



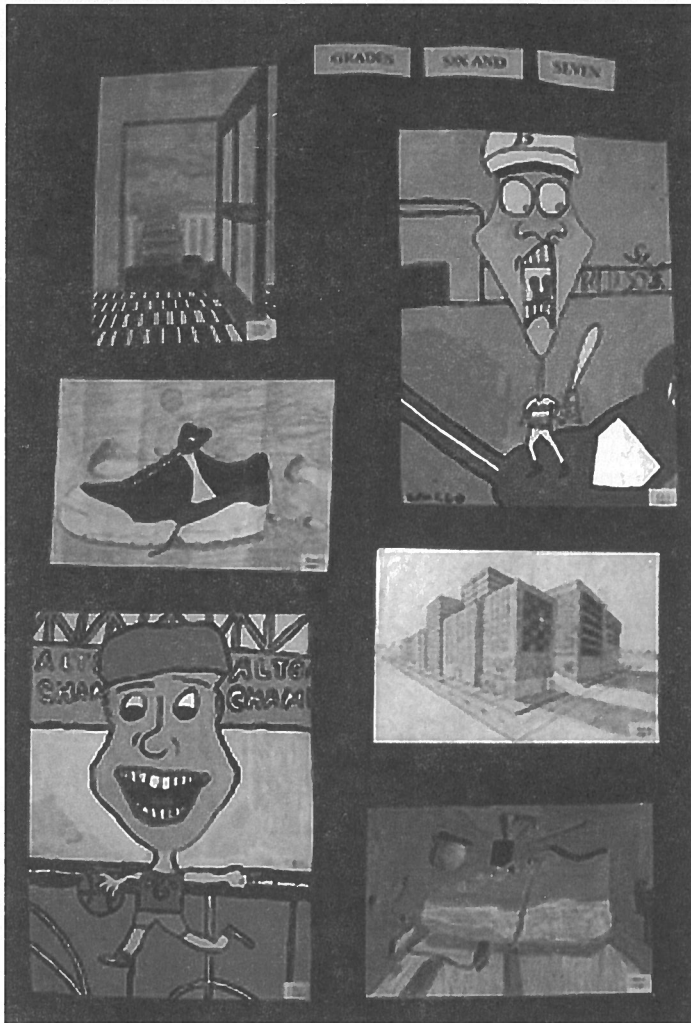
# Main Street

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"Priceless"



## DON'T MISS THE STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

You have until April 4 to view the artwork of students from Alton Central School (ACS), grades K - 7. The exhibit is displayed in Town Hall in the Heidke Conference Room and the glass case in the hallway. There are paintings, collages, drawings, architecture, and sculpture, plus other art forms. As Jennifer Vancor, Art Teacher at ACS, wrote last month, "We are excited about this art show. It is colorful, imaginative, and well crafted." Town Hall is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MISSED YOURSELF ON TV?

If you were one of the many citizens who rose to speak at last month's town meeting and then missed critiquing your performance when it was re-played on Cable Channel 26, all is not lost. A VHS copy of the videotape is available at the Gilman Library, courtesy of Main Street.

## TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

**By Kellie Troendle, Director, Parks and Recreation**  
The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; the rain date is June 8. All residents in Alton are invited to sign up for this town-wide event. This is how it works. If you would like to have a yard sale on June 7, please call 875-0109 before May 12 with your sale location. Late sign ups will not be taken due to printing deadlines. When signing up, please be sure to include your complete address with specific directions on how to get there. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide a map with all of the yard sale locations; last year we had over 40! There is no charge to have your yard sale listed on the map and no charge to purchase the map. This is just a fun community event. Maps will be available at the Parks and Recreation Department kiosk, Town Hall, Gilman Library, Bank of New Hampshire, and Alton Village 5 & 10 after May 23.

## TOWN MEETING RESULTS

**By Bob Longabaugh, Co-Editor**

Five percent of Alton's 2,936 registered voters took five hours to spend \$5,844,362 of taxpayers' funds at this year's Town Meeting held on March 12. Even more precisely, by the time the last standing count was taken about midnight the 153 registered voters at the beginning of the meeting had dwindled to 82.

In addition to the \$5.8 million approved, above, voters also authorized borrowing \$144,332 that will be re-paid by water users to construct a pump house and install and equip a new water supply well behind Jones Field.

What was particularly notable at Alton's 2003 Town Meeting was the degree of agreement between the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen's budget recommendations. Budget Committee Chairman Ruth Messier credited the Selectmen's representative, Patricia Fuller, for this notable accomplishment, as expounded in greater detail on page 12.

Only one money article (#14 for \$87,742) failed when Highway Agent Ken Roberts informed the voters that he did not need the money this year due to his careful planning. Police Chief Kevin Iwans also reported that Article 4 for the emergency generator at the police department could be reduced by \$12,500, thanks to better cost estimating by Selectman Fuller and work that can be done by town forces. Reverend Peter Bolster amended Article 15 for the sidewalk extension on Church Street to be paid for completely by a re-discovered trust fund that was established in the 1930's for that very purpose.

All the other expenditure items reported on the front page of last month's Main Street were approved except Article 10

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for planning a public safety building was reduced to \$2,000 and the Operating Budget (Article 18) ended up being \$4,376,131. The \$2,800 needed to put the Selectmen's meetings back on LRPA-TV was approved. The petition article (#22) dealing with affordable basic health plans was soundly defeated.

**LATE NEWS:**

On March 20 the Alton/Barnstead Joint School Board announced that ACS's Russell Holden would be the Principal of the new Prospect Mountain High School. Details will be in the next issue of Main Street.

**NO "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR"**

Recently Main Street has received a spate of unsigned letters. Our policy, however, does not allow "Letters to the Editor." If ideas are presented that might merit an article being published by Main Street, we would have to have a name and phone number so the information could be verified. This is true for any article submitted for publication.



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**COMMUNITY FORUM REPORTS RESULTS**  
**By Dick Wallace, Alton's Council Representative**

Pat Fuller, chairman of the Alton Community Forum Steering Committee, recently provided Alton's Selectmen a report on the forum held in November. At the forum, attended by approximately 50 people, Alton's community needs were discussed and prioritized. These forum results are available to the public at the Town Hall.

The attendees at the forum voted to prioritize Alton's five most important issues. The resulting top three are:

- (1) Programming for children and non-school activities for teens;
- (2) Parenting education, accountability, and involvement; and
- (3) Transportation systems (both formal and informal networks).

Pat explained to the Selectmen that the steering committee voted to continue working after the forum in order to address some of the community issues that were identified. We would use a new name to be announced later.

This continuing effort is expected to bring life and solutions to the needs identified at the forum. This new committee will periodically update the Selectmen, as well as the community, and seek their support. The forum's results, along with similar information from the other towns in the county, are being used by the Belknap County Citizens Council for Children and Families to prioritize and support and resolve the needs that have been identified by the towns. This writer, as Alton's representative to the council, explained that the council facilitated the community forums and that I will continue to support the efforts of the new committee.

Following presentation of the forum results Pat Fuller was presented a Community Associate Award from the Belknap County Citizens' Council honoring her work as chairman of the forum's steering committee. Pat in turn honored each of the eight students who helped at the forum. She presented each with a Student Civic Award. Shown, above are (left to right): back row: Dick Wallace, Pat Fuller, Norman Gilbert, Zach Shea, Amanda Jones, and Russ Holden; front row: Justine Houghton, Ashli Coughlin, Katie Brooks, and Tamara Cornelissen; absent: Terese Hopper.

Alton should be proud of its youth! It was noted that Alton had more youth at the forum than any other town in the county.

Finally, the Belknap County Citizens Council and the Community Forum Steering Committee sincerely thank every person who helped in so many ways to make the Alton forum such a success.



# Main Street's Inside Front Page

## ALTON COUPLE RESCUED

By R. J. Trevlac, Staff Writer

Yesterday emergency responders rescued an Alton couple found in their home wrapped in plastic tarps sealed with duct tape. Responding to a 911 call paramedics found a man and a woman unconscious in their living room. The rescuers cut away the tarps and administered CPR for several minutes before the man was revived. A few minutes later the woman was also revived. Fearing that the couple had been victims of a burglary, the emergency responders called in the police.

When the couple were able to speak, the police learned that the couple, April and Ernest Phul, had accidentally smothered themselves while defending themselves against potential germ or chemical terrorist attacks. The Phuls explained that they took very seriously the government's call to be prepared by wrapping their home with a tarp and sealing it with duct tape. "Our old home is just too drafty for us to make it air tight," Mr. Phul said. "So we decided to wrap ourselves in the tarp instead. It's been such a cold winter, we thought it would help us stay warm, as well as safe from terrorists," he elaborated.

Unfortunately, Mr. Phul, who was taping his wife's tarp securely around her body, had trouble cutting the duct tape. "You know how tape sticks to itself and then wraps around the scissors?" Phul asked. "Well, that happened to me. I tried to pull the darn duct tape apart and accidentally smacked April in the head. When she started to fall, I grabbed her and we both went down. We got stuck together, and it seemed that the more we tried to get apart, the more we wrapped ourselves tighter with the duct tape. The next thing I knew April was not moving and I was having trouble breathing," Mr. Phul explained. "Thank goodness I knocked the phone over when we fell because I was able to press 911 with my nose before I passed out."

Authorities praised the Phuls for remembering how to contact the emergency response number. "The Phuls were fortunate they knew how to call for help and had the presence of mind to make the call," the chief explained. "The Phuls set a good example for all the citizens of Alton." Neighbors are planning a dinner later this month to honor the Phul's patriotic zeal. Persons willing to help out are urged to call 875-2151.

## HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

By Ruth Hooper, Hospice Secretary

VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity seeks caring men and women who would like to train to become Hospice volunteers. The spring training program, to be held in Wolfeboro for nine consecutive weeks, will begin Thursday, April 10, and continue through June 5. Classes will run from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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

If you would like to learn more about the opportunity to be a Hospice volunteer, please call Betty John, Volunteer Coordinator, 569-2729 for information.



## PHOTO CONTEST ON DISPLAY

By Joe Harris

The Second Annual Main Street Photo Contest opened its exhibition to the public on Tuesday, March 11, at the Gilman Library.

The display features color and black and white photographs from ten aspiring local photographers. I want to take this opportunity to both congratulate and thank the participating photographers who are (in alphabetical order): Ruth Arsenaault, Nancy Bentley, Charlotte Fredette, Judy Fry, Carol Holt, Dianne Jordan, Marcia Kiley-Lemay, Carol Murtaugh, Irving Roberts, and Chris Stevenson. The contest continues to grow, as this year's entries have doubled from those submitted last year. The exhibition contains 27 photos depicting people, places, and events unique to Alton. Thank you all for making this year's contest a great success.

It is with great sadness and dismay that I must report that a picture had been removed from the display sometime during the afternoon of Wednesday, March 12. The theft was discovered just before closing time, as the thief must have entered and exited through the library's lower entrance. The photo has since been replaced (at Main Street's expense), and the exhibition will continue uninterrupted. The display has been relocated to the central reading room of the library for security reasons. I want to extend my apologies for this unfortunate and unforeseen incident and would like to reassure all the contestants that measures have been taken to insure the continued safety and security of the display.

The exhibition can be viewed on the main floor of the library during regular business hours. Don't miss an opportunity to see this year's display. Please take a few minutes to stop in and view the exceptional work of our local photographers and cast your vote for your favorite photo. Ballots will be collected through mid-May, at which time the winners will be posted and published in our June issue. The top photos will then be displayed in the showcase opposite the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

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## ALTON FRIENDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

By Susan Houghton, Project Chairman

*We Can Change Our World One Child at a Time*

### Spring Spaghetti Supper May 17

Mark your calendar so you do not miss the Alton Friendship Project's Spring Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, May 17, at the Alton Bay Pavilion. The Spaghetti Supper will be the first major fund-raising event for the Friendship Project and offers an opportunity to visit with your neighbors, enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner, and support our community.

**Mission Statement:** To promote friendship, tolerance and understanding through helping others and to develop in our children and teens the habit of community service.

We would like to send an appreciative "Thank You" to our sponsors and supporters. Although there are too many to name individually here, they include: teachers and administrators of Alton Central School, the Alton Parent Teacher Student Association, the Alton School Board, the Belknap County Council Citizens for Children and Families, the staff of the Gilman Library, community business people, parents, and students who have contributed volunteer hours, donations, and other forms of support.

The Spring Creative Competition was kicked off during March. Students began working hard to develop their creative writing, art, music, and multimedia entries. Since *community* is at the center of our mission, family and team entries may be submitted to the Creative Competition and are encouraged. Family and team entries will be judged separately in order to level the playing field.

Students should submit their contest entries between April 1 and May 9 to the Alton Central School Elementary Resource Center (Elementary School entries) or to the High School Guidance Office (Middle and High School entries).

Planning is underway for the Friendship Banquet, our first annual recognition event. This will be the awards ceremony for the Creative Competition, as well as the venue for awarding students who have demonstrated our mission through their actions. All community members, teachers, and students are welcome to submit nominations for Friendship Awards. The nomination criterion is: A nominee must be an Alton Central School student, K-12, who demonstrates by his/her actions that he/she adheres to and is a model of the mission of the Alton Friendship Scholarship Project.

One of the goals of the Friendship Project is to send a message of empowerment to our children and teens. To many kids, and indeed to many adults, the world today can be a scary place. Global problems are very threatening and even overwhelming, seemingly too big to solve, and can lead to apathy, inaction, and hopelessness. By providing our kids the chance to experience their ability to make a change by helping others, we can give them power, self-esteem, and hope.

If you are interested in more information about the Friendship Project, or would like a nomination form for the Friendship Awards or advance tickets for the Spring Spaghetti Supper, please call 875-5780 or e-mail <sfh@worldpath.net>.

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On Wednesday night of Town Meeting, March 12, three people were saluted for all that they have done for the Town of Alton in many and various ways.

The Board of Selectmen lauded two people, Ruth Messier and Frances Washburn, with plaques, worded as follows.

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Next Loring Carr, Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, stepped forward to recognize and thank Ruth Messier for all her years of service, presenting her with a bouquet of flowers (shown above). Then Laurie Boyce was asked to come up and be applauded for her many years on the Budget Committee. She was the recipient of flowers as well.

Alton is fortunate to have people who are so civic minded.

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**BIG LAKE HALF MARATHON**

**By Keith Jordan, Race Director**

The Big Lake Half Marathon comes back for its second year. Last year, this marathon was the largest first-year race in the history of New Hampshire running with more than 1,200 entrants. As Race Director and series founder, I am looking for bigger and better things this year when the race returns to Alton on May 3. We are increasing the field to 1,500 runners, which we feel is a safe number for this year. We want to make sure the quality of the race is extremely high, while giving the biggest number of runners the opportunity to race. I have been working hard with the town and police to make the race even better than last year. There were a few glitches, like any new race, but overall it was great. We are adding more live entertainment to the course, bigger and better aid stations, and some other surprises. We are going to have digital clocks at every mile for the runners this year so everyone can accurately check their splits. Of course, we will have the post-race band and pizza party for all of the athletes. The Big Lake will also be the kick-off race for the New Hampshire Grand Prix running series.

We are looking for volunteers to continue the success of the event. The aid stations and all of the volunteers were fantastic last year. They really made the race. We are looking for help again. Last year there was a competition for the best aid station on the course with the winner being awarded \$250. Alton Parks and Recreation won. We felt badly every group could not win since everyone did such a great job. This year all groups will be given a \$200 donation for their charity or fund raiser. They also have the chance to win the \$250 for the best aid station; this way everyone wins. If you have a group who would like to help out and participate, please contact me at 293-8353. We are also looking for entertainment on the course; so if you are a musician, let me know. We would love to have you help us make this a great Alton event!

**VNA/HOSPICE GERANIUM SALE**

**By Alice Calvert and Mary Ann Pollini, Co-Chairmen**

The snow is disappearing now, so why not think spring? On May 10 before Mother's Day and Memorial Day the Fifth Annual Geranium Sale for VNA/Hospice will be held. Sunflower Gardens will again be our supplier.

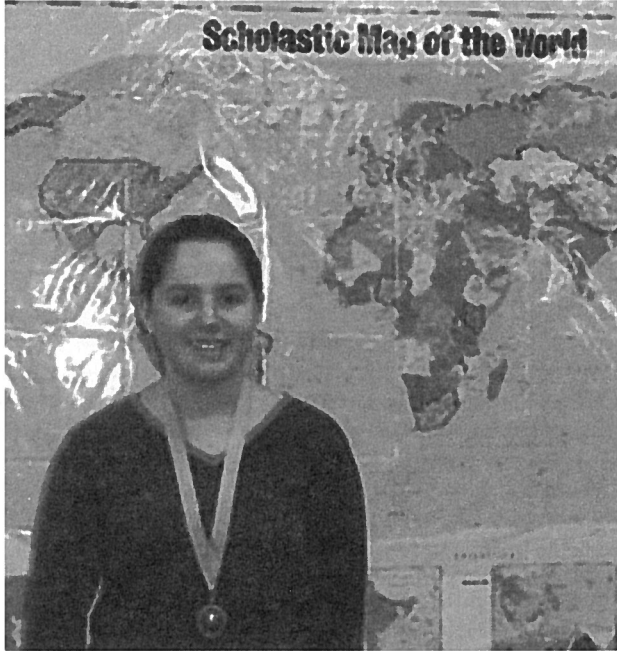
An order form is below or may be obtained at the Bank of New Hampshire, Alton Town Hall, Gilman Library, Alton Bay Lakeview Market, or from Alice Calvert at 875-2151. Plant orders should be prepaid. Forms and payment may be left at any of those locations. Deadline for orders is April 12.

Plants can be picked up on the lawn of the Bank of New Hampshire in Alton on May 10 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Extra plants will be available to purchase at this time.

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**ACS GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER**



Congratulations to Emily Donahue, winner of the Alton Central School (ACS) Geography Bee. She qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The state Bee will be held on Friday, April 4, at Keene State College. To qualify for the state level Emily had to successfully pass a perplexing written test. She was the 2002 ACS Geography Bee winner and competed respectfully at the state level. Best of luck, Emily!

**LYDIA MORTON GAINS TOP SCORE**

**By Becky Levesque, Cooperative Extension**

Lydia Morton, 10 years old and a member of the Animal Pack of Alton, received the top score in the Junior Division at the Favorite Food Festival. She was awarded a \$25 scholarship toward 4-H camp or other 4-H activity, as well as a personal chef's hat. Congratulations, Lydia!

Favorite Food Festival is a 4-H county-wide event for youth 5 - 18 years old. The members of 4-H enrolled in the foods and nutrition project showcase their nutrition, fitness, and safe food-handling skills. They make their favorite healthy food or snack and come prepared to discuss with a volunteer judge nutritional questions. This is a fun event where everyone has a chance to taste the foods and receive recipes from each other. To find out how to join the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension 4-H, call the Belknap County Office at 527-5475.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Color Me Spring" Luncheon on Wednesday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Rainbow of Piano Music" is the Special Feature with Jan Biller from Center Harbor. The Special Speaker, Leona Gutwin, an artist from Willison, Vermont, will present "A Palette of Colors" so you can choose from the right colors to paint your life.

Reservations for the lunch and the available complimentary nursery may be made by calling: in Alton, Melissa, 776-2224, or Karen, 875-8144; in Gilford, Faith at 293-8073.

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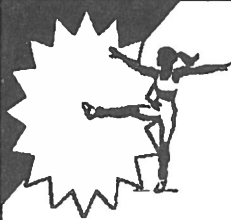


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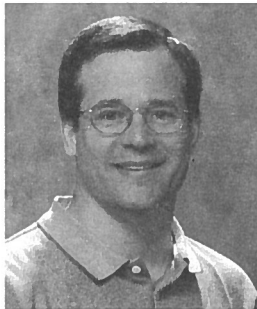
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## AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

**By Ray Nadeau, Post Commander**

Alton's American Legion Post #72 salutes our community this month for achieving a total of \$7,400 in the fund to outfit the high school band with new uniforms. The Legion family is now redoubling its efforts to reach our goal of \$12,000 by September. We are scheduling fund raisers and will be replacing the coin canisters in local stores once again. We are asking Alton residents to please help us in this community effort. As always, contributions may be made either at the Bank of New Hampshire on Main Street in Alton, or mailed to the American Legion Post at P. O. Box 814, Alton, 03809.

### **Membership for Active Duty Servicemen and Servicewomen**

Alton's American Legion post is offering memberships in the Legion to active duty servicemen/women from Alton and surrounding communities. If you have a son, daughter, spouse, or grandchild who is now on active duty status, we encourage you to sign up your loved ones for membership. The Legion will pay their dues as long as they are on active duty.

Membership in the American Legion offers many benefits, such as: up to 40 percent discount on eye care, 20 percent on prescription drugs, up to 40 percent on national movers, up to 30 percent on travel and accommodations, several full-coverage life insurance plans, and help in employment placement at the end of one's time in the service, just to name a few. Each member also receives the American Legion monthly magazine and is welcome at any Legion post in the United States. We also have fully accredited service officers to help you and your family obtain the full VA benefits to which you are entitled.

All you need to sign up your loved one(s) is their name, branch of service, and service address. Contact either Brian Schofield, Post 72 Adjutant, or myself, Ray Nadeau, Post 72 Commander, at 875-3461.

We'd like to encourage all eligible veterans in the community to join the Alton American Legion. Drop by the post and pick up an application or call us at 875-3461. We have a great organization and would love to have you as a member.

### **Other Activities**

Meat raffles are held every Saturday from 2 - 4 p.m. This is also a charitable fund raiser. For information call the post at 875-3461.

When — and if — the snow melts, we will be making some changes to the Post's building, including painting and the addition of new awnings.

Our Sunday breakfasts continue to be popular. Local groups who sponsor breakfasts as their own fund raisers have booked breakfasts through June. Drop by any Sunday morning between 8 a.m. and noon to enjoy a great breakfast while supporting one of the local non-profit organizations.

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**THE BARD IS BACK IN TOWN**

By Katrina Lindland, Staff Writer

All the world's a stage  
and all the men and women merely players.  
They have their exits and their entrances  
and one man in his time plays many parts.

I had an appreciation for these words many years before I came to know of their author, William Shakespeare. He was often referred to as the "Bard," meaning poet. It was not until, as a home school mom, that his words came alive for me. I joined Perform It!, a young people's stage company.

This amazing group, led by author/director Jan Croteau, teaches Shakespeare through performance. I believe it is an excellent way to study language as an art, to explore human nature, and to expand cultural literacy, but most of all, it is an awesome tool to bring forth the brilliance of every student.

This magic came to the Alton third graders in November, as they did a wonderful job participating in one of the Perform It! extension programs. They created books and performed an adaptation of "As You Like It." This program will surely excite the creative energies of both Elementary and Junior High students when it returns to Alton next year.

Our communities are filled with many hidden treasures, and this is one to be discovered. Jan has a unique gift for adapting the plays so that both children and adults will understand and thoroughly enjoy every show. After months of preparation, these devoted young people will be transformed into their characters. Shakespeare himself would be proud.

So turn off the TV, pack the family in the car, and join us for a night of good clean fun while getting a healthy dose of literary culture. "As You Like It," a comedy, will be performed April 24 - 27 at the Village Playhouse in Wolfeboro. Tickets will be available at the Country Booksellers in Wolfeboro, or you may call 569-5067 or 875-4063. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



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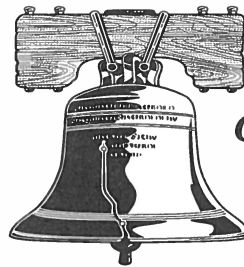
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## STUDENTS CITED FOR HONORS AND CITIZENSHIP

The Alton Central School (ACS) has announced the students who have made the Honor Roll and named for Citizenship during the second quarter of the 2002-2003 academic year. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects; Honors, a grade of at least 83; and Citizenship is based on attendance, no discipline, and no failing grades.

**Grade 2 Citizenship:** Elaine Anderson, Kristina Bishop, Heather Boelzner, Thomas Decowski, Taylor Dwyer, Julie Emerson, Chris Ennis, Patty Gage, Aaron Gavin, Andrew Jackson, Kelly Jones, Anna Jortikka, Matthew Joy, MacKenzie Kinnon, Casey Lang, Trevor Liedtke, Danny McKone, Nicole Meuse, Olivia Meyerhoff, Nicole Ouellette, Emily Parker, Austin Perrin, Michaela Perrin, Matt Prive, Brandon Ratliff, Robert Reekie, Alyssa St. Laurent, Shaun Shea, Serra Shepard, Natalie Stackhouse, Shayna Sweezy, Rebecca Tinkham, Chelsea Vernal, Mark Wentworth, Rachel Wilkinson, and Bryan Wood.

**Grade 3 Citizenship:** Kristine Adams, Kirby Beranger, Renae Brunelle, Danielle Burwell, Josie Couch, Taylor Harper, Cheyanne Harris, Ethan Henderson, Ashley Herrick, Samantha Hillis, Ethan Hunter, Rebecca Krivitsky, Emily Macduff, Rebecca Meyer, Albert Morse III, Emelie Morton, Breanna Parandes, Jennifer Peloquin, Nicole Perry, Michelle Prior, Martha Rasbridge, Lauren Stearns, Danielle Tidd, and Stephanie Waterman.

**Grade 4 High Honors:** Stephanie Burke and Lauretta Tremblay.

**Grade 4 Honors:** Brooke Bastarache, Sarah Clifford, Kelsea Dahood, Joshua Dixon-Snell, Carter Golden, Kelsey Hannafin, Charles Holt, Kassie Lamper, Lindsay Malone, Jesse Neff, Stephanie Pryor, Jake Rochette, Fallon Rouleau, Emily Stone, Kendra Thibeault, Gregory Tinkham, Gregory Vernal, and Brittany Woitowitz.

**Grade 4 Citizenship:** Brooke Bastarache, Sarah Clifford, Kelsea Dahood, Josh Dixon-Snell, Connor Gillan, Carter Golden, Spencer Goosens, Kelsey Hannafin, CJ Holt, Emily Jeffrey, Andrew Long, Lindsey Malone, Jesse Neff, Stephanie Pryor, Desiree Reekie, Jake Rochette, Fallon Rouleau, Emily Stone, and Gregory Tinkham.

**Grade 5 High Honors:** Ashley Barsanti, Megan Hopper, and Mary-Margaret Houghton.

**Grade 5 Honors:** Tyler Adabahr, Sarah Adams, Dylan Ball, Kayla Bastarache, Scott Brunelle, Kayla Carr, Joseph Comeau, Allison Cormier,

Holly Couture, Lindsey Daniels, David Desbien, Joel Dore, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, Kelsey Hopper, Megan Hopper, Caitlin Hussey, Brian Jones, Levi Liedtke, Kelsey Meyerhoff, Lydia Morton, Stephanie Moulton, Brittany O'Neil, Dack Rouleau, Jaclyn Saalfrank, Shabir Shaikh, Emily Sharpe, Aisha Sweezy, Kimberly Sykes, Kara Turner, and Aaron Wilkinson.

**Grade 5 Citizenship:** Tyler Adabahr, Dylan Ball, Scott Brunelle, Joseph Comeau, Allison Cormier, Hollie Couture, Anthony Crudale, Lindsey Daniels, Joel Dore, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, Kelsey Hopper, Caitlyn Hussey, Brain Jones, Jackie LeBlanc, Levi Liedtke, Kelsey Meyerhoff, Stephanie Moulton, Brittany O'Neil, Dack Rouleau, Jaclyn Saalfrank, Kim Sykes, and Aaron Wilkinson.

**Grade 6 High Honors:** Casey Beranger, Lyndsay Bishop, Megan Farrell, Danielle Sheehan, and Kathleen Sykes.

**Grade 6 Honors:** Vanessa Ainsworth, Shaida Anderson, Alexis Barthel, Erik Caron, Patrick Dea, Emily Donahue, Cory Dudman, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Katherine Gage, Kimberly Grant, Andrea Hillsgrove, Michael Jensen, Justin Kantar, Kaitlyn LaCourse, Jack LaFreniere, Ashley Lionetta, Will Macduff, Vinny Meuse, Stephanie Roy, Jillian Stackhouse, and Baron Vogel.

**Grade 6 Citizenship:** Shaida Anderson, Casey Beranger, Lyndsay Bishop, Eric Caron, Patrick Dea, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Katie Gage, Samantha Golden, Kim Grant, Andrea Hillsgrove, Brendan Hussey, Mike Jensen, Kaitlyn LaCourse, Jack LaFreniere, Ashley Lionetta, Will Macduff, Vincent Meuse, Chantal Pearson, Stephanie Roy, Danielle Shehan, Jill Stackhouse, Kathy Sykes, Baron Vogel, JT Whissel, and Rick Yeaton.

**Grade 7 High Honors:** Wetherly Rouleau and Brianna Tidd.

**Grade 7 Honors:** Ashley Bailey, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Leisha Donnelly, Ryan Gillan, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Jesse Lane, Amanda Pellowe, Robyn Shibley, Stephanie Storey, and Kelsie Whitney.

**Grade 7 Citizenship:** Ashley Bailey, Hayley Barnet, Andrew Barthel, Stephen Biddle, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Derek Chase, Amber Couture, Joseph Desbien, Matt DiVito, Meagan DiVito, Leisha Donnelly, Jacob Dore, Natasia Drewniak, Emily Folan, Gary Ford, Ryan Gillan, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Tyler Houghton, Makina Itchkavich-Levasseur, Ben Jones, Brian Jones, Jeremy Kim, Jesse Lane, Andrew Levasseur, Ryan Lougee, Alina Loynd,



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**Grade 8 High Honors:** Ryan Hussey.

**Grade 8 Honors:** Dottie Jean Bailey, Bradley Bissell, Kris Callahan, Ashley Dwyer, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Nathan Fogell, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Caila Kantar, Joshua Liedke, Kelly Main, Melissa Pryor, Rachell Ricker, Sara Scanlon, Suzanne Sherwood, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Kelsey Tinkham, and Ty Tremblay.

**Grade 8 Citizenship:** Dottie Jean Bailey, Ryan Ball, Hannah Barnet, Megan Beaupre, Kyle Belanger, Bryan Bishop, Bradley Bissell, Jennifer Boucher, Megan Burwell, Kris Callahan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Jessica Covil, Jeremiah Dea, Erin Donnelly, Ashley Dwyer, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Tyler Fiscus, Nathan Fogell, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Nick Gagne, Courtney Goodwin, Joseph Gray, Kim Hannafin, Ryan Hussey, Dan Jalbert, Caila Kantar, Pamela Lambert, Dan Lampman, Joshua Liedtke, Nicholas Lund, Nick Lundy, Joseph Macdonald, Kelly Main, Courtney Marston, Donny McGee, Crystal Mills, Juli Minnick, Carmen Niquette, Brandon Parsons, Melissa Pryor, Jesse Purrington, Rachel Ricker, Jacob Ridner, Marc Roy, Sara Scanlon, Robert Scott, Suzie Sherwood, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeffrey St. Cyr, George Stevens, Ashley Sweeney, Wesley Taggett, Julie Thoroughgood, Kelsey Tinkham, Ty Tremblay, Josh Vlk, Steven Waterman.

**Grade 9 High Honors:** Nicholas Bourikas, Ashley Hubbard, Luke LaFreniere, Taylor Peterson, and Daniel Pitman.

**Grade 9 Honors:** David Blanchette, Nicholas DiVito, Christopher Frost, Jennifer McAllister, Joshua O'Neil, Patrick Quinn, and Aimee Terravechia.

**Grade 9 Citizenship:** Kyle Adabahr, Christine Barham, Jamie Bilodeau, David Blanchette, Nicholas Bourikas, Nichole Brackett, Joshua Casoni, Shannon Cornelissen, Nick DiVito, Allyson Dudman, Ryan Fogell, Jake Ford, Christopher Frost, Dana Fuller, Rebecca Golden, Jimmy Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Adam Johnson, Luke LaFreniere, Justin Maciejewski, Jennifer McAllister, Josh O'Neil, Kathryn Pellowe, Taylor Peterson, Jacqueline Piaseczny, Dan Pitman, Patrick Quinn, Kaitlyn Ray, Amber

Richardson, John Roberts, Christelle Sharpe, Christopher Skinner, Jonathan Snell, Aimee Terravechia, Katrina Tidd, Lindsey Turner, Caitlyn Wentworth, and Joey Wetherbee.

**Grade 10 High Honors:** Christina Jamieson.

**Grade 10 Honors:** Heather Hammes, Travis Hopper, Whitney Marston, Shayna Randall, Kyle Storey, Sarah Tinkham, and Jon Vogel.

**Grade 10 Citizenship:** Jacob Bemis, Natasha Bickford, Brittany Chapman, Kaylar Cutter, Cory Damm, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Vanessa Gilbert, Cassanda Golden, Scott Goyette, Ashley Gray, Leslie Guertin, Damian Hackett, Heather Hammes, Erin Hannafin, Travis Hopper, Elizabeth Husak, Sonya Itchkavich-Levasseur, Christina Jamieson, Tara Loprete, Whitney Marston, Camille Niquette, Travis Parsons, Brenna Quann, Shayna Randall, David Roberts, Brian Roy, Lyndsey St. Laurent, Kyle Storey, Jason Talon, Michael Tidd, Sarah Tinkham, Jon Vogel, and Ashley Waterman.

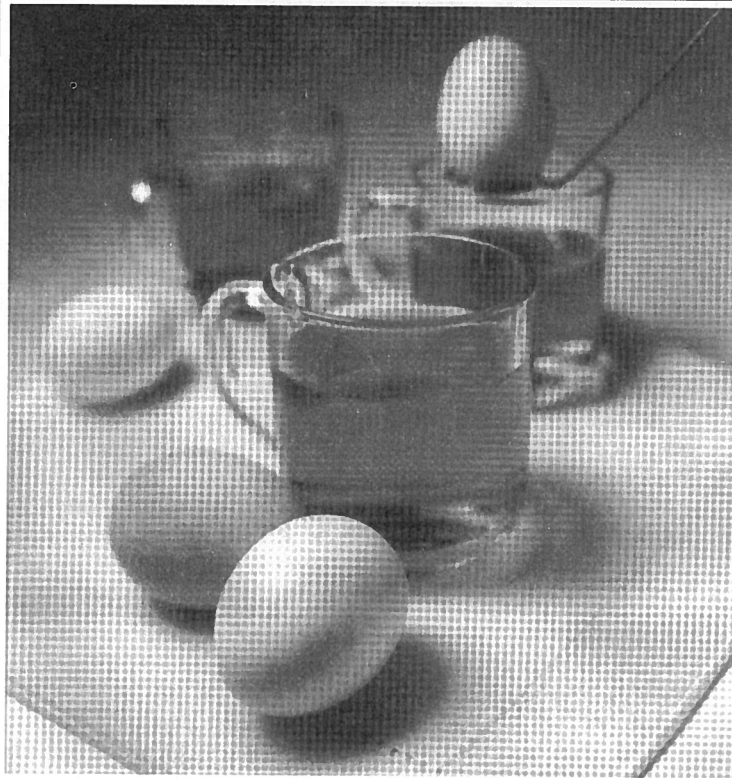
**Grade 11 Honors:** Tamara Cornelissen, Kyle McAuliffe, Tonya Prescott, Daniel Quinn, Meredith Roy, Molly Souliere, and Matthew Sydow.

**Grade 11 Citizenship:** Michelle Allen-Farrior, Kara Castaldo, Tamara Cornelissen, Elspeth Dana, Carl Dickson, Ryan Donnelly, Shane Drew, Melanie Katsoulis, Lindsay Kenerson, Melissa Kim, Chris Langer, Kyle McAuliffe, Krsity McDaniels, Ricky Meuse, Crista Perkins, Tonya Prescott, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, Molly Souliere, Laurence Storey, Matt Sydow, Isaac Tharpe, and Kelsey Yelle.

**Grade 12 High Honors:** Scott Baumgartner and Dennis Callahan.

**Grade 12 Honors:** David Bailey, Katie Brooks, Kendra Brown, Jenn Carr, Millicent Cochran, Jamie Coigley, Ashli Coughlin, Jill Feger, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Terese Hopper, Kristin Murray, Elizabeth Paradise, Kimberly Russell, Tom Ryan, Julie St. Sauveur, and Amanda Tharpe.

**Grade 12 Citizenship:** Adam Ames, Jordan Anahonak, David Bailey, Hilary Ballentine, Scott Baumgartner, Katie Brooks, Kendra Brown, Dennis Callahan, Jenn Carr, Millicent Cochran, Jamie Coigley, Ashli Coughlin, Tiffeny Desmarais, Jill Feger, Michael Friedman, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Terese Hopper, Justine Houghton, Kelly Jalbert, Amanda Jones, Siobhan Kivlehan, Sarah Lamothe, Jessica Lannon, Stephanie Lannon, Kristen Murray, Elizabeth Paradise, Patrick Ricker, Kim Russell, Tom Ryan, Kelley Scanlon, Zachary Shea, Tiffany Simone, Lindsay Sleeper, David Snell III, Julie St. Sauveur, Amanda Tharpe, and Erin Wood.



Most people know  
**Easter**  
 has something to do  
 with dyeing.

*Just a reminder  
 that Jesus Christ  
 rose from the dead,  
 not a cup of  
 food coloring.  
 Experience the joy  
 of his  
 resurrection  
 this Easter.*

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



# Main Street's

## APRIL 2003

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- Tue. 1 APRIL FOOLS DAY, Enjoy!!!  
 Sun. 6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, set clocks ahead  
 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m. - 12 noon  
 Tue. 8 FRIENDS OF GILMAN LIBRARY, 7 p.m., see Checkout  
 Wed. 9 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, ABCCC,  
 11:30 a.m., see story  
 Thu. 10 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community  
 Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon  
 Sat. 12 EASTER EGG HUNT, American Legion Jr. Auxiliary, see  
 story  
 Sun. 13 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m. - 12 noon  
 EASTER HAM RAFFLE, American Legion, see story  
 Mon. 14 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m., see  
 Checkout  
 Tue. 15 HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Library, 7 p.m., see story  
 Wed. 16 PASSOVER begins at sundown  
 Sat. 19 EASTER EGG HUNT, see Fun Of It  
 Sun. 20 EASTER  
 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m. - 12 noon  
 Apr. 24-27 *As You Like It*, Wolfeboro, see story  
 Sat. 26 RABIES CLINIC, see story  
 Sun. 27 BREAKFAST, American Legion, 8 a.m. - 12 noon  
 Tue. 29 ASSEMBLE Main Street, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wed. 30 DOG LICENSES RENEWAL EXPIRES, see Town Clerk

ABCCC=Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; ABB=Alton Bay Bandstand; ACS=Alton Central School

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:  
 (1) P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810 or (2) Bank of New Hampshire (Main Street box). **Be sure to include a phone number.**

### RABIES CLINIC AND DOG LICENSES

By Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

A Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, April 26, from 12:30 - 2 p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140. I was told the New Durham clinic will occur after Alton's, but you should check this out. The cost for the rabies shot is \$8. *Dog licenses will also be available.*

Remember, dog licenses expire on April 30 and are now due for renewal as required by state law. The owner may incur additional costs, such as a civil forfeiture of \$25 plus a late fee of \$1 per month, after May 31.

#### License fees

Male/Female	\$10.00
Neutered/Spayed	\$ 7.50
1st Animal of Sr. Citizen over 65	\$ 2.00

A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing (see information below). If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. If you **no longer** own your dog, we would appreciate your sharing that information with us.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE — HOW IT WORKS

By Ruth Messier, Outgoing Chairman

From November through March is a very busy time for this committee. Some years have been more difficult than others. This year, in many respects, has been most rewarding. Active participation by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) Representative has shown that the BOS and Budget Committee (BC) can work together in the best interests of all the town residents. I want to personally thank Patricia Fuller for all her hard work and for helping us (members of the BC) to see that there can be mutual respect, cooperation, interaction, and exchange of information and recommendations. I pray there will continue to be a BOS representative on the BC who will actively continue to follow the example of this past budgeting season. We know now IT CAN BE DONE!

In addition, I would like to say Thank You to the Town Hall staff. They have gone the extra mile in a sometimes very difficult situation. They are dedicated and very willing to do their job, as well as whatever else is necessary for the benefit of the entire town. I applaud them. Yes, it has been a very rewarding year. I thank the other members of the committee for putting up with me and my sometimes impatience. They have been great! I leave with a smile on my face and humbly thank you all for allowing me to serve you as a member of the Budget Committee.

### IN Main Street FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Compulsory recycling of newspapers, cardboard, and aluminum at the Town Landfill was approved at Town Meeting . . . Grades 4, 5, and 6 presented "James and the Giant Peach," under the direction of Lynn Pelletier . . . Chris Choquette received the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award . . . Russell Jones was elected Chairman of the Board of Selectmen . . . The Friends of the Gilman Library presented "The Shakers: Hands to Work, Hearts to God."

### TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Pat Merrill was honored at a "surprise" dinner for her six years of service as a Selectman . . . Charlotte Kneeland, director of the International Side Saddle Organization, addressed the Alton Historical Society concerning the history and customs of side saddle riding and its place in the last five presidential inaugural parades . . . Parks and Recreation Department sponsored its first Annual Easter Egg Hunt . . . Donald MacDonald presented American Legion Post 72 a photo of an artist's drawing of the escort carrier USS Bismark Sea, depicting the attack by two kamikazes responsible for its sinking.

### FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . March Town Meeting ran for 10 1/2 hours over two days . . . Joshua Kern, grade 7 at Alton Central School, was the winner of the Middle School Spelling Bee . . . an article stated that volunteers were urgently needed for the Tercentennial Committee . . . the results of the first SB2 ballot vote on school issues brought about defeat for all but five articles relating to capital reserve funds . . . the Alton Varsity Baseball Team went to Cooperstown, New York, to play a game on Abner Doubleday Field.

# Information Center

## SCHEDULES

### CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Sevices on the grounds of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Fellowship Supper, 6 p.m., followed by Discipleship Study, 7 p.m. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor; 875-6765
- Community Church — Sun. Service, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Church Street, Sun. School, 9:30 a.m., Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor; 875-5561
- 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
- North Barnstead Congregational Church — Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald
- St. Joan of Arc — Weekend Masses in the Rectory — Sat., 5 p.m. and Sun., 8 and 11 a.m.; weekday Masses, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 a.m. at St. Cecilia's, Wolfeboro; Tue., Thu., and Sat., 8 a.m. at Rectory Chapel; Sun. Mass St Paul's in Barnstead, 9:30 a.m.; Rev. George Ham; 875-7191
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button
- GILMAN LIBRARY:** 875-2550  
Tue. and Thu., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Wed. and Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Sun. and Mon.
- SENIOR MEAL SITE:** 875-7102  
Mon - Fri., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Pearson Rd. Community Center
- SOLID WASTE CENTER:** 875-5801  
Sun., Mon., Fri., and Sat., 7 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Closed Tue., Wed., and Thu.
- Rines Road Pit — As of April 19, Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- TOWN HALL:** 875-2161  
Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.  
Parks and Recreation — 875-0109 for info and appts.  
Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.
- ORGANIZATIONS:**  
Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Comm. Ctr.  
Alton Community Services Prog., Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273  
Alton Masonic Lodge #75 — 2nd Thu. except July & Aug., 875-7448  
American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28  
American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall  
American Legion Jr. Auxiliary — 1st Tue., 6 p.m., Legion Hall  
Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6:30 p.m., Central Fire Station  
Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall  
4-H Club, 1st and 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., Gilman Library, 875-5325  
Flying Club — 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900  
Friends of the Gilman Library — 2nd Tue. (in season), Library  
Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House  
Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., 364-7413 for directions  
Historical Society — Watch for announcements of programs, Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629  
Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center  
Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., The American Legion, 6:30 p.m.  
Moms In Touch — Tue., 12:30 p.m., 875-2866  
Mt. Major Snowmobile Club — 2nd Tue., 7 p.m., JP China, Alton Bay; 875-3858 or <info@mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com>  
OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfeboro — 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-7898  
PTSA. — 3rd Wed., Alton Central School HS 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

- BOARD OF SELECTMEN** — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 p.m. (re-plays on Channel 26 following Thurs. and Fri.), Chairman Stephan McMahon, call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE** — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Ruth Messier, 875-6750
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES** — Meetings posted at Town Hall and Post Office, Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-5095.
- FIRE WARDS** — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Central Fire Station, Chairman Stanley Czech, 875-3815
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE** — Meets on call, Chairman Bill Crocker, 875-2161.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM** — Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES** — Meet on call, Chairman Dick Jones, 875-3855.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** — Meets on call, Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
- PLANNING BOARD** — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Tom Varney, call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD** — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Wayne Fraser, call 875-7890 for appointment.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST** — Meets on call, Chairman MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY** — 3rd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Chairman Nancy Jordan, 875-2550.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS** — Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION** — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Water Department Office, Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.
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**CONCORD CORNER**  
By Senator Rob Boyce  
with Representative Laurie Boyce

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The legislature is in the crunch mode. The House has over 800 bills and 18 constitutional amendments on which they are working. The Senate has over 220 bills. Every one of these has to have had a public hearing and been acted upon by the beginning of April. Bills that have a fiscal impact had to be heard and sent to the finance committees by mid-March.

The time crunch has caused several committees, including Laurie's Municipal and County Government Committee, to schedule hearings on Mondays and Fridays, the days when members can usually plan to attend to their non-legislative lives. The budget is, as usual, at the forefront of fiscal considerations. The finance committees have started the process of grinding through the budget line by line, and they are now running five (or more) days a week.

For the past two years the House has had an on-line audio feed of all their sessions available on the Internet; this year the Senate has added one as well. These are available, along with a wealth of other information, on the state's official web page Webster <www.state.nh.us>. The audio feeds and lists of bills, calendars, and other legislative-related information is at <www.gencourt.state.nh.us>. The House has recently added video taping of their sessions to the technology available to keep the public informed.

On the non-legislative side of state government, there are changes being made to the Webster site to make the information there more "user friendly." One of the first has been a telephone listing of all state offices. The Telephone Directory Search page allows immediate access to agencies and people working for the State of New Hampshire. You can search by department for a state employee, a current topical listing, or view a departmental listing.

As always, if you should have any questions or comments about what is or should be going on in Concord, get in touch with any of your elected representatives. All of our names and telephone numbers are listed in the "Information Center," which is on page 13 of this issue of Main Street.

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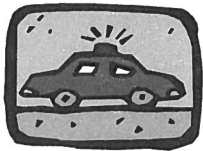
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**TO PROTECT AND SERVE**  
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**HOW'S THIS FOR A  
 SUCCESS STORY?**

This year marks the first year the Town of Alton has placed a police officer in the school on a "full-time" basis. The police department received a three-year federal grant to fund a School Resource Officer (SRO) position.

The SRO model was first established in Flint, Michigan, during the 1950's. The main impetus for the program was to thwart an increase in criminal activity on school campuses. Since then the advent of increased violence in the schools and even the threat of terrorist activity has prompted many communities to enter into a SRO program. Additionally, police departments have adopted a more community-oriented approach to policing, which coincides nicely with SRO objectives.

Although initially the police officer's job in the school was to enforce law and provide security, the role has evolved to include much more than just law enforcement as its main thrust. In Alton the established function of the SRO is threefold:

- a. Law Enforcement
- b. Counseling
- c. Instruction

Most SRO's spend about 40 percent of their time engaged in counseling with students, parents, and teachers regarding some aspect of the law. In many cases the officer's motive is to educate young people about the consequences of certain behaviors. SRO's also use much of their time in the classroom teaching law-related subjects, as well as drug prevention issues to various age groups, including parent groups and teachers.

Since Alton began its SRO program this year, there have been 260 events that have merited a written record. One hundred ninety involved classroom or public presentations and counseling. Thirty-five incidents involved violations of school rules, and thirty-five were criminal investigations.

Mr. Holden, Principal at Alton Central School, has noted that it is extraordinarily advantageous to have a police officer in the school. "Until this program started students would often engage in behavior that would be considered a crime in the 'real' world," he said. "Whether it was harassing or assaulting another student, stealing someone's property, or threatening a peer, it was almost as if students were in a bubble while in school and immune to the laws of society. With the SRO available, he is able to intervene and educate the students about the legal ramifications of their actions and — if necessary — take the matter to the next steps."

Any questions regarding the SRO program can be directed to me at 875-0368 during school hours.



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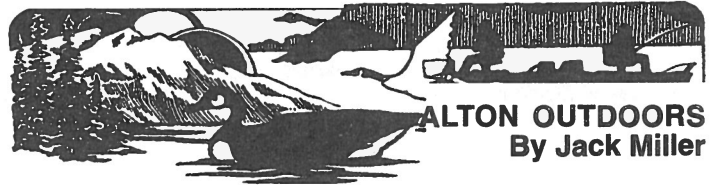
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**ALTON OUTDOORS**  
By Jack Miller

### THE TIME FOR THE BIG FISH!

April is one of my favorite months. It ushers in the spring season's warmer weather and the fishing seasons. For me April 1 means salmon season! It is the time when salmon, lake trout, and rainbow trout can be found almost anywhere on the big lakes, especially in shallow water. The water temperature is right for them to seek their main food source at this time — rainbow smelt, which are in the shallows or fast moving waters to spawn.

April and May are THE months to get out fishing if you want to catch some BIG ones. Night crawlers, live shiners, smelt, lures, or flies will all be productive this month. When this good fishing starts is up to Mother Nature as her icy winter grip gives way to open waters. Remember, it is illegal to fish from the ice as of April 1, and all "bob houses" must be off the ice by that date also.

Any fisher person has their own favorite fishing method and flies. I prefer to troll tandem streamers to catch early salmon. The golden marvel is a favorite streamer of mine, although I have also been successful with many others. My "Becky Hair Fly," which I tie with my daughter's summer blonde hair, and "Bill's Smelt," so named because a friend named Bill taught me how to tie it, have landed many a good fish. I've also had good luck in some years with a green colored streamer. Who knows? You just have to get out there and try.

This year is looking to be particularly good. Last fall's salmon stripping program had an average length of 21 1/2 inches for salmon trapped from Lake Winni. These 4(+) pound salmon give a real exciting fight on a fly rod. Salmon and rainbows are jumpers and leapers, often clearing the water by three to four feet. Lake trout are "doggers," staying down deep, shaking their heads, and trying to roll on the line to lose the hook's grip.

On March 15 I still saw cars and trucks driving on the Big Lake, so there may not be a lot of open water in early April. Wherever there is some, you'll see the die-hard fisher people, including me.

So, will I see you out there?

### ALTON/NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB

By Maureen Parker

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club held a very productive meeting in March. FIDELCO, the guide dog society, was enthusiastically given a \$75 donation towards training of seeing eye dogs. Next, eight members volunteered to man the registration tables for the Second Annual Big Lake Half Marathon which takes place on May 3.

King Lion Warren Pelton reported that Camp Pride in New Durham, a camp supported by Lions throughout New Hampshire for underprivileged children, is booked for the summer with a full camp. Lion A.R. "Van" Van de Meulebroecke went on to report on his experience with Camp Pride. In his words, "it is a wonderful, worthwhile project that the Lions can take a great deal of pride in." The meeting ended with preliminary plans for the Second Annual Alton-New Durham Lions Car Show in August.

Anyone interested in joining this community organization, contact Lion Steve Parker at 875-3117.



**ACS SPELLING BEE WINNER**



Congratulations to Katie Gage, winner of the Alton Central School (ACS) Spelling Bee. Katie was stupendous and went on to the area Spelling Bee in Laconia in late March. The contest was a battle of skill, wit, and intelligence. She endured endless rounds of fiercely challenging words and persevered. ACS is lucky to have her represent the school and community.

**THE VOTERS CHOOSE**

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Co-Editor

On Tuesday, March 11, the voters of Alton went to the polls and made their choices on both the town and school ballots. There were 891 voters who expressed their opinions which was 30.4 percent of the total 2,936 names on the Checklist. The results are listed below.

**Town of Alton Election Results**

The winners are: Selectman, Stephan McMahon; Town Clerk, Lisa Waterman; Tax Collector, Anne Kroeger; Treasurer, Patricia Palmer; Trustee of Trust Funds, Muriel Stinson; Highway Agent, Kenneth Roberts; Library Trustee, Nancy Jordan; Fire Ward for 3 Years, write-in candidate Russ Sample; Fire Ward for 1 Year, George Murphy; Cemetery Trustee, Shirley Lane; Water Commissioner, Edward "Buddy" Peterson; Budget Committee for 3 Years (write-ins), Nina Chambers, Brad Smith, John Brooks; Budget Committee for 2 Years, Gregory Fuller; Budget Committee for 1 Year, Cydney Johnson; Planning Board, Donn Brock and Thomas Varney; Supervisor of the Checklist, Shirley Bishop.

All nine zoning amendments passed by a wide margin.

**'Alton Central School Election Results**

You voted in: School Board for 3 Years, Wayne Fraser and Terri Noyes; School Board for 1 Year, Joyce Hopper; School District Moderator (write-in), Mark Northridge; School District Clerk (write-in), Linda Roy; School District Treasurer (write-in), Shirley Young.

Concerning the Articles: Article II — raising the salaries of the school board, school clerk, and school moderator was defeated; Article III passed keeping the salaries of the school board, clerk, and moderator level funded.

Article IV, \$15,000, for the Expendable Trust Fund, was defeated. Article V, \$15,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund for upgrading sections of the roof, passed as did Article VI for \$20,500 for installing a fire suppression system.

Article VII, \$25,000 for a paving fund of Pine Street Extension and the parking area, was defeated. Also defeated were Article VIII for \$50,000, a Long Range Building Maintenance Fund, and IX, \$93,300 for a Capital Reserve Fund for renovations to the ACS.

Article X passed giving the school an operating budget of \$8,941,154 with which to fund programs, salaries, etc.



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**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK**

By Donald E. Parks  
Superintendent of Schools

**NEXT YEAR ALREADY SHAPING UP**

On behalf of the Alton School Board and myself, we thank you for passage of the school budget for the 2003-2004 school year.

The recruiting of teaching staff for next year is taking place at this time. Interviews are being conducted for two English positions, two elementary positions, and a reading director. In the near future interviews will be conducted for a Spanish teacher and a special education teacher.

The school board will be acting on a recommended calendar for the 2003-2004 school year at its meeting on March 25. As soon as it is approved, it will be distributed so families can make plans for vacations and child care services.

With respect to Prospect Mountain High School, it is hoped within a short time that approval will be given by the NH Department of Environmental Services for the site specific plans and the septic system. The transportation study done by Stephen Pernaw, Inc., has been submitted to the NH Department of Transportation for action. Monumentation and signage will be done on the buffer zones surrounding the wetlands as soon as the snow melts. The building contract with Harvey Construction is in the process of being finalized.

The search for the new principal at Prospect Mountain High School has been completed and a person is to be appointed by March 19. There were four finalists for the position.

The leadership of the JMA Board will change. The agreement between the two districts calls for the chair to rotate between the respective school boards. Wayne Fraser, from Alton, chaired the joint board this year. A person from the Barnstead Board will be chair for 2003-2004.

**MOMS IN TOUCH**

By Phyllis Brooks

Life is fragile, handle with prayer — how true. Just a note to bring you to speed with our most recent change. We have changed our meeting time for the LAST time back to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. I promise we will keep this time for the rest of the year. Please feel free to bring the little ones. If you care to bring a sandwich, join us earlier for lunch.

March 25 I attended a MIT leadership meeting in Dover. I had the opportunity to meet the leaders in Rockingham and Strafford counties. It was encouraging to hear what God is doing in the southern part of the state. Remember, we are just a group of local moms joining together in prayer for our children and our school. Any questions or for directions, please feel free to call 875-2866.

**THE CHECKOUT DESK**

By Holly Brown  
Librarian

**FRIENDS BEGIN NEW SEASON**

The Friends of the Gilman Library will hold their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Founded in 1980 this group has proven to be a real asset. They have supported the library in many ways. We have both active and inactive members. Membership costs just \$2 per year (much less than the cost of a book!) and does so much to help the library. Please consider joining us by becoming a member of the Friends of the Gilman Library. We welcome new ideas and new faces. We look forward to seeing our old friends and look forward to meeting new friends. We hope to see you on the 8th. For more information call 875-2550 or stop in and see us.

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the library. They will share their thoughts on the book entitled *Light in August* by William Faulkner. New members are always welcome. Copies of the book are available at the library.

The Main Street Second Annual Photo Contest display is here at the Gilman Library. The contest theme is "Uniquely Alton," and there are many wonderful photographs from which to choose. Be sure to stop in and vote for your favorite entry.

Just a reminder — We are issuing new bar-coded library cards and updating our patron records. Any library card issued before January 1, 2003, cannot be used with the automation system. It just takes a few minutes to fill out new application cards. Children who are under the age of 14 must have a parent or guardian with them if they wish to receive a new card. In addition, anyone under the age of 18 must have parental permission to use the Internet. It is required that the parent be present to sign the application cards to allow access to the Internet. Again, we appreciate your patience and understanding during this final phase of automation.

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Clearlakes Chorale is a not-for-profit community organization in its 23rd year of existence. Tickets for the concert are \$10 and may be purchased at Black's Gift Shop and Stay Tuned in Wolfeboro or at the door. E-mail <andy\_campbell@brewsteracademy.org> or call 569-7482 for more information.

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**By Ken Roberts  
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**LET THE ROAD WORK BEGIN**

First I would like to thank the voters for their support at the polls on Election Day and again at Town Meeting. I am looking forward to the next three years.

The school road turnout project is scheduled to take place after the closing for summer. Be prepared for delays; we are always sorry for any inconveniences.

Old Wolfeboro Road, phase 1, will start at Karen's Country Kitchen, go to Route 28, and then continue across, but at this time we do not know where it will end for this year. Also, as of right now we do not have a starting date for the project.

The Alton Mountain Road project will be completed this spring. Paving will be completed and some corrections on the road way will be made, including signs.

This has been a very hard winter. There is a deep frost in the ground, about 4 feet or better. The roads have been posted (6 ton limit); If you are doing any projects, please check with the Highway Department before rolling any vehicles over 6 tons onto the town roads.

In advance, our apologies for any delays or inconveniences caused by all the road work that goes on.

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**RECYCLE EMPTY TUBES FOR PROJECTS**

**By Laurie Boyce, ACS Volunteer Chairman**

You can help the Elementary School Art teacher at Alton Central School (ACS). There are supplies needed that cannot be bought. Ms. Vancor told me that she can use empty toilet tissue rolls and paper towel rolls for projects the Elementary students will be doing this spring. Please save up your "empties" and send them to school with your child or drop them off at the office. Thanks from the students.

**THE BEARS ARE HUNGRY**



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**LIVE THE LIFE  
By Cindy & John Duffek**



**SUNKEN TREASURE  
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Does anyone know where we can find some logs that have been submerged in Lake Winnepesaukee for many, many, years? Wondering why? We might want to make an investment!

While doing our RV summering in Mt. Shasta, California, last year, we came upon a most interesting story in *The Sacramento Bee*, the California capital's daily newspaper. It seems the woodwork in the new performing arts center at the University of California at Davis had a very interesting origin.

The Douglas fir used at the center was cut down more than a hundred years ago in British Columbia. During the late 1800's crews from the Howard Logging Company used axes and crosscut saws to bring the trees down. They then hauled them by horses and oxen into the nearby lakes where they would float until they could be taken to the mills. Unfortunately for Howard Logging it went bankrupt, leaving behind a sea of floating timber that eventually sank to the bottom of the lakes. There the cold, oxygen-depleted waters preserved them in a freshly cut state.

In 1997 an entrepreneur from Vancouver, who remembered seeing logs at the bottom of Ruby Lake when he was a child, received the necessary permits and approvals to raise them. Eight were brought up initially, and they were black and slimy and appeared useless. However, when they cut into the first one, it was absolutely perfect and beautiful. Some logs had 90 rings to the inch at some points, indicating how dark and thick the forests must have been and how slowly the trees had grown.

The logs were sold for up to \$10,000 for the largest to the Calgary-based Bacon Veneer Company, which dried and sliced the logs into thin sheets of veneer. There were about 50 logs in all, with diameters up to six feet, yielding a half-million square feet of veneer that now is being used in various building projects in the United States. The veneer is honey colored with a fine vertical grain free of knotholes or swirling patterns. The U.C. Davis project used about \$2.5 million worth of woodwork, about half of that from the Ruby Lake Douglas fir.

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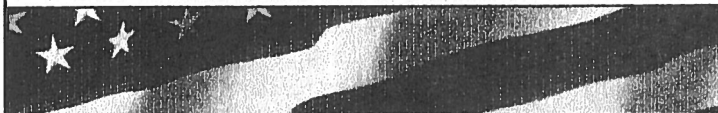
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**LEGION POST AUXILIARY NEWS**

**By Gwen Nadeau, Secretary**

The Junior Auxiliary will visit the Manchester Veterans Hospital on Saturday, April 5, to conduct a bingo session. Our young girls also provide refreshments and the cash prizes to be given out on that day. This is a very popular activity with our hospitalized veterans.

Our Post's Juniors will also sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, at 10 a.m. It's for community children ages 6 and under and will be held indoors at the Legion Hall on Route 28.

The Juniors will also hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 2, at 6 p.m.

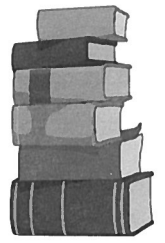
The Senior Auxiliary will hold their annual Easter Ham Raffle on Sunday, April 13, with nine hams and one complete ham dinner being raffled. The proceeds will go to the Auxiliary's needy family program.

On a final note, elections for officers for all three segments of the Legion family — the Legion, Auxiliary, and the Sons of the Legion — will be held in April. With a new slate of officers and the support of the people in this community, we look forward to another very successful year.

**NEW AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY**

**FICTION**

- |                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Archer, Jeffrey          | Sons of Fortune                    |
| Barr, Nevada             | Flashback                          |
| Block, Lawrence          | Small Town                         |
| Braun, Lilian Jackson    | The Cat Who Brought Down the House |
| Coulter, Catherine       | The Penwyth Curse                  |
| Evanovich, J./Hughes, C. | Full Tilt                          |
| Garlock, Dorothy         | A Place Called Rainwater           |
| Green, Tim               | The Fifth Angel                    |
| Griddin, W. E. B.        | Final Justice                      |
| Grisham, John            | The King of Torts                  |
| Lescroart, John T.       | The First Law                      |
| Lowell, Elizabeth        | This Time Love                     |
| McCaffrey, Anne          | Acorn's Rebels                     |
| McGown, Jill             | Death in the Family                |
| Michaels, Fern           | Late Bloomer                       |
| Perry, Anne              | Seven Dials                        |
| Rice, Luanne             | The Secret Hour                    |
| Robards, Karen           | To Trust a Stranger                |
|                          | Whispers at Midnight               |
|                          | The Last Jihad                     |
|                          | Sweet Memories                     |
|                          | The Other Twin                     |
|                          | The Best Revenge                   |
|                          | The Blessing Stone                 |



**NONFICTION**

- |                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Browne, Sylvania    | Contacting Your Spirit Guide |
|                     | Couldn't Keep It to Myself   |
| Gray, John          | Truly Mars & Venus           |
| Perricone, Nicholas | The Perricone Prescription   |

**CHILDREN**

- |                 |                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Adler, David A. | Cam Jansen & the First Day of School Mystery |
| McPhail, David  | Piggy's Pancake Parlor                       |
| Park, Barbara   | Junie B., First Grader, Toothless Wonder     |
| Paulsen, Gary   | How Angel Peterson Got His Name              |
| Rylant, Cynthia | Christmas in the Country                     |
| Wells, Rosemary | Max's New Suit                               |
|                 | Max's Breakfast                              |
|                 | Can You See What I See?                      |
| Wick, Walter    |                                              |

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AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

**COFFEE BREAK**



Brenda Griffin's favorite waitress, Linda, takes a well-deserved coffee break at the Olde Bay Diner. Brenda reports that this is a rare sight to see as Linda is usually very, very, hard at work taking care of customers and always with the smile shown here.

**ALTON COMMUNITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
APRIL**

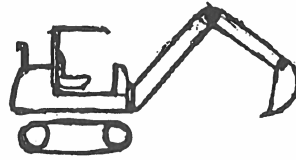
This calendar is a service provided by the Alton Community Youth Activities (CYA) committee. Call 875-8221 for information, suggestions, and corrections.

- Wed 2 Debates, Mastricola Middle School, grade 8, 3:30-5 p.m., Elem Resource Center  
Young Astronauts, grades 3-4, 3-4 p.m., ACS, Mr. Hoehn's classroom
- Thu 3 Scrabble, all grades, 3-4 p.m., ACS cafeteria
- Fri 4 Youth Center, Drop In grades 6-12, 3-9 p.m., CCOA, open to all community youth
- Sun 6 Jr/Sr HS Youth Group, 4-6 p.m., CCOA Youth Center  
Youth Sun. School Classes, 9:30 a.m., CCOA Sun. School, grades 6-8, 9:30 a.m., BC, Rand Hill Rd. Sun. School, grades 9-12, 9:30 a.m., ABCCC, AB Lounge
- Wed 9 Young Astronauts, grades 3-4, 3-4 p.m., ACS, Mr. Hoehn's classroom
- Thu 10 Scrabble, all grades, 3-4 p.m., ACS cafeteria
- Fri 11 Youth Center, Drop In grades 6-12, 3-9 p.m., CCOA, open to all community youth
- Sun 13 Jr/Sr HS Youth Group, 4-6 p.m., CCOA Youth Center  
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- Wed 16 Young Astronauts, grades 3-4, 3-4 p.m., ACS, Mr. Hoehn's classroom
- Thu 17 Scrabble, all grades, 3-4 p.m., ACS cafeteria
- Fri 18 Youth Center, Drop In grades 6-12, 3-9 p.m., CCOA, open to all community youth
- Sun 20 Jr/Sr HS Youth Group, 4-6 p.m., CCOA Youth Center  
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- Wed 23 Young Astronauts, grades 3-4, 3-4 p.m., ACS, Mr. Hoehn's classroom
- Thu 24 Scrabble, all grades, 3-4 p.m., ACS cafeteria
- Fri 25 Youth Center, Drop In grades 6-12, 3-9 p.m., CCOA, open to all community youth
- Sun 27 Jr/Sr HS Youth Group, 4-6 p.m., CCOA Youth Center  
Youth Sun. School Classes, 9:30 a.m., CCOA Sun. School, grades 6-8, 9:30 a.m., BC, Rand Hill Rd. Sun. School, grades 9-12, 9:30 a.m., ABCCC, AB Lounge
- Wed 30 Young Astronauts, grades 3-4, 3-4 p.m., ACS, Mr. Hoehn's classroom

**Legend:** AB=Administration Building; ABCCC=Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; ACS=Alton Central School; BC=Bay Church; CCOA=Community Church of Alton on Church Street; CYA=Community Youth Activities; EM=Enrichment Module; HS=High School; PRCC=Pearson Road Community Center; PRD=Parks and Recreation Department;

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### APRIL ANTICS

For more information on programs or special events, please contact us at 875-0109 or <altonpnr@worldpath.net>.

#### Egg Hunt

For ages 3 - 8. Join in this exciting annual event. Participants will look for hidden eggs filled with surprises around the park. The Egg Hunt will be held at Jones Field on Saturday, April 19. Please wear boots if there is snow on the ground and arrive at the following times: Ages 3 - 4, 10 a.m.; ages 5 - 6, 10:30 a.m.; ages 7 - 8, 11 a.m. The program is free to Alton residents. In case it is snowing or raining on that day, the Egg Hunt will be held inside at the Alton Bay Community Center. Call to verify the location if you are not sure.

#### Adult Co-Ed Softball League

The Parks and Recreation Department's Co-Ed Adult Softball League will have a team captains meeting to set a season schedule and discuss team rules and regulations on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall. Interested teams should contact our department to secure a team slot. Registration fee is \$20 per player and includes a guarantee of 14 games, game balls, and umpires for the season and playoffs. All fees, waiver forms, and completed rosters must be turned in at the second captains meeting on Thursday, May 15. Call 875-0109 to register your team to play or to be placed on a list to join a team. The season is scheduled to begin June 9.

#### Country Line Dancing Lessons for Adults of All Ages

Lessons are held every Thursday at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Learn new dances every week. Meet new people and exercise by dancing. Beginners are welcome. The program fee is \$3 for the season and proceeds benefit the Senior Bingo program. Please call for more information.

#### Welcome New Staff Member

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to welcome our new staff member, Rich Maltais, from Gilmanton. Mr. Maltais joins our other staff member, John Bishop, who maintains the town buildings and park and recreational areas. Mr. Maltais brings many valuable skills and ideas to our department and is also a volunteer nature guide for the Audubon Society.

### LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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

March 31 - April 4: Mon., Veal Parmesean; Tue., Creamed Chipped Beef or Chicken; Wed., Grilled Chicken/Gravy; Thu., BBQ Riblet; Fri., Macaroni & Cheese.

April 7 - 11: Mon., Cheese Omelet; Tue., Chicken Primavera; Wed., Meat Loaf/Brown Gravy; Thu., Battered Dip Fish Filet; Fri., Stuffed Shells/Sauce.

April 14 - 18: Mon., Chicken Filet/ Tue., Pork Sausage or Salisbury Steak/Gravy; Wed., Stuffed Peppers; Thu., Holiday Ham Dinner or Fish; Fri., Tuna Casserole.

April 21 - 25: Mon., Pork Cutlet/Gravy; Tue., Stuffed Shells/Sauce; Wed., Shepherd's Pie; Thu., Hot Dog; Fri., Fish & Cheese Filet.

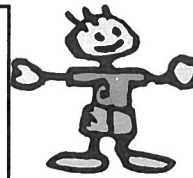
April 28 - May 2: Mon., Baked Ham/Sauce or Turkey/Gravy; Tue., Beef Stew; Wed., Baked Chicken; Thu., Meat Loaf/Onion Gravy; Fri., Pot Roast/Brown Gravy.

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**CARDS OF SYMPATHY**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our relatives, friends, and neighbors for all their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved mother and sister, Ruth A Jones.

/s/Ben Jones, Sr., Kathy Pepin, and Kay Shilo

The Benjamin Jones family would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Kristin Stearns for her love and support before and after the death of Ben's mother, Ruth Jones. Kristin made a very difficult time bearable for all of us. Words alone cannot express what your support meant to us. Thank you, Kristin, from the bottom of our hearts.

Thanks also go out to our many friends and family who supported us in the way of love and food.

A very special thank you goes to the nurses of SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation of Wolfeboro. Your care of Ruth and our family was greatly appreciated. You are all very special people.

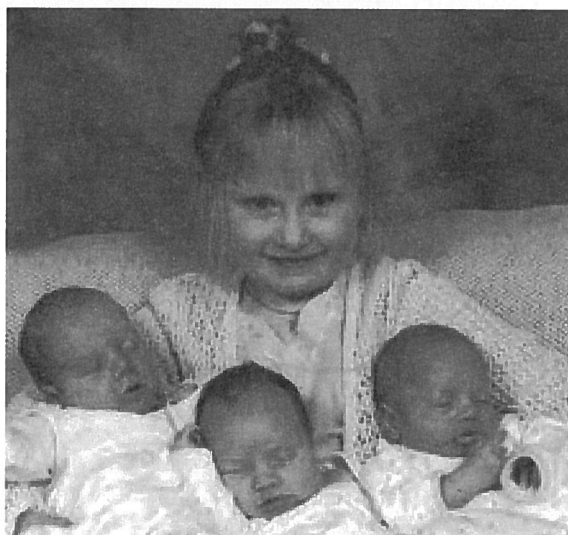
With never-ending love and appreciation,  
/s/Ben, Lisa, Ben Jr., Brian, Kelly Jones

**CARD OF THANKS**

My sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their recognition of my meager efforts these past years on the Budget Committee and for the plaque presented to me. I will treasure it.

Thank you to members of the Budget Committee for the lovely bouquet presented to me at Town Meeting. It's not often you can get away with surprising me, but this time you did! I thank you all for a very rewarding year and wish you good luck. It has been my pleasure to serve with you.

/s/Ruth Messier

**CARD OF APPRECIATION**

We wish to thank all our friends at Town Hall and in Alton for extending their good wishes upon the birth of our triplets and for providing our new babies with all your donations, gifts, and cards. You have not forgotten our oldest child, Kasmiera, who is now 5, shown above with (left to right) Nicolaus, Melinda, and Manuel. We are very grateful and your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

/s/Cathy (Rockwood) and Manuel Breest  
Ayer, Massachusetts

**NEW FORESTRY VEHICLE**



The Alton Fire/Rescue Department has recently received the Forestry Utility Vehicle approved at the 2002 Town Meeting. It is capable of carrying 300 gallons of water with 10 gallons of Class A fire-fighting foam. The vehicle's four-wheel drive will transport extinguishing agent, attack line equipment, forestry tools — as well as a crew — directly to where needed in the woods or other off-road location. The unit also has utility space for the transport of equipment that would be used in day-to-day emergency operations.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY BEGINS NEW SEASON**

**By Pat Merrill, President, Alton Historical Society**

The Alton Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the 2003 season on Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m., Gilman Library. There will be a short business meeting, followed by our program, "Walking in Switzerland." Surely it will come as no surprise that our speaker is none other than our "own" Mary Batchelder, talking to us about her latest hiking experiences.

"Walking in Switzerland" is an account of two hiking holidays. In 1999 Mrs. B went on a series of day hikes from two areas — Appenzell in the Alpstein region and Engelberg not far from Lake Lucerne. In 2001 a return trip took her back to Appenzell to do a five-day, backpacking, hut-to-hut hike in the Alpstein, followed by another five-day trip from hut-to-hut in the Bernese Oberland, a new area for her.

We can be fairly certain it will also be a new area for the rest of us! We shall look forward to it with a great deal of anticipation. Our hostesses for the evening will be Judy Fry and Nina Leidtke. We look forward to seeing you there.

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