage. **Question #5:** This amendment revises Article 500 (Definitions) by adding three new definitions: Building Envelope, Contractor Equipment Storage, and Outdoor Recreation.

The complete text and graphics can be examined at Town Hall in the Land Use and Property Records Department.

TOWN MEETING Continued from page 1

for reconstruction of Tennis Courts; \$20,000 for repairs to the Gilman Museum totally offset by \$20,000 from the Gilman Museum Trust Fund; \$3,000 to pay rent for a Food Pantry; \$10,000 to repair/replace granite steps and wall at the town boat launch in Alton Bay; \$7,400 (by petition) for a skateboard facility; and \$3,421 for the Alton Youth League.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS include \$50,000 to establish a "Benefit Pay Trust Fund" recommended by town auditors to cover accrued benefit obligations to town employees; \$40,000 for studies of sites for a proposed multi-use Municipal Facility; and \$75,000 for installing proper drainage and paving on Mahaut Shores Road.

A CHANGE IN SCHOOL STREET (by petition) would make that street one-way between the hours of 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday on school days. From Main Street to the Post Office, it would remain two-way.

It's possible that after Main Street's press time an article may be added to confirm direction taken earlier on the Claremont-initiated property tax crisis.

XVII which called for the adoption of a budget of \$5,856,321 for the 2000-2001 school year. In the event the requested budget is defeated, the School District will operate under a default budget of \$5,807,226. The Budget Committee advocated an appropriation of \$5,846,428, or about \$10,000 less than that presented by the School Board. On this final article, after discussion and votes on amendments the amount approved for ballot vote was \$5,856,321.

All the above will be put to vote at the polls on March 14.



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By Judy Geer

The Mt. Major Snowmobile Club had their annual radar run during the Alton Winter Festival held on February 13. The weather definitely cooperated and snow conditions were excellent. There was a good turnout for all the activities that were held. The Boy Scouts had a great pancake breakfast at the Alton Bay Community Center. After enjoying breakfast, we set up shop and sold food, maps, memberships, etc. Thanks to all who helped!

Fifty sleds participated in the radar run. The winners in the five classifications were:

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Eric Cedarberg 77 mph Ski Doo 440

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First Place: Rick Ouellette 83 mph Ski Doo 700
Second Place: Randy Fitts 82 mph Ski Doo 700 MXZ

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First Place: Jim Smith 107 mph Arctic Cat Thundercat 900

Second Place: Bob Bergeron 103 mph Polaris



**TO PROTECT AND SERVE
By Detective Steven T. Holly
Community Liaison Officer**

PROGRAMS WE OFFER

With the new millennium in full swing, I would like to take a minute and point out a few programs that the police department has and will continue to provide for the townspeople.

First, for those of you who have alarms in your home, we have information sheets at the police department for you to fill out. These forms provide us with the specific information about the location of your home, the type of alarm you have, and other items that make it more efficient for us to help you in the event your alarm is activated. For those of you who previously submitted a form, it would be a good idea to update it with us as often as necessary. For instance, if you paint your house a different color, we could be looking for a white house instead of a blue one.

Second, for all you business owners here in town, we have information sheets for you to fill out. These forms tell us what we need to know to contact you in case of an emergency at your place of business. By having this vital information at our fingertips, we should be able to locate you in a fraction of the time it would otherwise take. This could be important not only for monetary loss but also loss of life.

The last program I would like to tell you about pertains to those here in town who are elderly or shut-ins. This program is called the "Good Morning Program" and is a means for the police department to check on those enrolled in the program on a daily basis. Basically, the people enrolled in the program call the police station every day by a specified time. If the dispatcher does not hear from you by that time, then a police officer is dispatched to your home to check on you. There is no charge for this service.

As always, stay safe. For questions or comments, please contact me at Alton P.O. Box 240, phone 875-3752, or on the web at www.worldpath.net/~apd.



WHAT IS MARCH?

March is the "get ready" month for the outdoor person. This is the month to get ready for the upcoming fishing seasons. I've already started by attending the hunting and fishing shows these past months. Having seen the new salmon flies, I have been collecting materials for tying my own trolling streamers. Evenings this month will be spent preparing for the April 1 opener.

If you use flies for any of your fishing, you might want to try tying your own. It gives a lot of satisfaction and enjoyment when you fool fish with your own hand-tied flies. There are many fly tying starter kits available that can get you going. There are also local groups who get together to tie flies such as the Hackle Tackle Club in Rochester. Various classes are held at Fox Ridge; check their schedule. Or ask someone you know who ties their own flies to show you how they do it. Most sportsmen/women are willing to share their skills.

If you are a hunter also, saving fur and feathers from your game animals can be a good supply of fly materials. Deer tails, squirrel tails, pheasant and partridge skins, snowshoe hare feet, etc., all make great flies. Be sure to preserve them with salt and moth balls to keep the bugs out.

Use this month to ready all your gear. Replace or renew fishing lines, clean and lubricate the reels, refinish your oars and paddles, patch up your waders and fishing vest, organize your tackle box and sharpen your hooks. The season will be here sooner than you think.

Ice fishing can be a joy this month as the air temperatures warm and the ice gets softer and thinner. Remember, all bob houses must be removed from the ice by the end of the month. They should be removed to your own property and not left on someone else's shore.

The last of the hunting seasons end this month. Rabbit, snowshoe hare, fox, raccoon, and night hunting for coyotes all end on March 31. There is a crow hunting season from March 1 - 31. Simple decoys for crows can be made from coat hangers and black paper. These very wary birds will challenge your calling and shooting skills. Be sure to wear your best camouflage.

Also for the hunter, March is a good time to start scouting for the next deer season. As the snow melts, last fall's deer sign becomes visible again. Check out where the deer have been traveling by their tracks in the snow. Finding shed antlers of the bucks that survived last fall's hunting season gives one hope of hunting that deer next fall. While you're at it, you can look for turkey sign, too.

These suggestions should help you "get ready" for the upcoming seasons. See you at "the bridge" on April 1.



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MOUNT MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER

By Sandy Jackson, MMCC President

The Operating Committee met and elected the following new officers for 2000: Sandy Jackson, president; Priscilla Farrell, vice-president; Kitty Croes, secretary; Lynn Brooks, treasurer; and Dave Merfeld, Dan Downard, and Jane King.

In 1999 we received inquiries about year-round building use, had some repeat renters, one regular weekly rental, and some first-time rentals. Fund raising efforts continued with two 50/50 raffles and our second annual Indoor Yard Sale in June. Publicity included regular articles in Main Street, along with our brochures being displayed in many local businesses.

Improvements were multiple and included excavation work, updated wiring/electrical outlets, smoke alarms, a second gas range in the kitchen, walkway to connect with the fire station parking lot, front driveway for easier access, handicap ramp and two standing fans.

People wishing to learn more about the MMCC or needing rental information should contact Kitty Croes at 875-7165.

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Seniors! Here are two events at the Pearson Road Community Center you might enjoy. On Thursday, March 2, at 11 a.m. Barbara Hunter from the University of New Hampshire will speak on "Stretching Your Finances." Then Wednesday, March 22, 1 - 3 p.m., the Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor Bingo for you. See you there!



THE CHECKOUT DESK

**By Holly Brown
Librarian**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Friends of the Gilman Library have developed a new and unique reference book for low vision users of the library. The title is "Resource Book for People with Low Vision," and it is located in the Aladdin Rainbow corner of the adult wing. This is a guide to local, regional, state, and national resources that provide helpful information and services for adults and children with low vision. Some of the topics covered include: support groups, transportation, free eyeglasses, talking books, large print books, children's programs, catalogs of visual aid products, and recreation opportunities. Please pass this information on to your friends and family who may have low-vision problems.

The Friends of the Gilman Library will hold their Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. on April 4. New friends and new ideas are always welcome, so please join us.

On March 8 at 7 p.m. plan to attend a program entitled "Ethan Robertson Norway Presentation." Ethan spent six months in Norway as a representative of the International 4-H Youth Exchange in an effort to experience the culture, learn the customs, and understand the traditions of the country by living with host families. This informative slide presentation will take place in the Agnes Thompson meeting room at the library. The event is sponsored by the Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund and admission is free.

The 1999 tax forms have finally arrived! Hurry in to get your forms because supplies are limited. As usual a limited amount of the basic forms have been provided free of charge. Additional forms are available for \$.10 a copy.

The book discussion group will be meet on March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the library to discuss *In The Land Of Winter* by Richard Grant. If you would like a copy of the book, please call 875-2550 or inquire at the circulation desk.

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AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC JAM ON THE ICE



There are not many places in the United States where you would have a hard time finding a parking place on the ice for your airplane. That was the case, however, on February 13 when the New Hampshire Aviation Association conducted its annual "Fly-In" to the ice landing strip on Alton Bay. Seen above, from a landing plane, is a portion of the over 250 aircraft that flew in and out for their turn on the ice that day.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

Thank you for supporting the Lions Club raffle. The winners were as follows: \$40 gift certificates to Foxy Johnnie Restaurant — Dave Munroe of New Durham and Valerie Lampman of Alton; Two free video rentals from Alton Video — Dave Fontaine of New Durham and Chuck Martin of Alton.

The penny sale will be held on August 11 this year in Alton Bay. This is a change from the April date in the past years. Please mark that day on your calendars.

DOLL SHOW AND SALE APRIL 30

Once again the Happy Hobby Doll Club will sponsor a doll show and sale. It will be held at the Alton Central School on Sunday, April 30. There will be more information and details concerning the event in your April issue of Main Street. If you wish advance information, call Ruth Messier, 875-6750.

RUSSELL AND MILLER WIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS

On February 8 a small voter turnout in Alton, Barnstead, and Gilmanton (Belknap District 5) set the stage for the "finals" to replace the late Paul Golden as State Representative on March 14. David H. Russell (Republican) of Gilmanton and unopposed Vincent P. Miller (Democrat) of Barnstead won the nominations. They will face off, along with Daniel Barraford (Independent) of Barnstead, as part of the town elections on March 14 in all three towns.

Tri-town totals showed Russell with 303 votes; Jack Henderson of Alton, 156; John M. Starkey of Barnstead, 59; and Laurie Boyce of Alton, 57. Alton results were: Russell, 113; Henderson, 88; Boyce, 25; and Starkey, 4. Democratic candidate Miller picked up 80 votes total, 14 in Alton. There were 12 write-in votes spread over three candidates.

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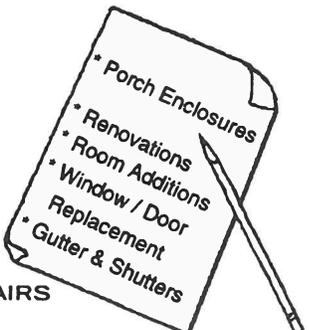
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
 by Kellie M. Troendle
 Recreation Director

RESULTS FOR WINTER FESTIVAL

The annual Winter Festival, sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department, was held on Sunday, February 13, at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Lake Winnepesaukee. The beautiful sunny weather made for increased attendance and active participation in the many events. Activities included the New Hampshire Aviation Association's Fly-In, Mt. Major Snowmobile Club Radar Run, Lions Club Cropucky, D.J. Music from Top 40 Productions, Scavenger Hunt, and the Alton Bay Bed Race.

Results from the Scavenger Hunt: 1st place winning two Gunstock Ski passes were the team of LePouttre and French; 2nd place, the Chagnon Family; and 3rd place, the Green Family. There were over 50 participants in the Scavenger Hunt. The Alton Bay Bed Race winners for the second year in a row were the Indiana Express team made up of the McKain family, winning five tubing passes to the Gunstock Ski Area. The two other contestants in the Bed Race were the Little Tikes and Woodcrest.

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the many participants and organizations for being a part of the annual Winter Festival. A special thank you to Gunstock Ski Area for donating ski passes and Jay Sydow, Bill Lionetta, Bill Watson, David Fletcher, the Lions Club volunteers and the Alton Fire Department for their assistance with the events.

Body Works Exercise Program with Lisa Jones

Body Works with Lisa Jones is a target training class that is designed to build strong, lean muscle while reducing body fat through strength training. Classes are held at the Alton Bay Community Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m., classes are ongoing. \$3/class or \$20/month. Drop in anytime. Bring a mat, light hand weights, and water. Call 875-0109 for more info.

Co-Ed Adult Volleyball

Join adults 18 and over at this fun and active indoor program. Pick up games are held Saturday nights at the Alton Central School Gym from 7:30 - 10 p.m. The program is free and everyone is welcome. For more information see John Caley or call 875-0109.

Country Line Dancing Lessons - Adults of All Ages

Line dancing lessons for adults are held at the Alton Bay Community Center every Tuesday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Drop in anytime. Program fee is \$3 for the entire winter season of lessons. What a deal!

Senior Bingo

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its Senior Bingo program on March 22 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. The program is free. Prizes will be awarded for winning games, and refreshments will be served. All seniors are invited to attend.

ACTIVE PARENTING SERIES

On Mondays the popular Active Parenting Series will be offered at the Alton Central School. There are six sessions developed to aid in the difficult task of raising children. Issues will include: discipline methods; three keys to your child's self-esteem; how to avoid anger; communication skills that win cooperation; teaching your child responsibility; and how to teach your child to respect you.

The series will be led by Molly Connelly, M.Ed., on Monday nights, starting March 20, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for the program and it is open to all parents. Free child care is provided. Pre-registration is required; call the Alton School at 875-7500.

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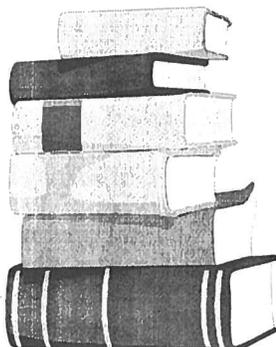
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**SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN**

By Ursula Minich-Boutwell

A heartfelt thank you goes out from my family to all of the businesses, volunteers, and donors that helped to make our February 8 blood drive such a success. We were able to harvest 94 pints of blood, just fantastic for a smaller town. I'm also pleased to announce that there were 19 first-time donors — even the American Red Cross was impressed!

A sincere thanks to the Farmington National Bank for once again sponsoring the blood drive. Also a big thank you to Village Pizza, Alton Bay Lakeview Market, L & C Springwater, and Moe's of Wolfboro for their food and drink donations. The Alton Central School is the perfect location for our blood drives. I thank them for their patience and efforts to see that everything gets underway smoothly.

The next blood drive is July 10 at the Alton Central School. We look forward to seeing you there. And to those 19 first-time donors, we hope to see you again and again!

Card of Thanks

"A Pat on The Back" to Mr. Dick Quindley for loaning the Solid Waste Center a propane heater during the frigid weather in January. This enabled us to thaw out and keep running our plastic compactor, thus not costing the town of Alton any monies to buy or rent one. Thanks again, Dick.

/s/Mal, Warren, and John

SENIOR MEALS

Program is open to all age 60 and older (875-7102). Meals served Monday-Friday, 12 noon. Suggested \$2 donation.

March 1 - 3: Wed., American Chop Suey; Thu., Hot Dog/Roll; Fri., Pier 17 Fish Filet.

March 6 - 10: Mon., BBQ Riblet; Tue., Chicken Fricassee/Biscuit; Wed., Stuffed Shells/Meat Sauce; Thu., Roast Pork Loin/Gravy; Fri., Lemon Pepper Fish Filet.

March 13 - 17: Mon., Veal Parmesan; Tue., Shepherd's Pie; Wed., Pollock Filet; Thu., Chicken Fricassee/Biscuit; Fri., St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef.

March 20 - 24: Mon., Country Style Chicken Breast Filet; Tue., Meat Balls/Gravy; Wed., Kielbasa; Thu., Hearty Beef Stew; Fri., Fish Filet/Cheese/Roll.

March 27 - 31: Mon., Baked Ham; Tue., Hot Sliced Turkey/Gravy; Wed., Pork Chow Mein/Rice; Thu., Yankee Pot Roast/Onion Gravy; Fri., Macaroni/Cheese.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . A Gold Key from the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition was awarded to Amelia McKinney, a sophomore at Alton Central School . . . glass and plastic containers were added to the list of mandatory recycled items at the landfill . . . the 50-member Clearlakes Chorale, under the direction of Alton resident Donald Gedney, was presenting the third in a series of Gilman concerts at the school . . . Winter Carnival Ball King and Queen were Peter Coots and Wendy St. Laurent.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The U.S. Postal Service was looking to relocate its Alton Post Office on Main Street between Route 140 and Old Wolfboro Road to a larger facility . . . Jesse McKinney and Jessica Emanouil were honored at the Eight Annual NH High School Women Athletic/Academic Awards ceremony in Concord . . . the Gilman Library announced that private donations to their building campaign had hit \$52,605 and when combined with Town allocations, they were one-third of the way toward their goal.

NEW STUDENT VOTERS



Pictured above are five of the many students who came to the polls on primary day, February 1, to register as new voters and exercise their democratic privilege. From left to right: Chris Harris, Elizabeth Quindley, Katy O'Meara, Terry Feger, and Jessica Elliott.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SETS RECORD IN ALTON

The February 1 Presidential Primary in Alton mirrored the statewide primary experience as some 1,663 voters (47 percent of the eligible voters) went to the polls. This total included 118 newly registered voters, including many young people as shown at left. This is believed to be a new record high for a primary election in Alton.

The voting results on the Republican side again reflected the statewide experience with a convincing win for Senator John McCain with 648 votes to Governor George Bush's 442. Other results showed Steve Forbes with 221, Alan Keyes, 84, Bill Bradley, 8 write-in votes and Gary Bauer, 6.

On the Democratic side, Bill Bradley edged Vice President Al Gore 209-172. Others (write-ins) were Senator John McCain, 19; Governor George Bush, 5; Steve Forbes, 2; and Alan Keyes, 1. The Bradley win was similar to results in much of the Lakes Region but didn't hold in the state where Vice President Al Gore was the winner.

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