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HANNAFORD ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR NEW ALTON STORE

Press Release Submitted by Hannaford Bros.

Hannaford Bros. Co., parent company of Hannaford Supermarkets and Hannaford Food & Drug Stores announced today that it plans to construct a 36,000 square foot store near the traffic circle at Route 28 and Route 11 on a parcel of land near McDonald's Restaurant on Range Road. An office of Meredith Village Savings Bank will open adjacent to the store.

Hannaford spokesperson Caren Epstein indicated that the owner of the land, Bob Bahre, would be presenting site plans to the planning board on March 22 for discussion at their April 12th meeting.

"There's been a fair amount of speculation regarding the identity of the tenant since Mr. Bahre initially approached the planning board in August 2003. We wanted to put that speculation to rest and let Alton residents know that we're excited about the opportunity to serve them," she said.

The proposed supermarket, Hannaford's 24th in New Hampshire, would include a pharmacy, Hannaford's signature natural and organic food department, Nature's Place, as well as a full service butcher shop, produce and seafood departments, and a bakery and deli.

"For Alton residents who are familiar with our Northwood store, this store will be the same size, with a similar appearance," Epstein said. In a follow up email to Main Street, Epstein clarified that the Alton Hannaford will be approximately 3/4 the size of the Gilford Hannaford, and a little more than half the size of the Rochester store.

The store will employ approximately 100 full and part-time associates.

"We're very excited at the prospect of opening an office in Alton," says Bill Beyer, president and CEO of the \$420 million mutual savings bank. "It's a great community and we're looking forward to becoming part of it."

Becoming part of the community goes beyond providing deposit and lending services to individuals, families and businesses, according to Beyer. "We believe in volunteering in the community, supporting local projects, and be-

ing an active participant in community life." As proof of MVSB's active involvement in the communities it already serves, Beyer cites the over 10,640 hours of time the bank's 167 employees spent working with different community groups and organizations during 2003.

Although the bank will be attached to the supermarket, it will offer both drive-up and walk-in services. "For convenience we are planning on having a drive-up window, a drive-up night depository, and an ATM," says Beyer. "We are also planning on being open seven days a week." Inside the office customers will find a teller line, customer service areas designed for privacy, safe deposit boxes, offices to meet with bank staff on commercial, consumer and residential lending, and other "non-traditional services" such as insurance and investments.

Part of the development process will include traffic and road improvements as determined by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

"We'd like to open the store as soon as possible," Epstein said, noting that the project's timeframe is dependent on receipt of necessary permits and approvals from the Alton Planning Board and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services among others.

Hannaford Bros. Co., based in Scarborough, Maine, operates 122 supermarkets and food and drug combination stores in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and Massachusetts. These stores operate under the Hannaford name. Hannaford employs more than 21,000 associates. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Delhaize America, Inc. which in turn is owned by Delhaize Group of Brussels, Belgium. Additional information about the company can be found at its web site www.hannaford.com

Meredith Village Savings Bank is a \$420 million mutual savings bank that is dedicated to serving individuals, businesses and communities in Grafton, Belknap and Carroll counties. It currently has seven offices located in the communities of Gilford, Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Ashland and Plymouth. It has recently announced that in addition to the office in Alton, it will be building an office in Laconia and an additional office in Plymouth. More information about the bank can be found at www.mvsb.com



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VNA/HOSPICE GERANIUM SALE

By Alice Calvert and Mary Ann Pollini, Co-Chairmen

Winter winds have stopped and snow and ice nearly gone. Time to think Spring. Before Mother's Day and Memorial Day, on May 8 the Sixth 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, the Alton Town Hall, the 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 these locations. Deadline for orders is April 10.

Plants can be picked up on the lawn of the Bank of New Hampshire in Alton on May 8 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Extra plants will be available to purchase at this time.

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EAST ALTON FIRE ASSOCIATION HOSTS SPEAKER

By Judy Fry

On Saturday evening, April 24th, the East Alton Fire Association will host a talk by Jeannie Ferber about her travels to Russia where she and Russian friends open small libraries in rural villages. The simple ways of village life, as well as the great caring and kindness of the people, will strike a chord with all who listen to the warm-hearted story. Jean and associate, Nikolai Arjannikov, co-founded the not-for profit organization "Access to Ideas" in January 2000. Last November they completed the organization's sixth library in the Ural Mountains of Siberia. Jean will be bringing music, photographs, and gifts from the villages to share during her talk. You'll leave having heard a real Russian adventure and perhaps even having learned a few Russian words.

The program begins at 7:00 P.M. and will be held at Central Fire Station, Rt. 140, Alton Village. Look forward to a warm evening after a long, cold winter.



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Plain, Belva	The Sight of the Stars
Robb, J.D.	Divided in Death
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DeGeneres, Ellen	The Funny Thing is---

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Follett, Ken	Night over Water
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Rendell, Ruth	The Keys to the Street
Rule, Ann	Every Breath You Take

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE COFFEE
By Nancy Pritchard

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DOG LICENSES EXPIRE APRIL 30th
By Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk

Dog licenses expire on April 30, 2004 and are now due for renewal as required by state law. The owner may incur additional costs such as a civil forfeiture of \$25.00 plus a late fee of \$1.00 per month after May 31st.

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

A self-addressed, stamped envelope is required if you renew by mail. The address is Alton Town Clerk, PO Box 637, Alton, NH 03809. Please call the Town Clerks office between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 if you **no longer** own your dog or have any questions. The telephone number is 875-2101.

The **rabies clinic** will be held on Saturday, April 17th at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 12:30 to 2:00. The cost is \$10.00 per shot

MAD MOOSE SCARE OVER
By R. Trevlac

Alton residents have been assured that the recent Mad Moose outbreak did not put anyone at risk of developing the disease. Authorities confirmed that the moose originally suspected of having the little known virus was infected, but posed no risk to human beings. This news has been widely welcomed by those who enjoy moose from time to time, and especially members of the New England Moose Market.

Last Friday, Alton resident April Phule called emergency responders requesting assistance at a neighbor's home. April and her husband, Ernest Phule, well known to emergency responders throughout central New Hampshire, reported that a moose with Mad Moose disease had infected their neighbor, Stu "Squirrel" Simpson.

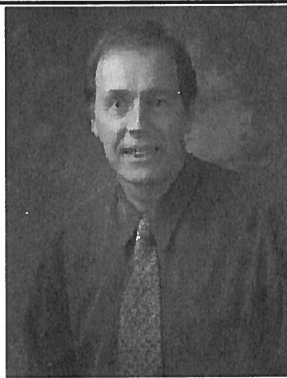
Upon arrival at the Simpson home, authorities observed that Simpson was acting irritable and anxious. Still, skeptical of Mrs. Phule's current claim, authorities consulted the noted veterinarian Dr. Argeiz Sema. Dr. Sema confirmed that Mad Moose disease does exist, but it can not be transmitted to human beings. Dr. Sema cautioned that an infected moose acts a little differently, but there is no danger to humans who have contact with the Mad moose. "A moose with Mad Moose disease appears to be talking to himself," Dr. Sema elaborated. "We do not understand why Mad moose act this way, but there are no biological differences between a Mad moose and a normal moose. Furthermore, there has never been a single confirmed report Mad Moose behavior being transmitted to humans."

Dr. Sema has been deluged with calls for information about Mad Moose disease, and has set up a Mad Moose Hotline:875-2151.

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**IN Main Street
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . April 3, 1989 was the end of an era as the Oak Birch Inn was consumed by flames, despite the efforts of over one hundred firemen from Alton and surrounding communities... Stanley Moulton and David McKenney were elected to the School Board... The Lions Club Penny Sale proceeds will benefit the Playground Fund at Alton Central School (ACS)... The Sophomore class at ACS is sponsoring Donkey Baseball to raise funds for their class chemical free trip in two years...

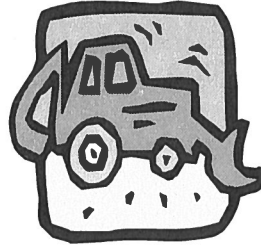
TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Reuben Wentworth was re-elected Selectman for three years... An addition to the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service building was constructed recently. Many volunteers turned out to put up a room which will provide office and training space... Alton Central School Choir celebrated St. Patrick's Day by presenting a concert for senior citizens at the Pearson Rd. Community Center...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Students of the ninth grade Civics class are nearly through a special course, "You and the Law Program" working with the Alton Police Department. Students learned basic crime scene investigating processes including fingerprinting... Ben Locke scored his 1000th point in basketball on February 16th. He accomplished this in two years... For the second year Joshua Kerns, an eighth student at ACS is the winner of the Middle School Spelling Bee. He will represent the school in the Regional competition... The annual meeting of the Central New Hampshire Blackfly Breeders Association (CNHBBA) will be held in Alton in May... The featured speaker will be Ivan Itche, president of the Maine Mosquito Association. He will discuss comparative itches from the two insects...

**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent**



Welcome to mud season, keep your boots nearby! We are going to have a very wet and muddy spring.

The roads have been officially posted as of March 5th; meanwhile the highway crew is out raking the graveled roads, and still cleaning culverts. We will be sweeping the roads as soon as we can, we ask for your patience and understanding through the starting of the spring weather.

Please check your driveway culverts so they are clear for the spring run off. This will protect your driveway as well as the roadway.

New road name signs will be installed as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

We ask that if you see a problem or a potential problem with a town road please call, sometimes we don't see it all. Your phone calls are very important.

Please have a safe and happy spring!

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....in 1803 twenty-six school districts were organized in Alton? The building first used for this purpose was at the corner of Church and School Streets and was erected in 1803. This little red schoolhouse was used for sixty-six years. It later became a blacksmith shop and burned in 1951. In those early years the classes were held mostly in the summer.

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**ALTON POLICE LOG FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2004
TO FEBRUARY 29, 2004**

The Alton Police Department responded to 476 calls for service during the above period.

There were 22 arrests.

- * Melissa J McLean of Farmington was arrested for Disobeying an Officer, Habitual Offender & Speed.
- * A 17-year-old female of Durham was arrested for Transportation of Liquor by a Minor, Falsifying Physical Evidence & Negligent Driving.
- * John A Bechard of Alton was arrested for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Bail Jumping & Violation of Protective Orders.
- * A 15-year-old female of Alton was arrested for Disorderly Conduct & Simple Assault.
- * A 14-year-old female of Alton was arrested for Disorderly Conduct & Harassment.
- * Pierre R Bonin of Alton was arrested on a Bench Warrant.
- * Christopher Ryan of Gilford was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.
- * Jason R Tarbell of Manchester was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.
- * A 17-year-old male of Alton was arrested for Simple Assault.
- * Paul A Frohock of Alton was taken into protective custody & released.
- * A 17-year-old male of Mashpee MA was arrested for Transporting Alcoholic Beverage by a minor.
- * Mikja S Leavitt of Concord was arrested for Open Container.
- * Richard V Dahl of New Durham was arrested for Possession of Controlled Drugs.
- * Justin D Swift of Alton was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.
- * An 11-year-old female, a 12-year-old female & a 12-year-old male all of Barnstead were arrested for Vandalism & Criminal Trespass.
- * Susan P Richards of Gilford was taken into protective custody & released.
- * Timothy MacDonald of Alton was arrested on a warrant.
- * Julie D Desmond of Alton was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Speed & Failure to Obtain a NH Drivers License within 60 days.
- * Jeffrey M Smith of Ctr Barnstead was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving After Revocation or Suspension.
- * John R Boudreau of Alton was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated & Failure to Yield at Stop Sign.

There were 14 accidents.

The Police Department responded to 24 alarm calls.

There was 1 assault incident

There were 7 domestic complaints, two of which resulted in arrests.

There were 6 reports of destruction of property.

There were 194 Motor Vehicle stops of which 22 were issued citations.

There were 17 animal calls.

- * A report of two dogs fighting.
- * A report of a dog attacking a male & his dog.
- * A report of a dog attacking a female & her dog.
- * Two animal citations were issued.
- * Three animal warnings were issued.

NOTE: The Town of Alton has a leash law. All dogs have to be on a leash or under verbal command at all times.

There were 15 incidents involving juveniles.

- * There was a report of a 17-year-old female taking her parents car without consent.
- * There was a report of two females harassing & bullying a third female.
- * There was one report of onr juvenile going through another juveniles locker.
- * There was one report of Vandalism & Criminal Trespass & three juvenile arrests were made.
- * There was one report of abuse. Investigation determined it was unfounded.
- * One report of harassing phone calls to J P China.
- * Assisted Alton Fire & Rescue with a walk-in medical issue.
- * One report of Criminal Trespass & Prowling at Shields Gas Station & Daves Repair.
- * One report of two females not returning home at scheduled time. Caller cancelled, the females returned.

There were 7 reports of theft.

- * A report of theft of a snowmobile trailer.
- * A report of theft of two generators from the Prospect Mountain High School site.
- * A report of theft of scratch tickets from Alton Circle Grocery.
- * A report of theft from a donation canister at Alton Central School.
- * A report of theft of gas from Alton Village Store.
- * A report of theft of tools from a residence on Main St.
- * A report of theft of items at a residence on Mt Major Hwy.

The Police Department assisted with several miscellaneous reports, including a report of shots fired on Hamwoods Rd. Investigation determined it was fireworks discharged in celebration of the Patriots winning.

There are currently eleven separate criminal cases that are active and under investigation.



**ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller**

Oh boy! April is here! It is my favorite month because of salmon season. April 1st is the start of the open water fishing season and salmon, lake trout and rainbows are all available now. Alton is lucky to have one of the few places where landlocked salmon are located. If you have never been to the bay in the beginning of April, take a trip there. It doesn't matter what the weather is, you'll see lots of fishermen and women.

Smelt are spawning now and draw these game fish into the shallows where they are more easily caught. Some people troll sewn on smelt, streamers that look like smelt, spinners or plugs. Others throw bait from shore with a bobber. Everyone has their favorite tactics.

I like to use my ultra lite canoe in the early season as I can get into any accessible water before the whole lake is ice free and the motor boats get there. More and more people are using kayaks to fish from. I mentioned wearing life vests last month and I will say it again, wear them. If you use a kayak, remember that the lower profile and smaller size, makes you much less visible. Be sure to also wear bright clothing. My wife almost got run over last summer while in her camo colored kayak. She now has a bright hunter orange hat she always wears.

If you fish from a power boat, be aware of your surroundings. It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of the catch. Paddled craft have the right of way and you must go around slower boats. It's great fun to be out there, but stay safe.

April is THE month to catch delicious, fresh fish while enjoying Alton's outdoors.
See you out there!

**CLASS OF 2004 YARD SALE
by: Linda C. Roy, Senior Class Advisor**

The Seniors of the Class of 2004 will be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday, April 10, 2004 (rain date will be April 17th) at the Town Hall in order to raise the remaining funds due for the class trip scheduled in early May to Boston. We know that spring cleaning will be starting pretty soon so if you would like to donate something to the class, please feel free to bring it to Linda Roy or Kim Kelliher at Alton Central School or call us at 875-0382 and we will be happy to pick it up. We appreciate everything that the community has done for this class as it is the last graduating class of "Alton Central School". **THANK YOU!!**



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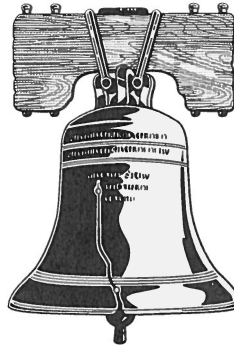
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By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

Adult Co-Ed Softball League

The Alton Parks and Recreation Departments 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 22, at 6:30pm at the Alton Town Hall. Interested teams returning from last season should contact the Parks and Recreation Department to secure their team slot. Registration fee is \$20 per player and includes a guarantee of 14 games, game balls, umpires for the season and playoffs and a season end cookout. All fees, waiver forms and completed rosters must be turned in at the captains second meeting on May 13, 2004. Call 875-0109 to sign up your team to play or to be placed on a list to join a team.

Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 5, rain date is June 6 from 9am-3pm. 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 5, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 before May 11 with your Yard Sale location. Late sign ups will not be taken due to printing deadlines. When calling please 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 there were over 70 locations. There is no charge to have your Yard Sale listed and no charge for the maps. This is a fun community event. Maps will be available after May 21 at the Parks and Recreation Department, Town Hall, Bank of NH and Alton 5&10.

Egg Hunt Ages Infant-9 years

Join in the fun at this traditional Parks and Recreation Department event as we look for hidden eggs at Jones Field Recreation Area. The Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 10 for ages infant to 9 years old, please bring a bag or container to collect your eggs in. Participants will be divided into age groups and will all receive plastic eggs filled with candy and a special surprise. Please arrive at the following times: Ages infant-3 years- 9am; Ages 4 & 5- 9:30am; Ages 6 & 7- 10am and Ages 8 & 9- 10:30am. The event is free to all Alton residents. In case of rain the hunt will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center. Please call us at 875-0109 to confirm the location if you are not sure.

Flashlight Egg Hunt Grades 5-8

Back by popular demand the Parks and Recreation Department has joined with the Community Youth Activity (CYA) Group to sponsor this exiting and adventurous

program. The Egg Hunt will be held on Friday, April 9 at Liberty Tree Park at 8pm. Please bring a flashlight and a container to collect your eggs in. To add a little challenge for the participants the eggs will be hidden in the dark and the beam from the flashlights will light the way. All participants will receive eggs and a bonus prize.

Play, Learn and Grow Program

Join in this drop-in program co-sponsored with the Giggles and Grins Resource Center. This free program is open to all children newborn to 5 years of age and will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center, located on Lake Winnepesaukee, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am; everyone is welcome. Come and meet new parents and other children. Activities include: free play, snack time, activity or craft, reading books and more. Parents must stay with their child during the program and are asked to please bring a snack for their child. Please drop by and join our fun program, its a wonderful way to meet new people and get involved in a community program.

Backyard Compost Bin Sale in Honor of Earth Day

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Backyard Compost Bin Sale in celebration of Earth Day 2004. In an effort to reduce household leftovers from preparing food in your kitchen from being thrown away, the Alton Parks and Recreation Department has joined a statewide effort to recycle the table scraps into rich, soil amendment. It is estimated that 25% of the average households waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps which can easily be composted. Think of the space and money that would save in filling the landfills and reducing trash disposal costs. Through May 22, 2004, a home compost bin and how-to-guide with a combined retail value of \$80 can be purchased for \$35. The bin is black, has a ten-year warranty, and is made of recycled plastic. It is approximately 33" high and 33" wide, or large enough for a family of five. Look for order forms at the Parks and Recreation Department, Town Hall, Alton Home and Lumber Center and the Alton 5&10. For more information or to have an order form mailed to you please call us at 875-0109. Alton already recycles 25% of its disposables. Lets boost that number higher while helping our gardens grow.

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FROM THE PLANNER'S DESK By Peer Kraft-Lund

Project denial. People ask me at different times why doesn't the Planning Board start denying some of the many projects. As any one who has served on a board knows, it is not that simple. There are other people that will tell you that if an applicant follows the "rules," as expressed in the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, they must be approved. Again, it is not that simple.

The truth of the matter is that "approval" is all about impact mitigation. Impact mitigation is planner/engineer talk for addressing the possible harm that can occur because of a new proposal. In planner/engineer talk, there are three key elements in application processing: impact identification, impact analysis and impact mitigation. In people talk, board members first must address elements of the proposal that might cause harm to the human and natural environments? Then the members determine how much harm will occur, and lastly, they request the applicant to provide them with strategies to prevent that harm from happening.

A project that will have a significant negative impact that cannot be mitigated should be denied. Lets say a proposal, when built-out; will generate an excessive amount of traffic on a sensitive interchange. If the applicant refuses to provide a design that demonstrates an alternate to the "grid locked" interchange, a denial would be in order.

On the other hand, new proposals can have positive impacts. A new commercial project might reduce the amount of miles people previously traveled. The same business might bring in more property taxes and create jobs.

Activities. Things are very busy in the Land Use Office. Since the beginning of the year –written on April 8th – there has been 34 permits issued. Of the permits, 16 permits are for new houses. The Planning Board is now processing 8 subdivisions, which will result in 73 new lots. They are also processing 6 site plans, 5 Mergers, and 5 Boundary Line Adjustments.

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First Aid- April 20th, May 19th, June 16th.

Course Schedule at Kingswood Regional School in Wolfeboro:

Adult CPR- April 20th and May 18th

All courses are from 6:00pm to 10:00pm The cost for each course in Laconia is \$35.00 and in Wolfeboro is \$40.00. Discounted rates for Blue Cross/Blue Shield members. Discounted rates are also offered if more than one course is taken. Call your Greater White Mountain Chapter American Red Cross in Laconia at 524-5414

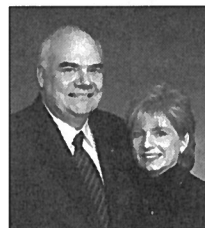
TWO FIDDLES TO LEAD BARN DANCE

By Cate Barraford

Barnstead will hold a good old-fashioned barn dance in April. Save Saturday evening, April 17th and meet your neighbors at Town Hall at 8 PM. Two Fiddles, who are well known and very popular NH musicians and callers, will teach and lead us in the dances – circle, squares and reels. This event will be a fun evening for all ages and may even be the first annual Barnstead Barn Dance.

Two Fiddles, also known as Dudley and Jackie Lauffman, were selected to be the Artists-in-Residence at the Barnstead Elementary School this winter. Each year the PTA matches the school funding for creative arts program for the students and this year the children quickly got into the swing of things with Two Fiddles. If they can do it, so can we.

Mark your calendar –April 17th — and plan to join in the fun. No experience is required. The Lauffmans teach each dance and promise to keep it simple. And even if you only try a few dances, the music and the company and the homemade desserts will be great. The Barn Dance is sponsored by the Oscar Foss Memorial Library and hosted by the Congregational Church of North Barnstead. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 per person or \$10 for a family.



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TOWN HALL NOTES

By E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Although Town elections and Town Meeting is over, its business as usual at the Town Hall. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated in the process.

Town Hall offices (with the exception of the Tax Collector and Town Clerk) will be moved next month. New carpeting and restoration of the woodwork has been put out to bid.

The lobby display case and Heidke room have been decorated with an art display provided by the Alton Central School students, Grades Kindergarten - Seven. The Town Hall is open from 8:30AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday.

The Board of Selectmen has been re-organized as follows:

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| Patricia Fuller, | Chairman |
| Alan Sherwood, | Vice-Chairman |
| James Washburn, | Selectman |
| Stephan McMahan, | Selectman |
| Cris Blackstone, | Selectman |

We invite public participation at all Selectmen's Meetings. The Board meets on the First and Thrid Monday of every month at 6:00PM. Other meetings may be scheduled as necessary. Notices of meetings are posted at the Town Hall and the Central Post Office on School Street., An agenda packet is available for public viewing on the Friday prior to a meeting and is located in the lobby. It contains minutes of meetings and information to be discussed during the Selectmen's meeting.

A Town web-site is in the process of being developed and should be on-line within the next few months. More on that in future editions of Main Street.

There are additional Town and School Annual Reports available at the Town Hall as long as they last.

Other committees meet at the Town Hall including the Planning Board, ZBA and Conservation Commission and the Downtown Revitalization Committee. These meetings are posted. If you would like to volunteer for any of these groups, please contact us. The public is welcomed to attend these meetings.

We continue to receive questions about E9-1-1, please call 875-0207 if you have any concerns. We would appreciate having all house numbers in place by the end of May.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Do you suspect food rules your life? Overeaters Anonymous may be the answer for you. It is not a diet club, but a Fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. OA offers mutual support. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. OA meets on Thursday nights at the Alton Bay Community Center from 5:30-6:30. Contact person: Nancy - 875-5875.

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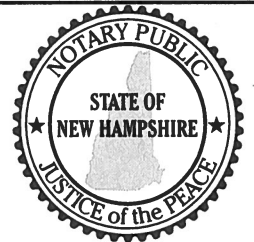
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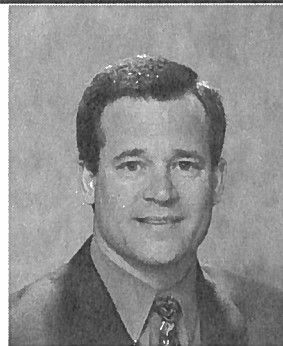
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Shots For Tots, Teens, and In-Betweens: provides immunizations for children to age 19. For dates and location, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

"Caring Caregivers" Support Group: a support group for caregivers of the memory-impaired and others in long term caregiving situations. The day group generally meets on the first and third Monday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30am. The evening group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Regular meetings are held at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Please contact Pat Marceau at CH&H (524-8444, ext. 343) for additional information.

Community Health & Hospice welcomes volunteers and provides training in all programs. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Bev Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator, at Community Health & Hospice, 780 N. Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246 or call (603) 524-4339, ext. 348 or (toll-free) (800) 244-8549 in New Hampshire.

APRIL EVENTS

- Sat. 10 Deadline for VNA/Hospice Geranium Orders (p.2)
Senior Class Yard Sale, Town Hall (p.7)
Easter Egg Hunt (p.8)
- Mon.12 Alton's Book Chat, Gilman Library, 6:30pm (p.20)
- Wed.17 Rabies Clinic Central Fire Sta., 12:30-2pm (p.4)
Barn Dance, Barnstead Town Hall (p.10)
Gilman Museum Button Collecting lecture and display, 2pm (p.16)
Improving Sibling Relationships program, ACS, 12:30-3pm (p.23)
- Tue. 20 Alton Historical Society Photo Historian program, Gilman Library, 7pm (p.22)
Raising Children Today program, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30-8pm (p.23)
- Thu. 22 Adult Softball League team captains meeting, Town Hall, 6:30pm (p.8)
- Sat. 24 East Alton Fire Association speaker Jeannie Ferber, Central Fire Station, 7pm (p.2)
Discover Wild New Hampshire, Fish and Game, Concord, 10am-3pm (p.19)
- Fri. 30 Dog Licenses Expire (p.4)

Bereavement Support Group: Community Health & Hospice offers a Bereavement Support Group at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Call Carolyn Stevenson, 524-8444, ext. 321 for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets weekly on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center on Route 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Also Tues., Cong Church Ossipee, Sat., Huggins Hospital Wolfboro. Call 434-7578 for more information. All are welcome.

Young Family Program: the Community Health & Hospice is offering a free Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) to parents of children ages four months through five years. The ASQ is a parent-completed screening system to help identify children who should be referred for a comprehensive assessment for medical, special education, early childhood education, mental health, and social services. For more information or to request a questionnaire, call Carol at 524-4339, ext. 346.

Blood Pressure Clinics: Blood Pressure Clinics are held at the Alton Senior Center, Pearson Road, the second Thursday of the month from 10:30am to noon.

American Red Cross Blood Services: Red blood cells have a shelf life of only forty-two days, so new reserves must be added to hospital inventories every day. If you would like information about becoming a regular blood donor, contact the American Red Cross Blood Services - New England Region at 1-800-843-3500, or go to www.newenglandblood.org/nh for a list of blood drives.

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., 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28
American Legion Auxiliary -- 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Jr. Auxiliary -- 1st Wed., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Family--2nd Monday 7:30pm, Legion Hall
Boy Scout Troop 53 -- Wed., 7 pm, Central Fire Station
Cub Scout Pack 53 -- Last Wed., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
4-H Club, see website <www.alton4H.org>
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., Sr. Center, 875-3858 or <info@mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com>
- OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfboro -- 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-7898
- Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Thursdays, 5:30, Alton Bay Community Center. Call 434-7578
- PTSA. -- 3rd Wed., Alton Central School HS Library, 7 p.m.
Senior Citizens -- 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center; whist club Mon. & Thurs. 1-3pm, Bingo Tues, Weds, Fri, 1-2pm Pearson Road Community Center.
Sons of the American Legion, 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Legion Hall
VFW -- 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Baha'i Fireside -- Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road

Bay Church -- 9:30am Sunday School, Church on Rand Hill Rd, 11am Worship Service, ABCCC; Weds. Prayer meeting - 6:45pm, Church on Rand Hill Rd. To confirm call 875-5211

Community Church -- Sun. Service, 9:30am, Main Street Church Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor; 875-5561

First Free Will Baptist Church -- Sun. School, 9:45 am; Church, 11 am; Evening Service, 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason

North Barnstead Congregational Church -- Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 am, 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald

St. Katharine Drexel -- Weekend Masses Sat. 4pm, Sun., 8:30am and 10:30am; weekday Masses, Mon. through Fri., 8am; Rev. George Ham; 569-2548

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Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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FIRE WARDS -- 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm, Central Fire Station, Chairman Ken Roberts, 875-6808

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ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE NEWS

By Lisa Jones, AYL Secretary

Coaches Meeting

The Alton Youth League will hold a mandatory meeting for all coaches Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Alton Central School gym. Immediately following the meeting will be a mandatory Coaches Clinic also held in the Alton gym until 1:00 p.m.

UMPIRES WANTED!!!

The Alton Youth League will be paying home plate umpires \$20 per game this season. This applies only to Minor and Major baseball and softball games. If you are interested in umpiring games, please call Ben Jones @ 875-7515 or e-mail weatherdude@metrocast.net.

Umpire Clinic

Don't forget that The Alton Youth League's Umpire Clinic is being held Sunday, April 4 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the Alton Central School gym. The cost is \$10 per person. AYL will pay the \$10 fee for high school students who will be required to attend the clinic in order to be paid for umpiring behind home plate for the AYL. Students attending the clinic are also required to umpire at least one Alton Youth League game. Anyone interested in becoming a patched umpire may get the appropriate paper work from Jim Charland who will be running the clinic.

There is an open board position of Concession Manager. If you are interested, please call Dianna Rojek at 875-0493 for more information

Our next meeting will be held downstairs in the Gilman Library on Sunday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. Call Dianna Rojek at 875-0493 to confirm. The public is always welcomed to attend. If you would like to see how the league is run or have new ideas for fundraisers, please join us.

GRAMS IN TOUCH

By Nancy Pritchard

"Grams in Touch" will meet this month on Monday, April 26 from 2-3pm. All grandmothers who would like to meet with other 'grams' to pray for their grandkids are welcome. Please call Nancy 875-5875 for location/directions or transportation.

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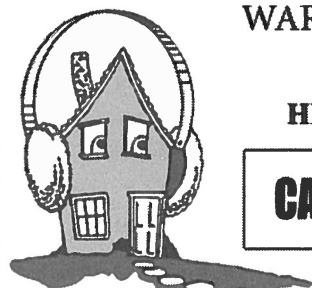
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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS By Ray Nadeau

The Legion Family is beginning preparations for our Memorial Day Parade and Program on Monday, May 31, 2004. This Memorial Day celebration will be special, as it will coincide with the dedication of the new WWII memorial in Washington, DC. Every American Legion Post in the country will be holding special programs to honor WWII veterans. In Alton, we are asking all WWII veterans to participate in the parade. We will furnish transportation. Please contact the Alton Post at 875-3461 so we can include you in our plans to celebrate Memorial Day. We are planning a lunch at the Post following the parade. We will have more details available in the next issue of the Main Street.

Our Sunday breakfasts continue to be a big success. If any local organizations would like to participate in this fundraising opportunity by sponsoring a breakfast, contact Andy at 875-3461 and he will make the arrangements.

Alton Post 72 is currently having a membership drive and we would like to remind all Alton area residents that we are offering free memberships to active duty military personnel. All dues will be paid by the post while the individual is on active duty. If you are interested and need further information, please call our Adjutant, Brian Schofield, at 875-3461.

One final note, the High School band uniforms are beautiful and hopefully we will all be able to see them in the Memorial Day parade.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY

The Jr. Auxiliary is a hardworking and active group made up of girls from 0 to 18 years old. Their primary goal is to support veterans and Legion Family activities in the community. One such activity is that Juniors award a scholarship each year to a graduating senior of Alton High School. They are a part of the Sr. Auxiliary and have the same eligibility criteria, but they have their own officers. They do not meet during the summer months but stay very busy the rest of the year.

The Jr. Auxiliary is sponsoring a spaghetti supper on Wednesday, April 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. If you missed the others, don't miss this one! Includes salad, garlic bread, meat balls and all the trimmings.

The Jr. Auxiliary will conduct its annual bingo game at the Veteran's Hospital in Manchester on Sunday, April 25.

GIRLS/BOYS STATE

The Alton American Legion Family is looking for 11th grade students to participate in the Girls/Boys State Program that is sponsored by the Legion Family.

These programs provide the opportunity for high school juniors to participate in the fundamentals of self-government through role playing. Involvement in the program

provides opportunities for public speaking through campaigning for different public offices, drafting and presenting bills to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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- To develop leadership and pride in American leadership
- To arouse a keen interest in the detailed study of government
- To Develop in the young citizens of Girls/Boys State a full understanding of our American traditions and belief in the United States of America and to arouse in these young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government.

This is a week long program from July 05 through July 10, 2004 for students who have completed their Junior year. It is held at the Riviera College in Nashua, NH. Expenses associated with attendance to Girls/Boys State are paid by the sponsoring American Legion Post.

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LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S GROUP By Karen Poor

"KEYS TO HARMONY" is the theme for the April meeting of the Lakes Region Women's Group. If you're inspired by the nice spring weather that April usually brings, please join us on April 14th at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant, Meredith, at 10am for a brunch at \$8.00. We will be hosting our annual "Plant Sale" at this time. Our guest speaker will be Helen Elmer of Greenfield, Mass. Helen is a piano teacher and choir director and she will instruct us as to how hitting the right notes is a "Key to Harmony" in your life. Our special feature will be Dawn Dever from "Meredith Historical Society". Dawn will "show and tell" us about "Meredith - Then and Now".

Baby sitting is offered. Reservations are needed. In Alton, call Melissa at 776-2224 and in Gilford, call Faith at 293-8073. Our group is a non-denomination group with no formal membership or dues. All are welcomed and we look forward to seeing you there.

BUTTON, BUTTON, WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

By Florence Davis

The Harold S. Gilman Museum does, thousands of them. Glass, bone, ivory, pewter, wood, celluloid, brass are but some of the materials used to create the fasteners we take for granted to be there when we dress for the day. These tiny treasures are reflections of art, geography, and culture; even politics.

Join the Harold S. Gilman Museum Committee on Saturday, April 17, 2004 at 2pm for a lecture entitled "Button Collecting; More than a Hobby" presented by Lori Plichta of Manchester. Lori describes herself as a lifetime button accumulator, serious collector for 12 years and an active competitor in regional and national show competitions.

A number of the Museum's extensive button collection will be on exhibit. This unique collection was the passion of Pearl Sears Bassett Gilman, wife of Harold S. Gilman the Museum's benefactor. With the help of the Amherst Button Club this extensive collection is being cleaned and mounted in anticipation of a major exhibit in 2005. An in-house workshop on Saturday, May 8th at the Museum will continue the cleaning and mounting process with 8 members of the Amherst Button at the Museum.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND THE THREE R's By Sarah Silk

Slowly over time the historic three R's of "reading, writing, and arithmetic" have been bumped in name recognition to the trio of flowing arrows in the reduce, reuse, recycle logo. Some other things about the waste stream have been slow to change, like the adage that 10% of the waste stream causes 90% of the problems, and the injuries from these products happen too frequently to children. United States E.P.A. statistics show more than 100,000 children in the US accidentally ingest pesticides each year. And that is just one of the common household hazardous products found in homes. While many of the problems we face today may seem overwhelming and beyond our grasp to resolve, the issue of toxics in the home can be managed safely and conveniently. The average home can accumulate up to 100 pounds per year of toxic products as Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste (HHW) per year.

Safe storage in closed cupboards above the reach of curious small hands can greatly reduce the risk of injury and death. Never store hazardous products in food containers. Repackage and clearly label corroding or broken containers for disposal. Proper disposal will reduce toxic spills and contamination. Ten million children under age 12 live within 4 miles of toxic waste dumps. Attending the HHW collection program for your community facilitates proper disposal, reduces the need for raw product in some instances, cuts down on pollution and the cost of cleanup, and is now more available than ever. May through October, the third Saturday of the month, bring those risky products to the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility at 404 Beach Pond Road from 8:30 to noon.

Before you come, please stop by the Solid Waste Facility in Wolfeboro or the Transfer Station in Alton to get your free pass. They will be available any time the facilities are open starting in April. (Those people not living in the two

member towns may utilize the facility on a cash basis.) It's quick and easy to get a pass, and you were probably stopping by the solid waste facility anyway. In addition to the usual oil-based paints, automotive and hobby chemicals, solvents, etc, the facility will be collecting cell phones, pagers, and PDA's (personal digital assistants) for recycle.

Don't forget the three R's when you dispose of the non-hazardous trash. Paper recycling has spiked in recent months. Whether you live in Alton or Wolfeboro, newspapers will earn your community up to \$90 a ton if separated or can cost you about \$67/ton plus a hauling charge of a couple hundred dollars per load if mixed in with your other trash. Mixed paper which includes magazines, shredded bills, and junk mail is getting \$50/ton when sold and isolated from non-paper trash. Cardboard has risen to \$95/ton, so it clearly pays to recycle in today's market. A friendly reminder about aluminum, please do NOT put pie plates and foil into the bin with the soda cans. And glass should be bottles and jars ONLY. A single Pyrex pie plate in a glass bin will cause the load to be rejected and returned resulting in unnecessary hauling charges.

You have the power to reduce, reuse, recycle, not just trash, but hazardous waste. You can reduce toxic accidents. You can save a bundle by tying up the newsprint. If you have questions about non-hazardous solid waste see the attendants at the solid waste facility. If you're seeking information about household hazardous waste call the HHW site coordinator at 569-2073 or 651-7530, and have a safe day.

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES GIFT

The Alton Historical Society is pleased to accept the gift of the sign which welcomed the Parishioners of St. Joan of Arc Church for so many years. This sign will remind people of the beautiful church which was consumed by fire. The Historical Society wishes to thank the Church Council for this gift.

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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!

By Purr Whalley

I was at a meeting recently where I was told that it takes doing the same thing 18 times for it to become part of ones routine. 18 times!!

Last month I wrote an article in the Main Street suggesting that we could all help out Alton Community Services – the food pantry particularly- by picking up a canned good or a box of cereal to donate as part of our weekly (or monthly) routine. The great news is that there has been an increase in giving to the program but the important fact to remember is that there is an ongoing need for donations. So, we have to keep it up!

Here are a few ideas to make it a family project! You will be teaching your family to be good neighbors. Make up a small bag with a cake mix, frosting and candles! Someone is always having a birthday. Want the kids to learn about sodium? Make it a project to find the canned soup with the least sodium. Some people have high blood pressure and have to restrict their intake of salt. Then there is the sugar issue. The sugar in cold cereal runs the spectrum of low to super high. Suggest a hunt with the kids for the cereal with the least sugar. Also, remember there are diabetics who love sugar free Jell-O. Easter's coming. How about a small canned ham? Throw in some jelly beans if the kids want to play Easter Bunny. Don't be afraid to buy store brands! Can you really taste the difference??

The big thing is the *routine*. I don't think it should take 18 times for your giving to become part of your regular schedule. But if it does...there will be 18 families each time who will thank you for caring. Isn't that what life is all about?

Items can be dropped off at the Town Hall in the Welfare office (Alton Social Services) from 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays. There is also a box at McGrath's Supermarket, at the registers.

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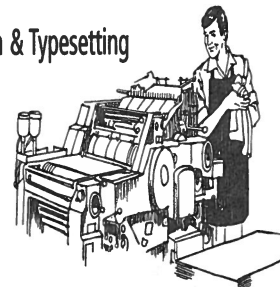
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At Discover Wild New Hampshire Day, you'll get to try your hand at archery, learn how to call a duck, and meet more than 35 exhibitors from outdoor and conservation groups across the state. Build a bird-nesting box. See retriever dogs in action. Find out what a real fisher looks like! Hands-on activities, food and fun for all ages. Visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us> or call (603) 271-3211.

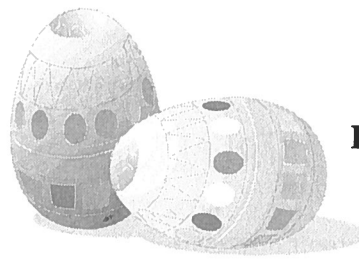
ALTON COMMUNITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES APRIL

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

- Fri 2 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-6pm, CCOA
Youth Group Supper and Program, grades 6-12, 6-9pm, CCOA
- Sat 3 Mock Trial Competition, grades 7-9, Manchester, NH, ACS
Destination Imagination State Competition, Nashua
- Sun 4 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30am, CCOA
- Sun 11 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30am, CCOA
- Wed 14 American Legion Jr. Auxiliary, Spaghetti Supper, ALH
- Fri 16 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-6pm, CCOA
Youth Group Supper and Program, grades 6-12, 6-9pm, CCOA
- Sun 18 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30am, CCOA.
- Fri 23 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-6pm, CCOA
Youth Group Supper and Program, grades 6-12, 6-9pm, CCOA
- Sun 25 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30am, CCOA.

CCOA events open to all community youth.

- Legend: ACS=Alton Central School
- ALH=American Legion Hall
- CCOA=Community Church of Alton on Church Street
- HS=High School
- CYA= Community Youth Activities Team
- PTSA=Parent Teacher Student Association
- PRCC=Pearson Road Community Center



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**PHOTO HISTORIAN THOM HINDLE TO
PRESENT PROGRAM
By Philip Laurion**

The Alton Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the year on April 20th at 7pm in the Gilman Library in Alton. Nationally known photographic collector, photographer/historian Thom Hindle of Dover will be the guest speaker.

“Identifying and preserving historic and family photographs” will be the topic of this workshop presentation. Hindle is currently chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Woodman Institute Museum, a past president of the Dover Historical Society and Dover’s 1998 Citizen of the Year for his work in the preservation of Dover history. Thom’s book “Dover, a Century of Change” (1994 Sutton Publishers) was the first in a series of books now called Images of America by Arcadia Publishers.

This educational and entertaining program will focus on the proper handling and storage of vintage photographs and the evolution of photographic processes from Daguerreotype to paper and digital prints. Hindle will share rare and humorous examples from his private collection, and attendees are encouraged to bring old photographs for Hindle’s commentary.

The program is being offered free of charge, and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the presentation. For further information about the program or the Alton Historical Society please contact Philip Laurion at 875-5488.

Thom Hindle w/ photo



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By Dick Wallace

UpStream is co-sponsoring two family events for parents and their children with Alton Central School, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Community Youth Activities (CYA), Alton Youth to Youth and Alton Parks and Recreation. Parents are encouraged to attend one or both workshops.

"Got Kids? Improving Sibling Relationship and Family Communication" will be held at Alton Central School, School Street, on Saturday, April 17 from 12:30-3:00pm. This program will be led by Dr. Leo Sandy, Professor of Education, and Dr. Gail Mears, Assistant Professor of Education, Plymouth State University, and Barbara Hunter, Family Educator, Belknap County UNH Cooperative Extension. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children ages 5 to 12. Understanding sibling dynamics, ways to improve communication, skills for resolving conflict, and tools for problem solving will be discussed. Children attending will present real live situations to their parents with help from Plymouth State University students.

"The Basics of Raising Children Today" will be presented for parents only on Tuesday, April 20, from 6:30-8:00pm at the Pearson Road Community Center. Dr Leo Sandy and Barbara Hunter will focus on answering these questions: "What do children need?", "Why are parents so important?", "What do parents do to protect their children from negative influences?" and "How do parents find a balance between their needs and the needs of their children?" This workshop will help parents effectively deal with the day-to-day ups and downs of raising children.

Refreshments, door prizes, attendance certificates and a resource display will be available at both programs. Assistance with home child care costs for children under 2, and on-site child care for ages 2-4 for Saturday's program, may be available with advance registration.

To register or arrange for child care, call voice mail 527-2966 or send an email to register@upstream.org. Please provide the ages of children attending the April 17 program when registering. Pre-registration will save time upon arrival, but walk-ins are welcome. This is a great family program for Dad, Mom, and kids!

UpStream is a Laconia-based coalition of over 140 agencies, businesses and individuals, celebrating over 15 years of primary prevention and strengthening family life in the Lakes Region. UpStream is supported by its members, by in-kind support from Lakes Region United Way and LRGHealthcare, and by grant funding from Belknap County Incentive Funds and the Annette P. Schmitt Fund. Visit UpStream's Website at www.upstream.org.

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HISTORIC ALTON

Recollections of Winter in Alton Bay By Dick Downing, compiled by Alice Calvert

Editors Note: Dick Downing, a lifelong resident of Alton, was interviewed by Alice Calvert earlier this year. Following are some of Downings recollections of winter fun on the Bay.

Mud Buggy Races

Mud Buggy races were held every weekend, weather permitting, on an oval plowed track that ran from just South of the Bandstand and nearly to Sandy Point. Wyman's Garage, Downing's Garage, C. Roy Barnes, Clarence Barnes, Wes Alden, Russ Berry and many others built cars and raced. Some came from as far away as Keene, Milton, and Jaffrey to race with the locals from Gilmanton, Alton and New Durham.

The racecars were cut down cars or trucks with the frames shortened and tire chains on all four wheels. Bert Hale drove a modified Model T Ford built by Ed Downing that would tip backwards on its' rear wheels; someone would sit in the back seat and lean backwards to tip the car. That would lock one of the rear wheels. With the one wheel locked, the buggy would rotate in circles. This car was also used in later years during parades.

Alternative forms of travel

Often the vehicles used in the mud buggy races were also used to tow several snow skiers with clothesline ropes. If there was no snow but plenty of ice, then they'd tow eight or ten ice skaters behind the car. Much care was taken to avoid cracks in the ice. (Note: Auto Insurance was then and properly is still void on the ice).

Once a friend of Ed Downing (known as "Uncle Ed" to everybody) landed a Ford Tri-Motor aircraft on the Bay. Rockwell Clough, on wooden skis, was towed behind the plane with a 100 foot manila towrope. Jr. Clough, as he was called, stayed the course from the Band Stand to Sandy Point, where he finally dropped his rope. I have never seen this act performed again. Chester Ferry built a 'skating kite'; it was like he was his own sailboat on skates. He'd use it to speed across the lake. To stop, he'd drop the kite. Most weekends would find a small bonfire built near the Band Stand where the skaters could warm up.

Sled Dog Races

Sled dog races were also held regularly. Oliver Shattuck promoted sled dog races on the lake, which would start near the bandstand, then run up to Wolfeboro Bay be-

fore returning to finish at the bandstand. Mr. Shattuck and his wife, Ann, raised sled dogs and trained them at their home on Old Wolfeboro Road. Shattuck built many dog sleds in his shop and is believed to have furnished sleds and trained dogs to Admiral Richard Byrd for his trips to the Poles.

Sledding

During the mid 1930's and earlier, the 'shore road' was blocked off for auto traffic with wooden barrels at the triangle at Alton Bay. Without automobiles to worry about, Bay Hill Road became one of the greatest sledding and toboggan runs in the area. The hardest task was pulling your sled to the top; even harder was our huge double-runner sled that carried six or more passengers. There were times when Rob Frohock, owner of the farm at the top of Bay Hill, would let us tie our sleds behind his sledge and team of horses for a tow to the top, reducing our work considerably. Then we'd sled down the hill at breakneck speeds. On one occasion a group on a toboggan came down the hill and wiped out the "Oak Birch Inn" sign located near the curve at the bottom, just before the shore road. Thankfully, no one was injured.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OFFERS BABYSITTERS COURSE

The American Red Cross will be holding a babysitters course on Saturday April 3rd or on Saturday, April 17th from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Students will learn basic babysitting skills such as feeding and diapering as well as safety issues such as choking and first aid. The class will be held at the One Gilford Place Laconia at a cost of \$40.00. The class is open to children ages 11 – 15. To register, please contact Robert P. Ringer at 524-5414.

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ALTON ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETING WRAP UP

By Richard Cunningham

ELECTION DAY

On March 9, 2004, 1025 voters representing the 3151 registered voters of Alton went to the polls to decide who would be our leaders in School and Town Government for the next year. They also decided what would be budgeted for schools and what changes would be made to zoning rules. In the School Board race, former Budget Committee Chair Cydney Johnson and Vice Chair Loring Carr easily defeated incumbents Peter Farrell and Joyce Hopper. Laurie Boyce had withdrawn for the race but still received 132 votes. In the Selectman Race, Jim Washburn and Cris Blackstone were elected over Tim Kinnon and Alan Sherwood was unopposed for the one year position. In the only other contested race, David Birdsey defeated Janice Graham for Library Trustee. The voters also defeated the \$9,622,113 school operating budget which means the budget will now be reduced to a default budget level. However, other school articles were approved.

TOWN MEETING

At 11:15:PM on Wednesday evening March 10, 2004, Town Moderator Mark Northridge asked the remaining dedicated voters of the 220 who began the meeting at 7:00PM if they wished to continue or to recess until 1:00PM on Saturday March 13, 2004. The exhausted group moved to recess before taking up the \$4,643,501.00 appropriations for general municipal operations. Prior to that, 20 Articles were reviewed and voted on during the evening. These included strong support for the Police Department but a no vote surfaced on a new four wheel drive vehicle for the Building Department and the discontinuing of providing winter road maintenance on private roads. On Article 13, doubling the elderly property tax exemption, the voters not only indicated support but amended the article to double what had been proposed. On Article 14 Veteran's property tax exemption, voters went beyond the \$200 requested and approved the full amount of \$500 allowed by RSA. The final vote of the evening saw defeat of placing \$50,000 away in a Capital Reserve Fund for a future Town Beach acquisition. Although the voters supported the idea, they felt that a special Town Meeting could be called if a piece of shoreline could be found within Alton's boundaries.

The reconvened session began at 1:00PM Saturday, March 13, 2004 with 80 voters in attendance approving the general municipal operations budget. Voters continued their strong support for both the Fire and the Police Departments including approving funds to enlarge the Central Fire Sta-

tion, repair the West Alton Fire Station, purchase a a rescue vehicle and purchase a new ambulance. The other major request was \$750,000 to complete the Old Wolfeboro Road project.



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The Friends of the Gilman Library will hold their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 13 at 7pm in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. We are pleased to say we have an old friend, Merry Lineweber, coming back for tea. If you missed Merry and her very special program the last time she was here be sure to join us on the 13th.

Founded in 1980, the Friends of the Gilman Library have proven to be a real asset. They have supported the library in many ways. We have both active and inactive members. Membership costs just \$2.00 each 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 13th. For more information call 875-2550.

The book discussion group (Alton's Book Chat) will be meeting on Monday, April 12 at 6:30pm at the library. They will share their thoughts on the book "The Hornets Nest" by Jimmy Carter. New members are always welcome. Copies of the book are available at the Gilman Library.

In honor of all our library patrons who take such good care of our library books by not bending the pages, we are offering a special sale. Purchase an engraved Gilman Library book mark for just \$5.00 and fill a plastic bag with book sale books free of charge. This special event will take place during National Library Week from Tuesday, April 20th through Saturday April 24th. Proceeds will benefit our elevator fund. As always, we appreciate your efforts to keep our library books in good condition.

VNA-HOSPICE OF SOTHERN CARROLL COUNTY TO OFFER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc., seeks caring men and women who would like to become Hospice Volunteers. The spring 2004 training program will run for nine weeks, from April 8 through June 10, Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30pm. There will be no class on April 29 due to school vacation.

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 patients and the families live as fully and comfortably as possible, and to provide support for the family during the bereavement process.

If you would like to register for the training (which is free of charge) or just learn more about Hospice, please call Betty John, Volunteer & Bereavement Coordinator at 569-2729.

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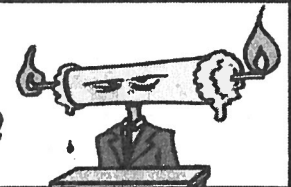
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ALTON GRADUATE RETURNS FROM IRAQ

By Judith Pellowe

James M. Laurin graduated from Alton Central School in 2001 and joined the Army Reserves. He did his basic training, and then in the fall of 2002 he started college at Plymouth State. After one semester, his unit was activated, and he was deployed on Valentines Day 2003. Almost exactly a year later, he returned home on March 15th, 2004, and is working toward his goal of attaining a good education.

"Right now I'm eating home cooked food and getting things in order for school", Laurin said in an interview. "I want to take advantage of the benefits (GI Bill tuition reimbursements) so I'm researching what schools will allow me to use the benefits. I'm getting my transcripts, applications, all of that."

Laurin is happy to be home, but feels his tour of duty was positive. He served in the 143rd Transport Command, working to make sure that troops throughout Iraq received the supplies they needed. He served as a military cook, and also did some work as military policeman. Laurin says "we did it, and now I want to move on with my life. But it was a good life experience. You have a lot of time to think over there, you kind of find yourself. But it's a lot harder on the ones who have wives and kids at home. For me, I don't have a family, don't own a home, so I didn't have all those worries."

Donna Laurin, James' mother says, "we're very proud of our son, and we're happy to have him home. He returned on the day after his Dad's birthday, so that was a great present."

Two of Laurin's best friends, also Alton Central School 2001 graduates, are currently deployed overseas. John Dane and Toby Shea are currently serving their tours of duty. Alton is a small community with more than its fair share of servicemen and women serving overseas. Our community should be proud to count among its numbers people like James Laurin.



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ALTON'S BOOKCHAT By Debra Laurion

The book that was discussed at our last meeting was *A Favor Returned* by Duke Southard. This book was about a girl named Jennifer who had a power that allowed her to sense when something bad was coming and go to the location and help out. The book took place between 1940 and 1963 and discussed events occurring during that time period such as World War II. I enjoyed the book and felt it was interesting to see how this one girl with this unique sense could affect the lives of other people

The next book discussed will be *The Hornet's Nest* by Jimmy Carter. This will be on April 12th in the Agnes Thompson Room of the Gilman Library. All are welcome to join us, just pick up a copy of the book at the front desk.

ICE OUT CONTEST

Main Street received over sixty entries into the annual Ice Out contest. Two sets of entries listed the exact same date and time when Ice Out will occur! The winner of this year's Ice Out contest will receive a certificate for dinner at the Dockside Restaurant in Alton Bay. Main Street will announce the winner in next month's issue. Good luck to all our entrants!

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