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ALTON, N. H.

VOTERS TURN OUT IN POSITIVE MOOD FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING OK'D

All but one article in the Town Warrant passed at this year's Town Meeting as voters responded positively to the need for a new building to house the Police Department. As a bond issue article, two-thirds approval was required and 211 of the 280 votes cast were in favor of the \$180,000 project.

A budget of \$1,326,478 was approved as were other appropriation articles including funds for a Vietnam Monument, the Bi-Centennial Celebration of the U.S. Constitution, maintenance of old graveyards, a regional hazardous waste collection day, seed money for the publication of the Old Photograph Book, a part-time professional to assist the Planning Board, the operation of the Gilman Library, and support of the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

The usual allocations to the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, the Lakes Region Association, Community Action Program, Visiting Nurse Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity, and Lakes Region Community Health were approved as well as funds for the decoration of soldiers' graves, patriotic exercises on Independence and Memorial Days, and Old Home Week.

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds were approved for a computer system and cruiser for the Police Department, computer expenses for the town offices, a copier machine, a fireproof file cabinet, and a stove for the Alton Bay Community House.

An article to approve the swap of town owned land with land belonging to the American Legion Post failed.

In other business, the Old Home Week Committee was made a permanent committee of the Town with five members to be appointed by the Selectmen and the Town's representatives to the General Court were instructed to "take all the necessary measures to insure that no radioactive waste should be stored or disposed of within this Town of Alton" without approval of the voters at a Town Meeting.

SCHOOL ADDITIONS APPROVED

By a slim margin of only 9 votes, voters at the Annual School District Meeting approved a bond issue of \$2,254,895 for alterations and additions to Alton Central School. The discussion lacked the heated debate that characterized two previous attempts by the School Board to add to the facility.

Approval by two-thirds of the 348 voters was required. There were 241 affirmative votes and 107 against. Construction of the five elements approved is expected to begin this summer.

Marion MacDonald, Moderator of the Town Meeting, was pressed into service in the absence of School Moderator Albert Fisher III. The voters approved her participation by a hand vote and their applause.

Other business conducted at the meeting included approval of a comprehensive Health Education Program with a budget of \$30,000 and the establishment of a reserve fund to meet any unexpected costs of educating educational handicapped children.

A "show of hands" to obtain a sense of the voters indicated to the School Board a preference for a ten-year bond sale and a continuation of the policy to subsidize the driver's education program rather than requiring the students to pay most of the cost as planned by the Board in an earlier cost-cutting move.

A total budget of \$4,529,722 including the cost of additions was approved.

INFORMATION MEETING FOR PRESCHOOL PARENTS

Parents of preschoolers, kindergarteners and T-1 are invited to attend an informational meeting on Monday, April 6, at 7p.m. in the Elementary Resource Room at Alton Central School.

The program will include a brief presentation about Kindergarten and T-1, the Preschool Screening to be conducted later in the spring, and a video, "Do You Know Where Your Child Is?", which deals with school readiness and child development.

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Advent Christian Church - Sunday, 11a.m. & 6p.m.
 Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday, 8p.m., Gustafson Residence,
 293-7865
 Community Church - Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service
 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Dwight V. Meader
 Hosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday School, 9:45a.m.,
 Church, 10:45a.m., American Legion, Pastor Gene V. Beaudry
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr.
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GILMAN LIBRARY:

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TOWN HALL: 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector,
 Town Administrator, and Town Clerk
 Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
 Planning Board - 10a.m. - Noon, Wednesday

LANDFILL:

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ORGANIZATIONS:

ALTON ACTION ALLIANCE - Last Thursday, 7p.m., Sackos Resi-
 dence, 875-7359
 ALTON CONCERNED TAXPAYERS - Saturdays, 10a.m., 859-2021
 AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American
 Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
 BOY SCOUT TROUP 53 - Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall,
 Steven Temple, 859-6270
 CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday, 875-6426
 FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
 HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Tuesday, 7p.m., St. Joan of Arc
 Church Hall, 293-7749
 LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community
 House, 875-5645
 LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Com-
 munity House, 776-7931
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
 NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., New
 Durham School
 OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - 3rd Monday, 7:30p.m., American
 Legion Hall
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Wednesday, 7:30p.m.,
 Church Hall
 SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Monday, 1p.m., Alton Bay Comm. House
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:
 Mon. & Fri., 1 - 3p.m., Wed., 9a.m. - 3p.m., Alton Bay
 Community House, 875-7102

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call.
 Chairman J. Leo Meehan, Jr. 875-5311
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets every Monday at 8a.m. (3rd Mon. at
 8p.m.) Chairman William Moore. Call 875-2161 for appointments
 BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Albert V. Fisher
 875-5616
 CABLE TV COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Elaine MacDonald 875-6389
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm
 Chairman Thomas Hoopes 875-3400
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 GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Anna Haase 875-5610
 MUNICIPAL BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman
 A. William Heidke 875-2000
 OLD PHOTOGRAPH COMMITTEE - Meets on call.
 PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE - Meets first Tuesday at
 7:30 p.m. Chairman Herbert Persan 875-6779
 PLANNING BOARD - Meets first Monday at 7:00p.m. Chairman
 Nancy Moore, 859-5040, Secretary Laura Whittemore 875-2171
 SCHOOL BOARD - Meets second and fourth Mondays. Chairman Dick
 Quindley 875-2910
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 Ziegra 875-2151
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LIONS PENNY SALE PROMISES FUN FOR ALL

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club has announced Saturday, April 11, as the date of its Annual Penny Sale and Jamboree.

100 tickets for a dollar offers an opportunity to win one or more of the hundreds of prizes and gifts donated by businesses and individuals in the Alton area.

Special raffles will be conducted for the most outstanding donations in addition to the spectacular door prize awarded to the person with the winning ticket stub from their packet of penny sale tickets.

Another highlight is the selection of the winner of the Magnavox Studio 8 VHS Video Cassette Recorder that is cable ready and comes with an infrared remote control. Tickets for the VCR are already available in businesses throughout the community and from members of the Lions Club.

The Town Jail, introduced last year, promises to be bigger and better than last year's success. More fun is in store for those who can't resist throwing wet sponges at their favorite school principal, police chief, or other local notables.

A wheel of fortune, penny toss, and candy wheel are among the other activities that precede the calling of numbers as the prize giveaway gets underway.

All proceeds from this evening of excitement and entertainment go to the activities account of the Lions Club that is used to support community projects such as eye care for the needy, college scholarships, blood drives, health clinics, and equipment for school and youth activities. The proceeds of the Food Baskets Raffle support the administrative costs of running the 70-member organization.

Doors to the Alton School Gym open at 6p.m. and prizes will be awarded starting at 8p.m. Penny Sale Chairman is Tom Murtagh who is assisted by John Watson. David McKenney is president of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club.



Photo by Sylvia Countway

CASTING BALLOTS with their children provided an opportunity for a lesson in citizenship for Sue and Chris Blair.

TOWN INVENTORY FORMS DUE BY APRIL 15

Property owners are reminded that the annual Inventory of Taxable Property must be filed with the Office of Selectmen by the April 15 deadline. Inventories may be mailed or delivered to the Town Hall weekdays from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

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**FOCUS ON:
HARRY AND WENDY BESETT**

By Bob Calvert

It's not unlike being a farmer! Harry B. Besett follows a path each morning from his East Alton home to the detached barn which has become the locale for his creative glass-blowing operation. He trudges back to the house at noon for lunch and then back to the barn studio again to design and produce glass works of art reflecting his own personal and unique approach. He tries to transcend popular styles and instead grow as an artist making fresh and innovative work that is distinctively his. And like the farmer, it's early to bed and back to the barn again early the next morning.

This young Hamilton College graduate and his delightful wife, Wendy, (1983 graduate and ceramics major at Amherst) operate as a team. Wendy's out real early in the barn studio doing the "make ready" so that Harry's early arrival can be totally and instantly productive. Wendy lightly suggests, "I do everything that doesn't involve blowing glass - records, billing, packing, and shipping."

How does a young team like this become one of only about 200 such operations in the entire United States? While the individual artisan is common in Germany, Sweden, Finland, and Italy, most American glass operations are factory orientated. Harry Besett, while at Hamilton College took extensive art courses at sister college, Kirkland, and apprenticed with a glassblower at Shelburne Falls, Mass. His enthusiasm for the art really caught fire when he visited his sister who is a professional diva in Koblenz, Germany. What started out as a brief, routine visit turned into a widespread exploration of glass-blowing artisan techniques in Germany and cul-



Photo by Sylvia Countway

minated with a year's employment as assistant to a master blower in Torshalla, Sweden, in 1983. The "bug" had now bitten him in the right place!

They chose the small East Alton farm home where Wendy vacationed for many years and started out fitting the stereotype of the struggling young artists. Their enthusiasm is contagious! Harry's work is creatively inspiring! And now his products are shipped to major markets throughout the United States. More recently his products are seen in League of New Hampshire Crafts outlets in the Granite State.

The interview was conducted as Harry went about the making of a unique pair of candlesticks using a propane-heated crucible at 2200 degrees Farenheit. He advised that they "cool it down" to only 1800 degrees overnight! When filled, the crucible holds 100 pounds of raw glass from West Virginia. He made it look so easy as he talked and

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WILLIAM MOORE ELECTED SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN

At its first meeting after Town elections, William Moore was elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen and newly elected member Patricia Merrill was welcomed to the Board.

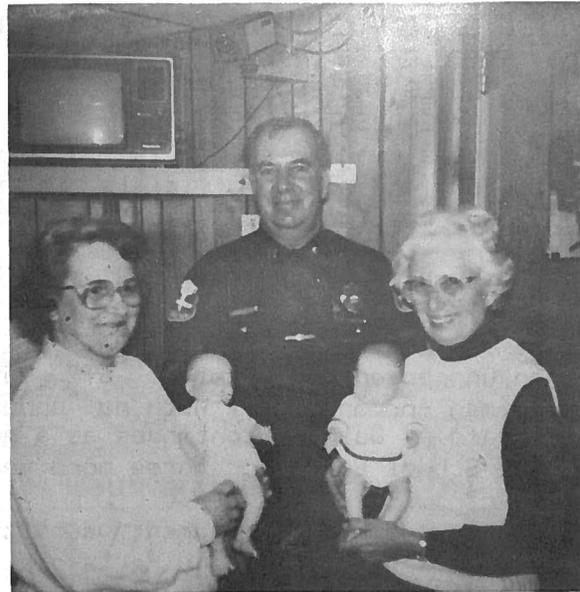
A proposal was approved that, in deference to citizens who would like to attend Selectmen's meetings but cannot do so during the day, evening sessions would be held on the third monday each month at 8p.m. beginning April 20.

Selectman representation to boards and committees will be as follows:

William Moore: Landfill Commission, Budget Committee

Russell Jones: Planning Board, Highway Dept.

Patricia Merrill: Conservation Commission, Wage and Salary Review Board



REALISTIC DOLLS GIVEN TO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alton Police Chief Thomas J. Mynczywor has two new auxiliaries on the force. Boy and girl dolls were presented to the department on behalf of the Happy Hobby Doll Club by President Ruth Messier and Phyllis Chamberlain.

The dolls, lifelike and anatomically correct, can be useful aids in interviewing youngsters in child abuse investigations. Chief Mynczywor notes that children of 3 to 7 years can often demonstrate with a doll events which they have difficulty verbalizing. He adds that Sgt. James Wheeler will attend a class on investigating child abuse cases at the New Hampshire Police Academy.

FOCUS

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moved about freely, frequently using tools that he made himself. It's obvious that he enjoys the challenge of designing a variety of treasures from simple production candlesticks to one-of-a-kind decorative bowls and everything in between. They participate in retail shows, fairs and have staged several exhibitions around the country. He was honored with the Juror Award at the New Hampshire Crafts Biennial in 1986.

What's ahead for this delightful couple who add so much to the quality of life in Alton? Wendy hasn't forgotten her ceramics training and background. The day will probably come when the barn may be modified to accommodate a full-blown pottery operation as well. In the meantime, the focus is on glass. There are no "down" periods. There's always another project waiting to be done. As Harry grew up in the Baltimore area and Wendy in Northboro, Mass., neither could have envisioned the significant role that brought them together and ultimately here. Alton is indeed proud to number Harry and Wendy Besett in its population.

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**VOTERS CHOOSE MERRILL
IN SELECTMAN'S RACE**

**SOILS AND SLOPES ZONING
AMMENDMENT IS DEFEATED**

776 voters went to the polls in March to select town and school officials in the annual town meeting and school district elections.

Patricia C. Merrill defeated John T. Conboy by 478 votes to 264 for the position of Selectman for three years. Russell E. Jones ran unopposed and received 698 votes for Selectman for one year. With no opposition, Richard A. Quindly continues as a member of the School Board for three more years with 578 votes.

A zoning ordinance amendment, submitted by petition, "which would require larger lot sizes than those presently required by the Zoning Ordinance where soil conditions such as wetlands and steep slopes make it necessary" failed to receive a two-thirds vote required to pass. The ammendment was not recommended by the Fanning Board.

The only other races for town and school positions included the Planning Board position for one year where Gregory Lindland defeated Donald R. Macdonald 507 to 198, the one year position on the Budget Committee where Darlene E. Schmidt defeated Roger O. Clark, Jr. 391 to 279 and School District Treasurer where incumbent Shirley E. Young defeated Diane Hall 423 to 291.

Elected with no opposition were:
Valerie A. Fogg.....Tax Collector for One Year.....665 Votes

**GILMAN LIBRARY FRIENDS
TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Gilman Library will be held on April 3 at 1:30p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Room of the Library.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at this time. Following the business meeting, there will be a film presentation and refreshments. Funding for the program is provided by the Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund and the public is cordially invited.

- Harold A. Copeland....Trust Funds Trustee for 3 Years.667 Votes
- Harold A. Copeland....Cemetery Trustee for 3 Years....650
- Brenda J. Bowman.....Cemetery Trustee for 2 Years....604
- Shirley G. Copeland..Library Trustee for 3 Years.....661
- Robert L. Tilton.....Water Commissioner for 3 Years..633
- Harold A. Clough.....Fire Ward for 3 Years.....661
- Mike Macdonald.....Planning Board for 3 Years.....280
- Thomas W. Varney.....Planning Board for 3 Years.....577
- Harold A. Clough.....Budget Committee for 3 Years....602
- Kim J. Kroeger.....Budget Committee for 2 Years....600
- Gwendolyn M. Jones...School District Clerk for 1 Year730

Three positions were filled by write-in ballots when no candidates filed. They are Auditor for two year - Helen Sullivan, Budget Committee for three years - Roger O. Clark, Jr., and School District Moderator for one year - Marion MacDonald.

A second ballot question to "amend the Alton Zoning Ordinance by renumbering and reorganizing the Ordinance in accordance with proposed Alton code" passed.



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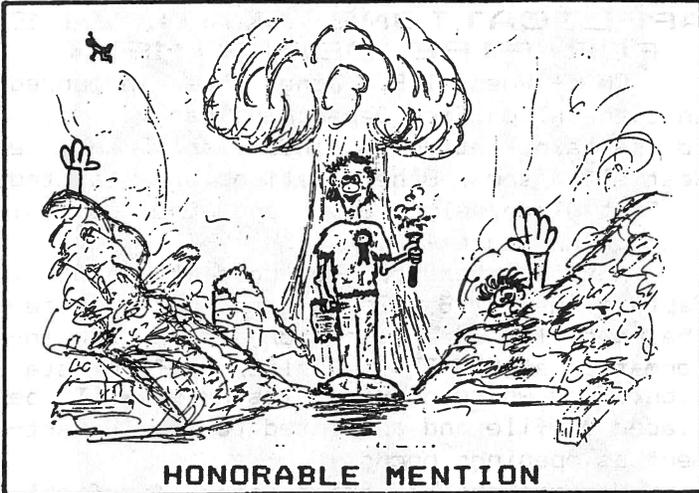
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APRIL EVENTS

- Wed. 1 - ALL FOOL'S DAY
FISHING SEASON BEGINS
- Fri. 3 - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING - 1:30p.m.
Gilman Library
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL vs. Henniker, 4p.m., Home
- Sun. 5 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
WOODSTOVE INFORMATION - Presented by the Alton Fire Department, 9a.m.-Noon, Central Fire Station
- Mon. 6 - WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, West Alton Fire Station
ALTON SCHOOL CAREER FAIR
PRESCHOOL PARENTS MEETING - 7p.m., Alton School
- Tues. 7 - BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL vs. Derryfield, 4p.m., Home
ALTON SCHOOL CAREER FAIR
- Thurs. 9 - BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL vs. Moultonboro, 4p.m., Home
- Sat. 11 - RABIES CLINIC - Noon to 2p.m., Central Fire Station
PENNY SALE AND JAMBOREE - Sponsored by the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, 6p.m., Alton School Gym
- Sun. 12 - PALM SUNDAY
- Tues. 14 - PASSOVER
- Wed. 15 - INCOME TAX FILING DEADLINE
- Thurs. 16 - BASEBALL vs. Ashland, 4p.m., Away
- Fri. 17 - GOOD FRIDAY
SOFTBALL vs. Ashland, 4p.m., Away
- Sat. 18 - BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL vs. Linwood, 10:30a.m., Away
- Sun. 19 - EASTER SUNDAY
- Mon. 20 - WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, West Alton Fire Station
- Tues. 21 - BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL vs. Concord Christian, 4p.m. Home
BOY SCOUT TROOP RALLY - 7p.m., Alton School
"CEMETERIES" - Sponsored by the Alton Historical Society, 7:30p.m., Congregational Church
- Wed. 22 - SCIENCE FAIR OPEN HOUSE - 6:30p.m., Alton School
- Thurs. 23 - BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL vs. Moultonboro, 4p.m., Away
- Fri. 24 - ARBOR DAY
- Sat. 25 - PAST LEADERS' BANQUET - Sponsored by the American Legion, 6p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sun. 26 - "SONG TIME" - Sponsored by the Churches of Alton, 6p.m., Bible Conference Center Chapel
- Mon. 27 - FAST DAY - LANDFILL AND TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
SCHOOL SPRING VACATION BEGINS

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).



HONORABLE MENTION

Illustration by Eric Pelton & Scott Lionetta

SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR SET FOR APRIL 22

Students have been busy gathering information and materials for their entries in the Annual Science Fair scheduled for Wednesday, April 22. Participation includes displays, experiments, and written and oral reports.

Judging and presentation of projects takes place in the Gym for grades 7 through 12 and in rooms 5 and 10 for students in grades 4, 5 and 6 from 1 to 2:30p.m. Winners will be highlighted during the Open House from 6:30 to 8p.m. that evening. The public is invited.

The older a man gets, the farther he had to walk to school as a boy.

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Chief Russell E. Jones has announced that the Alton Fire Department has vacancies for certain stations, particularly in the West Alton area. Other stations are located in East Alton, Alton Bay, and the Central Station on Route 140.

Anyone interested is urged to contact Captain Russell Sample, Standing Committee Chairman, for an application and further information at 875-7534. Applicants from station areas where no vacancies exist will be placed on file and appointed to the Department as openings occur.

New members are probationary firefighters for a year and full membership requires fulfillment of training requirements.

Firefighters are compensated for their participation in training and responses to emergency incidents. A minimum of \$5 for each response or training session and \$5 per hour for participation beyond the first hour was recently approved by the fire chief.

FLASHBACKS



Sylvia Snaffletree takes advantage of an early ice-out to pose prettily at the April 1, 1903, final meeting of the Alton Bay Polar Bears. There being no other contestants, Sylvia was voted Miss Hypothermia and awarded a beautiful, ice-sculpture trophy, which has since disappeared.

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LOCAL CHURCHES SET EASTER OBSERVANCES

Several local churches are planning special services for the Easter season.

The Community Church in conjunction with the Bible Conference Center will have Sunrise Services at 6a.m., Sunday, April 19, with breakfast following at the Lombard Center. Easter Sunday School Worship will be at 9:30a.m. with Easter Worship Service at eleven o'clock. Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be at 7:30p.m. April 16.

Hosanna New Testament Fellowship will hold a Sunrise Service starting between 5:30 and 6a.m. at the Scenic View, Route 11 West, followed by breakfast at the American Legion Hall.

During Easter season, St. Joan of Arc Church has daily Mass at 8:30a.m. except Fridays when Mass is at 7p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. During Holy Week, services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be held at 7p.m. Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil, will be held at 7p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 8 and 11a.m.

While Baha'i Fireside will hold no special service, there will be open discussions on world peace during the Easter season at the regular 8p.m. Wednesday meetings at the Gustafson residence in West Alton.

RABIES CLINIC OFFERED

Stephen Barsanti, DVM, announces a rabies clinic for dogs and cats will be held at the Alton Central Fire Station on Saturday, April 11, from Noon to 2p.m. The cost of protecting your pet against this fatal disease will be \$5 per animal.

HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 875-3070.

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collaters, folders, and staplers to help put it all together once a month.

SEEK VIETNAM VETERANS FOR NEW TOWN MONUMENT

American Legion Post 72 is moving ahead with its plan to erect a monument honoring veterans of the Vietnam War as a result of funds approved at the annual Town Meeting.

Anyone who entered military service from Alton from 1961 to 1975 is eligible to be included among the names on the monument. Those who have not been contacted by someone from the Post are asked to call the Legion Hall, 875-3461, or Steve Temple at 859-6270. In particular, the monument committee is seeking the current address of Stuart H. Drew Thomas J. Harmon, Michael P. Howard, Edward C. Prest, Alfred J. L. Richardson, Jr., Francis E. Whitehouse, and Winnel E. Harvey or Harvey Winnel.

The town voted to appropriate \$3,000 to purchase and erect a Vietnam Monument on Monument Square.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ANNOUNCED BY LIBRARY

The Friends of the Gilman Library are looking for photographs to be used in the 1988 calendar - Alton Past and Present. Entries should be clear prints, color or black and white, and should be of Alton now or in the past.

Prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be awarded for the best photographs. Entries must be submitted to the Gilman Library before May 15, 1987. All materials will be returned after the calendars are printed.

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THE EYES HAVE IT as voters exercise their rights at the Annual School District Meeting

ROBERT GILMORE CHOSEN FOR ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

Robert Gilmore, a senior at Alton High School, has been selected for the 1987 All-State Music Festival Concert Band. The band will be joined by a Festival Choir and full Orchestra in a gala public concert on Saturday, April 4, at Salem High School.

NEW MOTORIST ASSIST POLICY SET BY TOWN

Review of incidents and experience involving the potential for Town liability incurred in efforts to assist motorists has resulted in the adoption by the Selectmen of new policies for Town employees.

Henceforth, Town-owned or operated equipment will not be used in extracting vehicles stuck in snow banks or otherwise immobilized. Police will provide traffic control as necessary, but will call a commercial wrecker for removal.

Another provision states that police officers may continue the practice of opening car doors for drivers who have left keys inside, but only after obtaining a signed liability release, and at the discretion of the officer.

It was noted that certain cars with electric door locking systems may be short-circuited with possible serious damage resulting. Likewise, inter-vehicle jump-starting will not be provided. However, in any circumstance threatening life or injury, appropriate emergency action will be taken by the Police Department.

CAREER FAIR WILL OFFER WIDE RANGE OF SPEAKERS

A Career Fair for students in grades 7 through 12 is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7, at the Alton School.

Approximately 40 career areas will be presented in response to an interest survey conducted by the Guidance Department.

Speakers will include individuals who work in those career areas or educators who prepare future employees. Among the careers that will be highlighted are the hospitality and travel industries, teaching, law, medicine, real estate, financial planning, auto mechanics, art, acting, construction trades, banking, media, military service, and others.

The Career Fair, coordinated by Guidance Director Andre Lavoie, is part of an overall program designed to prepare students for life after high school.

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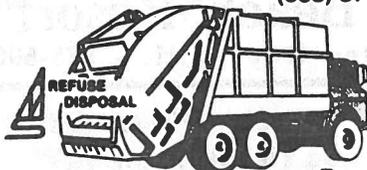
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STUDENTS TO TOUR WASHINGTON, D.C.

Social Studies teacher Nancy Johnston will lead a group of Alton students on a trip to our nation's capitol on April 30. The professionally guided tour offers 3 days of visits to Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court, the National Archives, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The busy schedule also includes tours of the museums and galleries of the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, and several of our most famous national memorials. Enroute, the travellers will visit Independence Hall and the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia.

This opportunity to visit our national shrines and institutions will provide an exciting and enlightening spring vacation for 15 students and 3 chaperones. The cost of travel and lodging is \$190 each. Support from community groups and individuals to help defray the cost of this adventure in civics will be welcome. Please contact Mrs. Johnston at the School.

BOY SCOUTS PLAN RALLY FOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Boy Scout Troop, sponsored by Post 72 of the American Legion, will hold a troop rally at Alton Central School on Tuesday, April 21, at 7p.m. to introduce the world of scouting to prospective members and their parents.

Boys who have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 and a half years old or at least 11 years old, but not 18 years old, are eligible to join.

For more information, call 875-7254.

MATH MENTOR SOUGHT

The Alton School Gifted and Talented Program is looking for someone with a background in Mathematics to mentor small groups of high school students one or two hours weekly for 8 to 10-week sessions. This is a paid position. Please contact Mrs. Batchelder at 875-7500.

BASEBALL OPENS APRIL 3

by Alan Hamer

If you were to look upon the baseball field of the Alton Apaches, you would think we are still in the month of February. But, in reality, the practice sessions started on March 15 with almost a foot of snow yet to melt.

Last year's Apaches, consisting of mainly seniors who are now graduated, leave all of the starting positions open. Coach Bubba Noyes has a tough job recruiting enough new talent to have a championship-bound team.

The season is set to open on April 3, providing mother nature offers a taste of Spring.

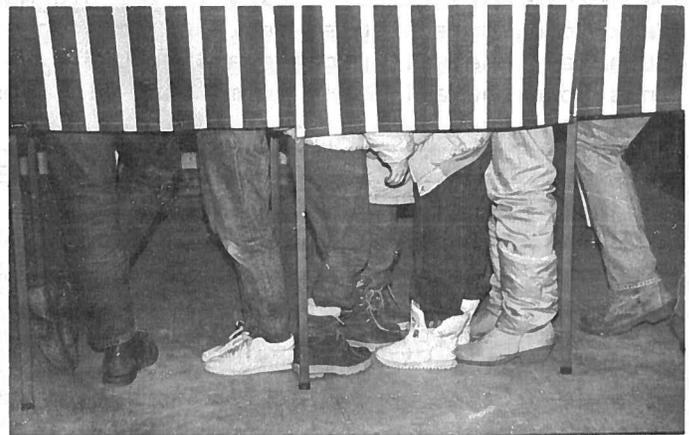


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SOME VOTERS needed help making up their minds!

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WINNING DESIGN in the Old Home Week Logo Contest was designed by Connie Quindley. She will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a T-Shirt from the Old Home Week Committee.

AMERICAN LEGION PLANS PAST LEADERS BANQUET

The Annual Past Commanders' / Past Presidents' Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Members with more than 20 years of membership will be recognized and a memorial service will be conducted for past leaders who are deceased.

Entertainment will be provided by the Hookset Entertainers.

Tickets are \$12 per person and must be purchased by April 18. No tickets will be sold at the door. The ticket chairman is Hazel Potter, P.O. Box 247, Alton Bay, 03810. Banquet chairman is Muriel Stinson.

ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE

Applications for the Alton Youth League baseball and softball program are still being accepted. Forms are available from Mrs. Racine at the Alton Central School.

Boys and girls from ages 6 to 12 (no one 13 years of age before August 1, 1987) are eligible.

Try-out dates will be announced soon. For more information, call 875-5135.

TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS PREPARE FOR NEW SEASON

Approximately 35 students have signed up for the 1987 Track and Field program at Alton School. According to Coach Peter Boyd, "The loss of Mickey Rogers and Lloyd Perkins will hurt, but many of last year's team are back once again."

Returning in the Field events are Debby Adams, Shawn Vigue, Peter Countway, Mike Smith, and Carol Young. Track veterans include Darin Burke, Chris Schoonmaker, Jannis Burke, Peter Countway, Diedra Magnifico, and Michelle Essig. A number of promising newcomers, Sean Sullivan, Doug Hammond, Andy Walker, and Jeff Bartlett, are expected to give the team added depth.

Jennifer Mynter, physical education teacher, has been named assistant coach for Field events.

As he prepares for the opening meet at Interlakes on April 14, Coach Boyd said, "All in all I feel that this is a potentially good team. If everyone works to his or her capability, I'm sure that we'll surprise a number of schools in the upcoming meets."

BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS WITH 11-7 RECORD

The Alton Boys Varsity Basketball Team finished the 1986-87 season with a record of 11 wins and 7 losses, qualifying the team for entry in the State Tournament as the 9th ranked Class S team. They were eliminated in the quarterfinals by the number one ranked team, Groveton.

Season highlights include finishing second in the Gilford Christmas Tournament (defeating Belmont and Tournament-favorite Gilford), first round victory over Linwood in the State Tournament by a Chris Irvin buzzer shot, season and career high of 40 points for Mark Thomas, the overtime victory against Linwood by an Andrew Walker 30-foot buzzer shot, and continued hard work and dedication by all members of the team.

The opening day of the 1987 fishing season is April 1.



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