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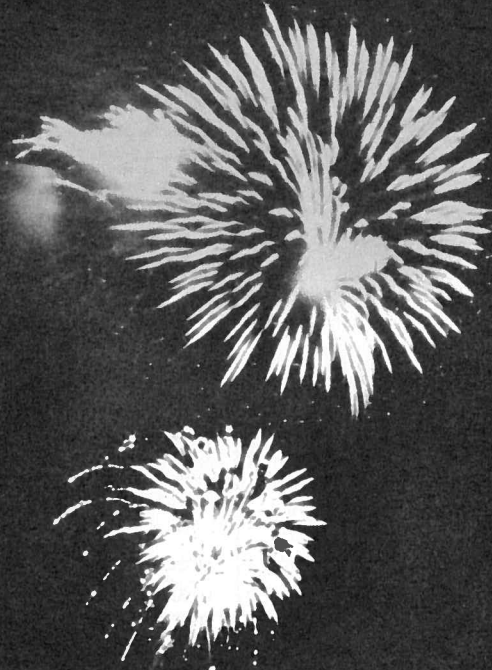
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HERE'S OUR COVER STORY

What you see on page one of this issue of Main Street is the first time our small town newspaper has attempted to fill all of the first page with one photograph. It took the efforts of more than our usual staff of volunteers to make it happen.

The original photo, taken by the editor from just off Route 11 near Sandy Point, was on 35mm Kodacolor Print Film, ASA 200, using a "bulb" exposure. The next step was to turn the color negative into an 8"x10" black and white enlargement. This was accomplished by Alton Bay photographer Michael Neider (phone 875-2973) in his photo lab, using his darkroom skills to bring out the detail in a color shot that is mostly underexposed with a high contrast illuminated area.

The job was not completed in the darkroom, however. It also took the talents at Alton Printing Company to produce a printing plate and properly inked press run to yield 3,100 copies that were not "splotchy" with uneven areas of black and gray.

Thank you Mike and Phil for jobs well done.

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The cover fireworks can also be interpreted — with tongue in cheek — as a symbolic celebration of your editor completing his first year on the job. It was with the July, 1997, issue that the founding editor of 12 years experience, John Duffek, passed on the blue pencil (and most importantly, the computer software) to this new kid on the block.

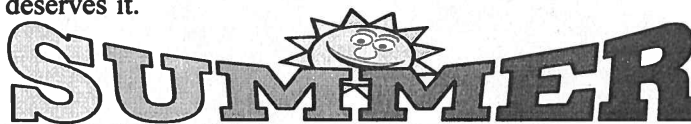
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NEATEN-UP ALTON

By Jeanne Cole

All of us, residents and vacationers alike, should take precautions to protect the environment and the appearance of the community. Whether you're boating on the lake, fishing in a stream, hiking a trail or picnicking in a park, don't discard wrappers, cans, or bottles carelessly. Take them with you and dispose of them properly. If you take a daily morning or evening walk, why not take along a plastic bag and pick up any trash which has blown or been left in your path.

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Main Street's Inside Front Page

SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE RE-FORMED

By Wayne Fraser, Alton School Board

The Site Acquisition and Building Committee has been re-formed by the Alton School Board to try once again to resolve the overcrowding and space needs problem at the Alton Central School. This year the committee will be responsible for both land acquisition and the design of the building.

The first meeting was held on June 9 and the Committee decided to pursue first and foremost the acquisition of land before deciding on the design of the building. To that end the Committee has begun to look at suitable parcels of land available in Alton.

Local realtors have been contacted to assist in this process. The Town Planner and other appropriate town board members will also have an opportunity to offer their opinions. In addition to this effort the School Board has also notified area architects of this project, soliciting their interest in submitting a proposal should the project get to the development stage.

Enclosed in the centerfold of this issue of Main Street is a survey form. The survey centers on issues involving the Alton Central School including, but not limited to, the overcrowding and space needs problem. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it. The School Board is most interested in any comments or suggestions you care to make regarding the delivery of education in Alton.

The Site Acquisition and Building Committee is also seeking new members and is particularly interested in public input. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is July 9 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee is welcome to attend. In the meantime anyone with questions or suggestions please contact Wayne Fraser, Committee Chairperson and School Board member, at 875-3327.

DO YOU REMEMBER FLOSSIE NUTE?

By Jean Roberts

If so — and even if you don't remember Flossie — you will enjoy hearing Judith Moyer of the University of New Hampshire talk about the women (and a few men) who served us so well in the pre-dial era in New Hampshire. Flossie Nute was the last telephone operator in Alton and was very important to the everyday life of the town. Ms. Moyer has researched the lives and experiences of these telephone operators and has a fascinating program and slides to show us.

This program was obtained through, and partially funded by, the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The meeting will be held at the East Alton Meeting House, Gilman's Corner, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21.

Come and see this lovely old meeting house and enjoy the program.



ALTON BAY FIREWORKS "UP IN THE AIR"

By Bob Longabaugh

Alton Town officials are determined that the show must go on, but at the time of this writing (6/20) there is much conjecture on exactly *where*. Mother Nature has been most uncooperative, starting on June 12, with unprecedented rainfall in the Big Lake region. Laconia's *The Citizen* reported on June 18 that State officials considered Lake Winnepesaukee "out of control" with the water level being almost 12 inches over what they consider "full."

The result, of course, is that Alton's town beach on Route 28A — the customary launching pad for the aerial pyrotechnics display — is almost completely under water. With NH officials predicting that it may take "anywhere from two to four weeks to get it [the lake] back to a manageable level" a search is underway to find a suitable alternate location to set off Alton's fireworks. The primary criteria is that the site must be situated so that viewers on boats in Alton Bay will not see any noticeable difference from prior years.

Come Friday, July 3, and doubt remains on whether the bombs will be bursting in air over Alton Bay, persons should listen for announcements over radio stations WOKQ (97.5 FM) and WASR (1420 AM). The Alton Parks and Recreation Department telephone, 875-0109, will also have a recording on the status of the fireworks. Please do NOT call the Police Department.

If it should be actually raining on July 3, the rain date for the display is Saturday, July 11.

The person most responsible for giving the onlookers a safe and spectacular show is Alton's own Wendell Beck. Beck has been doing the Alton display since "the late 70's, early 80's," and has resided in Alton since 1985, moving here from Gilmanton. He might be termed a "seller and shooter" for what is now American Thunder, which most folks remember as the Rockingham Fireworks Manufacturing Display Company. Whatever it's called, people hereabouts think of Beck as the guy who REALLY lights up Alton Bay at this time of year.



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Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon is the time when you can dispose of some of your hazardous wastes. This event is organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) and financed by participating communities and matching grant monies from the NH Department of Environmental Services.

The rules are as follows: Bring ONLY household products; there is a ten-gallon limit per household; DO NOT MIX OR CONSOLIDATE ITEMS; and participants are required to complete a short survey.

What Can I Bring to This Annual Collection Event?

From the house: drain cleaners; oven cleaners; metal polish; arts and crafts supplies; photo chemicals; floor cleaners; dry cleaning fluids; old pills and medicine; radiator cleaners; unbroken florescent light bulbs.

From the garage: used motor oil; antifreeze; brake fluid; old car batteries (limit 2 per family); engine and radiator flushes; gasoline; transmission fluid; old chemistry kits.

From the yard and garden: pesticides in one gallon or smaller containers; herbicides; insect sprays; rodent killers; pool chemicals; muriatic acid; no-pest strips; cesspool cleaners.

From the workbench: rust preventatives; wood preservatives; wood strippers; oil-based paints; paint thinner; solvents; degreasers; sealants.

Items Not Accepted At the Collection

There are some products that you should not bring to the event. They are: latex paint and empty aerosol cans (both of which can safely go to landfill, but the latex paint cans should be thoroughly dry first); tires; gas cylinders (including propane tanks larger than gas grill size); explosive materials; ammunition and fireworks; radioactive materials (smoke alarms); lithium batteries; solid waste; PCBs; asbestos.

Collection Sites and Information

In Alton you can call Justine Gengras at 776-8558. The two closest collection sites are the Public Works Garages at Gilford and Wolfeboro. A phone number for Gilford is Sheldon Morgan, 524-6284 and Wolfeboro, Sarah Silk, 569-2073.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

Main Street's motto, "The Voice of Alton," calls for it to get the information out on what's going on — and when — in our town. Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by community organizations, club meetings, and news of general interest to Alton residents and visitors. Color or black and white photos of local happenings are also encouraged, but will not be returned unless accompanied by a S.A.S.E. Label photos with the names of persons shown, left to right.

Send material to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue. Material may also be left in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington National Bank.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material with a 250-word maximum being desirable. The name of the person who prepared the submission, and a telephone number, must be included. Typed (and "scannable") text is preferred, but handwritten material will be given equal consideration. Floppy disks with text saved in "Rich Text Format" are especially appreciated — contact the editor at 875-5067 to arrange details.



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OPEN HOUSE AT THE MOUNT MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER

By Bill Vose

The old Grange Hall adjacent to the West Alton fire station on Route 11 has been spruced up, refurbished, and showered with TLC. It's now ready to be "shown off," and that will happen on Wednesday, July 8, when we invite you to stop by for a look-see. From 4 - 8 p.m. the Mount Major Community Center (MMCC) will be the "center" of attention at an Open House, complete with refreshments and neighborly people.

The MMCC is available to rent (May - September) for meetings, classes, socials, what-have-you's, at very low rental fees. The center has a large main hall, stage, fully equipped kitchen, tables and chairs, and restrooms. So if your house isn't big enough to hold that family reunion, bridal shower, or aerobics class you're planning, give Bill Vose a call at 293-0193, or drop a note to him at P.O. Box 665, Alton, NH 03809.

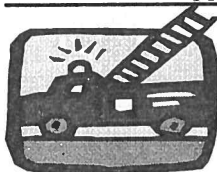
Help is Needed in Many Areas

We need manpower! We're looking for some people to join our committees:

- * Building Needs (upkeep, repair, and maintenance)
- * Building Usage (review programs and rentals)
- * Publicity (inform public of events and activities)
- * Fundraising (organize and carry out)

We can use your talents — any or all of them. Let us know how you can help. And plan to join us on July 8 to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. Tell your neighbors you're coming and bring them along. Parking is in the West Alton fire station parking lot. This invitation is extended to you by the Mount Major Community Center Association's Board of Directors who are actively involved in its renewal: Kitty Croes, Dan Downard, Priscilla Farrell, Sandy Jackson, Dave Merfeld, Pam Reynolds, Bill and Carol Vose.

Special thanks to all who made the MMCC's first annual indoor yard sale such a success. It was a great turnout, and we appreciate those who rented tables, as well as those bargain hunters who dropped in.



FIRESIDE CHATS
by Stan Czech
Alton Fire Department

NO AUCTION

Please note: There will be no fire department auction this summer. Please do not leave donated items at the station because we have no place to store these items until next summer! There will be a chicken barbecue in August, and you will get more info on that in the next issue of Main Street.

We hope you have a happy and a safe summer.

THE CHECKOUT DESK
by Holly Brown
Librarian



SPECIAL THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

The "Adopt A Tree, Shrub Or Perennial Bed" fund-raising program is up and running. If you have seen something blooming around our library that is particularly pleasing to your eye or reminds you of that special someone, don't hesitate to "adopt" it. Prices range from \$7 to \$250. Donations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. All proceeds will go towards the Gilman Library Building Fund. Names of individuals who choose to "adopt" will be included in a special framed poster that will be displayed in the library. Please help our garden grow while continuing to make the Gilman Library the best it can be.

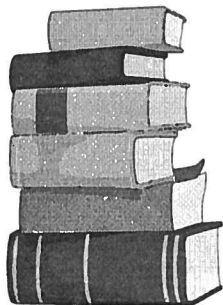
The Friends of the Gilman Library were given the opportunity to see two special presentations recently. First, congratulations to this year's Young Authors. Students in grades 1 - 5 were chosen to present their stories to parents, friends, family, and staff members. We hope to have copies of these wonderful stories available here at the library for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for sharing your special stories with us. Second, members of The Friends and The Alton Historical Society enjoyed an excellent presentation given by Marty Engstrom which was entitled Life and Weather on Mount Washington. A great time was had by all, and we hope to see Marty again in the future. Special thanks to everyone who helped make both presentations a success.

Don't miss the next Friends meeting scheduled for July 29, 10:30 a.m., Gilman Library meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

Is there something special that you would like to say to Pat Merrill? If so, a book containing "special memories" is currently at the library. Those who were able to attend Pat's retirement party had a chance to sign it. So, if you have something special to say to a very special lady, please stop in and sign the memory book.

Copies of the summer reading list, submitted by Alton Central School for grades 1 - 12, are available at the Gilman Library. Information regarding the summer reading program can be obtained at the library.

Don't forget to check out the book sale here at the library. Prices are: Paperbacks - 6 for \$1 or 25 cents each; Hardcover - 50 cents each. Book bags in which to carry your books can be purchased for \$5 each.



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SEE THE COMPLETE LIST AT THE LIBRARY



**OWEN LAURION IS NAMED
BELKNAP COUNTY POET**

Owen Laurion, a fourth grader at Alton Central School, is congratulated by his teacher, Lawrice Ballentine, upon being named the Belknap County Poet in the 1998 Robert Frost Youth Poet Program. There were over 1200 poems submitted from schools across the state and Owen's poem "Turning Toward The Wood" was judged to be the best of the entries from Belknap County by the Poetry Society of New Hampshire. The winners will be honored at a reception at the Robert Frost Farm State Historic Site in Derry. Owen is the son of Jayne and Marc Laurion of Alton.

**TURNING TOWARD THE WOOD
By Owen Laurion**

Go in the early morning,
Turning toward the wood.
There is a road there -
A place where no one goes.

Only the morning sound of bird song,
The scurry of small creatures through
Matted leaves -
The road draws me to its peace.

Where the tall green-grasses grow,
Where wild flowers tilt in the soft breeze -
This place is clean.
And no one knows but me.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

"Mothers & Daughters Get All Dolled Up" will be the theme of a luncheon to be held on Wednesday, July 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay. The Special Feature will be porcelain dolls by Joan Hicks of Center Barnstead. Carrie Constant from Lochmere will provide music for the luncheon, and Marcy Alves from Concord will be the speaker.

To make a reservation for the luncheon, and the available complimentary nursery, please call Janet Benedetto in Alton at 875-2032 or Thelma Osborne in Laconia at 524-6505 by Wednesday, July 1.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, an interdenominational group with no formal membership, sponsors the luncheon.

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 Thu. 2 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
 Fri. 3 DOWNHOME DIXIELAND BAND, Alton Bay Bandstand 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 Sat. 4 FIREWORKS!!! following concert
 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO ALL
 CHURCH FAIR, Congregational Church, Church Street, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 SENIOR CITIZENS FLEA MARKET, Alton Bay Community Center, 9 a.m.
 ALMOST COWBOYS, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 - 9 p.m.
 THE SOUTHERNAIRES IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. 5 STAN FARMER, Special speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10 30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Mon. 6 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
 Tue. 7 JOHN UDALL, Magician, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. 8 "MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS GET ALL DOLLED UP" LUNCHEON, Christian Women's Club, Conference Center, 11:30 a.m. (see story)
 MOUNT MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE (see story)
 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
 Thu. 9 SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING, 5 p.m. (see story)
 Sat. 11 FREESE BROTHERS BIG BAND, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 - 9 p.m.
 THE JACOBS BROTHERS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. 12 DWIGHT DEAN, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Mon. 13 MIKE BURKE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE (see story)
 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
 Tue. 14 GARDEN CLUB TOUR, (see story)
 DANA AND FRIENDS, Puppet Show, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. 15 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
 Sat. 18 SANDY & THE CLASSICS, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 - 9 p.m.
 THE MARSHALLS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. 19 DR. ARTHUR EVANS GAY, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. (also Mon. - Thu., 7:30 p.m.)
 Mon. 20 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
 Tue. 21 HISTORICAL SOCIETY, "Do You Remember Flossie Nute?" (see story)
 Wed. 22 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
 Fri. 24 KEN FERNALD IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 P.M.
 Sat. 25 CUB SCOUT CAR WASH, (see story)
 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT (see story)
 CHICKEN BARBECUE, East Alton Fire Association, 5 - 7 p.m.
 NORTHEAST SWING, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 - 9 p.m.
 THE ENVOYS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. 26 WAYNE AUGUSTINE, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. (also Mon. - Thu., 7:30 p.m.)
 Mon. 27 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
 Wed. 29 FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY meet 10:30 a.m.
 BINGO, American Legion, 7 p.m.
 Fri. 31 THE CAMPBELLS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 p.m.

DETAILS, OR WHAT ELSE IS NEW . . .

PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN HALL RAMP

The Board of Selectmen will convene a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 20, for the purpose of receiving views on various alternatives being considered for improving wheelchair access to Town Hall. The location is the Second Floor Auditorium. Three ramp designs are among the alternatives being considered.

STUDY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Town of Alton Board of Selectmen is seeking interested persons willing to volunteer to serve on a study committee to investigate the pros and cons of the Town becoming the supplier of electricity within its borders. The study committee would make its report and recommendations to the Selectmen in time for any appropriate actions to be taken at the March, 1999, Town Meeting. Please make your interest and willingness known to the Selectmen by calling 875-2161.

SUPPORT CUB SCOUT CAR WASH

Cub Scout Pack 53 will be holding a car wash at the Edgewood Restaurant parking lot (Route 28). Buy a First Aid Kit and get your car washed for free, while supplies last. Or, donations will be gladly accepted. The date is Saturday, July 25 and the time is 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Hope to see you there.

ANNUAL PENNY SALE

Mark your calendars now for the Alton Police Association Penny Sale. It will be held on August 14 at the Alton Bay Bandstand. Ticket sales will begin at 2 p.m. and the auction will start at 7 p.m. If you have any items to donate, please contact the police station.

PRIMARY ELECTION ON SEP 8

Tuesday, September 8, will be Primary Day for Alton. Three candidates have filed to run in the Republican primary for the NH House of Representative seats which represent Alton/Barnstead. In alphabetical order they are Robert L. Boyce, Stanley E. Czech, and Paul A. Golden.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Alton Lioness Club presented a new flag, which had been flown over the U.S. Capitol, to the Alton Bay Community House . . . the Gilman Library was raising \$6,000 for an outstanding collection of PBS videos offered by the MacArthur Foundation . . . the Happy Hobby Doll Club featured "Bathing Beauties" at its monthly meeting.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Mike O'Brien was named Class S Baseball Player of the year and a member of the All-State Team . . . Jeff Irvin also was named to the All-State Team . . . the Alton Garden Club celebrated its 60 years of existence with an Anniversary Tea . . . the East Alton Fire Association was making plans for its 19th annual Flea Market and Chicken Barbecue . . . the month of July was amnesty month at the Gilman Library . . . May Varney was named Belknap County Robert Frost Youth Poet.

INFORMATION CENTER

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Alton Bay Christian Conference Center — Sun. services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Sat. evening concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle. Weekday services at Moore Chapel: July 6 - 17, Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 9:30 a.m. and Mon., Tue., Thu., 7:30 p.m.; July 20 - 31, Mon. - Fri., 9 and 10:30 a.m. and Mon. - Thu., 7:30 p.m. Sat. morning Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m. 875-6161
- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Sun. morning service, 9 a.m., Alton Bay Bandstand. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor, 875-6765
- Community Church — Congregational Meeting House, Oct. - Apr. 11 a.m.; Baptist Meeting House, May and Sep., 11 a.m., June - Aug., 10 a.m.
- First Free Will Baptist Church — Sun. School, 9:45 a.m., Church, 11 a.m., Evening Service, 6 p.m., Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason
- St. Joan of Arc — Sat., 5 p.m., Sun., 8 and 11 a.m., Mon. - Sat., except Wed., 8 a.m.; Confessions, Sat., 4 p.m. or by appointment, Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
- Wolfboro Bible Fellowship — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m., Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., (Summer 10 a.m.), Evening Service, 6 p.m., Prayer Meeting, Wed., 7 p.m., Route 28, Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY:

- Mon. and Wed., 12 Noon - 7 p.m.; Tue and Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Thu. and Sun.

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

- Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER:

- Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sun., Noon, 3 p.m. Closed Tue. and Thu.
Rines Road Pit - Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sun., 12 noon - 3 p.m.

TOWN HALL:

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.
Parks and Recreation — 875-0109 for info and appts.
Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

ORGANIZATIONS:

- Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
- American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
- American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
- American Legion Jr. Members — 3rd Mon., 6 p.m., Legion Hall
- Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station
- Brownie Scout Troop 329, Mon., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe.
- Chamber of Commerce Bd. — 1st & 3rd Wed., 8 a.m., 875-5777
- Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
- Eastern Star — 2nd Tue., when meeting, 875-5211
- Flying Club — 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900
- Friends of the Gilman Library — Watch "Checkout Desk"
- Garden Club — 4th Tue., 875-7208
- Girl Scout Junior Troop 630, Wed., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe
- Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
- Historical Society — 3rd Tue., 569-2629
- Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
- Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu., when meeting, 875-7448
- PTSA — 3rd Tue., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.
- St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild — Last Thu., 7:30 p.m., Church Hall
- Senior Citizens — 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- VFW — 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Monday, 8:30 a.m., 5th Monday, 7:15 p.m., Chairman Stan Czech; call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.
- FIRE WARDS — Meet on call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call. Chairman Ken Gilbert 859-2021*
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Chairman William Lionetta, 875-5095.
- PLANNING BOARD — 4th Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Bonnie Dunbar; call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m., Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-2910.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meet on call. Chairman Cindy Duffek, 569-4441.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:30 p.m., Chairman David Countway, 875-2550.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8 a.m., Chairman Charles B. Adams, Jr., 875-7246.
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Glen McLean, 875-5095.
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NH SENATE

- Leo Fraser, 225-3664 (w), 435-6626 (h)

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- Paul Golden, 269-4071 (w), 269-5511 (h)

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Chairman, Stanley Czech, 875- 3815

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- James C. Washburn, 364-7413
- Bob Longabaugh, 875-5067 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.); mbejrjl@worldpath.net

MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

JULY 13

By Ann Norman-Burke

The Fourth Annual Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 13, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Alton Central School. This blood drive is being held in memory of all the friends and family the community has lost. Regular donors, as well as those who wish to make a memorial donation, are encouraged to attend. Memorial postcards will be available to let friends or families who have lost someone know you are thinking of them. A "Memorial Honor Roll" listing all of those in whose memory donations were made will also be started. Remembering someone through a Memorial Blood Donation is truly a gift from the heart.

If you are 17, or older, and weigh at least 110 pounds you are eligible to donate every eight weeks. Some medical conditions that prevent you from donating include AIDS, angina, pregnancy, fever, ear or body part piercing or tattoo within 12 months, flu, and hepatitis. For further information or questions about eligibility, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-262-2660.

In addition to making you feel good by helping others, studies have shown that men who give blood three times a year reduce their chances of heart attack by 50 percent as a result of lowering excess iron levels through blood donations.

In an effort to encourage new donors, blood donors who bring a first time donor will receive a Red Cross T-shirt. As always there will be a well-stocked canteen table with food and drinks provided by volunteers and local businesses. Sponsors include Farmington National Bank and Alton Printing. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, contact Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492 or Lisa Finethy at 875-7653.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER
by Nancy Mooney Hebert



LOTS TO DO IN JULY

July will be a busy month for us. On the fourth we hope you will take time out for bargains at our flea market, 9 a.m., Alton Bay Community Center. There will be many items from good used clothing to exercise equipment, as well as a bake sale and refreshments. Tables may be rented for \$10. Call Evelyn Nardo at 875-3645.

At our July 8 meeting election of officers for 1998 - 1999 will take place. Dom Giuliano, nominating committee chairperson, will present a slate of officers, but nominations may also be given from the floor. Attend this important meeting.

Plan to attend our All-American theme dinner on Saturday, July 25, from 5 - 7 p.m. We will have baked ham, corn on the cob, potato salad, baked beans, rolls, and apple pie and ice cream, all for \$6 per adult, \$4 per child. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help on that day.

Sign up now for the Foster's Clambake trip on July 28. The fee of \$30 must be paid by July 15 to Ginny Myers.

We are pleased that our 1/20 club tickets have sold so well. The first drawing has been deferred until July 3, and the final drawings will be October 14. You still have time to purchase a ticket or two; call 875-7102.

We need a 21"-25" TV in good condition. If you have an unwanted one, please consider donating it to the senior center. Our old TV has gone kaput! We will be glad to come and pick it up. Call 875-7102.

Our next meeting will be on July 8 at 1 p.m.

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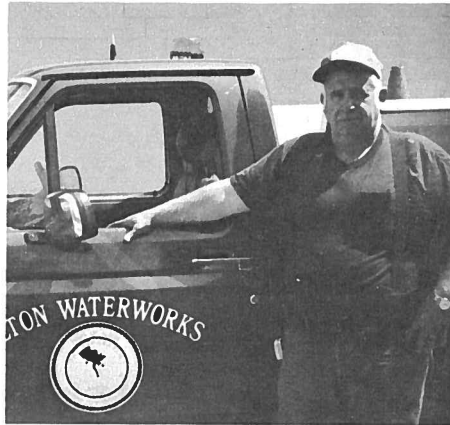
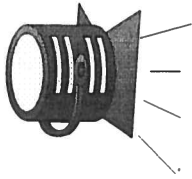
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**DICK QUINDLEY
SUPERINTENDENT OF ALTON WATERWORKS**

A familiar face to many of us Dick has been Superintendent of the Alton Waterworks since April, 1993. Born and raised in Middleboro, Massachusetts, Dick attended elementary school there, graduating from Middleboro High School in 1963. Dick's wife, Connie, was a Middleboro High School classmate. They were married in 1964. Dick attended Massachusetts Trade School for two years, completing the Heating Technician Course.

Dick worked in the oil burner repair business and then the construction industry laying water and sewer pipe lines for municipal projects. Moving to Alton in 1974, Dick worked for Ferns Oil Company until 1988, when he went into his own heating and repair business. Since working for Alton Waterworks, Dick maintains his heating business only on a part-time basis.

The Alton Waterworks varies slightly from other departments in town. Monies to operate come from customers who use the town water source, not from tax dollars. Dick explained, "I work for the Water Commissioners who are elected to govern the operation of the department which actually belongs to the town. The Federal Government, under the 'Safe Drinking Water Act,' regulates what we have to do. For compliance the State administers the regulations and rules of the act; we keep careful records which we send to the State; and Federal officials periodically audit the State

records. It is very important and serious business. If you don't do your job, people could get sick."

As Superintendent, Dick reads meters, monitors the treatment facility daily, and repairs and replaces lines and leaks. He also runs the backhoe and supervises any additional workers hired for large projects. Dick explained, "We're required to have two licenses: a distribution license and a treatment license. It requires 20 hours of training yearly to keep these licenses up to date." He added, "I have to keep track of how many gallons of water are pumped and how much chemicals are used, following a State-mandated ration. We usually pump about 100,000 gallons of water daily in the winter and about twice that much in the summer, although last summer it was about 300,000 gallons."

On a more personal note, Dick and Connie have six children. They are: Richard, Jr., age 33; David, age 27; William, age 24; Tom, age 21; Mandy, age 18; and Elizabeth, age 16. Connie and Dick are also proud grandparents of Sam and Adam. Connie works in the Alton School as a Speech and Language Assistant, instructing about 30 students individually or in small groups. Dick and Connie spend as much time as they can at their camp in Pittsburg where they love to fish. They like to travel and have visited their son in California and enjoyed trips to Florida and Bermuda.

Dick is no stranger in volunteer work. He has been a Lions Club member for about 12 years, coached Little League for ten years and has been an Alton School Board member for 12 years. Dick and Connie have hosted "Fresh Air Kids" for about 15 years (often having them stay all summer rather than the usual two weeks). This year they were host family for a "Youth for Understanding" student from Finland named Sonya. Their daughter, Elizabeth will soon be spending a year in Ecuador.

Describing his job, Dick says, "I really like it; I like getting outside; I enjoy the people I work with; and we have a real good working relationship with all the town departments. I hope in the future I'll be staying right here."

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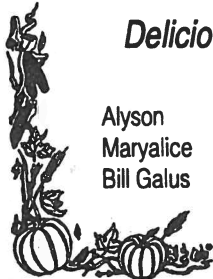
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APRIL IN PARIS

Six students and two teachers from Alton Central School participated in a ten-day tour of France and Spain with the EF organization during April vacation. They are (left to right) Anna Varney, Foreign Language Teacher Mary Bourgault, Desiree Crossley, Becca Blair, Jen Emanouil, Amber Locke, special education teacher Beth Felipe, and Tarsia Kenny.



ALTON OUTDOORS
 by Jack Miller

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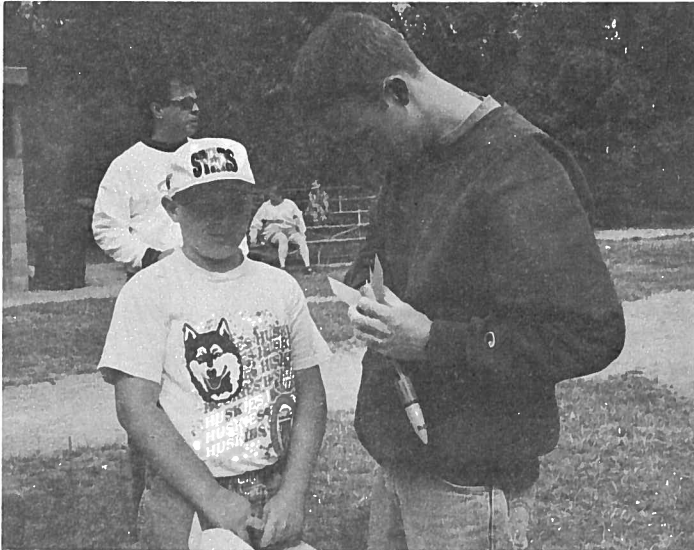
With the long, warm months of summer arriving, July is the month to get out and explore Alton's great outdoors. If you enjoy fishing, go explore some new waters. Most of New Hampshire's waters are warm enough to be waded with a pair of old sneakers and shorts, so pick a stream and fish it.

Locally, there are many streams one can explore. A larger river is the Suncook, which has many access points. The lower Suncook can be explored with a canoe. Bring a lunch and two cars. Leave one down-river; go back up-river and enjoy! With a canoe, one may also explore many small lakes and ponds. A set of diving mask and fins can give one a fish-eye view underwater. I have often found fish hiding cover while snorkeling and later gone back to fish the area with good success.

For the hunter, July is a good month to take a hike. Get a topographical map and hike or mountain bike into your favorite spots, or explore some new area. Practice your map and compass skills. If you have a GPS (Global Positioning Sensor), you can plot deer trails on access trails on your map. Now is the time to practice your skills, not during the hunting season.

If you were chosen for the moose hunt, this is the time to familiarize yourself with where the moose hang out. Some of the best times of my moose hunt in 1994 were when we were exploring new territory. By the time the actual hunting season rolled around, we were very familiar with the area and had identified five moose and their travel patterns.

So, this month, just DO IT! Enjoy Alton outdoors.



YOUNG ASTRONAUTS CONDUCT MODEL ROCKET LAUNCH

Fourth grader Jeffrey St.Cyr (left) gets some help from Young Astronauts Chapter Coordinator Dale Morrill during the model rocket launch at Alton Central School. The launch was coordinated by Enrichment Director Anne Hoopes and Young Astronauts Advisor Rolf Dutzmann. Over 25 students participated in the event.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS JULY 14

By Virginia Lynch

The July meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held on July 14, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Congregational Meeting House parking lot to receive tour directions. A Homes and Gardens Tour is planned and will finish up at 12 Noon. Admission is \$4 and guests of members are welcome. The rain date is July 15.

Hostesses are: Heather Donahue, Rachel Bates, Donna Carefoot, Barbara Collins, Winifred Dolliver, Jackie Freese, Ann Hoagland, Jeannette Leach, Emily Marks, Doris McGrath, Muriel Miller, and Phyllis Mugford.

The Garden Club says **THANK YOU** to Bruce and Linda Holmes of the Sunflower Gardens for their generous donation of flowers to make Alton beautiful. These flowers will be on display in the many baskets around the town.

ALTON'S CEMETERIES

By Warren Harris, Cemetery Trustee

What do you know about the cemeteries located in Alton?

For starters, the Town of Alton owns and operates two cemeteries: Old Riverside, located on Main Street, and New Riverside, on Route 28 South. Three elected Trustees are responsible for the operation of these. Currently serving as Trustees are Florence Shaw, Shirley Lane, and Warren Harris.

There are also nine additional cemeteries that are serviced by the Town inasmuch as special trust funds have been set up for their maintenance. To the surprise of many, there are about 116 cemeteries or burying grounds located on private land. Many of these are "family plots."

Monies for the operation and maintenance of the Town's cemeteries are in Trust Funds. Thus it can be said that they are self-supporting and are not reflected in the tax base.

We are proud of our two cemeteries. Our custodian, Jack Bernard, and his helper, David Bailey, do a super job and seek to be of service to all. If you have questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact the Caretaker or one of the Trustees.

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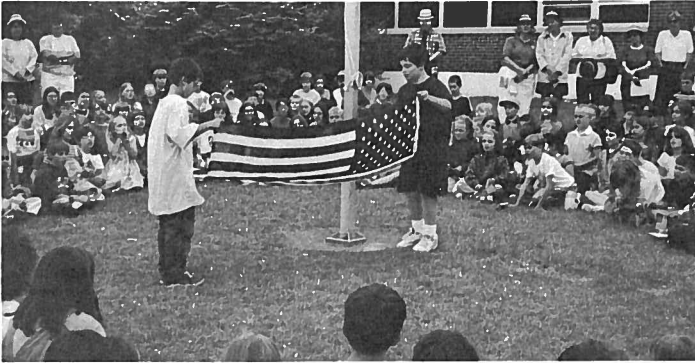
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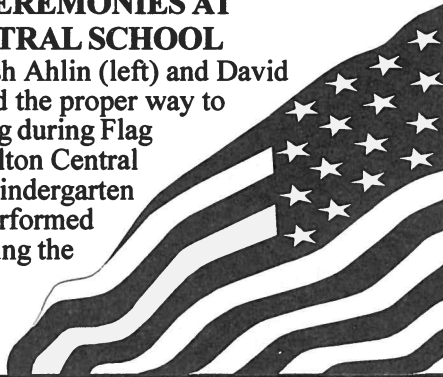
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FLAG DAY CEREMONIES AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Fifth Graders Josh Ahlin (left) and David Roberts demonstrated the proper way to fold the American flag during Flag Day ceremonies at Alton Central School. Students in kindergarten through grade five performed songs and poems during the event that took place around the flag pole in front of the school.



LOCAL STUDENT SPENDS SEMESTER AT SEA

Danielle Decatur of Alton is a junior and one of 23 college students who participated this spring in "SEAmester," a one-of-a-kind educational experience sponsored by Long Island University's Southampton College. The students and professors lived and studied for nine weeks aboard The Harvey Gamage, sailing 3,000 miles along the eastern seaboard.

SEAmester is a challenging adventure. Students not only study the ocean environment — they live it. On board students are crew members, stand deck watch, man the helm and set the acre of sail. At the same time they take a full semester's workload ranging from navigation and seamanship to Melville and Hemingway. The curriculum includes courses in maritime history, marine science, coastal ecology, and literature of the sea.

Living in tight quarters, the student-sailors forge strong bonds with their mates. "Outsiders can't fully appreciate the magnitude of grit and the degree of reliance required amongst shipmates to navigate a ship safely through an all-night storm," says Professor Doug Hardy, the director of SEAmester voyages.

Concepts which seemed remote in the classroom take on a new perspective. Fish anatomy is unforgettable while performing a megadissection on a fresh 12-foot tiger shark. And the power of the sea is profound while standing night watch. Alton's Decatur is truly involved in a program emphasizing experiential learning.

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RETIREMENT PARTY

Two members of the Alton Central School staff retired at the end of the school year. Anne Hoopes (left), Enrichment Director, and Ann Morse, Director of the School Lunch Program, were honored recently at a retirement party at Sandy Point Restaurant. Over 100 colleagues, friends and family were on hand to extend their best wishes to the retirees. Morse has been the Director of the School Lunch Program since 1980 and Hoopes has been the Enrichment Director for nine years. Prior to that, she was a Chapter I tutor for one year in Alton and one year in Barnstead.

ALTON AMERICAN LEGION

By Patti McMullen

The Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to announce that Betsy Rollins was named Honorary Department Treasurer for the Junior Auxiliary at their recent convention. Betsy also was awarded first place for her poppy centerpiece. Congratulations also go out to Kristine Kenerson for her first place award for the scrapbook that she presented at the convention. Great job girls for your hard work and dedication to the American Legion.

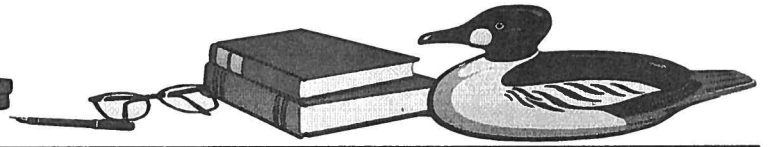
Nadine Vaillette and Katherine Chapman from Alton are the two girls going to Girls State this year. The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring them. Good luck goes out to them.

The Sons of the American Legion will be having a pig roast on Saturday, July 18, at the home of Ronny Rojek. The cost is \$15 per person and there are a lot of activities being planned for the day and evening. Feel free to bring a tent.

The Legion would like to express our gratitude for the great turnout at the Memorial Day Parade and Services. Our Veterans are well deserving of the recognition that was given.

ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR

The Alton Community Church will be holding its annual church fair at the Congregational Church, Church Street, Saturday, July 4, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please join us.



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A loud crash in the yard was startling, especially since there was no wind or rain. But instinct said it was the bird feeder. Investigation brought forth the answer—a rather large bear.

The patio feeder was toppled over and the feeder itself yanked off by brute force. With the feeder in its paws, the bear kept tipping it this way and that to make sure that ALL the sunflower seed spilled out. The fact that the seed was gone did not stop that furry creature from deciding to walk off with the feeder — but not too far, luckily. It was retrieved later on.

This interesting event took place at dusk on Alton Mountain Road, and the bear was in no hurry to move on. He (or she?) seemed quite content to lie down and browse

on whatever was in the lawn, try a sample of the crab apple tree, and generally just look very much as if he had a new home.

A few days later a newspaper article reported on bears, their habits and backyard feeders. It was stated that the young male bears come out of hibernation and begin looking around for a territory to control, meanwhile searching for food. Apparently from as far as two miles they can smell the black sunflower seed that so many people use in their feeders. Another interesting tidbit of information is that once your yard is on the preferred list of dining experiences, the bear will keep returning. That is why it is suggested that all feeders come in at night. The only problem with that suggestion is that the birds want breakfast at 4 a.m.— a bit early for some mortals.

The article did suggest that it is best to keep the barbecue clean, garbage sealed and keep the pets safely inside. And most certainly do not start feeding the bear on purpose. The bear is a creature of the wild and will become a nuisance (at best — if not worse) if someone thinks it would be amusing to try and tame it.

Lesson learned so far: The feeder is not being filled at this time. However, that is not only because of the article, but for the fact that the bear did a number on it, and it does need some repair.

A REMINDER TO ADVERTISERS

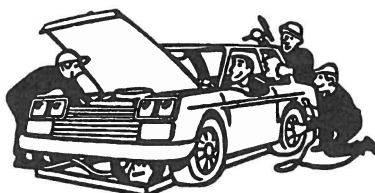
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GAS HEATER with blower, vented type. Used very little. Original cost \$600. Blower needs electric to operate, but heater will work without power, \$150. Remember the ice storm! 875-6570, ask for Jim.

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DENIM SOFA, dark blue; 2 off-white window pane plaid chairs; off-white ottoman; 2 blue end tables, brown braided rug. 875-2966, weekends.

FREEZER, 18.7 cu.ft., paid \$1200, asking \$200; Englander wood stove, like new, \$200; roll bar with lights for Toyota pickup, \$50; 8mm movie projector, camera, splicer, \$100. 364-6561

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NOTES OF APPRECIATION

To the Alton Central School staff and friends, I wish to say thank you so much for the lovely retirement party, flowers, money tree, and cards. I do appreciate the friends I have made over the years and plan to keep in touch.

s/Ann Morse



Daryl and I would like to thank those of you who sent a card or other remembrance of our parents passing earlier this year. It was a great comfort to know that so many cared during our time of mourning. It meant a lot. Thank you.

s/Stan and Daryl Czech

I would like to express our deepest thanks to all contractors and friends who gave us a lending hand in the "mishap" in the lumber barn on May 25.

s/Reuben Wentworth, Alton Home and Garden Center

The Alton American Legion Auxiliary sponsored its annual poppy day on Saturday, May 23 and would like to extend its appreciation to everyone who made donations and helped make the day a success. All proceeds support programs for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Manchester and The Veteran Home in Tilton. Thank you.

s/Julie Lamper, Poppy Chairperson

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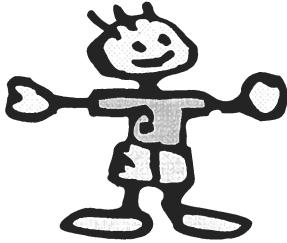
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
by Kellie M. Troendle
Recreation Director

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July has been recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association as Parks and Recreation Month. Check out the activities and programs sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Get involved today.

Summer Programs

Sign up for all summer programs at the Parks and Recreation Department located in the Alton Town Hall. Sign up early to guarantee a spot; summer programs fill up fast. Call 875-0109 for more information or for a recorded message of weekend events.

Tennis Lessons

July 6 - August 3, Mondays, Town Tennis Courts, raindate Tuesdays. Session 1: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., 6-10 years old; Session 2: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., 10+ and up; Session 3: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., adults. \$30 for the five-week program or \$8 a class.

Summer Fun Week

Ages 6-8 for week of July 6 - 10, \$40, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Program is held at the Alton Bay Community Center and includes cooperative games, swimming, crafts, movies, mini-golf and ice cream sundaes. A great way to start off your summer and meet new friends.

Red Cross Swimming Lessons
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July 27 - August 7, \$15, Alton Bay. Session 1: 8 - 8:45 a.m., Advanced Skills; Session 2: 8:50 - 9:35 a.m., Stroke Refinement; Session 3: 9:40 - 10:25 a.m., Stroke Development; Session 4: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., Primary Skills.

Adventure Trips

Ages 10+ and up, \$20, Canobie Lake, July 14, leave Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., return at 9:30 p.m.; Water Country, July 30, leave Town Hall at 9:30 a.m., return at 5:30 p.m.

Ballet and Jazz Lessons

Ages 6-12 on Wednesdays, July 8 - August 12, Alton Bay Community Center, 5:30 - 6:30 a.m., \$29.

Kinder Rec

Ages 3-5, July 16, 10 - 11 a.m., Alton Bay Community Center, \$2. Creative games, art, music and fun.

Senior Citizen Bingo

July 29, 1 - 3 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center.

Mike Burke Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

July 26, A League, 9 a.m. rain or shine at the Mike Burke Volleyball Court. \$20/pp includes T-shirt. Proceeds to benefit bone marrow testing. Sign up your co-ed team.

Body Works

Strength training for muscles, heart and body, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center, \$3/class or \$20/month.

Country Line Dancing for Adults of all Ages

Tuesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center, 2 - 4 p.m., \$3/six months.

Youth Soccer League

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