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PAT MERRILL DAY

Selectmen Chairman Pete Shibley proclaims April 25, 1997, as Pat Merrill Day during groundbreaking ceremonies for the Gilman Library expansion.

PAT MERRILL RECOGNIZED AT LIBRARY GROUNDBREAKING

By Bob Calvert

April 25 was a very special day! It marked the groundbreaking ceremony for the expanding Gilman Library, and it was designated by the Selectmen as "Patricia Merrill Day" in Alton. Over 100 looked on as the lineup of Library Trustees, Pat Merrill, Town Administrator Scott Dunn, Selectmen and representatives of the Building Committee, builders (Milestone Engineering) and the architectural firm of Brooks Associates pressed their ceremonial shovels into the spring-softened earth in front of the Library.

At that moment the campaign had raised \$600,000 with but \$59,000 to go. Some \$350,000 had been raised or pledged in the private campaign and \$250,000 from town appropriations in recent years.

Trustee and Campaign Director David Countway lauded Pat Merrill's role in inspiring a host of volunteers to pitch in and launch the campaign to enlarge the library. He called her "the inspiration" from the very beginning and throughout her 16 years of service as Librarian. Arnold "Pete" Shibley echoed similar plaudits as he read the Selectmen's proclamation and cited both library and community roles of her service to Alton. She had earlier retired as librarian, but continues as assistant librarian and a worker for the project until completed. Countway indicated that the campaign will continue until the total goal is reached. And Pat Merrill will be in the trenches to help achieve the dramatic moment of complete success!



ALTON SCHOOL BOARD WELCOMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Members of the Alton School Board welcome SAU 72 Superintendent Richard Pike during a reception at the school last month. Pictured are (left to right) Richard Quindley, Don Mitchell, Loring Carr, Pike, Joyce Hopper, and Deborah Burton.

RICHARD PIKE IS NAMED SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The Alton School Board selected Richard Pike of Wentworth to head the newly-created School Administrative Unit 72 from among 50 applicants. Pike will begin his duties on July 1.

Currently one of two assistant superintendents for SAU 29 in Keene, Pike is responsible for six elementary schools in Chesterfield, Harrisville, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, and Westmoreland. Prior to that he served as assistant principal at Inter-Lakes Junior-Senior High School in Meredith from 1984 to 1991. He spent 16 years teaching English at Woodsville High School.

Members of the School Board made site visits for Pike and the other finalist, Charles Gaides, assistant superintendent of SAU 19, prior to a day-long visit to Alton for both candidates for tours, receptions and interviews.

Pike expressed his enthusiasm for starting his new position. "I'm certainly very pleased and excited about the opportunity. I think there's a lot of work ahead in terms of starting this new SAU, and I am ready to meet the challenge."

The fact that Alton recently created its own SAU was a major factor in attracting Pike as a candidate. School Board Chairman Loring Carr noted that "we wanted someone that's going to lead the school, someone who could be versatile. It was a difficult, but a unanimous, decision."



**6th GRADE CHEERLEADERS
TAKE 3rd PLACE IN MEET**

After basketball season ended, the Alton Central School 6th grade cheerleaders were invited to a cheerleading competition at Pembroke Academy.

The girls were in the 5th and 6th grade category and finished third in the Dance and Cheer competitions. They are (front) Siobhan Kivlehan and Kristen Murray and (rear) Patty Currid and Jenny Zirpolo.

**PUBLIC HEARING SET ON
USE OF TOWN BOAT RAMP**

By Bob Longabaugh

The Alton Board of Selectmen spent a significant amount of time at its May 5 and 19 meetings reexamining the Town ordinance that prohibits commercial use of the Town's boat launching ramp without prior approval of the Town. As if those hours of deliberation were not enough, the Selectmen have committed themselves to getting quite a few earfuls on the subject by scheduling a public hearing on the matter.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 4, commencing at 7p.m. in the second floor meeting room at Alton Town Hall.


The three members of the Board - Chairman Arnold 'Pete' Shibley, Stanley Czech, and William Ryan - are seeking as many views as are willing to come out and be heard in one night. Alton being the vacation mecca that it is, the Selectmen recognize that boating plays a major role in both the life style and economy of the community. Consequently, any laws or policies that encourage or inhibit boating within the Town and its many miles of shoreline have to be set carefully to be of the most "good" for all of Alton's residents.

One of the principal factors in limiting the use of the Town's launching ramp at Alton Bay to noncommercial users is congestion. On a summer weekend the trailers awaiting a turn to put their boat in the water at the Town's ramp can form an obstacle to pedestrians and non-boat vehicles that is not unlike the Great Wall of China. Yet with boat registrations adding roughly \$30,000 a year to Town revenues, life should be made easier, not tougher, for those who pay those fees.

Not that many summers ago Alton stationed a police officer at the ramp on weekends and collected a \$10 fee for each launching. This helped in bringing more orderliness to the backlog of watercraft awaiting their turn to get wet, but the revenues fell short of paying for the extra police presence. This approach was a spin-off of a Milfoil control effort, and it lasted for only the one summer.

The Selectmen recognize that congestion in Alton Bay and the Town's two other informal launch sites at Echo Point and Roberts Cove is not the sole issue involved in setting any ordinance or policies governing their use. Questions of fairness and what work best for the most number of residents and renters are also important. If you have a view on any of the above - or something not touched upon, but relevant - the Selectmen have set aside time to listen on June 4.

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A SALUTE TO JOHN DUFFEK

By Bob Calvert

On behalf of the current staff of Main Street as well as the many who have played a role in its 12-year history for varying periods of time, we rise as one to salute John Duffek who has been the fearless "skipper" of the good ship "Main Street" since its inception in 1985. John has played the dual role of publisher and editor of this unique all-volunteer effort throughout the 12 years and will step down as editor with this issue. Bob Longabaugh will become editor with the July issue, and we welcome him aboard in his new role. More about our new editor next month if he allows us!

Back in the 1984 planning and development stage, few could have anticipated how important a role this fledgling publication would play in the time ahead on the Alton scene. A handful of "pioneers" prepared for the launch. In addition to Duffek, it included the late Bill Watkins as the original publisher. The others were the late Cathy Calvert, Assistant Editor; Dave McKenney as Treasurer and Chris Consentino as circulation manager. Each actually played two or three roles, but the guiding hand in everything was Editor John Duffek.

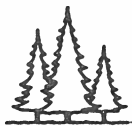
In his wisdom, John ensured that MAIN STREET policy avoided controversial items. The paper has never take a stand on such issues. It has, under his leadership, become a permanent and accurate historical record of the town and its activities for the 12-year period. He further ensured that it went to every Alton home until it now, even though monthly, has become the most widely read "newspaper" in Alton.

John has always had a real concern for local businesses and advertisers who fiscally make the paper possible. He has been up to making the many tough decisions needed in such an operation.... even tougher when it's a volunteer operation. He's played all the many roles at different times when staff was short, or some of us "goofed" or a function was needed "right now."

This popular town moderator, former owner and operator of the Busy Corner Store, educator, local businessman and outstanding husband and father has made his mark on Alton and will continue to. We salute his many achievements and thank him for the opportunity to work alongside him for a short period of our Alton life and to learn so much from him.

Thanks John, and a hearty salute from your many Main Street cohorts!

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The annual Main Street Ice-Out Contest was won this year by Louise B. Clark, a summer resident and longtime subscriber from Honolulu, Hawaii. Her guess was 8:11a.m. on April 24 and the ice went out at 11:40a.m. that day. Apparently watching the ice all winter is no advantage!

Louise wins dinner for two at the Alton Harvest Grille on Main Street.

Ice-out is determined each year by the official ice watchers who fly over the lake to see if the MV Mt. Washington can reach each of its ports unobstructed. The earliest occurrence was in 1921 when the ice went out on March 28 and the latest was May 12, 1988. Records have been kept since 1987.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25**

The 39th Army Band, NH National Guard, will perform in concert under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Thomas G. Fisk on Wednesday, June 25, from 7 to 8:30p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. The program is sponsored by the Bay Church.

The band, comprised of approximately 40 musicians from throughout the state, traces its history to 1879 when it was activated for the Mexican-American War.

In case of rain the concert will be held in the Tabernacle at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

VFW FLEA MARKET

A Flea Market, sponsored by the VFW, will be held from 9a.m. to 5p.m. on July 5 at the Alton Bay Community Center. Tables are available at \$10; call Tony Mariano at 875-5978.

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**THE BIG LAKE:
HALF EMPTY OR HALF FULL**

By Bob Longabaugh

If you are a gardener who frequently scratches your head wondering if you should water the garden, or will Mother Nature take care of it tomorrow, your problem is tiny compared to that of Robert Say. As Dam Operator for the Winnepesaukee Project his job is to have Lake Winnepesaukee "full" at 504.32 feet on the first of June and keep it there for the remainder of the recreational season. Every day he has to be one step ahead of Mother Nature on whether he should be emptying the lake or filling it.

The United Associations of Alton will hear Say describe the tricks of his trade at their spring meeting to be held on Saturday, June 28, at the Alton Bay Community Center. The meeting starts at 9a.m. and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Water level management of Lake Winnepesaukee stems from the mid 1850s when the first serious dam was constructed at Lakeport. In Say's memory the worst high water condition occurred after eight inches of rain fell over Memorial Day weekend in 1984 and the lake hit 19.44 inches above "full" on June 4. Boaters and lake residents might like to come hear Say talk about this and the other ups and downs of his job. Questions and answers will conclude the program.

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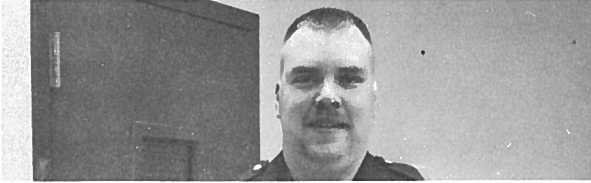
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**MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON
JAMES HATHCOCK
POLICE OFFICER**

By Muriel Walker

In January of 1991, James Hathcock began his position as patrolman for the Alton Police Department.

James was born in Wolfeboro at Huggins Hospital. He attended schools in Wolfeboro, graduating from Kingswood Regional High School in June of 1986. He entered the United States Army in July and completed his basic training at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. James then received training as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. He served as a combat medic, stationed in Frankfort, Germany, until his discharge in March of 1989. After returning home, James worked for the Lakeside Ambulance Service until joining the Alton Police Department in 1991.

James and his family live in Wolfeboro where his parents opened Hathcock Originals, a florist studio, in 1976. James' father passed away in December and his mother, Carolyn, runs the shop. His older sister, Sherideth, is married and lives in Rochester. James and his wife, Debbie, have two daughters. Their older daughter, Beth, is 10 years old and in the fourth grade at Carpenter School. Caitlin is eight years old and in the second grade. Debbie works in the family florist shop with James' mother.

James completed the training program at the NH Police Academy in Concord in June of 1991. He has also been a master patrolman for almost a year. James serves as a training officer in the Department supplying field training for the new officers coming on the force. James explained "The Academy trains the men and women in the basics and general tactics of police work. I add to that by teaching the officers how our Department operates and how things work in Alton. Each town varies and things that work here may not work in other places."

When time permits, James and his family enjoy canoeing, biking, wilderness camping and hiking. In addition, James enjoys hunting, fishing and mountain biking. He participates in competition shooting as well.

When I asked James what he liked best about his job, he responded, "The best, of course, is working with a great bunch of gals and guys. The part of my duties I like the best is the training part." James mentioned that his parents were both former teachers and when I noted that perhaps he came by his training interest naturally he said, "That may be true. I love the teaching of concepts and training the officers." James also stressed, "I think the townspeople are very nice and I really enjoy working for them."

In the future, James sees himself remaining in police work. He said, "My goals are to move up within the Department. I want to continue to learn and to pass that knowledge on."

We are glad to have James as a member of our police department and wish him success.

**THE FAMILY CIRCLE TO PERFORM
AT THE ALTON BAY CHURCH**

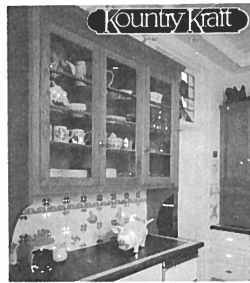
The Family Circle, featuring inspirational music for the whole family, will perform at the Bay Church on Sunday, June 29 at 11 a.m.

The group, from Halifax, PA, has been together since 1979 and includes Raymond and Cheryl Crum, Larry and Diana Paul, and the Crum's children, Raymond II, Justin and Rebekah.

The Family Circle's style of music includes old favorite hymns, southern gospel, and children's songs. Their special blend of harmony is ever present whether using soundtracks or singing *a cappella*.

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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SPRING CONCERT

The Alton Central School Music Department is pleased to announce that the annual Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, June 4, at 7p.m. in the school gymnasium. The concert will feature performances by the Elementary Chorus, Middle School Chorus, Concert Choir, Intermediate Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. Many different styles of music will be presented. The grand finale of the show will feature John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" performed by the combined Concert and Intermediate Bands. Admission to the concert is free.



ALTON SEVENTH GRADERS CLEAN UP COURTYARD AS EARTH DAY ACTIVITY

Students in Laurie Grigg's and James LaFreniere's seventh grade science classes spent Earth Day cleaning up a secluded courtyard at the Alton Central School. The area was raked and cleared of debris while other students planted and watered flower and plant seeds along the building. "When it's all done, I hope we can have a cookout here. I want this to be the seventh grade area," LaFreniere noted. One student commented, "After all the Earth's done for us, the least we can do is help clean it up." Another noted, "It's awesome! We should do more stuff like this." Griggs predicted that "their efforts here today will be evident for years to come." Future plans include a mural on the walls surrounding the courtyard.

ALTON ARTIST DISPLAYS AT HUGGINS HOSPITAL

Alton artist Florence Holway is showing 20 pictures at Huggins Hospital. The works are hung in the hallway from the center of the Main Building to the Administration Building. The exhibit continues through June 30.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By George J. Rogers, Alton Central School

THE YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE

The end of an exciting and positive year is rapidly drawing to a close. The calendar of events leading up to the end of the school year is listed below. We invite parents and community members to the public events and encourage you to take part in them and to share in the children's successes.

- June 2 Grade 9-12 Assembly - 1p.m. - Gym
- June 3 National Honor Society Awards - 6p.m. - Gym
- June 4 Spring Concert - Grades 4-12 - 7p.m. - Gym
- June 5 Class Day 8:30 a.m. - Gym
- June 6 Middle School Sports Banquet - 6p.m. - Cafeteria
- June 6 Special Olympics - Gilford Middle High School Middle School "Fancy Dance" - 6p.m. - Foxy's
- June 7 Special Olympics - Gilford Middle High School
- June 9 Alton School Board Meeting - 6p.m. - H.S. Library
- June 12 High School Sports Banquet - 6p.m. - Cafeteria
- June 14 Graduation - 9a.m. - Gym
- June 16 K-5 Field Day - all day
- June 17 Kindergarten graduation - 7p.m. - Gym
- June 18 Last day of school for students

Recently a news article relating to the Alton Central School's probationary status from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has been published. I want to assure you that the Alton Central School has been, and continues to be, a fully accredited school. The probationary status is a response by the NEASC to the degree to which the Alton Central School has met or failed to meet certain standards in the most recent 10 year self evaluation. As part of the process, the school is given time to remediate and correct those things that were noted in the self study. I want to assure you that there is a committee within the school (Follow-Up Committee) that has been working and continues to work very hard in an effort to organize the approach which the school will take to address these issues. The school's mission continues to be to provide the best education possible for the children of Alton. I want to let you know that I welcome questions and will be happy to speak with you in person or by phone. This is a very busy time of year and making an appointment would be preferable. I am available during the summer and would be happy to speak with you concerning this issue. These people are members of our Follow-Up Committee: Chairman Lawrice Ballentine, Chuck Downie, Carol Fuller, Sherry Brown, Brian Davidson (Alton Teachers Association), Linda Roy (PTSA), Don Mitchell (School Board), and myself.

The graduating Class of 1997 has been accepted at the following colleges: Ithaca College, Lassell College, Quinnipiac College, Endicott College, Hesser College, Gordon College, Johnson and Wales University, Universal Technical Institute, New Hampshire College, New Hampshire Technical Institute, New Hampshire Technical College, Keene State University, Plymouth State University, University of Colorado, University of Connecticut, University of New Hampshire, University of Vermont, West Virginia University.

The staff, School Board, and administrators at Alton Central School wish the very best to the Class of 1997.

ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB SPONSORS MINI-GOLF NIGHT

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will hold its annual Mini-Golf Night on Tuesday, June 10, from 6 to 9p.m. at the Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course in Alton Bay. The cost is only \$1 per person for a round of 18 holes.

All proceeds support the various community and charitable activities of the local service organization.

WAY TO GO, VOLUNTEERS!

By Laurie Boyce, Volunteer Coordinator

Alton school has been very fortunate to have a tremendous amount of active volunteers this year. Currently, there are 92 active volunteers who have made 754 trips to the school or other school related activities. At this time (a month before school is finished for the year) over 6,000 hours of volunteer time have been accumulated. That is incredible. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their dedication. This year there was a good response to the letters sent out at the beginning of the school year to parents. However, I had several Alton residents, who do not have children in the school, call and want to know how they could help. This is a big end of the year THANK YOU for all your hard work. Have a great summer, and next fall I will be asking again for volunteers to help out in the school. With the school growing we always need more help, so think about it.

The Spring Volunteer Tea will be held June 11th from 3:00 to 4:00p.m. in the Elementary Resource Center. Please come so we can show our appreciation.



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By Nancy Mooney

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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 Causing our youth to wear big smiles-
 We cannot stop from humming a tune
 To welcome in our glorious June!

Many of our senior couples are celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month. It is heartwarming to see the great love these couples still have for one another after forty-five, fifty, and even fifty-five years together. Congratulations to those who are marking this special time in their lives, and may you have many more happy years together!

At our May meeting, many items were discussed. After trying one winter without monthly meetings, the seniors decided to reinstate the January, February, and March meetings. They also voted to serve refreshments after each meeting. A new refreshment and hospitality committee has been set up. We want all new comers to feel welcome, and the hospitality group will help to acquaint them with the Senior Center and the Association. The constitution committee will have rough drafts of the revised constitution ready for the July meeting so that a vote can be taken in August. President Nancy Mooney broached the idea of establishing a Goals for the Future committee so that the Senior Citizens Association can focus on the type of progress it wants to achieve. This matter will be taken up again at the June meeting, and anyone who has any suggestions for the

advancement of the ASCA should write them down or tell one of the officers. We need your input on how we can improve.

Our trip coordinator, Ginny Myers, announces that there will be a trip to Kittery, ME on Tuesday June 24. Lunch will be at the Weathervane, and then the group will be off to the outlet malls! This is a bargain trip for the price of \$6 for bus fare. The money should be in June 1. Call Ginny at 875-5713 if you are interested and have not already signed up. Also, think ahead to July - the group trip will take us to Foster's Clambake for \$28 including bus fare and meal. Sign up early, as this is a popular trip.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the VFW for presenting the Alton Senior-Community Center with a new flag in a ceremony led by Commander John Brooks. The old tattered flag was taken down and will be disposed of in the appropriate manner. The new flag, which has been flown over the White House, was raised and saluted. We also thank Dom Giuliano for presenting us with a flag, which has been stored for future use.

Claire Fitzgerald, CAP Alton Site director, tells us that the Advisory Council is going to be reconfigured. The main issue will be menu review, and meetings will take place every other month from now on.

On a final note, a word about parking at the center. We are hoping that the parking lanes will be "striped" soon. In the mean time, we would appreciate it if everyone parked a little closer to the car next to you, especially on busy days (special meals, blood pressure clinic); otherwise, the congestion forces people to park on the road or way up on the hill.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 11 at 2p.m. We need you there! If you are not now a member, June is a good time to join, as the fiscal year begins for us. Slowly, but surely, our membership continues to grow.

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ANNUAL CANOE RACE

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Canoe Race with Parker Marine on Sunday, June 29. The race starts at 10a.m. from the Route 28 bridge, with parking at the Masonic Temple. The first 30 people to register will receive a canoe race t-shirt. Canoe approximately 5 miles of flat water, two portages. Prizes will be awarded to category winners. Categories include: Recreational men, women, coed, single, adult and child; Racing men, women, coed, single, adult and child; Youth boys pairs, girls pairs and coed pairs. Register June 2-27 at the Parks and Recreation Department and June 29 8:30 to 9:30a.m. A life jacket for each person is required.

FALL YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Fall Youth Soccer League that plays August-October will be holding registration at the Alton Town Hall on Tuesday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 18, from 5:30 to 7:30p.m. The registration fee is \$10 per player and the following equipment is needed: shin guards, red/black socks and a water bottle or drink for all games and practices.

The absolute last day for registrations is August 18. Uniforms will be distributed on September 8 and 9 at the Alton Town Hall from 6 to 8p.m.

EXTENDED REGISTRATION HOURS

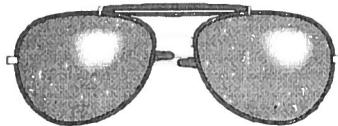
The Parks and Recreation Department will have extended registration hours on the first and last Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8p.m. Staff will be present to assist with your program needs and questions.

OLD HOME DAYS

Old Home Days will be held August 14-17. Scheduled events include: Wolfboro Wranglers, Craft Fair, 5K Road Race, Family Night Garden Party, Decorate Your Wheels, Pony Express Band, Fireworks, Penny Sale, Magic Show and more. The Barbershopper's will be holding their annual singing event on August 9.

COED ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Coed Adult Softball League coaches meeting will be held at 7p.m. at the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 3. Coaches should bring all registration forms and fees along with suggestions and questions for the 1997 League.



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TOWN HALL NOTES

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

ENGINEERING PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Engineering projects are underway. The Town has engaged the services of Nobis Engineering in Concord to design plans for the reconstruction of Drew Hill Road, study the settlement and moisture problems at the Gilman Museum, help prepare a groundwater management permit for the Septage Lagoons and submit plans to deal with the contaminated well at the Landfill. All told, these expenses will cost the Town more than \$50,000.

The good news at the Landfill is the level of contamination seems to have dropped off drastically in April. Time will tell if this is a fluke or a positive trend. Speaking of the Landfill, or Solid Waster Center - transfer station - recycle center, please remember that recycling is mandatory!

Phase II road reconstruction is happening on Route 11D and New Durham Road. Expect delays, use caution and thank you for your patience. Drew Hill Road reconstruction is scheduled to begin in September. Meanwhile, Highway Department road activities will be taking place throughout Town. Please heed all warning signs.

Every year the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative donates a tree to the Town. This year we planted a crab apple tree in Ginny Douglas Park. Check it out!

In case you haven't noticed, Gilman Library construction is well underway as this major expansion is becoming a reality. Finishing touches will be done in November, but donations are still needed.

The Town is about to go on-line. Look for our home page or Email us at alton@worldpath.net.

A fond adieu to John Duffek, retiring editor and founder of Main Street. He may not have won a Pulitzer, but his work was remarkable nonetheless.

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Boards and Committees

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510
- AD HOC COMMITTEE - Meets on call
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8:30a.m., Chairman Arnold P. Shibley, Call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3rd Thursday, 7p.m., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894
- CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on call, 875-2161.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES - 1st & 3rd Monday, 1p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris.
- FIRE WARDS - Meet on call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM TRUSTEES - Meet on call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVY PARK TRUSTEES - Meet on call. Chairman Jonathan Downing, 875-7243.
- OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets on call, 875-0109.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 1st Thursday, 6:30p.m., Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-0109.
- PLANNING BOARD - 1st Monday, 7p.m., Chairman James Washburn, Call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6p.m., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on call. Chairman Alice Ziegra, 875-2151.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - 3rd Monday, 3:30p.m., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8a.m., Chairman John Streeter, 875-2490, Office, 875-4200.
- *ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 2nd Thursday, 7:00p.m., Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.

*DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION
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TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

SAILING, SAILING ACROSS THE GUTTER WAY

The Cub Scouts of Pack 53 in Alton recently enjoyed the experience of participating in the Raingutter Regatta. This was the first time any of the scouts had done this type of derby. The rules were really simple. The Cub Scouts put their regatta at one end of a ten foot rain gutter and they had to blow into the sail to get it to the other end. Once they started they could not touch the regatta again until the end of the race.

Casey Hopkins (Webelos den) took first place, Chris Loprete, (Tiger den), came in second and Andy Nordquist (Bear den) was able to capture third place.

The Cub Scouts voted for the best Regatta in each category. The winners are Justin Rothermel (Bear den) for the Best Name, Jeff St.Cyr (Wolf den) for the Funniest Design, Noah Prive (Bear den) for the Best Artwork, Peter Kaszynski (Bear den) for the Scariest Design and Zachery Porter (Bear den) for the Best Cub Scout Theme.

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Schedules**CHURCHES:**

- Baha'i Fireside - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church - Sunday School (all ages), 9:30a.m., Worship 11a.m., Evening Study, 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:30p.m., Rand Hill Road, Pastor Roy Ames
- Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October - April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June - August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussakis, Pastor
- 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. & 7p.m., Monday thru Saturday except Wednesday, 8:30a.m., Confessions, Saturday, 4p.m. or by appointment, Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship - Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service, 10:30a.m., (Summer 10a.m.), Evening Service, 6p.m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7p.m., Route 28, Pastor Lee Button

GILMAN LIBRARY:

- Monday & Wednesday, noon to 8p.m., Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m., Saturday, 9a.m. to noon

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

- Monday - Friday, 10a.m. to 2p.m., Pearson Rd. Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8a.m. to 3p.m.
Sunday - noon to 3p.m. Closed Tuesday and Thursday
Rines Road Pit - Saturday, 8a.m. to 3p.m., Sunday noon to 3p.m.

TOWN HALL:

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Planning Director - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday, 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings by Appointment, Closed noon to 1p.m.
Building Inspector - Call 875-5095 for Office Hours and Appointments

ORGANIZATIONS:

- Alcoholics Anonymous - Tuesday, 8p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
- American Legion - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
- American Legion Auxiliary - 2nd Monday, 7p.m. Legion Hall
- American Legion Junior Members - 3rd Monday, 6p.m., Legion Hall
- Boy Scout Troop 53 - Wednesdays, 6p.m., Central Fire Station
- Chamber of Commerce Board - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8a.m., 875-5777
- 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., Alton Bay Community Center
- Historical Society - 3rd Tuesday, April-October
- Knights of Columbus - 1st Wednesday, 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
- Lions Club - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Mama Rina's Restaurant
- Masonic Lodge - 2nd Thursday
- PTSA - 3rd Tuesday, School Library
- St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
- Senior Citizens - 2nd Wednesday, 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- VFW - 3rd Monday, 7:30p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

CALL 875-5067

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MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

June Events

- Wed. 4 - SPRING CONCERT, Alton School, 7p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING: Public Boat Ramp, Town Hall, 7p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 5 - CLASS DAY, Alton School, 8:30a.m.
- Wed. 11 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 14 - FLAG DAY
GRADUATION, Alton School, 9a.m.
YOUNG ASTRONAUTS ROCKET LAUNCH, Alton School, 11a.m.
- Sun. 15 - FATHER'S DAY
- Tue. 17 - KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION, Alton School, 7p.m.
SPEAKER: ANTIQUES, Baptist Meeting House, 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 18 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Tue. 24 - GARDEN CLUB FIELD TRIP, Congregational Meeting House, 9:15a.m.
- Wed. 25 - ARMY BAND CONCERT, Bandstand, 7p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 28 - SPEAKER: LAKE LEVEL, Alton Bay Community Center, 9a.m.
- Sun. 29 - CANOE RACE, Route 28S, 10a.m.
CONCERT: The Family Circle, Bay Church, 11a.m.

10 YEARS AGO.....

....Federal funding and local donations were sufficient to launch "Phase II" of the Parks and Playgrounds Commission master plan which would provide a parking area and footbridge across the Merrymeeting River to a new multi-purpose recreation area...Memorial Day saw the dedication of a new memorial in Monument Square to honor those who served in the Vietnam War...Amanda Skinner was announced as the first Town Planner for Alton...Alton School junior Dan LaCroix won first place in the air cooled gas engine repair category at the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Skill Olympics...show chairman Ruth Messier was making final preparations for the second annual "Summertime Doll Show and Sale"...the Capital Improvements Committee with Thomas Varney as chairman was formed...David Roberts and Cherie McKenney combined their efforts to win the 1987 Science Fair at Alton School...Judy Fry and Mary Batchelder went to Manchester to accept a Community/School Partnership Award for the joint program "Alton: Our Town."

5 YEARS AGO.....

....Bonnie Joseph was elected chairman of the Alton Board of Selectmen...150 applications were received for the post of Town Administrator which had been vacated when Pam Andrade moved on to Lancaster...Debbie Beckett was spearheading a volunteer group to "Shape Up the Bay" as an expansion of the Phase I Alton Bay Revitalization project...Melanie Makila, a fourth grader at Alton Central School, was selected as the 1992 Belknap County Youth Poet for her entry "Night on the Shores of Lake Winnepesaukee...Arthur "Skip" Moulton took first place in the Friends of the Gilman Library photo contest for their 1993 calendar...Sherman Brown was presented the first Marion MacDonald Volunteerism Award...the Annual Summertime Doll Show and Sale, now in its seventh year, expanded to "more than 50 tables."

Classified Ads

Alton Residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to noncommercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted or services 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 submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810 by the 15th of the preceding month.

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1986 Dodge Shadow, P/S, P/B, Good Rubber, Clean, \$850, 776-7931 or 776-2086

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Dock rental for 14' ice cream boat, 875-5444

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PERSONAL

The family of George M. Jones would like to express their appreciation for the thoughtfulness and sympathy expressed during his long illness and subsequent death on February 28

BURKE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

The third annual Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 14. The event will take place from 3 to 7p.m. at the Alton Central School and is sponsored by the Farmington National Bank. For additional information contact Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492 or Scott Chisolm at the Red Cross, 1-800-262-2660.

HELP WANTED ON JUNE 26

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor Bob Longabaugh at 875-5067.

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories, salespersons to call on prospective advertisers, and collators and staplers to help put it all together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, June 26, at 6:30p.m.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will hold a "Happy Harmonies" luncheon on Wednesday, June 11, from 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m. at the Conference Center.

The special feature will be a baby llama, shown by Flo Skantze of Gilmanton Iron Works. Music will be provided by Laura Southworth from New Durham. The special speaker will be Helen Elmer, a teacher and musician from Greenfield, MA.

Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership. Reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery are necessary and may be made by contacting Helen Harris in Alton by Monday, June 9.

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THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Holly Brown, Librarian

CONSTRUCTION MAY ALTER ACTIVITIES

This is an exciting time for us. As I am sure many of you have noticed, construction of our new library has begun and seems to be moving along nicely.

Please note that we are still open to the public and are operating under the usual summer hours. They are: Monday and Wednesday - Noon to 8p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday - Closed; Friday - 9a.m. to 5p.m.; Saturday - 9a.m. to Noon; Sunday - Closed

Feel free to visit us as you normally would. At times it may be noisy and you may be asked to use a particular entrance. During the day you may have trouble finding a parking space. However, books, videos, audiotapes etc. are still available for circulation. If we are unable to hold our Wednesday morning Story Hour a sign will be posted on the door. Feel free to call ahead to see if previously scheduled events will be postponed or held in another area.

We apologize for any inconvenience our present conditions may cause. We feel confident that it will be worth it in the end.

Gilman Library note cards and postcards depicting the library as it "used to be" are still available for purchase at the library. Our library will never look this way again. So, be sure to pick up a package while you still can. They also make a great gift.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MONITOR LAKE QUALITY

By Klaus Biemann, LLMP Coordinator

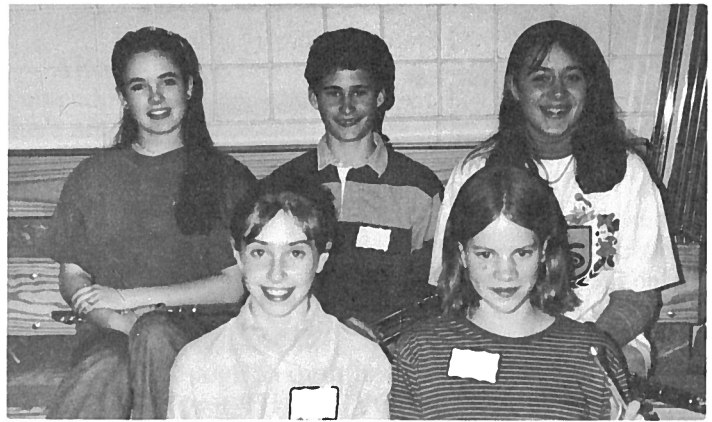
Since 1983 certain parameters of the water of Lake Winnepesaukee have been monitored to establish a long-term baseline of water quality. This is important for the evaluation of the effect, if any, of year-to-year changes of weather conditions as well as human and commercial activities along the lake. The "Lakes Lay Monitoring Program" (LLMP) involves weekly measurements carried out by residents (permanent or seasonal) of Alton during the period of June through September, under the guidance of the Freshwater Biology Group at the University of New Hampshire. Keeping track of the clarity, color, temperature gradient, acidity, alkalinity, chlorophyll, phosphate and oxygen concentration, etc. makes it possible to evaluate the long-term condition of the lake. By comparison of these parameters from year to year, with other areas of Lake Winnepesaukee and with lakes not only in New Hampshire and other states, but also in the rest of the world (such as Scandinavia and South America), Professors Alan Baker and James Haney of UNH can begin to predict the effects which various human activities or natural phenomena will have on our lake in the future. Fortunately, so far, with the exception of some deviations due to abnormal weather conditions in some years (excessive snowfall followed by fast melting, or heavy rainfall and storms in the Spring, etc.), the overall high quality of the lakewater in the Alton-Alton Bay area has changed little over the past 14 years.

The program is very cost effective, because all the routine measurements are carried out by pairs of volunteers who once a week go out on the lake to one of five spots ranging from West Alton, the Bay to East Alton. We were fortunate at the outset of the program to have a sufficient number of volunteers to monitor first six and then five sites. Many of them have continued their work year after year. Paul and Tom Todd began in 1983 and just started their 15th season; Charlie Griffin and the late Peter Whittemore also were active from that first year until 1995! Now we need new people to take over the latter's site and one or more of the others. All that is required is to take a sturdy boat out quite a distance from the shore to one of the established sites once a week, preferably Tuesday or Wednesday when the weekend turbulence has subsided, and spend an hour or so making measurements and collect a water sample. It can be a rewarding experience which combines a leisurely boat ride with a useful purpose. After all, the quality of our lake is important for the surrounding community, permanent and seasonal alike! Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile project should contact Tom Todd (875-3776), Jeff Schloss at UNH (862-3848) or the writer (875-3046) for more details. The annual reports of the results accumulated over the past years are available at the Gilman Library.

GARDEN CLUB FIELD TRIP

The June meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held on June 24 at 9:15a.m. at the Congregational Meeting House. At 10:30a.m. we will have a field trip to Urban Forestry Center, at 12:15p.m. we will have lunch at Yokens, followed by a tour of Fuller Gardens and/or Presscott Park.

Hostesses will be Nancy Alden, Doris Barnes, Marylou Brown, Margaret Favreau, Betty Locke, Muriel Miller, Alice Nelson and Jeanne Perkins.



ALTON BAND STUDENTS ATTEND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Five students from the Alton Central School Concert Band, accompanied by Band Director Anne Stevens, recently traveled to Lancaster to participate in the 1997 NH Music Educators Association Northern District All-State Music Festival. The students were (front, left to right) Marissa Peterson, oboe; and Jane Varney, French horn; (rear, left to right) Emily Sydow, flute; David Shibley, trumpet; and Meghan St. Cyr, clarinet.

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**ALTON SCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS
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The Alton Central School Concert Choir, under the direction of Melinda Eickel, and the Jazz Band, under the direction of Anne Stevens, recently provided the entertainment at the Mother/Daughter Dinner sponsored by the Community Church of Alton. The Choir performed "On Eagles Wings I Lift You" and "Stronger With Time." The Jazz Band performed five numbers including "Night Train" and "American Patrol."

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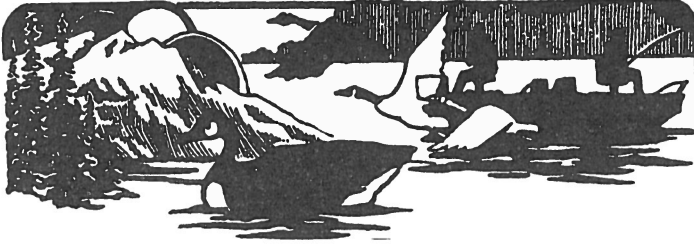
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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

START OF THE SUMMER SEASON

This month is the start of the summer season and many people will be enjoying Alton's great outdoors.

Having spent over 15 years rowing my ultra light canoe on various local ponds and lakes, I have had many opportunities to observe people enjoying our great outdoors while in their boats. I have also, unfortunately, been the victim of some bad boating etiquette. Power boats have come so close to me while trolling that I have had to move my 9 foot fly rod. Boaters have cut across my fishing lines, cut in front of my travel course, and some have squeezed between my canoe and the shore almost swamping me with their wake.

If you operate a power boat, please know what the rules are and use good judgement. Think about what is happening all around you and the after effects of your actions. I once had a well meaning boater slow his large craft as he passed me, waving a friendly "hello", but creating a huge rolling wake that would have swamped me had I not been able to turn towards it in time. It would have been far better to maintain the speed, with the smaller wake, and simply moved further away from me.

To drive wheeled vehicles one must possess a license and know the rules of the road. Not so with boats, but maybe it should be required. Every automobile driver knows to be careful of the pedestrian and the bicyclers. It's the same in the water. For the driver of a boat, the swimmer is the pedestrian and the canoer is the bicycler. They both have the "right of way". Please think.

If you wish to try your hand at fishing this month, June 7 is a "Free Fishing Day" meaning you may fish without a license. You still have to obey the rules and booklets are available wherever licenses are sold.

If you've never tried fly fishing, June 14 and 15 is Fly Fishing Weekend at Coleman State Park in Stewardstown. There will be courses in basic and advanced casting techniques, fly tying, and stream and fish ecology. For information call Kellie MacKenzie at 271-3212.

Get out there and enjoy - responsibly!

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HONORS GOOD CITIZENS

Students in kindergarten through grade five received special recognition in ceremonies at Alton Central School. Special awards were presented to those students who earned good citizenship status for the third quarter of the school year. They are:

KINDERGARTEN - Shaida Anderson, Marina Avery, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Shanelle Gagnon, Shannon Eagles, Amber Fielding, Katherine Gage, Amber Gagnon, Kimberly Grant, Colin Hammond, Michael Jensen, Justin Kantar, Stephanie MacDonald, Heidi McGlone, Katelyn Ordway, Maegan Rojek, Stephanie Roy, Kelsea Scerra, Xavier Stone, and William Wenzlau.

GRADE I - Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Jacob Dore, Ryan Finethy, Chantal Flanders, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Patricia Holmes, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Jesse Lane, Makina Itchkavich-Levasseur, Andrew Levasseur, Christopher Loprete, Alma Loynd, C.J. Moulton, Amanda Pellowe, Katie Lynn Powers, Kristie Lee Powers, Tara Prescott, Matthew Rojek. Jennifer Shafer, Chad Tenander, Brianna Tidd, Olivia Varney, Caitlin Wenzlau, Jonathan Yelle, and Jordan Yelle.

GRADE 2 - Dottie Jean Bailey, Megan Beaupre, Bryan Bishop, Mara Cook-Hamer, Jeffrey DeLemus, Katherine Dunn, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, David Grealish, Kim Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Joshua Liedtke, Cassandra Moulton, Marc Roy, Suzanne Sherwood, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Merrill Stone, Ashley Sweeney. Ben Varney, and Steven Waterman.

GRADE 3 - Johanna Dickson, Nicholas DiVito, Allyson Dudman, Makayla Goings, James Grant, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion, Brittany Moore, Kathryn Pellowe, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan, Daniel Pitman, Patrick Quinn, Amber Richardson, Sara Talon, Aimee Terravechia, Katrina Tidd, Melissa Walden, and Caitlin Wentworth.

GRADE 4 - Brittany Bartlett, Kelly Eagles, Tarsha Goodwin, Erin Hannafin, Travis Hopper, Jessica Joslyn, Morgan Locke, Tara Loprete, Robert Malone, David McMahan, Camille Niquette, Brenna Quann, Shayna Randall, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Andrea Sell, and Stephanie Tanguay.

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LIBRARY EXPANSION OFF TO A GOOD START

No doubt about it. The tremendous flurry of activity on Main Street confirms it. The librarian can no longer shush patrons in the reading room because she would not be heard among the din of hammers and saws. After five years of fund raising and architectural planning the greatly anticipated expansion of the Gilman Library can be observed with one's own eyes.

First two large holes in the ground, flanking the existing library. Then concrete foundations poured. Next, the erection of steel.

It all started on April 28 with the removal and "landbanking" of topsoil. The sandy gravel excavated for the foundation was also stockpiled for eventual reuse. The third day of construction saw the first cement footing poured for the future Children's Wing. The second foundation for the Adult Wing was completed by the end of the second week. By the end of May it was easy to discern the future finished shape of the significantly enlarged library.

Since the start of construction two Building Committee meetings have been held on site to review progress and advise on questions that arise in the course of work. For instance, it appears at present that new brick to match the brick of the existing building is in short supply. The architects and construction manager have a fall back position, and a satisfactory final outcome is expected.

Librarian Holly Brown encourages patrons to visit and follow the construction progress. Organizations that have reserved space in the library for meetings should also check with Brown periodically to learn whether changes in construction timing might affect their meeting.

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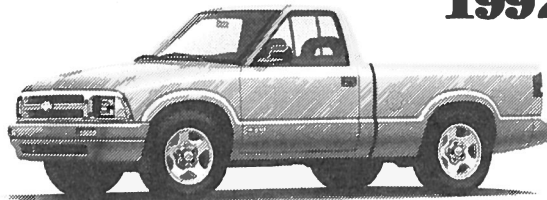
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TO PROTECT AND SERVE

By Steven T. Holly, Community Liaison Officer
MAKE SUMMER SAFE AND FUN

Spring has finally sprung and, hopefully, the sun will be following close behind. Like every summer Alton's population more than doubles with the summer residents and tourists. With the increase in population comes more traffic, more lines, and a lot more people while patience and common courtesy seems to decline. Remember that a little bit of courtesy can go a long way and make your day a little more enjoyable. It may also keep you away from an accident or speeding ticket. Let's all work a little harder this summer to keep it as safe and enjoyable as possible.

Another point of concern are the no parking areas around town. A couple of common ones that are not being adhered to are - no boat trailers in the Bay; the no parking zones in front of A-Bay Carpet on Main Street (the old post office); and on Mitchell Avenue across from the church. These are only a few of the numerous ones that are out there. Each one is clearly marked with a no parking sign and we will be issuing parking tickets to those people who park in these zones. Along with the ticket comes the possibility of your vehicle or trailer being towed and you are responsible for the costs. So, just be aware of the no parking zones around town. If you have any questions about the no parking areas, ask one of us and we'll be glad to explain it to you.


For those of you getting the old boat out of storage and gearing up for a trip on the lake, remember to brush up on the boating laws and common practices. Refreshing your memory on simple things, like which side of the different buoys to pass on, can save a costly mistake that could also hurt you or someone else. As always, safety first!

Congratulations to this year's DARE graduates! All of us here are very proud of your accomplishment and hope that you all carry on your pledge to be drug and alcohol free. For those of you who missed the DARE graduation you missed a fine time. We had a great band from Gilford perform, Rhythmic Juice, and the kids did an outstanding job.

Remember, if you have any questions, drop me a line at either P.O. Box 240, altonpd@juno.com, or call me at 875-3752.

A REMINDER TO ADVERTISERS

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HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

By Ken Roberts, Highway Agent

CONSTRUCTION ZONE ALERT

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I am pleased to announce that the Highway Department has been awarded a \$1700 grant to purchase a traffic control sign kit. These new signs may not be neon or flashing lights, but we hope drivers will obey them anyway for their own safety as well as the safety of the road crew.

Now that June has arrived, we felt confident enough to put away our plow equipment. But first, we did all our scraping and sanding and painting. I am a big believer in spending a little time and money on preventive maintenance, rather than having to spend big bucks on unnecessary replacements. Besides, we take great pride in our tools and want them to look good. Anyone notice our new town decals?

We still have lots of free wood chips across the street from the Highway Garage. But please don't take our gravel, sand, salt or anything else. We are trying to keep the budget down and still have the materials we need to properly maintain roads. I sincerely appreciate everyone's cooperation.

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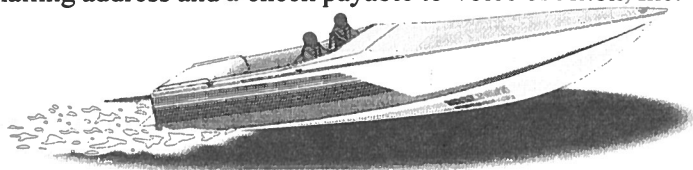
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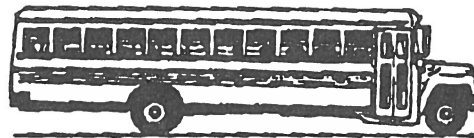
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GRADE 4 - HIGH HONORS: Stephanie Tanguay; **HONORS:** Brittany Bartlett, Amanda Boudreau, Amanda DeLemus, Kelly Eagles, Erin Hannafin, Christine Holmes, Jessica Joslyn, Morgan Locke, Tara LoPrete, Robert Malone, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Michael Tidd, and Ashley Waterman.

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GRADE 6 - HIGH HONORS: Scott Baumgartner and Amanda Jones; **HONORS:** Megan Audette, Katie Brooks, Jennifer Carr, Jamie Coigley, Patricia Currid, Nicholas Hallin, Terese Hopper, Joshua Kern, Daniel Laurin, Marc Levasseur, Kristin Murray, Mathew Scott, David Snell III, Rebecca Spencer, and Erin Wood.

GRADE 7 - HIGH HONORS: Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur and Marissa Peterson; **HONORS:** Joshua Albair, Matthew Currid, Dana Lang, Anthony Sanborn, and Steven Wood.

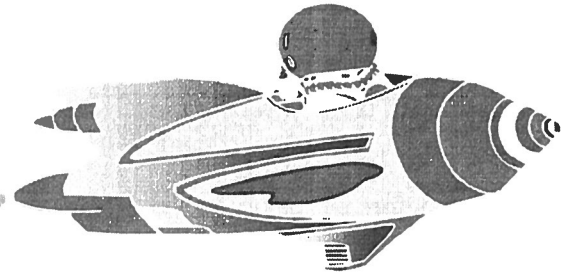
GRADE 8 - HIGH HONORS: Renee LaFreniere and Katie Morrill; **HONORS:** Chris Alting, Katie Boles, Kelsie Croes, Sara Dore, Loretta Helie, Ryan Loynd, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St. Cyr, and Emily Sydow.

GRADE 9 - HIGH HONORS: Danielle Moore; **HONORS:** Asako Maeda, Jenny Martin, Eric Morrill, Nicholas Moulton, and Elizabeth Quindley.

GRADE 10 - HIGH HONORS: Amanda Lambert; **HONORS:** Daniel Alting, Timothy Croes, Desiree Crossley, Tonia Elliott, Jennifer Emanouil, Andrew Fuller, Christy Holway, Amber Locke, Brandi Smith, and Anna Varney.

GRADE II - Tammy Murtagh; **HONORS:** Jonathan Choquette, Jebediah Christy, Beth Jackson, Blake Kellar, Tarsia Kenny, Jennifer Merfeld, Amy Teague, Aaron Terravechia, Jacob Tharpe, and Todd Thurston.

GRADE 12 - HIGH HONORS: Diana Daniels and Rebecca Miller; **HONORS:** Duane Carr, Jessica Donahue, Melissa Elliott, Matthew Fenton, Kristina Guttormsen, Rachel Kubicki, Laura Levesque, Alicia Russell, and Christopher Russo.



YOUNG ASTRONAUTS ROCKET LAUNCH

On Saturday, June 14, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the Young Astronauts of Alton Central School will launch model rockets that they assembled during the past school year. The launches will be from the playing field in back of the school. The younger children's rockets were assembled from kits while the older children will be launching rockets of their own design.

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FIRESIDE CHATS

By Stan Czech

ANNUAL AUCTION APPROACHING

Guess what? It's almost that time of year again. The Alton Firemen's Association will be holding its annual auction on Saturday, July 12. During your spring cleaning, remember the auction before you throw all those treasures away. In the next issue, I will list the contacts and phone numbers to arrange pick up of your items.

Alton is hosting the Centennial Convention of the NH Fire Association in September. There will be a brochure published and anyone wanting an advertisement in it should call any member of the Department. If you don't know any, call me at 875-3815.

In April the Department responded to six mutual aid calls in New Durham and Gilford, five motor vehicle accidents, three outside fires, two accidental alarms, two carbon monoxide alarms, two chimney fires, one response each for a rescue, a debris fire, power lines, and a structure fire.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HEAR ANTIQUES APPRAISER

The Alton Historical Society is pleased to announce that George Michael, noted antiques appraiser, will be the featured speaker at the June 17 meeting at the Baptist Meeting House 7:30p.m.

Michael entered the auction, antiques and appraisal business in 1950. Since then, he has been called on to appraise everything from a Mercury Space capsule to one of five atomic bomb casings made during World War II. His travels throughout the world have brought him in contact with the antiques and historic treasures of every continent. Michael is the author of six books on antiques, the latest - the "Basic Book of Antiques and Collectibles".

Michael is inviting each member of the audience to bring one "special" item for his appraisal after his talk.

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