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ALTON, N.H.

OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED FOR CANDIDATES' VIEWS

All candidates for positions in the Town and School elections will be given an opportunity to share their views with the voters in the March issue of Main Street. As candidates file for office they will be given a form to be completed that asks "Why are you seeking this office?"

All responses and a complete listing of candidates will be printed in the special issue in March.

Candidates for Selectman, School Board and Planning Board also will be invited to participate in a Candidates' Night on March 5 sponsored by the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Gilman Library.

Filing for office will continue through 5p.m. on February 10 in the Office of the Town Clerk. Elections are Tuesday, March 11, and unregistered residents will have an opportunity to do so on March 1 in the Town Hall.

Positions on the 1986 ballot include: 1 Selectman for 1 year, 1 Selectman for 3 years, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years, 1 Trustee of the Library for 3 years, 1 Fire Ward for 3 years, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years, 1 Water Commissioner for 1 year, 1 Water Commissioner for 3 years, 1 Auditor for 2 years, 3 Budget Committee Members for 3 years, 2 Planning Board Members for 1 year, 2 Planning Board Members for 3 years, 1 Trustee of the Cemeteries for 1 year, 1 Trustee of the Cemeteries for 2 years, 1 Trustee of the Cemeteries for 3 years, 1 Moderator for 2 years, and 2 School Board Members for 3 years.

POLICE OPEN HOUSE

Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor announces an "Open House" day at the Alton Police Station for Saturday, February 15, from 10a.m. to 2p.m.

Alton residents are invited to drop in and get acquainted with some of the town's law enforcement officers and facilities. The Police Station is located on the Depot Street side of the Town Hall.

WINTER CARNIVAL WEEK BEGINS FEBRUARY 10

The Alton School Student Council has announced the schedule for the 1986 Winter Carnival Week. Interclass competition and the 51st Annual Carnival Ball are the highlights of the week.

"Dreams of Tomorrow" is the theme of the Ball with eight students nominated as king and queen candidates. They are Jill Duquette, Bonnie Roche, Stacey Sackos, and Robin Wright for Carnival Ball Queen and Dan Francis, Earl Joy, Robert Lang, and Robert Mullins for Carnival Ball King. All are members of the Senior Class. Balloting takes place during the Ball.

Members of the Royal Court include Princesses and Princesses from the other junior and senior high classes. They include Lori Galvin and Wes Whittier from the 7th Grade, Cydney Shapleigh and John Meehan - 8th Grade, Tracy Swain and John Woods - 9th Grade, Tracie Phillips and Dean Rines - 10th Grade, and Charlene Morse and Mark Thomas - 11th Grade.

The Carnival Ball begins at 8p.m., Saturday, February 15, and tickets are \$5 per person and \$9 per couple.

A variety of social and competitive events are planned for the week preceding the Ball. Points are awarded to each class for participation and performance. In addition, the Athletic Department is sponsoring Junior High Ski Day on Monday, Feb. 10, and High School Ski Day on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Competition begins on Tuesday with the Brain Bowl followed by a Computer Game event on Wednesday, a Foul Shooting Contest and Broom Ball Tournament on Thursday, a Tug-O-War on Friday, and the week-long Snow Sculpture Contest. Judging of the sculptures takes place after school on Friday.

The Annual Bonfire, co-sponsored with the High School Health and Survival Class, is scheduled for Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. on the marsh across from the Central Fire Station on Route 140. Hot chocolate will be served.

The public is invited to the events including the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 15, from 7:30 to 10:30a.m.

THE CHECKOUT DESK
by Pat Merrill, Librarian

LIBRARY SCHEDULES A WEEK OF AMNESTY

Overdue books continue to be a problem. Fines are now assessed at five cents per day, which mounts up at an alarming rate. In addition, the cost of a postcard reminder will be added to the fine.

In order to encourage patrons to return their overdue books (and start with a clean slate), the Gilman Library will offer a week of amnesty: all overdue books may be returned with no fines at all. This will be during the week of Valentine's Day, February 10-16th.

Our Valentine's Day gift to you! Books can be put into the book drop outside the Library or brought into the Library.

CHILDREN'S VIDEO

Seven new video films have been added to the children's collection. These films are on loan from the New Hampshire State Library and all are one of the Grimm's Fairy Tales. They may be checked out for a period of one week.

NEW ADDITIONS

New additions to the book selection include: Nutcracker by Shana Alexander; The Mammoth Hunters by Jean Auel; I Never Played the Game by Howard Cossell; Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen; The Deer Leap by Martha Grimes; On the Road by Charles Kurault; Women's Counsel: A Legal Guide for Women; and Comet by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan.



Planes and crowds of spectators converged on Alton Bay during last year's Fly-In sponsored by the Alton Bay Flying Club.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of bad weather, closing of the Alton School is announced on WASR in Wolfeboro (AM 1420), WLNH in Laconia (FM 98.3), and WWNH in Rochester (AM 93).

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

Most of the 94 family cemeteries in Alton now belong to the town as there are no living descendants to claim or maintain them.


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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Sat. 1 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sponsored by the Alton Bay Flying Club, 8 a.m. to Noon, Alton Bay Community House
- Sun. 2 - GROUNDHOG DAY
OPEN HOUSE - Sponsored by the Alton Fire Department, 8:30 a.m. to Noon, Central Fire Station, Wood Stove and Chimney Information Available
- Mon. 3 - LAST DAY for 10 or more voters to petition Selectmen to include a Warrant Article for the Town Meeting
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
PLANNING BOARD MEETING - 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
- Tues. 4 - GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL - Alton vs. Nute, 6:30 p.m., Away
BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL - Alton vs. Nute, 8 p.m., Away
- Wed. 5 - PUBLIC HEARING on the Town Budget and Special Articles, 7 p.m., Alton Bay Community House
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thurs. 6 - SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE - Call 875-7102
- Fri. 7 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Lassie's Great Adventure" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3 p.m., Gilman Library, (104 min.)
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL - Alton vs. Concord Christian, 6:30 p.m., Away
BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL - Alton vs. Concord Christian, 8 p.m., Away
- Sun. 9 - FLY-IN - Sponsored by the Alton Bay Flying Club, Alton Bay Runway
- Mon. 10 - LAST DAY for Candidates to File for Town Offices
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
PLANNING BOARD MEETING - 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
- Tues. 11 - SELECTMEN'S MEETING - 7 p.m., Town Hall
- Wed. 12 - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
WINTER CARNIVAL WEEK BONFIRE - Sponsored by the Student Council and the Health and Survival Class, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., On the Marsh opposite the Central Fire Station
PUBLIC HEARING on Bond Issues and Revenue Sharing, 7 p.m., Alton Bay Community House
- Thurs. 13 - SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE - Call 875-7102
- Fri. 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON AND PARTY - Sponsored by the Senior Center, Noon, Alton Bay Community House, Call 875-7102 for Information and Reservations
CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown" and a Grimm Fairy Tale - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3 p.m., Gilman Library, (45 min.)
BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL - Alton vs. Wilton, 7:30 p.m., Away
- Sat. 15 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sponsored by the Student Council, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Home Economics Room
OPEN HOUSE - Sponsored by the Alton Police Department, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Alton Police Station
SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST JUDGING - Sponsored by the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, 1 p.m.
51st ANNUAL CARNIVAL BALL: "Dreams of Tomorrow" - Sponsored by the Student Council, 8 p.m., Alton Central School
- Mon. 17 - WASHINGTON'S HOLIDAY - Town Offices and Landfill Closed
NO SCHOOL - Workshops for Teachers
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Wed. 19 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - 7:30 p.m., Alton Central School
- Thurs. 20 - SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE - Call 875-7102
- Fri. 21 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Where the Red Fern Grows" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3 p.m., Gilman Library, (97 min.)
SADIE HAWKINS DAY DANCE - Sponsored by the Alton Lioness Club, American Legion Hall, \$5 per person
- Sat. 22 - WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

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ALTON BAY FLYING CLUB HAS ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

by Gahan Lavalley

The Alton Bay Flying Club was organized in 1983 to provide aviation education to its members, schools for pre-pilot training and to promote the importance of general aviation to the community.

Club officers are elected annually and Ralph Johnson is the current president. Other officers include Neil Minschwawer, vice-president; Alice Persan, treasurer; and Merry Johnson, secretary.

The ice runway that is presently being used has been legally certified by the New Hampshire Aeronautics Administration since 1952. Johnson stressed that it is illegal for anyone to skate, ski, snowmobile, or walk on the runway. No accidents have occurred so far but with the increased use of snowmobiles a problem could arise as the sound of the snowmobile engine could block the sound of an incoming plane.

The Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:30p.m. at the Dockside Restaurant. There are 111 members at this time from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and one member from New York. Dues are \$10 per person and \$15 for a family membership each year and membership is open to anyone with an interest in aviation.

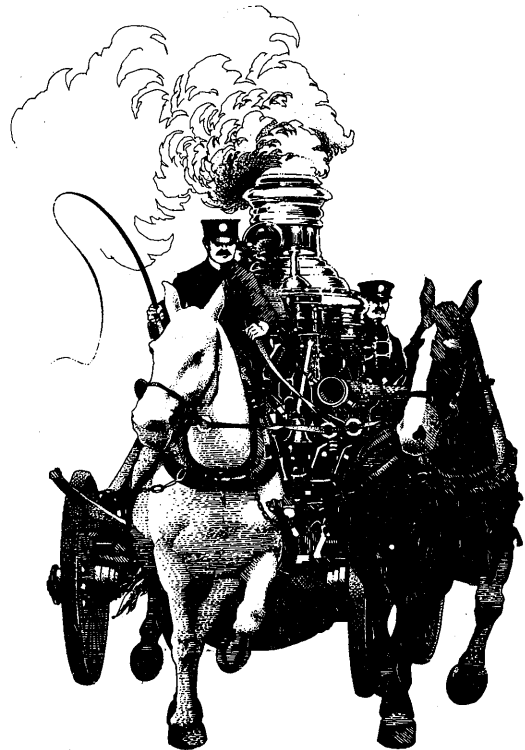
ALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS APPOINTED

Russell Jones, Chief of the Alton Fire Department, recently announced the appointment of officers for 1986.

Robert Reinholz is the Assistant Chief and Norman Barrett is Deputy Chief. Department Captains are Irving Roberts, Russell Sample and Robert Witham. Lieutenants include Charles Adams, Nicholas Kalfas, Scott O'Meara, James Presher, Maurice Simpson, and Jack Woodland.

The Training Officer is Daniel Cornelissen, Dwight Meader is Chaplain, and John Duffek is Department Clerk.

Alton Firemen, Inc., the fund-raising and support organization for the Department, held its Annual Meeting recently and elected officers for the coming year. They are President Russell Jones, Vice-President Norman Barrett, Secretary John Duffek, and Treasurer Charles Adams



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**VALENTINE TEA TO NOTE
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

The Alton School will mark New Hampshire School Volunteer Week with a Valentine's Tea for the Alton School Volunteers on Wednesday, February 12.

The event offers teachers and administrators an opportunity to express their appreciation for the support of the volunteer corps, now in its fifth year at Alton.

Volunteer Coordinator Vickie Fogg lists 31 individuals who serve on a regular basis in the classroom, the library, the resource center, industrial arts, the administration and guidance offices and as baby-sitters for other volunteers. There are also many community resource people who offer a wide range of experience and expertise to enhance specific school studies and projects.

Mrs. Fogg noted that school volunteers do not need special skills or knowledge, only a little extra time and an interest in contributing to the quality of education in Alton. She welcomes inquiries at 293-7722.

LAKES REGION CHORDSMEN

The Lakes Region Chordsmen of Laconia are looking for new members. Anyone interested in barbershop-style singing can visit any Wednesday night at 8p.m. at Leavitt Park Hall in Laconia or call Al LeBlanc in Alton at 875-3126 for further information.



**CHURCH LADIES GUILD
CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY**

The Ladies Guild of St. Joan of Arc and St. Paul Parish will celebrate its second anniversary at its meeting on February 26.

The Guild is comprised of women from Alton, Alton Bay, Barnstead, and Gilmanton Iron Works and has been responsible for several successful social and fund-raising activities of benefit to the parish and the various communities.

Recent guest speakers include Barbara Hunter, Belknap County Extension Service, who spoke on "Osteoporosis: A Women's Health Issue" and Sheila Griggs-Ryan, Alton florist, who spoke on "Flower Arranging". Future topics include "Recycling Your Wardrobe" and "Stress Management".

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30p.m. Call Chris Consentino at 875-5001 for further information.

CORRECTION

In the January issue of Main Street the office of Highway Agent was listed incorrectly as a position on the 1986 ballot. The current term expires in 1988.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

Old roads were named after the first settlers:

- Powder Mill Road - Varney Road
- Chamberlin Road - The road from Stockbridge Corners to Prospect Mountain
- Eleazer Davis Road - From the traffic circle to Stockbridge Corners.
- The Youngstown Road - After Abiah Young
- The Stockbridge Road - After Israel Stockbridge

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- Mon. 24 - OFFICIAL POSTING of the Town Meeting and Warrant for the Final Budget
NO SCHOOL Through Friday, February 28
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
PLANNING BOARD MEETING - 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
- Tues. 25 - SELECTMEN'S MEETING - 7 p.m., Town Hall
- Wed. 26 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
- Thurs. 27 - SENIOR CITIZEN BUS SERVICE - Call 875-7102

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ALTON SCHOOL SOPRANO CHOSEN FOR FESTIVAL

Alton 10th grade student Debbie Laurion has been selected as second soprano for a 50-voice choir which will perform at the 1986 New England Music Festival in Burlington, Vt. on March 14 and 15.

Debbie, who successfully auditioned at the Berklee School of Music last December, knows she will have to work hard on preparation for the concert, but is very excited over the opportunity to perform at the Festival and the experience she will gain.

Robert Stevenson, Director of Music at the Alton School, who is helping Debbie prepare for the 9 selections she will perform, also will accompany her to Burlington.

A two-record stereo album of the concert will be produced and a copy will be available from the Gilman Library.



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS
by Al Fisher

Of the few old colonial homes left in Alton, all had a large front door. It was rarely used except to take a coffin out. The reason for its width.

CLASSIFIED ADS MAY BE PLACED IN MAIN STREET

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, or free items. The cost is \$1 for two lines of copy per month.

Space for classified ads is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad.

Ads may be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, or submitted at the Busy Corner Store in Alton Bay. The deadline is the 15th of the month.

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HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS
by Al Fisher

The Civil War monument at the square in the village lists the names of men killed in the war, but whose bodies were not brought home.

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OUTDOOR SKATING RINK DEVELOPED IN ALTON

A public skating rink has been opened in Alton behind the Central Fire Station on Rt. 140. Parks and Playgrounds Committee Chairman Jonathon Downing advises that, while the ice is open to all during daylight hours, the area is unsupervised and parents may wish to accompany younger skaters.

The facility was made possible by the efforts of volunteers including Edward Consentino, Steve Decatur, and John Streeter. The approximately 100 by 200 foot skating area may be expanded depending on public demand and volunteer help for continued maintenance. Anyone who can donate some free time or has any questions should contact Downing at 875-7307.

CHAMBER WILL SPONSOR SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST

The Second Annual Snow Sculpture Contest sponsored by the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce will take place Saturday, February 15. The event is planned in conjunction with the Alton School Winter Carnival.

The plaque awarded each year is on display at the Farmington National Bank, last year's winner.

Chamber Secretary Chris Consentino offered a number of suggestions:

1. Build a good foundation.
2. Plan carefully in order to spread the work over several days.
3. Start early to allow for bad weather
4. Teams involving several families or businesses may be formed.

Registration forms are available at Barrett's Village 5 & 10, Busy Corner Store, and Wayside Grocery. The entry fee is \$1.00. Additional information may be obtained from Chris Consentino at 875-5001.



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