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Alton, New Hampshire



SECRET BALLOT

Voters line up to participate in a secret ballot during last month's Annual Town Meeting.

BONNIE JOSEPH & REUBEN WENTWORTH ELECTED TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Incumbent Bonnie Joseph and political-newcomer Reuben Wentworth were elected to three and two year terms respectively on the Board of Selectmen. Joseph with 529 votes defeated Florence Shaw (455) and William Watson Jr. (108). Wentworth (349) outdistanced Lawrence Alting (166), Jonathan Downing (120), Francis Metcalfe (165), and Norman Nardello (301).

There were three three-year positions open on the Budget Committee with seven candidates. Elected were Robert DesRoches (473), Ralph Drew (589), and Paula Kelson (514). Defeated were Warren Harris (370), Catherine Mars (433), Warren Nott (199), and Michael Sullivan (391).

Richard Quindley (571) defeated Robert DesRoches (476) for the open three-year seat on the Water Commission.

The results of unchallenged positions were: Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, Joseph Houle (966); Library Trustee for three years, David Countway (986); Cemetery Trustee for three years, Jane Porter (957); Fire Ward for three years, David Jensen (989); Planning Board for three years, Harold Bothwick (774) and James Washburn (803); Planning Board for one year, Richard Mongeon (831); Water Commissioner for one year, George Jones (917); Moderator for two years, John Duffek (983); and Supervisor of the Checklist List for six years, Alice Ziegler (996).

All amendments to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board were approved.

1153 voters cast ballots in the election.

\$2,580,166 BUDGET APPROVED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

When the town moderator gavelled the 1992 Annual Town Meeting to adjournment following a five-hour session on March 11, a total of \$52,131 (not recommended by the Budget Committee) had been restored to the overall town budget. Voters approved a grand total of \$2,580,166, up \$75,868 from the 1991 budget. With 1992 projected income technically down from 1991, the impact on the 1992 tax rate (November billing and due December 1) will be greater than expected. When school and county portions are factored in, the overall tax rate increase would appear to be around 5%.

Items restored for 1992 include police overtime (\$2000), a riding mower for Parks and Recreation (\$2500), a part-time assistant to the Town Clerk (\$2500), support for Old Home Week (\$1500), and \$974 additional for Hazardous Waste Collection. Also restored in warrant articles were \$35,525 (down from an original \$45,000) for a replacement highway dump truck; \$4647 to fund a \$300 deductible health insurance plan for non-union employees rather than the Budget Committee-proposed \$500 deductible; \$8036 for five outside organizations: Hospice of Southern Carroll County (\$1200), Red Cross (\$986), Lakes Region Community Service (\$600), Lakes Region Community Health (\$3800), and Lakes Region Association (\$1450); and \$3923 (down from \$6500) to repair and maintain the Mount Major Community Center. Voters sustained the recommendations of the Budget Committee in not passing \$4400 for underwater electrical cable and light fixtures for the Alton Bay (water) Bandstand. Similarly, voters turned down \$17,000 for a second police cruiser and \$9400 for engineering septic plans at the Bay.

Other moneyed warrant articles passed included Alton Bay Community Center repairs (\$15,000), one police cruiser (\$17,000), rebuilding of the M-5 fire truck (\$50,000), and the Alton Bay retaining wall (\$15,000). Also approved: \$285,000 (\$175,388 from general taxation) for road reconstruction, and \$40,000 for sidewalk repairs.

The petition article to eliminate the position of Town Planner, later amended to reduce the position to two days per week, were both soundly defeated. Traditional housekeeping articles were all approved; and Article 14 to authorize sale of a parcel of town-owned land was withdrawn. New RSA 40:10 was extensively used to restrict reconsideration of action taken that night.

VOTERS CHOOSE PARKER AND BURBANK FOR SCHOOL BOARD

A large turnout (1153 voters) elected Stephen Parker (692) and Albert Burbank (553) to the two three-year posts on the Alton School Board. They defeated Robert Boyce (468) and Arthur Thomits (438) in the annual School District elections last month.

Mary Jane Finethy (623) defeated Judy Biggar (451) for School District Clerk.

Shirley Young (975) was unopposed for School District Treasurer and William Finethy III (872) was unopposed for School District Moderator.

THE PILGRIMS ARE COMING TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

"The Pilgrims Are Coming" is the name of the program to be presented by Bonnie Simpson at the April meeting of the Historical Society. Simpson is the home economics teacher at Alton Central School.

The meeting is on Tuesday, April 21, at 7p.m. in the Home Economics Room at the School. Hosts are Norma Swain and Dorothy Walton.

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VOTERS REJECT FACT-FINDERS REPORT AND ADD TO BUDGET AT SCHOOL MEET

An independent fact-finders report, intended to settle the contract dispute between the Alton School Board and the Alton Teachers Association, was rejected by voters 115-171 in a secret ballot at the Annual School District Meeting on March 14. The report favored the Association in 11 of the 12 areas of disagreement.

The vote sends the two sides back to the bargaining table to resolve their differences. School Board Vice-Chairman Jack Henderson presented the Board's opposition to the report and Frank Walker, acting president of the Teachers Association, spoke in favor of accepting the report. Rejection of the report appeared to be based on a desire by the voters to see the issues settled locally rather than by an outsider and a concern for a number of inaccuracies in the printed report. The procedure for handling grievances, one of the 12 areas, was a thoroughly discussed item by the voters.

In other business, voters approved \$8474 to pay for the district's share of the State Retirement cost due to recent action by the State Legislature, \$60,000 to replace half of the high school roof, and \$10,000 to replace paving.

The recommended budget of \$3,841,286 was increased by \$5454 to cover an increase in health benefits for support staff and \$16,688 for a computer network system linking various administrative offices. A third amendment to allocate \$33,755 for possible increases in faculty salaries as a result of the pending negotiations was rejected.

Retiring School Board member David McKenney was presented a gift certificate by the Board and honored by a standing ovation for his years of service to the Alton School.

RABIES CLINIC APRIL 25

A rabies clinic will be held at the Central Fire Station from 12:30 to 2p.m. on Saturday, April 25. A representative of the Town Clerk's office also will be on hand to register animals.

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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 will be the winner of the grand prize, a remote-control color TV. Tickets for the TV are available in businesses throughout the community and from members of the Lions Club.

The Town Jail, a favorite activity for everyone, will be operating again this year with special officers deputized to place in jail anyone whose arrest is purchased by an acquaintance or relative.

A penny toss and candy wheel are among the 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 from the Food Basket Raffle support the administrative costs of running the organization.

Doors to the Alton School Gym open at 6p.m. and prizes will be awarded starting at 8p.m.



ALTON BAY INN DAMAGED BY FIRE

The vacant Alton Bay Inn suffered severe damage from a 2-alarm fire on Wednesday, March 18, that began at the rear of the building. Five area departments assisted the Alton Fire Department and one Alton firefighter, Steve Dana, was treated for smoke inhalation at Huggins Hospital.

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TRACK AND FIELD TEAM HAS IMPRESSIVE TURNOUT

Track and field coach Peter Boyd is looking forward to April 16 when his competitive team members will begin the season. "I'm very pleased with the number of athletes who have come out for track and field and I'm looking forward to the varsity and junior high track meets." 35 students are on the team.

Boyd is relying on a number of athletes to have a good season and score well in the various meets. They include senior Mike Mitchell (shot and discus), senior Janis Burke (1 and 2 mile runs), sophomore Barbie McKenney (shot and discus), sophomore Pam Bothwick (1 and 2 mile), sophomores Dan Dore and Jeremy Everson (1 and 2 mile), freshman Matt Christy (800 meter, relay and shot), freshman Rob Boyce (long jump and triple jump), and seventh-grader David Sleeper (1 and 2 mile).

Boyd says he is looking forward to lots of practice sessions and improvement with each meet.

BREAKFAST PLANNED BY ALTON BOOSTER CLUB

The Alton Booster Club will hold an egg and sausage breakfast at the Alton Bay Community House on Sunday, April 12, from 7 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$3 and all proceeds support the Alton School athletic program.



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ALTON'S VFW POST MARKS FIRST YEAR

By Archie Thibeault

On March 18, 1991, the Alton/Alton Bay Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #11163 was instituted. It has been a very rewarding first year for all of its members. The town of Alton also has benefitted from its existence.

The Post's first big accomplishment was its ability to provide a color guard for the Memorial Day parade. For this, a special thanks to Jim and Madelyn Smith for their donation of the American Flag and to the many donations for the Post colors. Also, thanks to American Legion Post #72 for use of its hall for meetings and for the loan of rifles for the color guard.

A raffle fund-raiser and activities during Old Home Week made it possible to co-sponsor with the Alton Police Department the Lite-A-Bike and Lite-A-Tyke programs last fall. The Post presented its first scholarship at the Alton School Class Day to a high school student participating in the field of public safety.

Tom and Luanne Varney made it possible for the Post to donate a food basket to a deserving family during the holiday season.

Our greatest reward came with the introduction of the Voice of Democracy Program at the School. Post winner Jill Dunham went on to take fourth place at the district level.

The Post has established a bi-monthly raffle in order to raise funds to continue its community programs and establish new ones. The drawing will be held during the regular meeting on the third monday at 7:30p.m. Anyone wanting to enter this month's raffle for a 30-cup coffee maker should send their name, address, phone number, and \$1 to Henry Nowe, Quartermaster, P. O. Box 265, Alton 03809.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB RESUMES MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Alton Garden Club is set to resume its series of monthly meetings on Tuesday, April 28, at 1:30p.m. at the Gilman Library.

Herb Cilley will be speaking on "The Loon Ranger of Bow Lake", a discussion of loons and the efforts made to preserve them and their habitats.

Poncy Sherburn and Mildred Edwards are the chairmen for refreshments assisted by Margaret Birdsey, Ruth Latham, Dorothy Westcott, and Jeanne Perkins.

Club members are reminded to pick up their 1992 program books at the Gilman Library between 2 and 4p.m. on any of the next three Wednesdays.

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JAMIE LEE SAMPLE HONORED BY NH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Jamie Lee Sample was honored recently by the NH House of Representatives and was presented the following resolution by Representative Arnold Shibley prior to last month's School District Meeting. The resolution is signed by Harold W. Burns, speaker of the House.

"WHEREAS, Jamie Lee Sample of Alton, is a talented young singer, and

WHEREAS, at the age of 13 years, she has already made a name for herself as a singer by performing at talent shows and for hospital, church and veterans groups around New Hampshire, and

WHEREAS, Jamie has been singing in public since the age of four, and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter of Russell and Jean Sample of Alton, and

WHEREAS, Jamie is an honor seventh grade student at Alton Central School, and

WHEREAS, she is studying voice professionally and hopes to become a music teacher, and

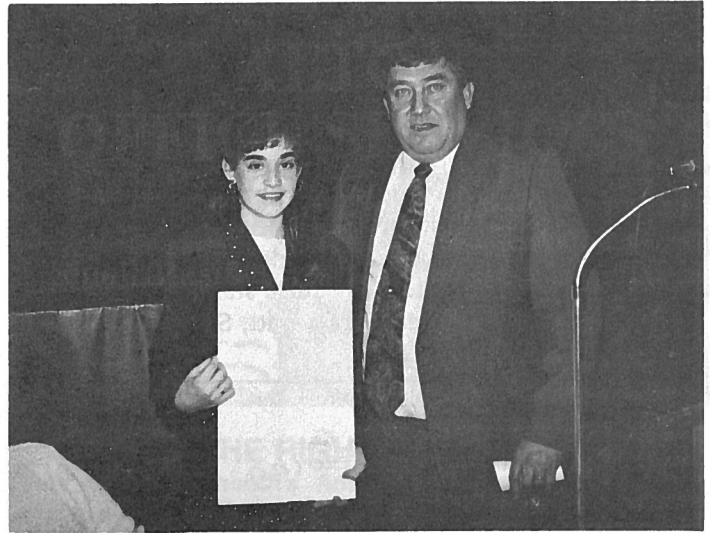
WHEREAS, on February 12th, 1992 Jamie made all of New Hampshire proud by her dramatic singing of the National Anthem before a joint session of the Legislature on the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, that Jamie Lee Sample be saluted and lauded for her musical accomplishments, and be it further

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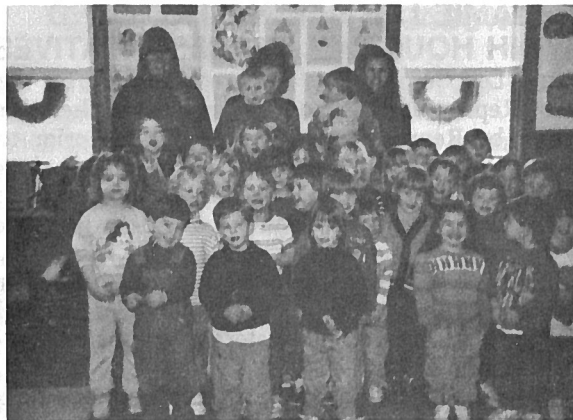
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GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM REACHES STATE FINALS

The Apache girls under Coach Rene Pelletier played in their record-setting 19th straight Class S Tournament this year and their 8th appearance in the state finals. Groveton, a traditional post-season nemesis, stopped the Lady Apaches one game short of their fourth state title.

It was a tremendous season and 1992-93 looks equally promising with the return of such stalwarts as Heather Swabowicz, Keri Pelletier, Sara Wyatt, Samantha Dickson, Julie Everson, and Kelly Lord.



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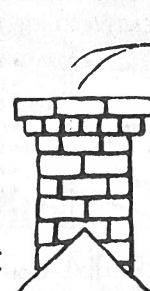
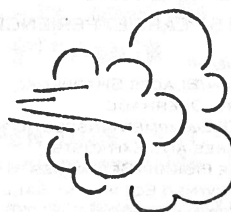
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 Cornerstone Bible Church - Sunday 9:30a.m. & 6p.m., Sunday School 11a.m., Pastor Scott Button, 875-2865
 First Free Will Baptist Church - Sunday School 9:45a.m., Church 11a.m., Evening Service 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7p.m., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason
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 CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall
 DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP - 2nd & 4th Fridays 5:30p.m., Congregational Meeting House
 EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
 FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
 HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House
 ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., March thru October, Place to be Announced
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
 LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30p.m. Mama Rina's Restaurant, New Durham
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday
 NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School
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FINANCIAL WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN OFFERED BY UNH EXTENSION

The UNH Cooperative Extension, the Lakes Region Elderly Services Network, and the American Association of Retired Persons are offering a seven-session workshop on financial empowerment for women. The sessions will be held in Laconia at the Belknap Mill on Mondays, starting on April 6 from 6:30 to 9p.m.

The workshops are designed for midlife and older women to help them increase their current level of knowledge, develop confidence in their decision-making ability, and to help gain control of life through informed money management.

The fee for the series is \$15 to cover materials and registration is required by Wednesday, April 1. Send your name, address, phone number, and a check payable to the UNH Cooperative Extension to UNH Cooperative Extension, P. O. Box 368, Laconia 03247. Call Barbara J. Hunter at 524-1737 for more information.

BOYS BASKETBALL ENDS 4-14 SEASON

The boys varsity basketball team ended the season with a 4-14 record. Although their record was disappointing, their finish was upbeat, winning 4 of the last 9 games and giving Class S Champ Epping a tough battle in the last game of the season. Congratulations to Chris Dickson who was selected to the Rochester Courier All-Star First Team.

The junior varsity team had an excellent season going 18-0 for the regular season. Although they lost to Wilton during the JV tournament, they became one of the few Alton teams to ever finish their regular season undefeated.

The junior high team ended their season with a tournament win. They defeated Pauls School, Barnstead, and Farmington to win the Alton Tournament.

The elementary team had a very good season losing just one game even though they played some much larger schools in tournaments.

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 Sat. 4 - LIONS CLUB PENNY SALE, 6p.m., School Gym
 Sun. 5 - DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
 Tue. 7 - INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. - Noon
 Wed. 8 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 10 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sun. 12 - PALM SUNDAY
 BOOSTER BREAKFAST, 7 - 11a.m., Alton Bay Community House
 Tue. 14 - INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. - Noon
 Wed. 15 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 17 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sat. 18 - FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER
 Sun. 19 - EASTER SUNDAY
 Tue. 21 - THE PILGRIMS ARE COMING, Historical Society, 7p.m., School Home Economics Room
 Wed. 22 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Thu. 23 - WELCOME MEETING, St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild, 7:30p.m., Church Rectory
 Fri. 24 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Sat. 25 - RABIES CLINIC, 12:30 - 2p.m., Central Fire Station
 Mon. 27 - FAST DAY, Landfill and Town Hall Closed
 Tue. 28 - THE LOON RANGER OF BOW LAKE, Garden Club, 1:30p.m., Gilman Library
 Wed. 29 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Thu. 30 - IMMUNIZATION CLINIC, 9 - 10a.m., Alton School
 RAMSHACKLE INN, Drama Club, 7:30p.m., Alton School

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5 YEARS AGO.....

.....high school senior Robert Gilmore was selected for the All-State Music Festival Concert Band.....Connie Quindley's design was selected for the Old Home Week logo.....Ice-Out occurred at 11:45a.m. on April 12.....Barbara Ciampo was elected president of the Lioness Club.....Terri Noyes was elected chairman of the Alton School Board.....Donald Morse was appointed Recreation Director by the Board of Selectmen.....Thomas Murtagh was elected president of the Lions Club.

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

**ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN
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Mary Batchelder, assistant librarian at the Gilman Library, and her husband, Calvin, have embarked on a very exciting adventure. They have gone to Georgia and will walk home via the Appalachian Mountain Trail! Their due date is the first of September.

A map of their trip, with assorted notes, will be hanging in the Library where we can keep track of their progress. Addresses will be available in case anyone wishes to drop them a line.

We all wish them well, look forward to their return, and, of course, admire tremendously their spirit!

We welcome Pat Fuller who is filling in for Mary through June and Susan Lord who will then join us until Mary's return.

HAVE YOU READ.....

The Cat Who Moved a Mountain by Lillian Braun

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**NEW SUPERINTENDENT
CHOSEN FOR SAU 51**

Dr. Michael Green of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, has been named Superintendent of SAU 51 effective July 1.

Green replaces Andre Paquette as the school superintendent for Alton, Barnstead and Pittsfield.

72 applications were reviewed by a 12-person screening committee before the final two candidates were interviewed by the 13 members of the joint school board of SAU 51.

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Candidates and supporters lined the entryway to the polling place at the Central Fire Station during the 1992 town and school elections.

There is one art of which man should be a master - the art of reflection.

VARSITY SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS APRIL 6

The varsity softball team opens its 1992 season on Monday, April 6, at home against Derryfield.

Coach Sam Struthers expects this year's team should be very successful after losing only four starters from last year's squad. "We have a strong nucleus of returning players," said Struthers.

Senior Kerrie Newlin will be doing some pitching as well as first base work. Juniors Heather Patterson, catcher, Lisa Racine, shortstop, and Jocelyn Kellar, second base, are expected to provide strong defense and powerful hitting. Racine, Sam Dickson, Sara Wyatt and Kim Noonan will add to the pitching staff.



Struthers is enthusiastic by the turn out from the sophomore and freshman classes. They include Lisa Wentworth, Amy Bunker, Maureen Coots, Jessica House, Courtney Newton, Jen Shealy, Heather Salvatore, Mandy Waterman, Jessica Emanouil, Juliegh Everson, Carrie Duncan, Jessica McKinney, Angie Sinclair, and Jessica Zirpolo. Also joining this year's team is foreign exchange student Wakana Nagata from Japan.

"One of the team's goals," according to Struthers, "is to return to the Class S Tournament and go further than last year's loss in the first round." Another goal is to increase fan support. "The baseball and softball teams have 11 home games starting at 4 o'clock and I would love to see a lot of fans there supporting the teams."

AMBULANCE SERVICE ELECTS OFFICERS

Sherman Brown was recently elected president of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service. He can be reached at 875-7337. Other officers are Richard Brown, vice president, 875-5867, and Elaine MacDonald, secretary/treasurer, 875-6389.

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CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Because of the infusion of Medicaid funds, the budget is settled for this year. In looking forward to 1993-94, we have the reality of severe economic problems to reckon with now.

The Senate has passed a \$95 million economic development package to give low interest credit to small businesses and venture capital tax incentives for larger businesses.

The House has sent a bill to the Senate trying to expand coverage in the Business Profits Tax. The three main bills resulting from the "Study of Rape Statutes" Ad Hoc Committee have passed the Senate and were heard by the House Judiciary Committee. One will improve training in rape case handling for law enforcement personnel, prosecutors and others involved in the trial process. The second will establish a registry of sexual offenders. The extension of sentences and sentence review are in the third bill.

We are halfway through this session. Of the 433 bills which started in the House, 193 have been passed to the Senate. The rest were killed. We are hearing 116 bills from the Senate. They had introduced 184 bills.

I will be at the Alton Town Hall from 3 to 4p.m. on Monday, April 6. Meanwhile, my phone is 875-2151.

FREE TAX HELP

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

A VITA representative will be at the Pearson Road Community Center each Tuesday through April 14 from 10a.m. to noon. Participants are asked to bring a copy of last year's return.

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All Alton residents are invited to bring a favorite main dish or salad, a place setting per person, and a favorite board game. Dessert and beverages will be provided and a nursery will be available. Call Roger or Linda Clark at 875-2046 for more information.

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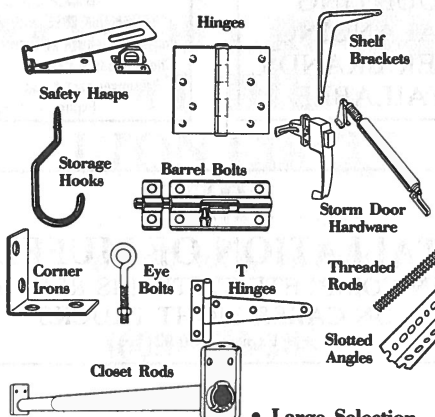


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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

HERE AT LAST !!!

"April showers bring May flowers", as the saying goes. But here in Alton, April showers bring rising salmon. The town will come alive on April first as salmon enthusiasts converge on any patch of open water.

To some, opening day seems to be a fishing circus; to the outdoor enthusiast, it is the time to fish for salmon, lake trout and rainbow trout. Notice, I said "fish" and not "catch". Sometimes the fish do not cooperate in this sport!

A good season is predicted as the salmon run last fall in the Merrymeeting River was very good. Some hefty rainbows were caught through the ice this winter, too.

Some fishermen are serious about the "catching" aspect of salmon fishing while others enjoy the "social" aspect of the sport. Though fish are caught at this time, a lot of people are there to breathe the fresh air, feel the changing of the seasons, and talk fishing. I've met many nameless regulars while trying my luck along Alton's shores.

Depending on the water temperature and the smelt run, salmon can be caught almost anywhere in the Bay, although they are often found in the same spots year after year. They will follow the smelt so the serious angler must keep his eyes and ears open or spend lots of time on the water to be successful.

See you there! Good luck to all!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPONSOR PHOTO CONTEST

The Friends of the Gilman Library are holding their annual photo contest for the Library's 1993 Calendar.

Anyone interested in submitting their photos to the judges should clearly label their photos with their name, telephone number, address and title or location of the photo subject and drop them off at the Library by May 1.

The first prize is \$25, second prize is \$15 and the third prize is \$10.

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This thoroughly enjoyable entertainment features senior Amelia McKinney as spinster Belinda Pryde who has saved her money for 20 years in order to buy a hotel where she can meet interesting people. She purchases a strange tumbledown place near the ocean and gets what she bargains for plus a good deal more. Belinda encounters ghosts, mysterious situations and thunderstorms. She meets with drama and comedy, the living and the dead, and somehow manages to emerge at the end none the worse for her experience.

This delightful evening features an accomplished company of student actors including Justin Swain, Robert Boyce, Janet Winterle, Danielle Hanley, Jamie Donahue, Kurt Thomits, Danielle Decatur, Sara Elliot, Erik Widerstrom, Ryan Duntley, Richard Fiore, Maureen Coots, Heath Patterson, Ryan Dadura, and Rachel Irvin.

The production is under the direction of faculty member Elizabeth Lent.



**MICHELLE WETHERBEE IS FIRST
NH COLLEGE CO-OP STUDENT**

Michelle Wetherbee is the first continuing education student to be placed in the new cooperative education program at New Hampshire College.

Wetherbee, an honor student in human resource management, serves as an administrative assistant at the College's Laconia Center for her co-op assignment.

The cooperative education program has been available to full-time day students for some time. But as of November 1991, NHC became the first college in the state to offer this type of program to continuing education students, the non-traditional age students who have typically attended college at night and worked during the day.

MAIN STREET SALUTE TO.....

.....those elected to town and school offices last month and especially all those who made the effort and took the time to run for office.....Barbara Ingoldsby, Cathy Calvert, Jeanne Cole, Louise Petelle, Frances Washburn, Ella Cumming, David Sherburn, Nancy Thomas, George Bornheim, Rose Bornheim, Barbara Francis, Warren Leary, Ruth Messier, Don Gedney, Linda Thomits, Jay Sydow, and Ben Jones for volunteering their time to serve at the polls and at the Town and School District Meetings.....Jamie Lee Sample for being honored by the State House of Representatives and for her moving presentation of the National Anthem to open the School District Meeting.....the members of the Alton Fire Department for their response and coordination of mutual aid efforts during the Alton Bay Inn fire.....Ted Cole for his outstanding work as moderator of Meet the Candidates Night.

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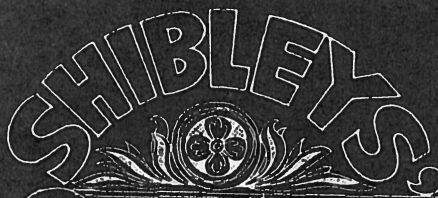
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BASEBALL SEASON PROMISING

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Returning players are juniors Jeff Irvin, Mike O'Brien, Kevin Carr, Mark Penny, Tom Rott, and Adam Johnson; sophomores Marc Newlin, Derek Kenerson, Eric Waterman, and Matt Northridge. New players to the team are freshman Mike Racine and Mike Warner and eighth graders Eric O'Brien and Gary Noyes Jr.

The season opens at home on Monday, April 6, against Derryfield.

CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OPENINGS

Firefighter candidates are needed in West Alton that includes the area from Route 11-D to the Gilford line. Other stations (Central, Alton Bay, and East Alton) are adequately staffed at this time. Anyone interested is urged to contact Firefighter Steve Bell at 875-5628 or Captain Russell Sample at 875-2711 or drop by the Central Station on Route 140 on Tuesday evenings.

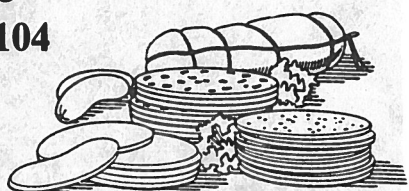
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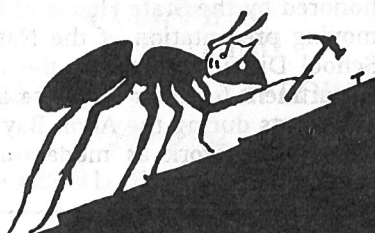
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