



Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire



WELCOME TO ALTON

Barbara was not the only Bush welcomed to Alton last month as evidenced by this display of affection in front of Shields Gas Station.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT INCLUDES 16 ARTICLES

Alton voters will meet at the Alton Central School Gymnasium Wednesday, March 11, at 7p.m. to act upon 16 warrant articles.

Included are the articles for operating expenses exclusive of warrant articles, authorization for selectmen to apply for federal and state grants and to accept gifts in trust, to borrow monies in anticipation of tax collections, and to hear reports and conduct any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Money articles include road construction, sidewalk construction from the Village Store to the top of Rollins Hill, the purchase of a Police Department cruiser and a Highway Department dump truck, the rebuilding of a fire truck, community center repairs, and repairs to the Alton Bay retaining wall.

Voters will be asked to appropriate money for Hospice of Southern Carroll County, Lakes Region Community Services, Lakes Region Community Health, and Lakes Region Association.

Other articles include the sale of two parcels, repair of the underground electric cable to the Bandstand in the water, money for engineering plans and specifications for a septic system on town owned land between Lake Street and Pop's Clam Shell, and an article to fund a \$300 deductible health insurance plan for non-union employees of the town.

There is one petition article calling for the elimination of the position of Town Planner as of June 2, 1992.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 21, at 6p.m. in the parish hall of St. Joan of Arc Church. Tickets are \$5.

35 CANDIDATES SEEK 22 TOWN/SCHOOL OPENINGS

Thirty-five residents filed for the 22 openings in the town and school elections on Tuesday, March 10. Nine positions are being contested.

Two vacancies are open for Selectman. One three-year term is being sought by Bonnie D. Joseph, Florence C. Shaw, and William Watson, Jr. and one two-year term has Lawrence J. Alting, Jonathan H. Downing, Francis C. Metcalfe, Norman A. Nardello, and Reuben L. Wentworth vying for the openings.

The Budget Committee has three three-year terms being sought by Robert J. Deroches, Ralph L. Drew, Sr., Warren B. Harris, Paula J. Kelson, Catherine R. Mars, Warren B. Nott, and Michael E. Sullivan.

Robert J. Desroches and Richard A. Quindley are seeking a position as Water Commissioner for three years.

The School District election has two contests. The position of School Clerk for one year is being sought by Mary Jane Finethy and Judy E. Biggar. Four candidates are running for two School Board positions. They are Robert Boyce, Albert C. Burbank, Stephen G. Parker, and Arthur G. Thomits.

Uncontested positions include Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, Joseph R. Houle; Library Trustee for three years, David Countway; Cemetery Trustee for three years, Jane Porter; Fire Ward for three years, David Jensen; two Planning Board members for three years, Harold M. Bothwick, Jr., and James C. Washburn; Planning Board Member for one year, Richard A. Mongeon; Water Commissioner for one year, George Jones; Moderator for two years, John F. Duffek; Supervisor of the Checklist for six years, Alice S. Ziegler; School Moderator for one year, Harold W. Finethy III; and School Treasurer for one year, Shirley E. Young.

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Meet the Candidates' Night, Music Recital Room, Alton Central School, 7:30p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Town and School Elections, Central Fire Station, 7a.m. to 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Annual Town Meeting, Alton School Gymnasium, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Annual School District Meeting, Alton School Gymnasium, 1p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING TO ADDRESS NINE ARTICLES

Voters will deal with nine articles at the Annual School District Meeting on Saturday, March 14, in the Alton Central School Gymnasium. The meeting begins at 1p.m.

Articles involving the appropriation of funds include \$60,000 to replace half of the high school roof and \$10,000 to replace paving, \$6,175 for salaries of the School Board and other officers and agents of the District, a sum to fund the increased cost items relative to teachers' salaries and fringe benefits resulting from the Factfinder's Report, a sum to pay for the increase in the District's share of the State Retirement cost due to legislative action, and a sum for the operation of the school.

Other articles are for the purpose of hearing reports; authorizing the School Board to apply for, receive and expend funds; transacting any other business which may legally come before the meeting; and receiving and reviewing the Factfinder's Report with the purpose of accepting or rejecting it.

OLDE TYME WAYS

Sausages will shrink less if they're boiled about eight minutes before they're fried or rolled in flour.



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD

Jill Dunham receives a certificate from VFW Post 11163 Commander Archie Thibeault as her brother, Gordon Dunham, her mother, Janet Dunham, and VFW District Voice of Democracy Chairman Dana Hussey, look on.

JILL DUNHAM WINS VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST

Jill Dunham, a junior at Alton Central School, recently was honored by the Alton/Alton Bay Veterans of Foreign Wars for being selected this year's local winner in the Annual Voice of Democracy Contest.

Participants write and tape record a three to five minute script expressing their views on "Meeting America's Challenge". National winners are chosen from among the state winners to receive over \$62,500 in scholarships. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary have been involved with the Voice of Democracy program for 45 years, and more than 5 million high school students have participated.

According to local VFW post commander, Archie Thibeault, "One of the greatest benefits to the young people who participate in the Voice of Democracy program is that by thinking, writing and speaking up for their country, they gain a better appreciation of their obligation and freedom in America".

ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURES

Absentee ballots for the town/school elections on Tuesday, March 10, are available through the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

An original application for each individual seeking an absentee ballot must be on file before the absentee ballot will be mailed.

Completed ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 5p.m. on Monday, March 9.

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ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, MARCH 2

Four adult education courses presented by the Alton Central School begin Monday, March 2.

Desktop Publishing will be offered by Sherry Brown for eight weeks from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. and will cover design, layout, production, and print quality using "Publish It!" on the Apple IIGS computer. The fee is \$25.

Quilting, taught by Barbara Lemery from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. for eight weeks, covers a wide range of abilities with a variety of projects underway. The fee is \$25; materials are not included.

Slimnastics includes mat work, jump rope routines, exercises and dancercises to music. This eight week course meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 to 8p.m. with Instructor Elaine Conboy. The fee is \$25.

Community CPR, a Red Cross certified course presented by Alan Rabb, will meet from 7 to 9:30p.m. for four weeks. The fee is \$40 and includes materials and books. Recertification is \$20.

Registration for these courses is required by 3:30p.m. on Monday, March 2.

A GED test preparation class prepares students to take the exam given by the State. There is no fee for Alton residents and anyone interested should call the School at 875-7500.

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....voters at Town Meeting approved a bond issue article to erect a new building to house the Police Department.....a bond issue article for alterations and additions to the Alton Central School was approved at the Annual School District Meeting.....Pat Merrill and Russell Jones were elected to the Board of Selectmen and William Moore was elected its chairman.....plans for a Vietnam Monument were begun by American Legion Post 72.....the Apache Players presented two one-act comedies, "Who Am I This Time?" and "Baby".....Dorothy Bristol was appointed Director of Special Needs at Alton Central School.

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AMBULANCE SERVICE CLARIFIES STATUS

The following letter was received from the members of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

"The members of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service would like at this time to let the people of Alton know that the service has not been closed down. We have no intention of disbanding the service. The deaths of Leo and Marion MacDonald have left a void in our service, much the same as it has left a void in the whole town. We the members of the service intend to carry on with Leo and Marion's dream to provide the citizens and visitors of Alton with a Volunteer Ambulance Service.

"With the passing of Leo and Marion, we are a little short handed during the daytime, when most of our members are at their jobs. We have been able to continue our service due in large part to the assistance given to us by members of the Alton Fire Department. We are very grateful for their help.

"At this time we are asking for your patience in allowing us to rearrange ourselves, and adapt to the loss we have all experienced. Your health and safety are very important to all of us."

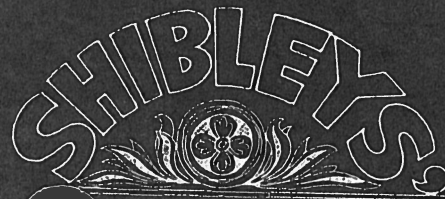
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The play revolves around a group of high school students over the weekend of December 5 through 7, 1941. The naive and worry-free world of these adolescents changes radically, literally over night, with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and America's subsequent entry into WW II.

Cast members include David Temple, Kim Noyes, Leah Kalfas, Kate Kender, Alec O'Meara, Jennifer Merfeld, Kelly Lord, Diane Carr, Laura Coots, Josh Hoopes, Dan Alting, Greg Salvatore, Kyle Hall, Jake Swain, Jeb Christy, Diane Chong, Lucas Jesseman, Paula Hufschmid, Amber Locke, Anna Varney, Jeremiah Wright, Amy Dickson, Andy Fuller, Stephanie Osborne, Wendy Kenerson, Christy Holway, and Tracey Thomas. The director is Michael P. Folan.

Plan on a short visit back in time when the depression was over and things were looking up for America. Even Kilroy was there!

The play will be performed on Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, at 7:30p.m. in the Music Recital Room.



**IN MEMORIAM
LEO MacDONALD**

Alton has suffered a second painful loss in a four-month period with the passing of Leo MacDonald who shared a life of selfless service and dedicated volunteerism with his beloved late wife, Marion.

The Revere, Mass., native came to Alton 31 years ago and served his new town with distinction. He initiated the Ice Racing Association and served as its president. With Marion, he co-founded the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service, which has saved the Alton taxpayers thousands of dollars each year. He has served tirelessly as a Red Cross CPR instructor, constable, special police officer, Alton Police Association member, Lions Club worker, and Alton Volunteer Fire Department member.

Somehow, it doesn't seem real -- Alton without Leo and Marion. We'll no longer see his distinctive cap, a symbol of his huge heart and universal concern. Our loss is immeasurable. But the happy and appreciative memory will live on -- very, very strong and positive! RLC

**SOCCER CAMP REGISTRATION
IS FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

North American Soccer Camp will be conducting a soccer camp in Alton again this summer on August 3-7 for all children ages 6 and up. The cost for the five-morning program is \$85 per child which will include a soccer ball and camp tee-shirt.

Registration will be held at Alton Central School on Friday, March 6, from 7 to 8p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Alting at 293-0431 or Bubba Noyes at 875-7140.

WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

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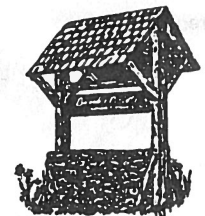
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The family of Leo MacDonald would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy. We would especially like to thank the Police Department, the Police Association, the Fire Department, the Lions Club, the American Legion and Auxiliary, and the Alton Volunteer Ambulance. Everyone's support was especially appreciated as we tried to deal with our father's death so soon after our mother's death.
Elaine, Sandy, Bob, Rob and Sara

VISION & HEARING TESTS PLANNED FOR PRESCHOOLERS

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will be holding its Annual Preschool Vision and Hearing Screening on Thursday, March 5, from 9 to 11:30a.m. at the American Legion Hall on Main Street. The screening is conducted by the NH Department of Health and the Alton School nurse under the sponsorship of the Lions Club. All children from Alton and New Durham are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Connie Racine at 875-7500.

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CARNIVAL BALL WINNERS

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RIBBON CUTTING

Former Selectman Robert Calvert is assisted by Town Administrator Pam Andrade (left) and Selectman Chairman Patricia Merrill (right) as he cuts the ceremonial ribbon at the official opening of the Transfer Station.

ALTON TRANSFER STATION HAS GRAND OPENING

The Alton Transfer Station began operation on Monday, February 3. At a brief opening ceremony, Selectman Patricia Merrill and Town Administrator Pam Andrade emphasized the need for residents to continue their recycling efforts.

Andrade also recognized the work of several past and current selectmen, many town employees and former chairman of the Landfill Study Committee, Ted Cole, who, according to Andrade was "a mover and shaker who opened our eyes and brought Alton into the 21st century".

Former Selectman Robert Calvert tossed ceremonial bags of trash into the compactor and Landfill Supervisor Malcolm Simonds demonstrated the compacting equipment.

The Transfer Station begins full operation in April when AMS Refuse Disposal will transport the compacted waste to an incinerator in Penacook. Until then the compacted waste will be placed in the Landfill.

There are bins for aluminum cans, paper and cardboard. The plastic market changes continually, but currently clean milk jugs, soda bottles and oil containers without caps are recyclable. Glass is collected in the glass pile and there is a bin for tin cans. If you have a question, ask the attendants.

The cost of transferring the waste will be determined by weight, so it's important to recycle and sell as much as possible. By extending the life of the Landfill and selling its recyclables, Alton has already saved thousands of tax dollars.

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Candidates Statements

As candidates filed for election, they were given a form that asked "Why are you seeking this office?". These forms were returned to Main Street for publication in this issue.

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS

BONNIE D. JOSEPH

As selectman, I will continue the work of the Civic Profile to: encourage a healthy exchange of information between town officials and the community, identify community problems, develop common directions to solve these problems, and put committees into action. Judgments must be based upon the overall good of the community.

FLORENCE C. SHAW

The Town has grown and changed. I would like to be a part of the growth. I would come to the Office free of any alliances with individuals or groups. I would come with a clear, open, unbiased mind to implement the rules and regulations in a fair and professional manner.

WILLIAM WATSON JR.

If elected, my only allegiance will be to the taxpayers, and citizens of the town of Alton: whose money I will be intrusted to spend; judiciously and in their best interests. I have no affiliations to special partisan politics, nor to any private endeavors, also not for their best interests.

SELECTMAN FOR TWO YEARS

LAWRENCE J. ALTING

I will actively encourage all citizens of Alton to work together for the betterment of our town. I will make myself available to listen to all points of view. I will push for fiscal responsibility while promoting economic growth for Alton.

JONATHAN H. DOWNING

As a former selectman, I am seeking this office because I have a continuous commitment towards working to lower property taxes, attracting businesses into the area and operating the Town on a more efficient basis while providing needed services and establishing long term goals and a unified township.

FRANCIS C. METCALFE

I am seeking the office of selectman for the purpose of seeing some of the projects we have started come to fulfillment. 1. Septic System for Alton Bay. 2. Proposed Sidewalk. 3. Transfer Station. I was appointed Selectman July 1991, now I would like the people of Alton to elect me.

NORMAN A. NARDELLO

As a taxpayer of Alton for 41 years and with my business experience in management, budgeting and leadership I would be able to direct the town forward in these trying times. Also I will do my best to bring the town back to the people if I am elected.

REUBEN L. WENTWORTH

Having lived in Alton all my life, I've seen changes having both positive and negative impacts. I believe Town officials need to work together and be responsive to the taxpayers' needs, to the community as a whole, and to the economic, business, and growth needs of a town like ours.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS

JANE B. PORTER

We are working on old cemetery files and I hope to be re-elected so we can see this task to the end. The files tell a great story and history of Alton and, if not re-elected, would be like putting a book down in the middle and never finishing it.

THREE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS

ROBERT J. DESROCHES

Having been appointed a member of the Budget Committee last year and receiving on the job training, I'm seeking this office for three years. I want to apply the experience I've gained and put it to use for you, the people of Alton and Alton Bay.

RALPH L. DREW SR.

I find myself also guilty of standing on the corner and complaining. It is time for more action and less talk. I feel I can really help in this part of town government as I'm a very thrifty person. I will appreciate your vote of confidence to this Department.

WARREN B. HARRIS

I have spent over 8 years developing budgets for colleges and currently am a budgets and finance consultant for churches. My chief aim in Alton is one of fairness. I want Alton known for its fiscal responsibilities and where the taxpayer knows he is getting good services at reasonable costs.

PAULA J. KELSON

My main objective is to keep the tax rate down without impairing needed services. I would like the opportunity to offer the community the enjoyment of a responsible "no frills" basic operating budget, that we all can live with, while also being affordable to the already financially-strapped Alton taxpayer.

CATHERINE R. MARS

I'm looking for a sensible approach to spending. My views are conservative but reasonable. I will attempt to balance the needs and benefits related to the requests presented to the committee to insure equity. I urge all who feel the same way to consider voting for me.

WARREN B. NOTT

Retired from 35 years in automotive management, have time to devote to the Alton Budget, have attended every meeting of the Alton Budget Committee during a 3 year elected term. I would like the consent of the Alton voters to continue with the Alton Budget Committee for three years.

MICHAEL E. SULLIVAN

I want to bring new blood and energy to the budget committee; to make the budget process more accessible to the public, and more sensitive to public input. I come without agenda or affiliation, since the budget should be a mirror reflection of the town's priorities and interests.

TWO WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THREE YEARS

ROBERT J. DESROCHES

The knowledge and experience I've gained this past year have helped me understand the problems the Water Department has to cope with on a day to day bases. I'm seeking this office to apply my skills in creating an efficient up to date Water Department.

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR ONE YEAR

GEORGE JONES

In my capacity as vice chairman of the water commission I have had the pleasure of confronting many of the concerns of the water users, and would like to continue my efforts in addressing the quality of service and the mission of the Water Department to better serve the community.

SCHOOL CLERK FOR ONE YEAR

MARY JANE FINETHY

I am seeking to be re-elected because of my original reason for running last year. I want to continue the fine work that Gwen Jones performed for the School District. I feel it a privilege to continue Gwen's fine performance as School Clerk, and ask for your vote to do so.

JUDY E. BIGGAR

I believe my years of experience in business/clerical related tasks would bring a sense of professionalism to the position of Alton School Board Clerk. A vote for me would ensure this type of professionalism to the position.

SCHOOL TREASURER FOR ONE YEAR

SHIRLEY E. YOUNG

Have held the elected job of School Treasurer since 1972. I work in town and am always available to get to the SAU office or the school on notice. Would like to thank all those who have voted for me in the past and would appreciate your support again.

TWO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS

ROBERT BOYCE

I will strive to provide our children with the best education possible for the lowest cost. We are responsible for the education of Alton's children, preparing them for life, as others did for us! In today's poor economy, education is even more important. Doing less is to mortgage their future.

ALBERT C. BURBANK

The education of Alton youth is the responsibility of parents, school board, administrators and teachers. Harmony must exist among these groups to promote excellence in the on-going educational process. The contributions of each is a vital ingredient for an outstanding school system. My energies would be directed toward this goal.

STEPHEN G. PARKER

A desire to serve on a board for community service, not for personal financial gain. To prepare our students to meet the challenges of our ever changing world. To save the taxpayer money by aggressively pursuing the bidding process and continuing my hard work as Chairman of Buildings and Grounds.

ARTHUR G. THOMITS

As a member of the Alton School Board I would work to increase achievement in the classroom, promote true fiscal accountability and increase cooperation with the professional staff. I feel I can provide the unencumbered cooperative leadership necessary to reach these goals.

MARCH EVENTS

- Mon. 2 - TAKING CHARGE OF YOUR FINANCES, Gilman Library, 6 to 8p.m.
ADULT ED COURSES BEGIN, Alton School
- Tue. 3 - INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 4 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
CANDIDATES' NIGHT, Alton School, 7:30p.m.
- Thu. 5 - PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING, American Legion Hall, 9 to 11:30a.m.
- Fri. 6 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
SOCCER CAMP REGISTRATION, Alton School, 7p.m.
- Sat. 7 - FLEA MARKET, American Legion Hall, 8a.m. to 3p.m.
- Sun. 8 - FLEA MARKET, American Legion Hall, 8a.m. to 3p.m.
- Mon. 9 - ACTIVE PARENTING, Alton School, 6:30p.m.
- Tue. 10 - TOWN/SCHOOL ELECTIONS, Central Fire Station, 7a.m. to 7p.m.
INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 11 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, Alton School, 7p.m.
- Fri. 13 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 14 - SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, Alton School, 1p.m.
- Mon. 16 - SPECIAL MEETING for Club Representatives with Old Home Week Committee, Legion Hall, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY
INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
HISTORICAL PLAQUE VIDEO, Historical Society, Gilman Library, 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 18 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 19 - THEATRE - "The Day The Cat Jumped", Junior Apache Players, Alton School, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 20 - FIRST DAY OF SPRING
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
THEATRE - "The Day The Cat Jumped", Junior Apache Players, Alton School, 7:30p.m.
- Sat. 21 - ST. PATRICK'S PARTY, St. Joan of Arc Church Parish Hall, 6p.m.
- Tue. 24 - INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 25 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 26 - GALA BAND CONCERT, Alton School, 7p.m.
- Fri. 27 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Tue. 31 - INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon

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FOUR ART STUDENTS HONORED BY BOSTON GLOBE

The art work of four Alton Central School students has been recognized by the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards competition, according to Art Teacher Irene Derosier.

The top award, a blue ribbon, was awarded to two works by senior Tanya Witherbee. The entries will be sent to New York to represent the region in national competition. Senior Amelia McKinney, ninth grader Justin Swain, and seventh grader Jessie Donahue each received a Gold Key award for their entries.

Since 1927, Scholastic, Inc., has conducted the Scholastic Art Awards to encourage and recognize student achievement in the visual arts. The present program is conducted in cooperation with Scholastic, Inc.'s, national co-sponsors, Hallmark Cards, Inc., Strathmore Paper Company, and regional co-sponsors across the United States. In addition, more than 40 art schools, colleges, and universities offer scholarships to qualified high school seniors through this program.

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OLD HOME WEEK MEETING FOR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives of all local clubs and organizations are requested to attend a meeting of the Old Home Week Committee at 7:30p.m. on Monday, March 16, at the American Legion Hall. Call 875-2283 for more information.



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By Jack Miller

THE MIDDLE MONTH OF MARCH

March is actually the middle month for the outdoor person. This is the month that separates the winter from the spring, the hunting season from the fishing season.

As for the hunting season, rabbit, hare, and fox hunting ends in the middle of the month. Crows may be hunted through March 31. If you want to practice your hunting, calling, and hiding skills, try calling crows within shotgun range. These wise birds will give you turkey hunters some all-round practice. Silhouette crow decoys can be made out of wire coat hangers and black construction paper. Make about a dozen and face them in all directions. An owl decoy can really help bring them in as crows and owls are arch enemies. A how-to-call-crow instruction record or tape will teach you crow talk. They are not easy. Good Luck!

Ice fishing can be a pleasant experience this month as the days get warmer and longer. Please be careful of thinning ice.

Those who long for spring can use this month to prepare for the fishing season. Tie your flies this month, renew fishing lines, clean and rewind fly lines, clean and check fishing reels, refinish canoe paddles, tune up the trolling motor.

If you enjoy archery, now is the time to buy that new bow so you will have all spring and summer to practice and this is the month for the deer hunter to look for shed antlers from the bucks that made it through hunting season.

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VOTER INFORMATION OFFERED AT CANDIDATES' NIGHT

What may be a record 35 candidates for town and school offices will come into sharp focus on Wednesday, March 4, when Moderator Ted Cole gavel an exciting session to order at 7:30p.m. in the Music Recital Room of Alton Central School.

The session? For the past four years now, Main Street has sponsored a "Meet The Candidates' Night" with the objective of helping voters learn more about each candidate and thus make informed choices on election day, Tuesday, March 10. In the same spirit, candidate statements are published each year in the March issue of Main Street.

Candidates will speak briefly about their candidacy and later respond to questions from the audience. This year there will be competition for many open posts. The fast-moving session will be followed by light refreshments. So, Let's all march forth on March 4th to this exciting event.

VOTER "CHECK-IN" REQUIRED AT MEETINGS

Voters will be required to check in prior to the start of the Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at 7p.m. and the School District Meeting on Saturday, March 14, at 1p.m.

The meetings will begin on time and those attending are asked to arrive earlier than usual to complete the check-in.

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The UNH Cooperative Extension is offering its popular five session workshop on basic money management entitled "Taking Charge of Your Finances" at the Library beginning Monday, March 2. The program is led by Extension Educator Barbara J. Hunter from 6 to 8p.m. Mondays through March 30.

Topics include: making a spending plan, evaluating credit sources and keeping track of credit use, setting financial goals, developing a practical record-keeping system, understanding and analyzing insurance needs, and establishing a savings plan.

Pre-register by calling 524-1737. The cost is \$12 for an individual and \$15 for a couple; scholarships are available.

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

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Friends at Thrush Green by Miss Read

Consumer Reports Guide to Income Tax Preparation

The House of Barrymore by Margot Peters

The Crisis Years: Kennedy & Khrushchev 1960-63 by Michael Sokolove

The Future Belongs to Freedom by Eduard Shevardnadze

AMERICAN LEGION FLEA MARKET

American Legion Post 72 will sponsor an antiques and used items flea market on Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, from 8a.m. to 3p.m. at the Legion Hall on Main Street. For information call 875-7524 or 875-5821.

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BARBARA BUSH VISITS ALTON

Barbara Bush on a campaign swing through New Hampshire last month stopped by the Alton Town Hall where she was presented a rose by Justin Mars and a t-shirt by Nicole Wentworth.

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HOSTS GALA BAND CONCERT



The Alton Central School Band will combine forces with the bands of the Raymond School District in a gala concert on Thursday, March 26, at 7p.m. in the Alton School Gym.

The concert bands and jazz bands from both schools will practice together during the day to prepare for the evening event. There will be over 90 musicians performing a program ranging from jazz and pop to light classical music.

Ken Clark, music director at Raymond, and James Butka, band director at Alton, are very excited about the event. "There are many talented musicians in this school and performing with another band is a wonderful way for them to meet other musicians their own age and to showcase their combined efforts", Butka commented.

A \$1 donation at the door is asked to cover the cost of the concert and for the fund raiser to purchase band uniforms.

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The winter edition of the Alton School Video News is now available for loan at the school and public libraries.

Scenes from the Christmas concerts, Carnival Ball, Lip Synch Contest, D.A.R.E. Graduation, and basketball season are included.

Editor Rob Boudrow was assisted this semester by two freshmen, Matt Christy and Tom Quindley. There are now five editions available for loan.

In December, Community TV of Laconia donated \$500 to the Alton School to help continue this project. "These funds were very welcome," remarked Marjorie Mohr, the video project advisor. "We have not had a budget for our video work. Community TV has made three grants to the school totaling \$2500. It has opened a new area of study at Alton High School."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO VIEW VIDEO

The Alton Historical Society will begin its program season on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30p.m. in the Gilman Library. The subject of the meeting will be a video tape of the dedication ceremony for the State historical marker near the Alton Bay Community House. The meeting is hosted by Nina Liedtke and Judy Fry.

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**THREE FEMALE ATHLETES
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Three female athletes from Alton joined many of the top high school female athletes at the fifth annual New Hampshire High School Women Athletes Award Ceremony on February 14 at the State House in Concord.

They were Jannis Burke for cross country and track, Amelia McKinney for volleyball and softball, and Kerrie Newlin for basketball and softball.

The award program recognized 195 athletes who have attained a remarkable position of excellence both athletically and academically. The program was established by the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women and is endorsed by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association and the New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association.

To qualify for the award, students must be seniors in high school, maintain a B plus average or better, play at least two varsity sports, demonstrate qualities of good citizenship, be a role model for peers and have a letter of recommendation from their principal.

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT
FOR ELECTION DAYS**

Town Moderator John Duffek is seeking volunteers to staff the polls for the and the Town and School Elections on March 10. Individuals will be needed to check in voters, provide voter assistance and booth supervision, and count ballots at the close of the polls.

Any registered voter interested in helping should call Duffek at 875-7300 or 569-4441.

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VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provides free tax help with basic tax returns particularly for the elderly, handicapped and non-English speaking taxpayers.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NINE STUDENTS

One senior and eight juniors from Alton High School were inducted recently into Alton's Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The new members are senior Michael Mitchell and juniors Kevin Carr, Jill Dunham, Laura Foss, Tara Kelley, Matthew Northridge, Heather Patterson, Lisa Racine, and Thomas Rott. They were selected by a faculty committee for meeting high standards of scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

George Rogers, Alton Central School principal, was the featured speaker. The ceremony was conducted by Chapter President Ryan Duntley and he was assisted by Vice-President Amelia McKinney, Secretary Jannis Burke, and Treasurer Kerrie Newlin. The Chapter advisor is Marjorie Mohr.

ACTIVE PARENTING COURSE OFFERED AT ALTON SCHOOL

Beginning on Monday, March 9, the popular Active Parenting series will be offered at Alton School.

The six-week series will be led by Molly Connelly, a family therapist and parent of 12 children. It will meet from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. and is available free to parents of children in grades K - 6.

Issues discussed include: discipline methods that work, the three keys to your child's self-esteem, how to avoid anger, communication skills that win cooperation, teaching your child responsibility, and how to teach your child to respect you.

Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited to 12 people. To register call the Alton School at 875-7500, Terri Noyes at 875-7140 or Donna San Antonio at 569-5510. The series is sponsored by the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project.

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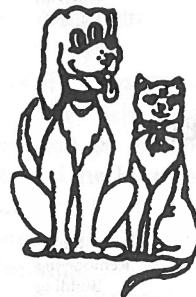
ARTIST FLORENCE HOLWAY HAS BELKNAP MILL SHOW

Paintings by Florence Holway will be presented at the Belknop Mill in Laconia from Friday, March 13, through Friday, March 20. An opening reception is scheduled on the 13th from 7 to 10 p.m. and Holway will be on hand each weekday from 10a.m. to 3p.m. The show is sponsored by New Beginnings.

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By Alice Ziegler, State Representative

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE IS SURPRISING AND DYNAMIC

After three years in Concord fulfilling committee and House obligations, I am still surprised at how much we constantly learn. The actual give and take and compromise to accomplish what seems best is a dynamic experience.

This month the revenues, budget projections and needs for funds are under great scrutiny.

Most House committees have completed hearings on bills. We are voting now. Deadline for completion is March 6. Money bills are going to the Appropriations Committee to see if they will or will not be funded. Even with the infusion of Medicaid money, we hope revenues will be sufficient for the 1993 budget.

The county budget will be voted on by the delegation before March 31. Town Meeting will settle our local budget and officials on March 10 and 11. School budget is voted on March 14.

I will be at the Alton Town Hall on Monday, March 2, from 3 to 4p.m. Meanwhile, my phone is 875-2151.

The young want to change the world, and the old want to change the young.

ALTON STUDENTS TO ENTER REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

The one act play, "Fortress", by Michael Scanlon is Alton High's entry into this year's New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild Drama Festival Regional Competition Saturday, March 7, at Plymouth Regional High School.


"Fortress" focuses on the relationship between Billy, an adolescent determined not to need anyone but himself, and Kim, his only friend, ally, and sometimes enemy.

The parts of Kim and Billy are played by junior Laura Foss and freshman Justin Swain supported by an ensemble cast which includes seniors Amelia McKinney and Ryan Duntley; juniors Danielle Hanley, Lisa Racine and Michael Bernard; sophomores Katey Best, Maureen Coots, Richard Fiore and Kurt Thomits; and Freshman Robert Boyce.

The backstage crew includes stage manager Tara Kelley with Stephen Thibeault, Ed Soucy, Jeff Brown, Rachel Irvin and Sara Elliot. The play is directed by Alton faculty member Elizabeth Lent.

Best wishes to these players as they try to qualify for the state level of competition which will be held Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, at Gilford Middle High School.

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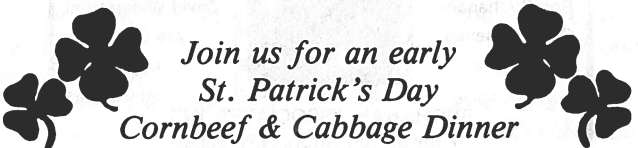
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