



Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire



EARTH DAY TREE PLANTING

First Grade classes at Alton Central School were involved in several Earth Day activities including planting trees on the school grounds. Shown here are first grade teacher Sylvia Wallace and (front) Ashley Marren, Brynda Jedrey, Katie Gagnon, (rear) Brandon Pellowe, and Whitney Marston.

HEALTHY STRIDES EXERCISE PROGRAM

Alton residents are gearing up for the Healthy Strides Exercise Program, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the California Prune Board and the National Parks and Recreation Association.

Healthy Strides is designed to promote fun, fitness and healthy eating.

To participate all you have to do is exercise and keep track of your exercise activities for 14 weeks, June 1 to September 3. All participants will receive a certificate of recognition of their achievement, samples of California prunes, buttons, exercise cards, and fitness brochures. All participants will be entered in a drawing and one person from each category will receive an Alton Parks and Playgrounds tee shirt.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Registration packets are available at the Parks and Recreation Department in Town Hall or call 875-0109 for more information.

LIBRARY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES THIS SUMMER

What may well be Alton's most broad-based capital campaign in history will be launched shortly as the "private" phase of the Gilman Library Expansion Fund gets underway.

Campaign Chairman David Countway points to the unique mix of the public phase (Town Meeting allocations via taxes) and the private contributions (individuals, businesses and organizations). The last two Annual Town Meetings have allocated \$50,000 each toward the expansion, and the Library Trustees hope that the 1995 Town Meeting next March will produce a third and final \$50,000. At least an equal amount (\$150,000) would be needed from the private phase and from foundations and special fund-raising events.

Ground breaking is scheduled for 1995 with completion in 1996, and Countway stresses that a special 2-year and 3-year pledge program is in place. In addition, plans are being formulated to encourage memorial gifts and designated gifts that might underwrite specific function rooms or "areas" of the expansion.

The Library Trustees recently held an orientation for a group of people who will play the role of a "Campaign Kitchen Cabinet". This group will ensure public input and reaction all the way through the campaign.

The architect's model of the "new" and enlarged Library is on display there, and all are encouraged to come in and see it.

The current Library was constructed in 1951 with minor improvements in 1979. The index of use has increased dramatically until it has become one of Alton's prime cultural centers. Just since 1982 book circulation has soared from 12,119 to 30,232 and the number of books is up from 10,500 to 14,889. Video and audio cassettes have gone from zero to 389 and 216 respectively. Loyal patrons have skyrocketed from 889 to over 2,100!

In the public survey last year that enthusiastically endorsed the need for such expansion, several quotes of correspondents stand out. One seemed to say it well: "Let's make our library all that it can be!" "And that is what this campaign is all about" says Library Trustee Chairman Ellamarie Carr.

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 30

9:30 - Participants gather at American Legion Hall

9:45 - Invocation followed by Ceremonies at Riverside Cemetery and Monument Square

SELECTMEN'S FORUM ON BAY HILL AND TRANSFER STATION REGULATIONS

The Board of Selectmen have scheduled a Public Forum on reconstruction of Bay Hill and Transfer Station Regulations as part of their regular meeting on Monday, June 6, at 7p.m.

ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS OFFER MINI-GOLF NIGHT SPECIAL

Everyone is invited to the Annual Lions Club Mini-Golf Night at the Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course in Alton Bay on Tuesday, June 14.

All proceeds benefit the community and health projects of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. The fun begins at 6p.m. and a round of 18 exciting holes of golf is available for only \$1 per person.

SENIOR CITIZENS OFFERED FREE TURKEY SUPPER

The Alton Senior Citizens Association are serving a free turkey supper to all Alton residents 60 years of age or over on Saturday, June 18, at the Pearson Road Community Center.

If planning to attend, please call Evelyn Nardo at 875-3645 or Liz Roberts at 364-5646. The deadline for reservations is Friday, June 10.

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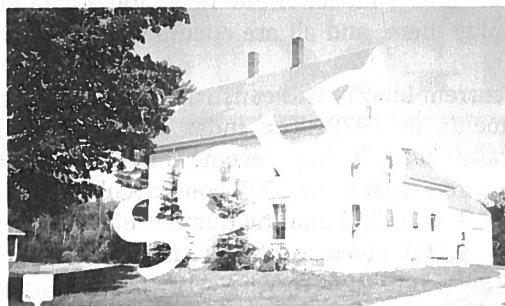
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OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE FORMS AND STARTS PLANNING

Eight volunteers responded to the request to help plan the 1994 Old Home Week and a committee has officially been formed. They are Debbie Burton, chairman; Carol Tuck, treasurer; Kristin Stearns, secretary; Michael Currid and Kellie McGrath, publicity; Fred and Ginny Boelzner, craft fair; and Peter Pijeon.

"The Crossroads of Rails and Sails", the 1994 theme, will be depicted in the parade scheduled for Saturday, August 20. Individuals, businesses, civic groups, organizations, town departments and state agencies are invited to participate. The deadline for entering a float or marching unit is July 20.

PENNY PAVING

The Second Annual Paving the Street with Pennies fund raiser is set for two Saturdays, June 4 and 11, on the sidewalk in front of the Farmington National Bank from 10a.m. to noon.

Everyone is invited to contribute their pennies which will be lined up to see how much of the sidewalk can be covered. Last year over \$200 was raised for Old Home Week.

FREE CAR WASH

The Farmington National Bank is sponsoring a free car wash on Saturday, June 11, from 1 to 3p.m. at the Bank. Donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to fund Old Home Week activities.

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SUMMERTIME DOLL SHOW AND SALE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26

For a ninth year, the summer season for doll devotees throughout the northeast will officially debut Sunday, June 26, when the Happy Hobby Doll Club (HHDC) presents its annual Summertime Doll Show and Sale from 9:30a.m. to 3p.m. at the Alton Central School.

More than 50 sales tables will offer a full range of antiques to modern dolls and doll-related items as dealers from throughout New England, New York and New Jersey display wares to tempt collectors, investors and doll lovers of all ages. Attendance is anticipated to surpass last year's show at which more than 500 were present.

Featured guest this year will be "Hands Say Heart Woman", Michelle Malpica. In her studio on Isinglass Mountain in Canaan, New Hampshire, Malpica has applied her artistry to dolls for the past 11 years. Born in New York City, Malpica moved to New Hampshire 17 years ago and has since managed to support her family through her craft.

Known for her Native American dolls, Malpica found a special link and acceptance of her work. As explained by one of her suppliers who is of Cherokee descent, "the spirits of the Indians are speaking" through Malpica. He named her "Hands Say Heart Woman" as her hands say what her heart knows.

Malpica's sculptures and dolls will be on display with some for sale at the show.

The annual show is HHDC's major fund raising event. Again, the doll wardrobe contest promises to be highly competitive, and will be judged by all show ticket holders. Door prizes will be awarded, and lunch will be available on the premises provided by Alton's Cub Scout Pack 53.

Founded in 1985 with 12 charter members, HHDC currently totals over 20 members from New Hampshire and Maine. Members have each year donated dolls to local charities at Christmas, have given teddy bears to ambulance and rescue units to comfort people of all ages under stress, have donated dolls to the Police Department for use as a

communication facilitator in child molestation cases, donated magazine subscriptions to the Library, presented numerous programs on the cultural and historical significance of dolls and the joys of doll collecting as a hobby, and established an annual scholarship for a graduating senior at Alton Central School.

Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older who owns at least ten dolls. If anyone is interested in HHDC or seeking further information on the Doll Show, contact Ruth Messier at 875-6750.

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LRGH LAUNCHES NEW PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP

The Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Program at Lakes Region General Hospital is offering a new support group for people with pulmonary (respiratory) problems.

The "Eager Breathers" Support Group will meet Tuesday, June 7 from 1 to 2:30p.m. in Conference Room 1A&B, located on Level 1 at the hospital.

The group is free and open to anyone suffering from breathing difficulties. Meeting time will include education, information and support.

After the June meeting, the group will be on hiatus for the summer. Participants will reconvene in September, when the group will begin to meet monthly.

For more information, call 527-2810.

COCHECO RAILROAD IS TOPIC OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKER

Dana Philbrook of Thornton, New Hampshire, will discuss the Cochecho Railroad, at the next meeting of the Alton Historical Society on Tuesday, June 21, at 7:30p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center.

Philbrook has been collecting railroad memorabilia, primarily the Boston and Maine, for about 30 years and has been doing research on the Lakeshore Railroad since his retirement to New Hampshire in 1985. The Cochecho Railroad came to Alton Bay from Dover in 1851.

Hostesses for the program are Nancy Mooney and Claire Fitzgerald. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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ANNUAL CANOE RACE IS JUNE 26

The Parks and Recreation Canoe Race, sponsored by Parker Marine, is Sunday, June 26, from the Masonic Temple parking lot on Route 28 South to Alton Bay. The race begins at 11a.m. and will cover five miles of flat water along the scenic Merrymeeting River with two portages.

The first 30 participants to register will receive awesome tee-shirts. Register June 1-24 at the Parks and Recreation Department and from 9:30 to 10:30a.m. on race day at the starting point. Entry fee is \$10 per canoe.

Categories include: recreational, youth, and racing. A flotation device for each person must be in the canoe during the race.

For more information, call 875-0109.

FLEA MARKET WILL BENEFIT MERFELD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

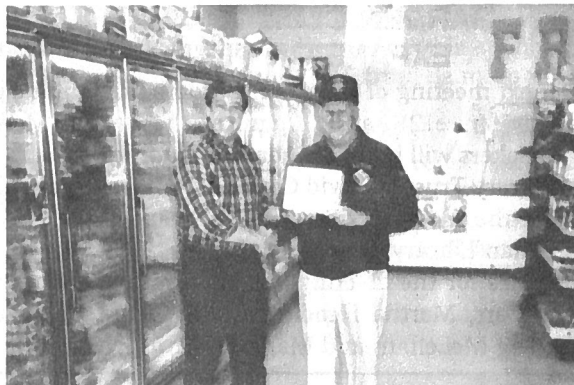
A benefit Flea Market and Food Sale will be held Saturday, June 18, from 10a.m. to 4p.m., at the West Alton Fire Station to benefit the Karla A. Merfeld Scholarship Fund. Anyone with flea market items to donate should call Priscilla Farrell at 293-7747.

SUPPORT WELCOMED

The publication of Main Street is made possible by the Alton businesses who advertise each month. Support these businesses and mention that you saw their ad in Main Street.

Many individual residents have expressed their appreciation for Main Street and have indicated an interest in supporting this activity financially.

We welcome individual support and accept donations sent to Main Street, P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay NH 03810.



McGRATH HONORED BY KNIGHTS

Clifford McGrath (left) manager of McGrath's Food Center is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by George Smith, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, for his support of the recent shopping spree fund raiser.

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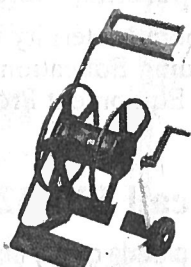


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GARDEN CLUB TO HEAR EXPANSION PLANS

The next meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, June 28, at 1:30p.m. at the Baptist Meeting House. Speakers will be Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Gilman Library Trustee David Countway. The subject will be Phase II of the Alton Bay Revitalization and the expansion of the Gilman Library.

Hostesses for the meeting are: Chairman Kay Connolly, Ellamarie Carr, Martha Headley, Claire Fitzgerald, Sharon Howard, Peg McLellan, and Margaret Birdsey.

EMPLOYEES HONORED BY SELECTMEN

Two town employees were recently honored by the Board of Selectmen as Employees of the Month.

Police Officer Kevin Keenan was selected for the month of February for "his devotion to the cause of law enforcement and his performance which often goes beyond the call of duty".

Assistant Town Clerk Jeanne Sullivan was the March Employee of the Month "in recognition of her capabilities of managing the Office of Town Clerk during the Clerk's absence".

THANKS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department at Alton Central School thanks everyone for their donations of containers, newspapers, bags and what-not during this school year. They now have enough of everything to see them through the end of the year. At this point, what is needed most is metal utility shelving. If anyone has old shelving that they would like to donate, please call Joan Chase at 875-7500.

SPORTS AWARDS

Alton Central School sports awards will be presented Thursday, June 2, for elementary and middle school students and Monday, June 6, for high school students. Both programs begin at 6p.m. in the Music Room followed by an ice cream social in the Cafeteria.

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June Events

- Thu. 2 - SPORTS AWARDS, Elementary and Middle School, 6p.m.
- Sat. 4 - PENNY PAVING, Farmington National Bank, 10a.m. - Noon
- Mon. 6 - SPORTS AWARDS, High School, 6p.m.
SELECTMEN'S FORUM: Bay Hill Reconstruction and Transfer Station Regulations, Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Wed. 8 - SPORTS PHYSICALS
- Sat. 11 - PENNY PAVING, Farmington National Bank, 10a.m. - Noon
FREE CAR WASH, Farmington National Bank, 1-3p.m.
- Tue. 14 - FLAG DAY
FLAG DAY CEREMONY, American Legion Hall, 6:30p.m.
MINI-GOLF NIGHT, Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course, 6p.m.
- Thu. 16 - SPORTS PHYSICALS
- Sat. 18 - MERFELD SCHOLARSHIP FUND FLEAMARKET, West Alton Fire Station, 10a.m. - 4p.m.
FREE TURKEY SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center
- Sun. 19 - FATHER'S DAY
- Tue. 21 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Pearson Road Community Center, 7:30p.m.
- Sat. 25 - UNITED ASSOCIATIONS MEETING, Alton Bay Community Center, 10a.m.
- Sun. 26 - DOLL SHOW & SALE, Alton Central School, 9:30a.m. - 3p.m.
CANOE RACE, Masonic Temple Parking Lot, 11a.m.
- Mon. 27 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Tue. 28 - GARDEN CLUB, Baptist Meeting House, 1:30p.m.

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Pine Hutch, \$150, 364-7413

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10" B&W TV, \$12; 5" Portable B&W TV, 3-Way, 12v, 110 and battery, \$45; Rotary Lawn Spreader, \$12; Antique Cast Iron Wagon Jack, Real Nice, 293-7105

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Lessons are for children: beginner (10-11a.m.) and intermediate (11a.m.-noon) and adult: beginner (5:30-6:30p.m.) and intermediate (6:30-7:30p.m.). Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by Friday, July 1. The cost is \$30 for the course or \$8 per class.

UNITED ASSOCIATIONS SPRING MEETING

The Annual Spring Meeting of the United Associations of Alton will be held at 10a.m. on Saturday, June 25, at the Alton Bay Community Center. Town officials and guest speakers have been invited to attend and the meeting is open to the public.

MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

Schedules

CHURCHES:

Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Holway Residence, 859-5191
Bay Church - Sunday School 10a.m., Worship Sunday 11a.m. and
Wednesday 7p.m., Pastor Roy Ames

Community Church - Worship, Congregational Meeting House,
11a.m., October-April, Baptist Meeting House, 11a.m., May and
September, 10a.m., June-August, Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor,
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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

St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo
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COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

Monday & Friday 1 to 3p.m., Wednesday 9a.m. to 3p.m., Alton
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GILMAN LIBRARY:

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Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

TOWN HALL:

Selectman's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town
Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Town Planner - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to
3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings by
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ORGANIZATIONS:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday 8p.m., Alton Bay
Community House

AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion
Hall

COUNTRY DRIFTERS DANCE CLUB - Thursday, 7p.m., Alton Bay
Community House

CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall

EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday

GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday

FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday

HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community
House

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday April through October

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, September thru June

MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday

PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - 3rd
Wednesday 7p.m. Alton Central School

PC/IBM COMPUTER USERS - 1st Monday 7p.m. Lee Maserian
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ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m.
Church Hall

SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday 2p.m., Pearson Road Center

VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m., Pearson Road Center

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Boards and Committees

ADDRESS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman David Jensen,
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AD HOC COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Virginia Gray,
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BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Meets 4th Wednesday at 4p.m. at
Gilman Library, Co-Chairmen Nancy Merrill & Pat Merrill,
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7p.m., 2nd
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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

NO EXCUSES IN JUNE

Though May is the month to try our luck at fishing, June is the month that allows no excuses. During this month, one can fish cold water and warm water species. Salmon and lake trout go to the colder depths of the Big Lake, except for a few that might still be found near the surface in the morning. Trout fishing is at its peak in June, and bass, sunfish, and pickerel can be found in the shallows. With this variety of fish available to the angler, the choice is yours.

There is no excuse -- the NH Fish and Game Department offers a FREE fishing day this month. On Saturday, June 4, residents and non-residents may fish the waters of this state without buying a license. You must still follow the fishing regulations found in the 1994 Fresh Water Fishing Digest available anywhere licenses are sold.

National Fishing Week is June 6-12 and Let's Go Fishing Coordinators and hatchery personnel will host an open house at all the department's hatcheries on Saturday, June 11. The closest hatchery is Powder Mill Hatchery on the Merrymeeting Road in New Durham. Go check it out!

On June 18 and 19, the Fish and Game Department will host a fly fishing weekend at Coleman State Park with a variety of activities of interest to the experienced fly fishermen and women and to newcomers to the sport.

You have no excuse -- get out there and give fishing a try. Fish are healthy eating, too!

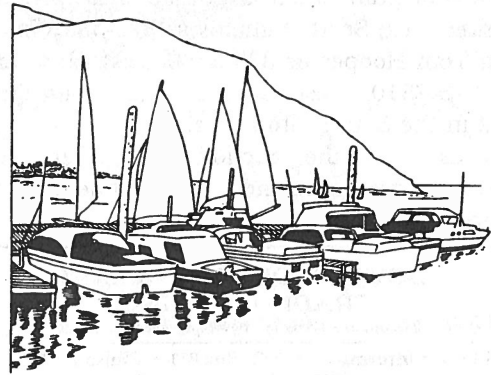
There are approximately 200,000 useless words in the English language, and in recent U. S. election campaigns, many of them were used.

SLAM DUNK BASKETBALL CAMP

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Summer Basketball Camp July 11-15 from 8a.m. to noon for participants entering grades 4-8.

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Remember that "stuff" in the garage, attic or basement that you've been meaning to get rid of? Why not donate it to the Fire Department? They will even pick it up!

Anyone with treasures to share may call Ed Consentino at 875-5510 or Stan Czech at 875-3815 for pickups in the Alton center area; Scott Williams at 875-3315 in the Alton Bay area; Tom Hoopes at 875-3400, East Alton area; Russ Jones at 875-7510, West Alton area; and Sam Fisichelli at 776-6172 in the South Alton area.

Proceeds from the auction and other department activities support training and equipment needs of the Alton firefighters.





ATTORNEY VISITS ALTON SCHOOL FOR "LAWYER IN EVERY SCHOOL" PROGRAM

Laconia attorney Allen Dublin visited several classes at Alton Central School as part of the "Lawyer in Every School" program sponsored by the New Hampshire Bar Association. His topics included Freedom of Expression, the Bill of Rights, and Freedom of the Press. Dublin is seen conducting a mock trial with fifth grade students.

SPORTS PHYSICAL EXAMS

Physical exams for students planning to be involved in sports during the 1994-95 school year will take place on Wednesday, June 8, and Thursday, June 16. The fee is \$8.



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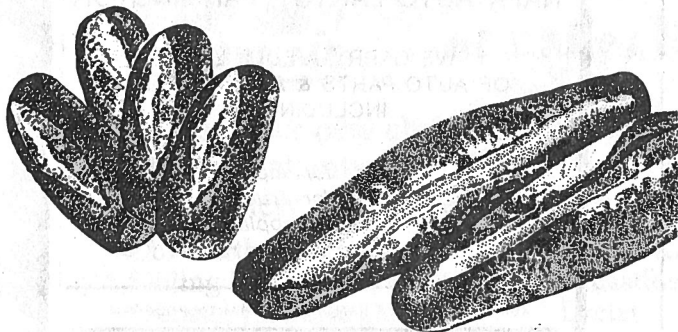
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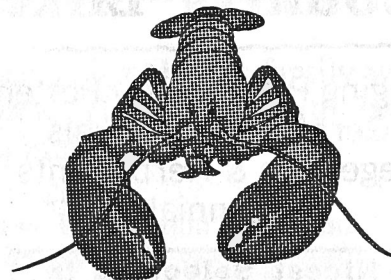


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Over the years, this cemetery has grown into disrepair from lack of maintenance, overgrowth, and vandalism. Due to the cemetery's historic value, a voluntary restoration effort is being organized.

The first task is to seek approval from the descendants of the families buried at this site: Brown, Cooper, Clough, Ellis, Jones, Place, Prescott, Sleeper, and Woodman. Anyone with objections to the restoration or wishing to volunteer to help should contact Joe Harris at 364-6388 or Tom Hoopes at 875-3400.

Many parents believe that babies are angels - whose wings get shorter as their legs grow longer.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

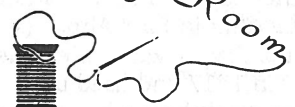
Anyone wanting to patriotically dispose of their old, faded, or tattered American Flag is welcome to bring it to the annual flag burning which will take place in front of the American Legion Hall at 6:30p.m. on Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14.

EXERCISE GROUP

Alton residents are invited to join "Burn Some Fat", an exercise group led by Martha Robinson Thursdays at 9a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Call Mary Ellen Kenerson at 875-6156 or Dolores Van Malden at 859-6022

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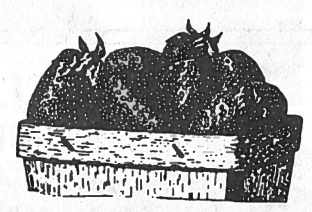
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By Julie Downing

SCHOOLS BACK THEN

(The following article was written by Julie Downing, a fifth-grader at Alton Central School, as an independent research paper for her reading class program.)

The first school in the United States was built in the early 1600s by colonists from Europe. Massachusetts had the first public schools in 1647. Towns with 50 families or more were required to have public schools. Towns with 100 families or more had to set up Latin grammar schools which were like high schools and mostly for boys to prepare them for college.

In December of 1800 Ephraim Chamberlain of Alton sold a small piece of land to Alton's School District #2 for 83 cents "for purpose of setting a schoolhouse". This is the first record of schools in Alton. Alton had 26 school districts and 26 schools by the early 1800s. Then schools held classes in the summer and not in the winter because the kids had no

way to get to school in the snow. There were no cars and no school buses.

The decision of where a district school should be built often was a difficult one that required many district meetings. The people usually agreed that the schoolhouse should be built in the center of the neighborhood on land that was useless. Many of the schools were built to be "movable", so they could be moved to the place where the most people lived. Early schools had only one room.

A one room schoolhouse had one woodstove to heat the whole room, usually had no running water, and poor lighting. Students had two entrances, one for boys and one for girls. Students had to sit on benches or at simple wooden desks. In winter kids who sat near the stove were hot while others were cold. Sometimes the school marm (teacher) had a foot warmer under her desk to keep her feet warm. Kids used chalk and little chalkboards made of slate instead of paper and pencils. All ages were taught in one room by one teacher. In 1847, a school in Quincy, Massachusetts, was the first school to divide students into grades and teach them separately.

There were 10-20 students in most one room schoolhouses, ranging in age from 5 to 17. There was only one teacher to teach all the students. One of these schools is still standing in East Alton. (see photo) It is the home of Mr. & Mrs. Fry. It was called the Walker School House. It was built in 1817 and used until 1933. The last teacher was Miss Mary Hockshaw who taught there from 1925 to 1933. She was paid \$650 a year! There were about 16 students in her school ranging from grade one to grade eight. There are still original wide floorboards with ink stains, original chalkboards and windows. There was a privy in the shed

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which also held the wood for the stove. Today there are 20-25 students in one classroom, and they are all about the same age and grade with one teacher.

After the 1850s you had to be a certain age or you had to be in a certain grade to complete school. In the 1800s and again in the 1900s, schools were the center of community activities, such as town meetings and special events. After the 1850s, states began to pass compulsory school attendance laws.

When you were bad or you were acting up, you had to wear a dunce cap. The first ruler (called the "ferula") was a light, flat piece of wood used to slap hands as a form of punishment and was not used to make lines.

School was hard if you weren't studious. If you could sit and be quiet the whole day, it would be easy. You had to be very patient, waiting for the teacher to help or give you directions.

Back then the towns had much smaller schools, and

today they have much bigger schools and a lot more classrooms and subjects for each grade. In the 1800s towns began to collect property taxes to pay for the schools. By the 1900s some big cities began to serve lunches.

My great grandmother had to walk about a mile to school and she hated that long walk. Others had to walk farther.

In the early 1900s they had homework. They started to get homework in the fourth grade.

By the late 1800s Alton had fewer schools open and kids had classes in the spring and fall. In 1900 Alton started its first high school. By 1909 Alton had only four grammar schools plus the central school, which was getting bigger.

In 1943 the last rural schoolhouse, which was at the Bay, closed, as Central School was being expanded and classrooms added.

In the 1800s they did not have school sports, but sometimes they played card games and other games led by the teacher or another adult. Basketball became popular at Alton Central School during the 1920s, and the team won the league championship for the first time in 1928. The team did not win the championship again for 29 years.

After World War II in the 1940s, cities and towns all over the United States began to invest more money in education and schools. Today schools are one of our most important institutions.

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Special registration nights will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, June 13, and Wednesday, June 15, between 6 and 7:30p.m.. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by Friday, June 17. The \$50 fee includes instruction by Sam Struthers and Jim and Tom White and a camp tee shirt.

The second camp, August 1-5, is the North American Soccer Camp for children ages 7-16 from 9a.m. to noon. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by Friday, June 24. The fee of \$87 includes instruction, a camp tee shirt and a soccer ball. A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration.

Both programs will be held at the Alton Central School Soccer Field.

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