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BROOM BALL ACTION

Ann Norman-Burke displays her "slap shot" technique during the Winter Carnival Broom Ball Tournament.

BROOK & BRIDLE SUMMER HOMES WINS ALTON BAY BED RACE

The team representing Brook and Bridle Summer Homes won the first place trophy and five Gunstock night skiing passes in the Annual Alton Bay Bed Race during this year's Winter Carnival on the Bay.

The Town Hall team won the Broomball Tournament trophy as more than 300 people converged on the Carnival site despite the cold Alton Bay wind. Other activities included a tug-of-war and dancing on the ice to the sounds of a DJ broadcasting from the Community House.

Volunteers cited by Recreation Director Kellie McGrath for making the event a success include Sonia Bowden, Ann Norman-Burke, Mike Burke, Larry Alting, and Mary Fass.

FIVE DAYS OF MARCH

Florida has its major league spring training games, Indiana has its "March Madness" (frenzied high school basketball tournament time) and New Hampshire has its own unique form of March "madness" -- the annual Town Meeting, School District Meeting, and Town Elections.

The Indy 500 has its traditional "30 days of May", but Alton's schedule all falls within a five-day period. Mark down the dates and plan on full participation. One needs to take part in all three events or you are shortchanging yourself and the best interests of the town.

VOTING - Tuesday, March 9, from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140. (Alton offers you the longest voting hours in the whole area!)

TOWN MEETING - Wednesday, March 10, at 7p.m. in the Alton Central School Gym.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - Saturday, March 13, at 1p.m. in the Alton Central School Gym.

TOWN MEETING TO ADDRESS 26 WARRANT ARTICLES

The voters of Alton will be asked to act upon 26 warrant articles at this year's Town Meeting beginning with Articles 1a, b, and c, which will be decided by ballot at the polls on Tuesday, March 9. All subsequent articles will be considered at 7p.m. on Wednesday, March 10.

Voting for all Town Offices will be accomplished in Article 1a. (See related story on candidates). Article 1b includes amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Article 1c, a petition article, asks voters if they are in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to five members.

Articles submitted by petition include one to eliminate the position of Town Planner; one to appropriate funds to Old Home Week (\$3,000), Lakes Region Association (\$1,450), and Chamber of Commerce (\$1,500); one to appropriate \$500 to New Beginnings, a women's crisis center; and one to grant an easement for a structure within a right-of-way.

Money articles include \$50,000 for the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, \$10,000 for repairs to the Harmony Park Retaining Wall, \$31,000 for two police cruisers, \$24,000 for a one-ton dump truck, \$22,500 to up-grade the computer system, \$3,800 for highway garage improvements, \$2,053,720 for town operating expenses, \$10,200 for a new Town Hall furnace, \$50,000 for a Gilman Library additions reserve fund, \$347,000 for road improvements, \$15,000 for the final phase of penetration of Powder Mill Road, \$60,000 for Phase II of the Main Street Sidewalk Program, \$25,000 for a capital reserve fund for up-dating the town tax map, \$4,704 for trees and shrubs for Alton Bay Railroad Square Park, \$600 for Lakes Region Community Services, \$3,800 for Community Health and Hospice, \$1,200 for Hospice of Southern Carroll County, \$1,305 for Red Cross, \$8,968 for Youth Services Bureau, and \$750 for Harbor House.

Other articles include one to authorize the selectmen to appoint the Road Agent after the current term expires in March of 1994, one to change the purpose of the existing Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund to the Landfill Cover Capital Reserve Fund, one to discontinue a portion of Chamberlain Road as a Class VI Highway, one to authorize the selectmen to sell the Alton Bay Inn property, one to rescind the Wage and Salary Review Board, one to establish a Knights Pond Conservation Road Fund Trust, and other traditional articles to authorize the selectmen to accept gifts and legacies and to borrow tax anticipation monies. The final article accepts the reports of standing committees, officials, agents or concerned residents.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING CONVENES MARCH 13

When voters gather on Saturday, March 13, at 1p.m. at the Alton Central School Gym, they will be asked to consider several articles for the 1993-94 year.

One article will establish the salaries of School Board members and for other officers and agents of the district.

Another article will determine the total sum for the operation of the school for the year.

One will provide for increased cost items for salaries and personnel-related items when negotiations are finalized.

A new article will see if the voters will approve indemnifying and holding harmless anyone employed, officers, administrative staff, school board, SAU personnel, staff and committees from personal financial loss due to claims, suits and judgments when not conducted with malice and when acting in an official capacity.

A petition article has been offered to see if the district will approve \$30,000 for hiring a full-time Spanish teacher, inclusive of benefits.

Other articles are for the purpose of hearing reports; authorizing the School Board to apply for, receive and expend funds; and transacting any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

BI-CENTENNIAL FOCUS MONTHLY UPDATES TO BOOST BI-CENTENNIAL SPIRIT

June 16, 1996, will be the 200th birthday of the Town of Alton. Last Spring the Selectmen established a Bi-Centennial Committee to ensure that the anniversary is properly celebrated. The committee is now in the process of planning for this historic event and some definite ideas have emerged. One of these is the institution of this monthly Main Street column. Each of the future columns will concern some aspect of Alton's past.

Other plans being finalized by the committee include the construction and installation of four highway signs announcing the bi-centennial, designing a new Town Seal, and the minting of limited edition medals.

One of the primary goals is to publish an up-to-date history of Alton to include the following topics: Indian Activities and Trails, Cemeteries, Schools, Parks, Churches, Industry, Architecture, Summer Camps, History of Agriculture, Railroads, Fire Departments, People, Hotels, Stage Stops and Taverns, Boating, Social and Cultural Activities, and Entertainment.

It is anticipated that various fund raising projects will pay for the cost of producing this book and the cost of the celebration events.

There is much to be done in order for this very significant event to be properly recognized. While three years may seem like a long time, it is barely adequate to complete this project. The help and assistance of all the town's people is encouraged and welcomed. If you would like to participate either by sharing your knowledge of Alton's past or by taking an active role in the planning and implementation of the special projects, please contact Co-Chairmen Nancy Merrill (875-2626) or Patricia Merrill (875-3535).

It is planned that each of these columns will contain a historical "zinger", a question about Alton's history. This month's zinger: The Town Hall was constructed and dedicated for Alton's centennial celebration. How much did it cost? (Find answer elsewhere in this issue)

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CANDIDATES FILE FOR ALL SCHOOL AND TOWN POSTS

31 candidates are running for the 17 town and school positions to be voted upon Tuesday, March 9. Seven positions are being contested.

Five people are running for Selectman for three years -- Lawrence J. Alting, Richard J. Fiore, Paul M. Kneeland, Florence C. Shaw, and David G. Tuttle. The position of Selectman for two years is being sought by Donald MacDonald, Warren A. Roberge, and James C. Washburn.

Florence C. Shaw and Richard D. White are running for Cemetery Trustee for three years and George M. Jones and Robert L. Tilton, Water Commissioner for three years.

Three seats on the Budget Committee for three years are being sought by Ann Norman-Burke, Christine Faith Consentino, Estella H. Dore, Barbara A. Fortier, Warren B. Harris, and Thomas C. Hoopes.

Donna Laurin and Arnold P. Shibley are running for the three year School Board post and Harold W. Finethy III, Ruth A. Messier, and Terri R. Noyes vie for the one year School Moderator position.

Running unchallenged are Shirley G. Copeland for Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and Library Trustee for three years; Russell M. Sample Jr., Fire Ward for three years; Richard A. Mongeon and Ellen U. Mulligan for two positions on the Planning Board for three years; Francis C. Metcalfe, Planning Board for two years; Jeanne M. Sullivan, School Clerk for one year; and Shirley E. Young, School Treasurer for one year.

Rare book: one that comes back after you've lent it.

NEW RABIES CONTROL LAWS

On January 1, 1993, some major changes in State RSA's went into effect with regard to rabies control in the state. Among the highlights are the following:

Enforcement is assigned to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen. Rabies vaccination is now required for every dog and cat three months of age and older. In rabies infected areas, dogs and cats recently vaccinated shall be kept under control for at least 30 days before being allowed to run free.

A metal or durable plastic tag, serially numbered, shall be securely attached to the collar or harness of dogs and must be worn at all times. While cats must be vaccinated, they won't be required to wear a collar and tag.

Any dog suspected of being afflicted with rabies and any dog not vaccinated and which has bitten any person and caused an abrasion of the skin shall be seized and impounded for not more than 10 days. If a veterinarian then certifies no signs of rabies, it can be released to the owner. In the case of a dog known to have been bitten by a rabid animal, it will be destroyed immediately if not previously vaccinated. If the owner refuses destruction of the dog, it must be isolated in a kennel for at least six months at the expense of the owner.

If vaccinated, the dog shall be revaccinated and confined for 30 days. If by veterinarian examination, it is then found safe, it will be released to its owner. An alternate approach is six months of isolation at owner's expense. Failure to comply means destruction of the dog. The complete RSA text is available at Town Hall and the Police Station.

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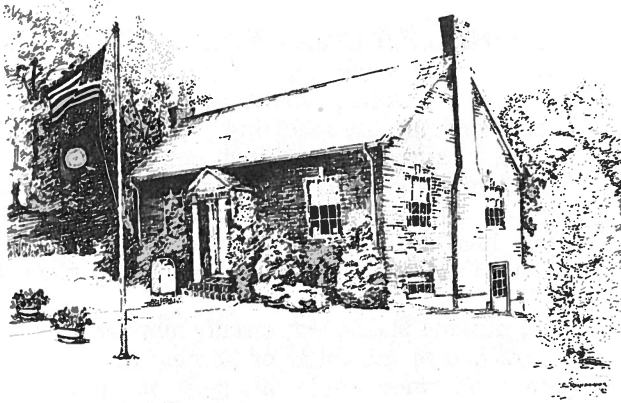
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NOTE PAPER AND POST CARDS OFFERED BY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the sale of recently arrived note paper and post cards showing the reproduction of Lorraine S. Nurnberger's pen and ink sketch of Gilman Library.

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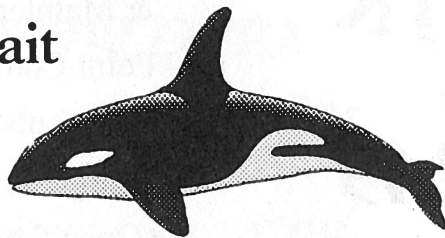
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GILMAN LIBRARY PROFILE CONSIDERED MARCH 6

On Saturday, March 6, Alton residents are invited and urged to visit the Gilman Library between 9a.m. and noon to visit with the architect and help him identify the "profile" of what the Gilman Library is and should be. No appointments are needed. Just drop in between the above hours.

Copies of the recent survey results will be available at that time to visitors.

86% of the survey respondents strongly supported a library expansion while 10% said "no" and 4% were undecided. 80% gave the highest endorsement to the concept of the library as a reading and program center for children. 66% strongly supported the same concept for adults. 68% gave it top billing for young adults as a reading and program center. The concept of a reading center for everyone was clearly felt important.

On the other hand only 30% clearly saw the library as a community center. Even less saw it as a center for special groups (27%). a moderate percentage (40% to 50% range) strongly endorse the library as an inter-library loan center, a center for local history and genealogy, and as an information agency and independent learning center.

Users fell in these categories: 38% - often; 47% occasionally; and 15% never. Most used it in the afternoons (57%) and 25% evenings and 18% mornings. Many pressed for the need for longer library hours.

Greatest use for the library was for fiction, information and reference, non-fiction, best sellers and research in that order. The least use was indicated for: cassettes/records, story time, and after school programs (all about the same).

Under materials that there should be more of, more reference books was the single greatest entry, closely followed by more best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, computer software and children's books. Least needed were magazines, community news, newspapers and cassettes/records.

Four items were considered of the highest importance in an expansion program: handicap accessibility (60%), separate children's area (60%), additional shelving and stacks (55%) and separate reference area (48%). Least favored were areas for local history and genealogy and for local art works as well as listening/viewing room.

Complete results will be available on March 6.

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CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

The search for the ideal health care system is on from Washington to all state capitols, to industry and insurance providers. Why is it so complicated? Why is it so expensive? We have the best health care in the world and annually spend 14% of our gross national product on it. This divides out to \$3,700 per person.

Think about the factors to consider in achieving access for all of us. There are providers -- hospitals, nursing homes, doctors, HMOs and community agencies (VNAs and homemakers, etc.). Hospitals and clinics have very expensive equipment (expensive to buy, run and maintain). Doctors prescribe expensive drugs (expensive to develop, market and buy).

Who pays for this? At present the very poor and the very rich have access to care through Medicaid (the poor) or private pay (the rich). Those who are employed usually have some form of health insurance. Still 34 million people (13%) in the United States are without insurance even though they may be working. Our population is aging. Soon many more people will be over 85 and many more will need long term care.

Given all this, what can we do? The federal government is looking for a fair plan. It can be a single payer plan (us, through taxes). It can be a mandatory employer/employee shared cost plan. It can be a plan with tax credits. For instance, the Heritage Foundation has offered an incentive plan. Working families would have tax credits against the amount spent on health care each year. Instead of the employer buying health insurance, he would give the money to the employees who must purchase plans for themselves and their families. Consumer choice creates more competition and reduces administrative paperwork for employers and insurers. The more money spent as a ratio to earnings, the greater the tax break and vice versa. There are many ideas. We must find the best combination to give the best coverage we can afford, because we are the ones who will pay for it.

I will be at the Alton Town Hall on Monday, March 1 from 3 to 4p.m. Meanwhile call 875-2151.

FREE TAX HELP

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

By Jodi Fisichelli

A family of five generates two bags of garbage a day or 14 bags a week. If you recycle your glass, aluminum, newspapers, cardboard, and plastic, you can reduce your garbage to about 7 bags a day.

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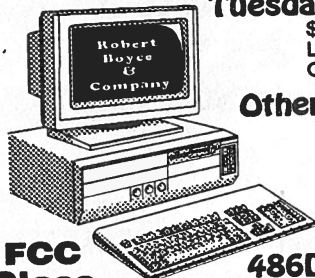
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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO
HOST CANDIDATES NIGHT**

The Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual Candidates Night on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30p.m. in the Music Recital Room at the Alton Central School.

Each candidate will be asked to make a brief statement of his/her candidacy and then questions from the audience will be directed to the candidates. This is an informational meeting designed to let the voter get to know the candidates.

Moderator for the event is William H. Scott, professor of Applied Business Management at UNH.

**PRE-SCHOOL VISION/HEARING CLINIC
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4 BY LIONS**

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will sponsor its annual Pre-School Vision and Hearing Screening on Thursday, March 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the American Legion Hall.

This screening is conducted by the NH Department of Health and School Nurse Connie Racine assisted by Lions Club members, National Honor Society members, and volunteers. This service is offered to all pre-schoolers, ages 4 to 6.

For more information, contact Racine at 875-0375.

FIVE YEARS AGO.....

The Apache Players presented "Personal Effects" and "Louder, I Can't Hear You".....the Happy Hobby Doll Club program was "Irish Dolls".....the Town Meeting approved a \$1.9 million budget.....Russell E. Jones was elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen.....a \$3 million school budget was approved in less than an hour.....John Conboy and John Irving were appointed chairmen of the Old Home Week Committee.

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The first, "Act III, Sc. 5" by Terrence Ortwein, depicts the sometimes comic, always touching love story of ROMEO AND JULIET, paralleled by a growing off stage relationship, as we see a rehearsal of a high school production of Act III, Sc. 5 of ROMEO AND JULIET. Featured in this segment are Michael O'Brien, Rachel Irvin, Karon Wentworth, Kim McManus, and Marisa Kelley.

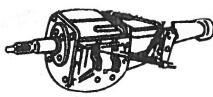
The second play, "What You Will" by Ron Emmons, is a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's lively and spirited comedy, TWELFTH NIGHT, a classic of mistaken identities, misunderstandings and disguises. Included in this cast are Maureen Coots, Kevin Carr, Laura Foss, Heath Patterson, Lisa Wentworth, Scot Overall, Michael Bernard, Carina Rasmussen, Laura Coots, Diane Carr, Adam Johnson, Tiia Seppanen, Rob Boyce, Scott Duntley, and Kim Noonan.

"The Actor's Nightmare" by Christopher Durang rounds out the evening. George wanders on stage and is informed that he must go on for an actor who has been in a car wreck. No one is sure of the play being performed, and George, dressed as Hamlet, suddenly finds himself in a scene from PRIVATE LIVES. As he fumbles through one missed cue after another, the actors shift to HAMLET, to a scene by Samuel Beckett and finally to A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS. This cast includes Justin Swain, Danielle Hanley, Heather Patterson, Matt Northridge, Sara Elliott, and Eric Waterman.

Directed by faculty member Elizabeth Lent and stage managed by senior Tara Kelley, this production promises to be a frolic through some of Shakespeare's most well known territory. "Shades of Shakespeare" is a production you won't want to miss.




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THREE WOMEN ATHLETES HONORED BY STATE GROUP

Three students from Alton High School were among 210 women participated in the sixth annual NH High School Women Athletes Awards ceremony.

They are Heather Patterson for basketball and softball; Keri Pelletier, basketball and volleyball; and Heather Swabowicz, basketball and soccer.

The awards program was established in 1987 by the NH Commission on the Status of Women and is endorsed by the NH Athletic Directors Association and the NH Interscholastic Athletics Association. The program recognizes outstanding high school women who have attained athletic and academic excellence.

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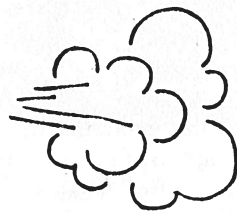
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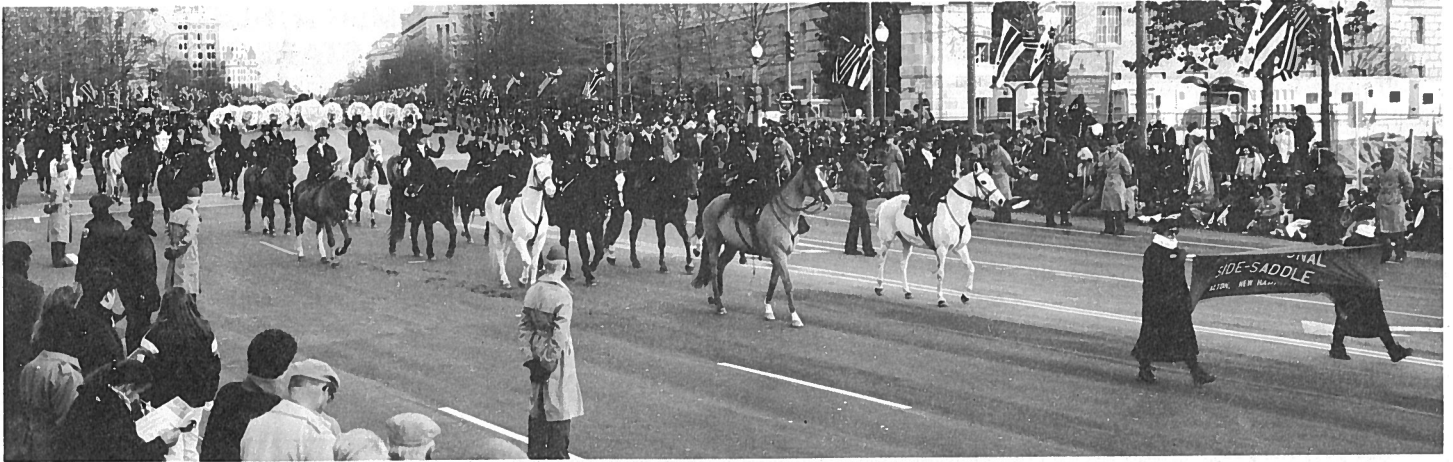
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ALTON'S INTERNATIONAL SIDE SADDLE ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATES IN PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION PARADE

By George Winchester Stone Jr.

Television, an awesome phenomenon, allows millions to see in specific detail events such as the Super Bowl, fireworks displays, even real battles -- all in the comfort of home surroundings. This year I decided to abandon my RCA and watch the Clinton Inaugural Parade live, not in media selective chunks and newspeak.

A personal note: Why, at age 85, do this? Well, I thought the affair might well be the last one I would witness. I was, of course, sympathetic to the incoming regime, but I had also heard by some grapevine that a ladies' group centered in New Hampshire was to make a colorful and different sort of ensemble by riding side-saddle on their well-controlled mounts -- giving a touch of perspective as well as grace and old-fashioned style to the event. The Parade reminded me that the first Inaugural I saw was that of William Howard Taft, on March 4, 1909, as an infant astride my father's shoulder (so an aged aunt told me) on a very snowy day. The next one I remember attending was that of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. No snow, but a dark day weatherwise and economically -- for the banks had just closed and the Depression was coming in on winged feet. Roosevelt was equal to it. Riding down the Avenue in an open car, tipping his high silk hat now and again to the cheering crowd, he was the very picture of confidence and the will to attack the up-coming problems. Crowd response was indeed positive. Herbert Hoover, accompanying him, managed a wan smile and a gentle wave from time to time.

The logistics of arranging the order and assembling groups and floats has always attracted my interest. The final selection came up to 126 units. Where to stage the various groups -- 34 marching bands, four singing groups and choirs, the uniformed and other services, high school units, clubs and fraternal orders, police and firefighter groups, those afoot, on motorcycles, and those on horseback? I need not have worried, for Washington has a long, long history of mounting such spectacles. (I even marched as a high school student in a Grant Memorial parade in 1932.) But this inaugural, because of much-increased numbers, seemed to an outsider especially difficult.

I am indebted to Charlotte B. Kneeland of Alton Bay, the Director of the International Side Saddle Organization, for a packet of 29 pages of single-spaced instructions containing the details sent to participating organizations in this parade -- including insurance forms and liability releases. Masterfully the Parade Committee set forth the requirements

so that (hopefully) all would go well and nothing wrong with this festivity. It was to be the centerpiece of the Inaugural, reflecting the face and spirit of America contributing to the overall theme -- "An American Reunion - - New Beginnings and Renewed Hope."

The whole parade was organized in five divisions - one each under the leadership of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Three groups in one Division featured donkeys (symbolic, perhaps, of the Democratic Party. No elephants appeared -- the nearest chewing hay up in the Washington Zoo.) Our equestrians, however, made up a strictly non-partisan ensemble.

A bright spot for me was the graceful movement of Kneeland's ISSO, chosen to represent NH. This contingent, some 30 of the 500 international members came from Alton, Wilton and Grafton, NH, from Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, and Texas. Each rode trim and erect, but seemed comfortable in her side saddle position, although the group had been preparing and awaiting marching orders since 6:30 that morning, out in the Equestrian Center at Upper Marlboro, seven miles east of Washington. They marched in Division 4 following the loud Trooper's Drum and Bugle Corps from Wyoming, and succeeded by the gentler, more mellow-sounding Avalon String Band from Pennsylvania. Horse control came off at peak performance.

Each rider brought her own steed, lodging it the night before at the Equestrian Center. Their vans ushered into town by State Troopers to the mustering location on Washington's Mall, from whence at the appointed hour horses and riders melded into the parade route at the foot of the Capitol. Under strict instructions to maintain a cadence of 112 counts per minute (covering about 87 yards) they kept a distance of 10 yards from their preceding unit.

The ISSO procession made up of four columns of six horse-and-riders each, led by the group banner stretched between two leading riders. The group included three male escorts. The ladies wore formal English habits of midnight blue or black, proper high riding hats and veils, black gloves, and each carried a riding crop. A touch of style and graciousness lay in the rosebud attached to the left lapel of each rider. The day had been a long and cold one. Thermal underwear and wool-lined gloves must have been "musts" for comfort's sake. Borium on the horses' shoes insured them against slipping on the hard surface of the avenue.

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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

LAWRENCE J. ALTING

I will strive to make the Board of Selectmen more accessible to the public. I will also push for fiscal accountability while encouraging all members of our community to work together in a positive direction for the betterment of Alton. I would appreciate your vote.

RICHARD J. FIORE

Fair gov. for all people. Control unnecessary spending. Promote new growth that will help control our taxes.

PAUL M. KNEELAND

Having grown up in Alton, I am aware of a general decline in facilities and activities over the years. My main objective as selectman would be to improve Alton's economic environment. I believe that my experience as a businessman can be applied to the efficient running of the Town's government.

FLORENCE C. SHAW

I would come to the board with a clear, open, and unbiased mind. I would try to implement rules and regulations in a fair and professional manner for all. My campaign issues are Credibility, Truth and Fairness, to the Town of Alton and its citizens.

DAVID G. TUTTLE

As your Selectman, I would pursue the possible advantages of privatization. Review the physical condition and communal value of the Town property. Review the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances. Support Old Home Week as it was originally intended. Promote community involvement with our youth, voluntarism and a neighborly spirit.

SELECTMAN FOR TWO YEARS

WARREN A. ROBERGE

I'm seeking the office of Selectman because I think the town of Alton is a wonderful place to live, and I would like to do everything I can to keep it that way.

JAMES C. WASHBURN

Actions taken now will impact Alton for years, they need to be positive. Since being appointed Selectman in July, I have acted only after hearing all sides of a question. I want the municipal engineering experience I have to assist Alton in all aspects of its growth.

FIRE WARD FOR THREE YEARS

RUSSELL M. SAMPLE JR.

Our goal in this position as fire ward this term is to apply our experience as a fire service provider as well as be instrumental in a broader awareness of Fire Department community interaction and each others needs on a week to week basis.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS

FLORENCE C. SHAW

Having served for 3.5 years as a Cemetery Trustee and Chairman, many long over due projects have been accomplished. There is still much to do and I would like to be part of the future successes.

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

GEORGE M. JONES

With the focus on updating the Alton Water Department, I feel we have been able to develop a more productive and cost effective system. With your support I would like to continue with these improvements.

THREE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS

ANN NORMAN-BURKE

I would like to serve on the budget committee to encourage fiscal responsibility and the wise use of taxpayer dollars.

CHRISTINE FAITH CONSENTINO

It is vital to the future of our town to re-invest for that future and to re-think "knowing the price of everything and the value of nothing". A budget committee, by law, is an advisory body, not a governing body. Management techniques now being used should not be.

BARBARA A. FORTIER

I've become interested in helping shape a fiscally responsible spending plan for our town during lean economic times. I'm aware that it is a major task to provide quality town services and education while keeping a liveable tax rate for our citizens. More money does not necessarily resolve problems.

WARREN B. HARRIS

I believe Alton is a great community and can be proud of those who serve us. We need to be fair and responsible so that we continue to make progress. Fiscal responsibility is vital. My experience and commitment will assist in giving taxpayers the best service for their hard-earned dollars.

THOMAS C. HOOPES

As an experienced Town Volunteer I have learned that more can be accomplished with a community spirit or a friendly courtesy. I won't always agree with everyone but I will always be open-minded enough to listen to the facts before I make a decision.

TWO PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS

ELLEN U. MULLIGAN

I believe that if you don't get involved, you have nobody to blame but yourself. I have served as an alternate member for one year and as a regular member for one year. I have been the Secretary/Treasurer for the Planning Board for the last six months.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR TWO YEARS

FRANCIS C. METCALFE

I am looking forward to serving the people of Alton to the best of my ability.

SCHOOL MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

HAROLD W. FINETHY III

Both of my opponents have strong ties to special interest groups. This would make it impossible for either of them to run an impartial meeting. The meeting I ran in 1992 had very controversial subjects. These subjects were handled in a timely fashion with no name calling and everyone was heard.

SCHOOL TREASURER FOR ONE YEAR

SHIRLEY E. YOUNG

Have been elected School Treasurer every year since 1972 and am again running for this position. Work in town and therefore readily available to get to either the SAU office in Barnstead or the school on short notice. Would like to thank all those who have voted for me.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR THREE YEARS

DONNA LAURIN

I am seeking a three year term for School Board out of a desire to do my duty as a tax paying resident with three children in the Alton School system. I feel obliged to be involved in curriculum and budget decisions.

Remember to VOTE!

MARCH 9th

MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

Classified Ads

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad. Ads must be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of the preceding month.

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Inauguration Parade

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Veterinarians stood ready or on call should a steed fall, and have to be removed from the parade.

Two of the male escorts wore blue hunting coats, white breeches, and black boots. One wore his "pink" hunting coat. Colorful, spirited, yet dignified, this contingent representing NH rode. It was applauded all along the way, both for its appearance and precision.

After passing the reviewing stand at the White House, the group swung left down 17th Street and trotted back to its trailers, which had been lined up at the dispersal area below Constitution Avenue.

I, on the sidelines, took considerable pride in the performance and even felt I was part of the State's showing.

Though I am sure she would not accept them alone -- KUDOS to Charlotte Kneeland, for her managerial skill, and to her other equestrians! They added a sense of tradition to the novelty apparent in the parade. They represented us beautifully, as you who may have watched it on TV will agree.

LICENSES AND PERMITS REMINDERS

Town Clerk Gwendolyn Jones reminds residents that new dog licenses are required by April 30 and that a rabies shot certificate is required. Also, anyone who installs an aqua therm pump at their dock is required to obtain a permit prior to installation.

March Events

- Tue. 2 - TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 3 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
CANDIDATES NIGHT, School Music Recital Room, 7:30p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 4 - PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC, American Legion Hall, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Thu. 4 - BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30a.m. to Noon
- Fri. 5 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 6 - LIBRARY PROFILE, Gilman Library, 9a.m. to Noon
- Tue. 9 - TOWN/SCHOOL ELECTIONS, Central Fire Station, 7a.m. to 7p.m.
- Tue. 9 - TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 10 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
TOWN MEETING, School Gym, 7p.m.
- Fri. 12 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 13 - SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, School Gym, 1p.m.
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, Pearson Road Community Center, 6p.m.
- Tue. 16 - TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY
STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 19 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Tue. 23 - TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 24 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 25 - THEATER: "Shades of Shakespeare", Alton School, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 26 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
THEATER: "Shades of Shakespeare", Alton School, 7:30p.m.
- Sat. 27 - THEATER: "Shades of Shakespeare", Alton School, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 30 - TAX ASSISTANCE, Pearson Road Community Center, 10a.m. to Noon
- Wed. 31 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.

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THREE ART STUDENTS WIN BOSTON GLOBE AWARDS

Three Alton Central School students won Honorable Mention awards recently for their art work at the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Competition in Nashua.

Drawings by senior Matt Northridge, Heatstroke; junior Scot Overall, The Rails; and sophomore John Herman, The Dunham Home - Solstice through Equinox were selected from nine Alton entries.

The Boston Globe event is a prestigious competition of student artistic ability. Every year over a thousand art works from NH schools are submitted for scrutiny by local and national professional artists and art educators. From these, approximately 75 are selected for Gold and Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards.

SALES SPACE ON VOTING DAY

Voting in Town and School Elections will take place from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station, Route 140, on Tuesday, March 9.

A limited amount of sales space (baked goods, raffle tickets, calendar sales, etc.) for community organizations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for space must be submitted to the Town Clerk to insure a reservation.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held at the Pearson Road Community Center at 6p.m. on Saturday, March 13. The event, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, costs \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.



WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

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OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

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STORY HOUR

Parents are reminded that the Library sponsors a Story Hour from 10 to 11a.m. every Wednesday for 3 to 5 year olds.

NEW BOOKS

- Storyville by Lois Battle
- The Heiress Bride by Catherine Coulter
- My Beloved Son by Catherine Cookson
- Morning Tide by Neil Gunn
- Close Contact by W.E.B.Griffin
- The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love by Oscar Hijelose
- Dragon Tears by Dean Koontz
- The Venetina Mask by Rosiland Laker
- All The Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
- Degree of Guilt by Richard Patterson
- Expedition! by D.F.Ross
- The Volcano Lover by Susan Sontag
- The Longest Road by Jeanne Williams

This is just a partial list of our new books. A complete list of new adult and children's books is posted on the bulletin board every month. Come and take a look!

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

School crossing guards are needed between 2:30 and 3p.m. at the Alton Central School. Volunteer for every day, once a week, once a month, or once in a while! No training, money, or expertise is needed. Just a concern for the children. Call the School at 875-7500 to sign up.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The Visiting Nurse Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity will hold a blood pressure clinic on Thursday, March 4, from 10:30a.m. to noon at the Pearson Road Community Center.

TREES AND SHRUBS OFFERED BY BELKNAP COUNTY

For the third year, the Belknap County Conservation District is offering wildlife shrubs, lilacs, fruit trees, and a few deciduous trees for those who are interested in starting a Christmas tree plantation, bringing wildlife to their home, erosion control, or planting for aesthetic purposes. New this year are blueberries, bird houses, and suet feeders.

Orders must be placed before Monday, March 15. For more information, contact the Belknap County Conservation District, 719 North Main St., Room 213, Laconia 03246, or call 528-8713.


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WINTER VIDEO NEWS AVAILABLE AT LIBRARIES

The Winter edition of the Alton School Video News has been released and copies are available for loan at the school libraries and at the Gilman Library.

The winter season had so many newsworthy events that it was a challenging task to include them all in a thirty minute tape. Among the events shown are portions of the annual Christmas concerts; the Middle School play, "A Christmas Carol"; and the second grade's play, "A Mother Goose Christmas".

There are scenes from the Artist-in-the-Schools residency with storyteller and musician Carolyn Parrott, the school's ski program at Gunstock, and, of course, the basketball season. It concludes with Winter Carnival activities.

The editors of the Video News are Gordon Brown, Richard Fiore, Matthew Christy, and Michael Warner.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS PROCEDURES

Absentee ballots for the town and school elections on Tuesday, March 9, 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. the day before the election.

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BEAR MONTH AT KINDERGARTEN

Students in the kindergarten classes of Joanne White and Paula Fredrikson celebrated "Bear Month" recently and David Clifford, Camille Niquette, and Morgan Locke posed with their bear friends.

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1

According to a town ordinance, automobiles are not permitted to be parked on any highway in Alton between midnight and 6a.m. from December 1 through April 1.

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Senior Patrolman Allan Ford and Secretary/Dispatcher Patricia Pellowe each received a gold star for five years as an exemplary employee; Patrolman Andrew Shagoury, a silver star for three years; Sergeant Susan Roberts and Patrolman Shawn Bernier each a silver star for two years; and Patrolman James Hathcock, a one year award.

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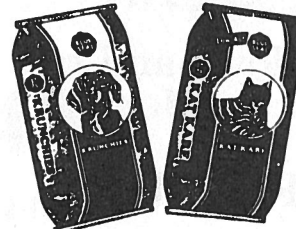
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The founding members of this organization shared the common belief that of primary importance was that their activities would enhance the quality of life in Alton. This was expressed in the articles of incorporation and hold true today.

Other objectives of this organization are:

- To encourage qualified candidates to seek public office.
- To encourage citizen participation at town and school district meetings.

- To monitor town and school expenditures to reflect the current economic climate.

Meetings and mailings have been used in the past to inform the public of events of interest and about candidates seeking office. To support Alton Concerned Taxpayers, Inc., become involved and contribute funds. Donations can be made to Jane R. Porter, Treasurer, Alton Concerned Taxpayers, Inc., PO Box 501, Alton 03809.

Any father who thinks he's all important should remind himself that fathers are honored only one day a year; pickles get a whole week.



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ALTERNATIVES TO CABIN FEVER

March is the month that cabin fever really sets in after 2-3 months of fighting the elements, colds, flu, trying to stay warm, and moving snow. Spring is just around the calendar, and March can be used to prepare for a change.

Before a season begins anew, there are seasons that will end. March 15 ends the hunting season for snowshoe hare and cottontail rabbit. Crow hunting is legal this month. Mink and muskrat hunting season and the season for trapping beaver, otter, mink, and muskrat ends this month for some counties. Be sure to check specific regulations.

For the fisherpeople, March 14 ends smelt fishing but March 15 to April 30 smelt may be "dipped" in specific waters. Check your regulations. March 31 ends the ice fishing season. Those with bob-houses should watch for a possible new Fish and Game regulation concerning when the houses must be off the ice.

For those of you looking for something to do this month, I offer these suggestions. Try tying fishing flies -- I tie all my salmon streamers this month. If you don't know how, you could buy a kit and start.

Kits are also available for those who wish to build their own muzzle loaders or fishing rods. You can build your own archery equipment, too. A one-on-one class on how to build your own self bow (one piece of wood) is offered by Silver Arrow Archery in Derry NH.

You can repair arrows, learn how to reload ammunition, or try your skill in the culinary arts with something new. The L.L.Bean cookbook does have a recipe for crow. Suckers are tasty when smoked and can be ground into fish cakes that are very good.

Don't let the winter doldrums get you down. There is plenty of indoor and outdoor activities to do.

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ALL STAR AWARDS

Five Alton High School athletes recently received Granite State Conference All Star Awards. They are (left to right) Heather Swabowicz for soccer; Keri Pelletier, volleyball; Heather Patterson, volleyball; Michael O'Brien, soccer; and Sara Wyatt, volleyball.


SUBMIT YOUR NEWS



Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public.

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. For additional information call 875-7300.

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The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring country dance lessons with Shep Spinney, the one-man country band. Couple and line dances such as the Texas 2 Step, the El Paso, the Honkey Tonk Stomp, the Rose, and the Country Waltz will be taught.

The lessons are held every Thursday at the Alton Town Hall from 7 to 9p.m. The cost is \$6 per person and partners are not required. Pre-registration is necessary and more information is available by calling 875-2161.

ISLAND-STYLE DANCING

On-going classes in Island-Style dancing are offered every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30p.m. The cost is \$2 per class.

VOTER "CHECK-IN" REQUIRED

Voters will be required to check in prior to the start of the Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 10, at 7p.m. and the School District Meeting on Saturday, March 13, 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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