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Photo by Ed Beaulieu

## A POWERLESS 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY

By Bob Longabaugh

Look closely at the above photo of the Alton "traffic circle" and you will see why Alton and seven other nearby towns were without electricity for over nine hours on Independence Day. Lying on its side is an 18-wheel gasoline tanker truck containing 9,400 gallons of highly inflammable fuel. Being without power was mostly an inconvenience for Alton. What made public safety officials *really* anxious was the possibility of explosion and a major conflagration from 1,643 gallons of spilled gasoline.

Once the danger of fire had been overcome, the next concern was to contain the environmental damage, inasmuch as the spill location was directly into a drainage swale to the nearby Merrymeeting River.

The tanker overturned about 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, and resulted in a closing down of State highway Routes 11 and 28 at the Alton circle during one of the heaviest travel days of the year. Automobiles bound for the fireworks display over Alton Bay were hard put to find alternative routes. The circle remained closed until approximately 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, resulting in a major loss of business for the commercial enterprises on and near the circle. Stores were not the only ones evacuated as approximately 50 residences within a 1,500 foot radius of the spill were required to move out in a hurry for their own safety.

Alton Fire Chief Russell Sample speaking later said it "could have been worse" but for the efforts of 80 firefighters on the scene throughout the night, all of them potentially in

harm's way if something were to go wrong. (See related stories on page 7.) Sample cited Assistant Chief Norman Barrett in particular for his skill and leadership in deploying Department and other personnel throughout the night so as to lessen the individual risks in a very dangerous situation.

Subsequent to the emergency period contaminated soil has been removed from the site and monitoring wells are to be installed to be on the lookout for possible pollution of ground water.

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

By Kellie Troendle, Recreation Director

Free concerts are held every Saturday during August from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. So, come down to the bay and enjoy the following groups.

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- August 21 Freese Brothers (Big Band), sponsored in part by Farmington National Bank
- August 28 East Bay Jazz Ensemble (Big Band Swing)

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The Alton Central School will begin the 1999-2000 school year on Tuesday, August 31. School will be in session three days that week, followed by a four-day Labor Day weekend: Friday, September 3, through Monday, September 6.



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## LIBRARY RECEIVES MAJOR GIFT

By David Countway, Gilman Library Trustee

The Trustees of the Gilman Library were called together in June by former Librarian Patricia Merrill for the announcement and presentation of a \$50,000 gift from Alton summer resident Dorothy Williams. Previous major gifts from Dorothy Williams during the Gilman Library expansion have resulted in the naming of the new adult wing in memory of Dorothy Williams' family.

The Gilman Library Trustees appreciate the generous support of Dorothy Williams as the Gilman Library moves to meet its current financial goals by the year 2000. Public and private fund-raising goals currently focus on computer technology (\$20,000), land acquisition (\$30,000), installation of the elevator (\$50,000), site restoration of the Anna Hasse lot and expanded parking lot (\$30,000), and basement storeroom/small meeting room completion (\$20,000).

The present fund-raising goal totals \$150,000. Dorothy Williams' gift of \$50,000 recognizes the continued importance of supporting a first class town library.

The success of the Gilman Library fund-raising was inspired by public support totaling \$250,000 at the Alton Town Meeting five years in a row (1993-1997), and by gifts from hundreds of private supporters. Grants from foundations and the New Hampshire State Library totaled \$40,000. The private support for expansion and improvements has now surpassed \$400,000. Your gifts, large or small, during the next five months will guarantee that the expanded Gilman Library will have the widest range of resources and the finest facilities for residents and seasonal residents of the Alton community.

A naming opportunity still exists for the new children's wing of the library.

Library trustees in other New Hampshire communities often ask the Gilman Library Trustees about our success with expansion and our answers consistently echo the theme of "Community Interest and Support." You have made the difference in "Helping to Make the Gilman Library All That It Can Be." The Gilman Library Trustees would appreciate your continued support to meet our current fund raising goals.

On behalf of the entire community the Trustees would like to thank Dorothy Williams publicly for her continued extraordinary kindness toward the Gilman Library.



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# Main Street's Inside Front Page

## SEVENTEENTH SEASON OF LAKE MONITORING IN ALTON BAY

By Klaus Biemann

"Taking the pulse of Lake Winnepesaukee" read the headline of a September, 1982, article in the *Granite State News* reporting on a demonstration of water quality measurements designed by the Freshwater Biology Group (FBG) at the University of New Hampshire for use by lay people. This "Lakes Lay Monitoring Project" would combine the scientific resources of the FBG with the efforts of many residents around the lake. Squam Lake had already participated for a few years, but Moultonboro Bay was the only location on Lake Winnepesaukee that took measurements in 1982. This year there are eight locations on "the Big Lake" and over 40 other New Hampshire lakes participate.

Over 16 years the data have shown that the body of the lake is generally in "pristine" condition and on average has changed little. Alkalinity data indicate a moderate vulnerability to acid precipitation. There are, of course, annual changes: for example, the wet spring of '98 caused a decrease in clarity and alkalinity when compared to the dry '97. These variations are the reason for continuing the project over many years.

It all came about by chance when I attended the 1982 demonstration and was convinced of the value of these efforts. As the president of the United Associations of Alton at that time, I hoped to find a number of lakeshore residents willing to carry out measurements once a week, from late spring to early fall. To make it a town-wide effort, I talked about it at a meeting of the Alton/New Durham Lions Club.

Peter Whittemore and Charles Griffin volunteered to monitor a site in the middle of Alton Bay and did so for 13 years. Paul and Tom Todd took on a site further south that spring. Paul stopped after 16 years, but Tom continues! Others, too many to mention, took turns for a number of years.

Finding people for at least three more spots was not difficult, but about \$3,000 had to be raised to purchase equipment and defray expenses for more special analyses, compilation and interpretation of the data, etc. To be ready in 1983 I persuaded 14 individuals, 6 associations, 1 camp and 5 local businesses to donate \$100 each. So the project was begun and continues to this day. Annual funding is by contributions from lake shore associations, individuals, and the Alton Conservation Commission.

Monitoring began with measuring the clarity of the water by how far down one can see; the temperature gradient down at least 30 feet; and collecting a water sample for chlorophyll (indicative of algae) and phosphate analysis done at UNH. Later, color and alkalinity (buffer capacity against acid rain) were also measured. A team from UNH comes twice a season to take more complex measurements: oxygen content down to the cold-water zone (important for lake trout) and salt concentration. They also validate our own measurements.

It is important to note that these measurements are carried out at spots far from the shore, where the lake is over 30 feet deep, to eliminate most effects of human activities. Local adverse conditions, such as leaking septic systems causing bacterial contamination, need to be guarded against by lakeside property owners, lake users, and health officials.

*Editor's note: The full report, cited above, is available at the Gilman Library.*



## JULY FOURTH CELEBRATED WITH PARADE IN EAST ALTON

By Judy Fry

Predicted showers held off as the largest number of parade participants to date gathered for the Sixth Annual Independence Day *Unofficial* East Alton Parade.

Participants and spectators gathered at the north end of Roberts Cove Road where the *Unofficial* Parade began at 2 p.m. led by the *Unofficial* Parade Organizer, Irving Roberts, with his calliope. A variety of wheeled vehicles lined up for this *unofficial* event, including, a riding lawn tractor, a motorcycle, an ATV, several bicyclists, antique vehicles, colorfully decorated modern cars, and farm tractors. In the above photo Duane Hammond doffs his hat as he passes the parade "reviewing stand."

The parade route wound along Roberts Cove Road, visiting Lakeside, Clay Point and Cedar Cove along the way, and ending at Gilman's Corner. The afternoon event concluded with Nancy and Mark Northridge hosting a delicious cookout for all. *Unofficially* the word was that the parade was a grand success. Perhaps, in time, it just might become "Alton's *Official* Independence Day Parade."

## ALTON JOINS COALITION LAWSUIT AGAINST STATE

By Bob Calvert

On the strength of an almost unanimous public input session at a Selectmen's forum on July 14, the Alton Board of Selectmen (with three of five present) voted \$10,000 for Alton to join the coalition of towns and cities proposing to sue the State of New Hampshire on account of the revised school funding plan it adopted in response to the state Supreme Court "Claremont" decision.

Calling the plan everything from "ridiculous" to "unconstitutional," those in attendance generally felt the plan would have a tremendous adverse financial impact on the 36 so-called "donor communities" of which Alton is one.

Tom Closson, Portsmouth City Counsel, outlined proposed litigation plans. He reported that member towns' contributions would not be for lawyer fees but for expert consultants with experience in such matters elsewhere.



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## AMBULANCE REALLY ROLLING

By Mary Jane Dascoli

Many people have asked, and seasonal residents may be wondering, what to do in an emergency or if you find yourself in need of emergency medical assistance. The fast and easy answer is that you call 911.

If the call is for emergency medical assistance, the Alton ambulance should be at your door in a matter of minutes. As reported in the April edition of Main Street, the Alton Fire and Rescue Department assumed all duties of emergency medical response services for the town on March 10. Since that time through July 15 there have been 111 calls for Emergency Medical Service ("EMS") as shown in the following table.

MONTH	EMS	FIRE
March (from 10th)	11	9
April	12	17
May	26	14
June	34	20
July (through 15th)	28	4
Totals	111	64

The calls for EMS are in addition to the Fire Incident calls which totaled approximately 64 through the same period. Adding the two numbers shows that the Alton Fire and Rescue Department was called upon 175 times during the 128 days covered in the table.

Once again the men and women of the Alton Fire and Rescue Department are to be commended for their exemplary dedication and outstanding service extended to those in need of assistance. These members have a desire to serve and are committed to protect. Anyone interested in joining this team is encouraged to call the Alton Fire and Rescue Department at 875-0222 or write to us at P.O. Box 472, Alton, NH 03809.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Back to Nature" Luncheon on Wednesday, August 18, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

Herb Cilley, Loon Ranger from Northwood, will present the Special Feature, "Nature's Notes;" Barbara Bertolino from Meredith will provide the Special Music, "Nature's Melody;" and Dorothy Wood from Stephens, Georgia, will be the Special Speaker presenting "Staying Afloat."

Reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery may be made by calling Janet in Alton at 875-2032 between 2 - 6 p.m. or by calling Harriet in Gilford at 524-7194. The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an inter-denominational group with no formal membership.



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### HAASE HOUSE OFFERED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP

The Alton Board of Selectmen has decided to offer the Anna Haase house, currently located next to the Gilman Library, to a consortium of Alton churches for use as a community service center, which would include a food pantry.

At their meeting of July 19 the Selectmen determined that the sales price would be one dollar and that the house should be moved to a new location by December 31 of this year. The Town is willing to pay the costs of moving the house, but the buyer must have the new site and foundation ready and all the appropriate permits in place. The Selectmen's approved motion stipulated that the house should come to rest on the lot currently owned by the Community Church that is adjacent to the video store on the corner of Main and Church Streets.

As Main Street goes to press the response of the consortium to the Town's offer is not known.



### THE NEW NH SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN — WHAT WILL IT MEAN?

On Saturday, August 28, the United Associations of Alton will hold a very informative and significant meeting at 9 a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center.

The subject of the meeting? It is an up-to-the-minute look at the status of the new New Hampshire school funding plan. What will it mean to each of us in terms of taxes? What is the status of the legal challenge initiated by some towns and cities? Will Alton joining the coalition of communities challenging the legality of the state action make a difference? Why is Alton considered a "donor" town in this Robin Hood-like extravaganza?

It is hoped that these and other questions will find clear answers. The meeting is for both United Associations members and interested year-round residents. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend!

### ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPRAISAL DAY

By Jean Roberts

The Alton Historical Society will be hosting a public appraisal day, but the date, time, and place are not settled. We will post the details when known. The antique appraisers will include: Gary Wallace - generalist and fine arts; Maureen Kalfas - jewelry and silver; Elwin Doubleday - stamps, covers, post cards, documents; George Cooper - militaria, especially the Revolutionary War; Audrey Ritchie - glass and china.

A non-profit organization, the Alton Historical Society is registered in New Hampshire. Donations, \$4 per item or \$10 for three, will go towards the support of the society's museum and summer programs. Bring your treasures to our experts and learn more about their history and value.

### BOSTON POST CANE NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Alton Board of Selectmen is currently seeking candidates upon whom to bestow the Boston Post Cane. This honor is typically reserved for Alton's oldest resident. Nominations may be sent by anyone having information about a person's age and residency status to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 659, Alton, NH 03809. Or, call the Town Hall at 875-2161 for additional information.



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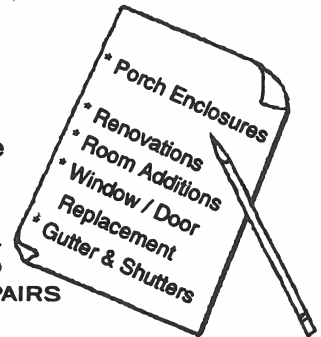
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**HISTORICAL ALTON:  
THE BENNETT HOUSE**

By Judith Pellowe

*Editor's note: With this article Main Street is responding to more than one suggestion received from readers that they would like to see a resumption of the historical stories about Alton that were published during the town's bicentennial year in 1996. This is the first in a series that will be published as volunteer workload and space permits. Suggestions for future topics in addition to houses are desired.*



The oldest house standing in Alton is the Bennett homestead. Presently owned by Herbert Miller, the house is on New Durham Road, about half way to the New Durham town line. According to the "History of Alton" by Barton McLain Griffin, Benjamin Bennett was born in New Durham in 1745 and bought 200 acres of land on the New Durham town line around 1770. He then built a log cabin to live in while he erected the house.

Mr. Miller was told by Ada (Bennett) Downing, who was born in the homestead, that the house was built around the log cabin, which was later dissembled. The house was completed in 1774. In 1775 the carriage house was built with one hand-hewn carrying beam approximately 40 feet long and also several ingenious wooden latches that drop down to hold the doors open. Mr. Miller stated that there is a large "wheel" on the upper floor of the carriage house, but he is unsure of it's use.

An additional large barn was built sometime later which became the infamous "Bennetts Barn" (to be covered at a later date). The Bennett family occupied the home for five generations. Captain Benjamin Bennett passed the house to his son, Benjamin Jr., who then passed it along to his son Morrison Bennett. The house was later occupied by Ira Bennett and lastly by Maurice Bennett. The property was sold to one Shuff, then to Brown, and then to Herbert Miller, who has resided in the house since 1971.

The house consists of eight rooms, including two bedrooms. Interestingly, Morrison Bennett had nine children, and Ira Bennett had five. It must have been a very crowded living arrangement compared to today's standards.

Pictured above in the historical photo, beginning on the left are: Maurice Bennett, age 4 when the photo was taken (date unknown); Lula V. Bennett; and the horse, Old Than with Old Tom, the horse, and Ira Bennett on the right.





**FIRESIDE CHATS**  
by Stan Czech  
Alton Fire Department

**WHAT ALTON MISSED ON THE 4th**

Well, didn't we have ourselves a Fourth of July!!! The story on the front page of this issue of Main Street describes how a gasoline tank truck turned over on its side at the Alton traffic circle in the early evening of July 3. Most of you were inconvenienced — to say the least — by the loss of power for many hours until the truck was safely emptied, and then removed from the road. Once again, Alton was a center of attention for the State. We were tested, and we passed with flying colors.

Many of you may not have realized how serious this problem could have been. I would like you to take note of the following quote from a letter written by Fire Chief Russ Sample to the members of the Alton Fire Department: "It is without saying that the community as a whole, except for the lack of electricity, has little appreciation for the danger of the operation. However, you the men and women [of the Fire Department] once again met a need that usually involves one, two, or more people in harm's way. In this case you all prevented what could very well have been a tragedy to the whole community."

Alton benefited from a lot of help given by our friends in the Lakes Region and as far away as Pease Air Force Base. What's even more amazing is that we received some favorable press with an editorial in the Laconia Citizen on July 9. If you missed it, maybe you can still look it up at the library.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a chicken barbecue at the Alton Central Station on August 14 at about 4 p.m. The price will be \$8. Make sure you put that on your calendar!

**THANKS FROM THE FIREFLIES**

By Daryl Czech

A special thanks to all of you who contributed on Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4. Everyone made such a wonderful effort when Alton was facing a very difficult situation, i.e., the overturned tanker truck at the circle. Thanks to the Village Store for provisions for sandwiches on Saturday evening and to the McGraths for the delicious sub sandwiches hand made in the dark by Cliff and Barbara, the Edgewood for the great pizzas, and all the others too numerous to mention who gave of their time and effort. Thank You!

**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1999**

This year's graduates of Alton Central School are: Daniel Alting, Rebecca Blair, Shawn Blair, Carly Blanchard, April Boles, Laura Cannon, Catherine Chapman, Desiree Crossley, Timothy Cullen, Andrena Dore, Tonia Elliott, Jennifer Emanouil, Jodi Fisichelli, Jessie Forsythe, Andrew Fuller, Andrea Guttormsen, Ennasea Guyette.

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American Legion Scholastic Achievement Jennifer Emanouil  
American Legion Sportsmanship ..... David Jensen, Christy Holway  
American Legion Girl's State . Elizabeth Quindley, Katharine O'Meara, Korin Eagles  
East Alton Fire Association Scholarship ..... Kimberly Noyes  
Sam Walton Community Scholarship ..... Amanda Lambert  
DAR Good Citizen Award ..... Andrew Fuller  
PTSA Scholar. .... Amanda Lambert, David Jensen, Carly Blanchard  
Main Street Journalism Award ..... Desiree Crossley  
Vocational Education Award ..... Tonia Elliott  
Edward Soucy Memorial Award ..... Tonia Elliott  
Randy S. Noyes Scholarship ..... Phillip Best  
School Board Award for Acad. Excellence Amanda Lambert, Desiree Crossley, Jennifer Emanouil, Amber Locke, Anna Varney, Jenny Martin, Elizabeth Quindley, Andrew Fuller, Rebecca Blair, Danielle Moore, Renee LaFreniere, Sara Dore, Katie Morrill, Meghan St. Cyr, Ashley Southwell, Emily Sydow, Heather Joslyn, Loretta Helie, Zachary Christy  
Jean Roberts - Alton Teachers for Education ..... April Boles  
Bonnie Simpson Scholarship ..... Kimberly Noyes  
Happy Hobby Doll Club Scholarship ..... Andrena Dore  
William A. Anderson Scholarship ..... Tonia Elliott  
Karla A. Merfeld Memorial Scholarship ..... Amber Locke  
Bausch and Lomb Science Award Medal . Jennifer Emanouil  
Bausch and Lomb Science Certificate ..... Victor Stone  
Kenneth W. Chamberlain Sr. Athletic Scholar Christy Holway  
Anna Ulrich Chamberlain Art Scholarship ..... Emily King  
Major William Hayes Award ..... Jennifer Emanouil  
Walter Kirkpatrick Memorial Award ..... Daniel Alting  
David Steven Smith Scholarship ..... Andrew Fuller  
Agnes M. Thompson Scholarship ..... Catherine Chapman  
Ruth S. and Willard D. Rollins Scholarship ... Nadine Valette  
Opechee Garden Club Scholarship ..... Tonia Elliott  
American Bass Association Scholarship ..... Tonia Elliott  
Exchange Student Recognition Award ..... Tobias Schafer  
Amer. Legion Aux. Scholar. .... Amanda Lambert, Melissa Strout  
Amer. Legion Scholar ..... Kristin James, Rebecca Kilday, Kimberly Noyes, Melissa Strout, Andrena Dore, Victoria Peters  
Summer People's Scholarship ..... Amanda Lambert  
Donald Gedney Memorial Scholarship ..... Kimberly Noyes  
Science Scholarship ..... Andrew Fuller  
Alton-New Durham Lions Scholarship ..... Anna Varney  
Alton Police Assoc. - Kelly Brown Scholar . Victoria Peters  
Barton M. Griffin Memorial Scholarship ..... Rebecca Blair  
Harry M. and Dorothy S. Rollins Mem. Prize ..... Carly Blanchard  
Ralph Jardine Scholarship ..... Amanda Pacheco  
Benjamin Perkins Award ..... Amanda Lambert  
Leon and Jean Partridge Scholarship ..... Anna Varney  
William B. Messer Scholarship ..... Jennifer Emanouil, Desiree Crossley, Amber Locke  
Daniel Francis Memorial Award ..... Harlee Dain  
Dr. Deane M. Chamberlain Medical Scholar Tammy Murtagh  
Merrymeeting Grange #155 Scholarship ..... Tammy Murtagh  
Norwich Barbershoppers Scholarship ..... Tammy Murtagh





**ANNUAL BOAT SHOW AND PARADE**

One of the highlights of the Alton Home Days has become the Annual Boat Show and Parade sponsored by the New Hampshire Antique & Classic Boat Museum.

This year's show will be held on Sunday, August 15, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, in Alton Bay. The public is invited to vote for their favorite boats from 10 - 11 a.m. The children are encouraged to join in the fun of picking out that very special boat. Pictured above, the Callahans are bringing in their boat for the Alton Boat Show.

There is no fee to participate and boat owners should register at 9 a.m. The starting time has been changed to 10 a.m. out of respect for a church service at the bandstand. The awards ceremony will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by a boat parade around Alton Bay. For more information, call the museum at 524-8989.



**ADULTS LITTER — KIDS CLEAN**

**By Brenda Churchill**

Alton, I want to let you know the children in my day care and Joe Goodrow are helping keep the town cleaner.

For three years now the children have cleaned the road I live on and Route 28 South around Trudy's Thrift Shop. Because the sandpit has always been known as a party place and the road is a quiet dead end, people have been throwing their trash out here for years. The children bag it and Joe always comes through and picks it up.

Although the children love doing this, I have to ask: people of Alton, please stop! Especially, stop dumping your ashtrays. It may be easier for you, but it is disgusting.

This year's cleaning crew consisted of: Noah and Matthew Prive, Shane and Seth Lincoln, Katelyn Ordway, Jason and Anna Moreau, Kristopher Cyr, Chantal Pearson, Desiree and Bobby Reekie, and Michelle Messer. These children deserve a lot of thanks.

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR TOWN DOCUMENTS**

Alton's Board of Selectmen has adopted the following policy relative to prices for mailing and faxing requests for information:

1. Requests must be submitted in writing.
2. Fee for first page = \$5.
3. Fee for all other pages = \$1.
4. Mailings and faxes shall include a bill from the Town (with there being no charge for the bill page).
5. Fee collections shall rely on the "honor system" at the discretion of Department Heads — otherwise pre-payments may be required.
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## SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**Step slowly, affluent August  
 Heavily laden with your luscious fruit  
 We know sadly that soon we must  
 Stop strumming summer's lute.**

Our July meeting was quite busy! Dom Giuliano, annual election chairperson, presented the slate of officers for 1999-2000 and presided over the swearing in of each officer. Unanimously elected were: President, Evelyn Nardo; Vice-president, Ginny Myers; Secretary, Peg Bowman; Treasurer, Warren Nott; Assistant Treasurer, Liz Roberts; Auditor, Nancy Mooney Hebert. Congratulations to all!

Trip coordinator Ginny Myers announced that the bus will leave at 5 p.m. for the August 7 trip, a dinner at Patrick's Pub and the musical WEST SIDE STORY at Lakes Region Playhouse in Meredith. Call Ginny at 875-8713 for further information or to get on the wait list. Upcoming trips will be September 7 to Salem (Christmas Tree Shop), and September 28 to North Conway (foliage excursion). Come to the center to sign up soon, as these trips will sell out! Ginny would also like it made known that those who cancel out of a trip after having paid for it will not get a complete refund unless there is a justifiable emergency for the cancellation.

The Steering Committee is working on future fund-raising activities, such as the November turkey raffle basket. We also would like to sponsor an open house with a fashion show as entertainment. If you have ideas for revenue increasing, please let us know.

The Card Party group voted to separate its expenses from the Senior Citizens group and will maintain its own financial records with duly appointed overseers. This will avoid current confusion over the Treasurer's monthly reports and help expedite their special activities.

The Senior Citizens Association is very grateful to the Alton Garden Club for its recent donation of a variety of colorful flowers for our garden. What a splendid contribution the Garden Club makes to the whole community with their eye-catching profusions of flowers in so many places!

After our meeting, Mr. "Van" and his assistant Terry Gilmore, along with Louise Jones, explained and demonstrated the special low-vision machine available for use at the Gilman Library. He was very informative and helpful. It is hoped that more seniors with low vision will use the machine to help them with a variety of reading tasks; for example, one can magnify one's checkbook and balance it under the magnification each month. The Alton-New Durham Lions Club is responsible for supplying this machine.

We wish to thank Stella Dore for the excellent refreshments she has provided at our meetings. She will be unable to continue this for a while, and we certainly will feel deprived! Others have volunteered to fill in for her.

Our next meeting is the Annual Meeting August 11 at 1 p.m. Please try to be there!

### EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY

**Pot Luck Supper and Annual Meeting...**  
 will be held on Saturday, August 21, 6 p.m. at the Meeting House at Gilman's Corner. Bring a casserole, salad, or dessert for the food table. Remember to bring your own place setting and dinnerware.

**Annual Vesper Service and Hymn Sing...**  
 will take place on Sunday, August 22, at 4 p.m. This year members of the Alton Bay Christian Conference will conduct the service as they have so successfully in the past.



# Main Street's Information Center

## AUGUST EVENTS

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|---------|---|---------|---|
| Sun. 1  | BILL MILLS, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.<br>ABENAKI WATER SKI TEAM SHOW, Alton Bay, 6 p.m.   | Mon. 16 | BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.  |
| Mon. 2  | BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.  | Tue. 17 | "SUMMER FOLKS: TOURISM DURING THE GILDED AGES," Alton Historical Society, 7:30 p.m., see story below  |
| Tue. 3  | FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Business Meeting, 7 p.m.   | Wed. 18 | LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, Christian Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story<br>BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.   |
| Wed. 4  | BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  | Thu. 19 | TELLALORE STORYTELLERS, Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout Desk  |
| Fri. 6  | BURT KETTINGER IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 p.m.  | Sat. 21 | EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY, Pot Luck Supper and Annual Meeting, 6 p.m., see story<br>FREESE BROTHERS, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m., see story<br>THE MORGAN SISTERS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m. |
| Sat. 7  | CORMAC MCCARTHY, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m. see story<br>CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.   | Sun. 22 | DAVID ROSS, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.<br>EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY, Vesper Service, 4 p.m., see story  |
| Sun. 8  | JOHN WHITE, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.   | Mon. 23 | BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.  |
| Mon. 9  | BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.  | Tue. 24 | "HEIRLOOM GARDENING," Alton Garden Club, 1:30 p.m., see story below   |
| Tue. 10 | "VISITING AMISH COUNTRY," Gilman Library, 7 p.m., see Checkout Desk   | Wed. 25 | BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  |
| Wed. 11 | BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  | Fri. 27 | THE NEW TESTAMENT SINGERS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Fri. 13 | VFW SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5 p.m., see story<br>THE SHIVELYS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 p.m.  | Sat. 28 | UNITED ASSOCIATIONS OF ALTON, Alton Bay Community Center, 9 a.m., see story<br>EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m., see story<br>TED CORNELL IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.             |
| Sat. 14 | ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND FOOD SALE, Alton Garden Club, 9 a.m., see story below<br>OLD HOME DAYS CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay, 10 a.m., see For The Fun Of It<br>CHICKEN BBQ, Alton Central Fire Station, 4 p.m., see Fireside Chats<br>PONY EXPRESS, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.<br>THE JACOBS BROTHERS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m. | Sun. 29 | ELIZABETH ELLIOTT, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  |
| Sun. 15 | OLD HOME DAYS CRAFT FAIR AND ROAD RACE, Alton Bay, 9 a.m., see For The Fun Of It<br>ANNUAL BOAT SHOW AND PARADE, Alton Bay, 10 a.m., see story<br>MICHAEL HAYNES, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.   | Mon. 30 | BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.  |

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:  
(1) P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810 or (2) Farmington National Bank (Main Street mail box). **Be sure to include a phone number.**

### ALTON GARDEN CLUB

#### TWO EVENTS FOR AUGUST

The Alton Garden Club will hold its Annual Flea Market and Food Sale on August 14, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, on Daryl and Stan Czech's lawn on Main Street. The co-chairmen, Daryl Czech and Mary Lou Brown, have a committee of ten willing workers. The rain date has been scheduled for August 15.

Anyone may donate food and "flea market" items for sale. We appreciate all your contributions, and they may be left at the Czech home AFTER August 1. Come and join the fun! Food and "good goods" available for all.

The second event will be a program offered at the Congregational Meeting House on August 24 at 1:30 p.m. The topic is "Heirloom Gardening" and will detail for those present how to collect seeds from old-fashioned species which have not been hybridized. The speaker is Hillary Nelson of Canterbury, a contributor of articles to the *Concord Monitor*. The chairman is Betty MacKay and helping her will be eight members of the Garden Club. We hope to see you there!

#### FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Historical Society featured a talk by Oliver Deane, a former SCUBA diving instructor at Camp DeWitt, who had kept a log of his findings on the bottom of Lake Winnepesaukee and brought along some that were extremely curious . . . the Old Home Week Committee planned a special "Kid's Day" featuring a petting zoo, puppet show, bicycle obstacle course, and many booth games . . . the Barbershoppers held their 45th Annual Jamboree . . . the Recreation Commission scheduled an "Anything but a Boat Race" — contestants had to create a floatable device to transport themselves through the course (boats were *not* allowed).

### SUMMER FOLKS: TOURISM DURING THE GILDED AGES

By Jean Roberts

The August meeting of the Alton Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., in the Moore Chapel at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. The featured speaker will be Bradford Smith of Barrington, Rhode Island. He will talk and show slides about the golden age of grand hotels in New Hampshire.

Dr. Smith is an independent scholar who has been collecting pictures and lore about the grand old hotels in northern New Hampshire for many years. Well-known New Hampshire resorts, such as the Profile House, the Mount Washington Hotel and the Balsams, will be featured.

Our August meeting is co-sponsored by the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center and by the New Hampshire Humanities Council which provides the funding. Our meetings are free and open to the public.

### TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Main Street reported several interesting facts about the history of Alton: Miss Flossy Nute operated the telephone switchboard for many years until 1952 (she would call and wake you in the morning if the alarm clock wasn't working); the first M/V Mount Washington was built by the Boston and Maine Railroad during 1871-72 in Alton Bay — it was 178 feet long, had a 42 foot beam, a 12 foot draft and traveled at 17 miles per hour; the first public library was opened on December 31, 1892, over the drugstore of Labon Welch, but was later moved to permanent headquarters in the Town Hall in June, 1896.



# Main Street's Information Center

## SCHEDULES

### CHURCHES:

Alton Bay Christian Conference Center — Sun. services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sat. evening concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle. Weekday services, Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 9:30 a.m. and Mon., Tue., Thu., 7:30 p.m. at Moore Chapel. 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., at Alton Bay Bandstand. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor, 875-6765

Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Service, 11 a.m.; Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor

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

Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. (Summer 10 a.m.); Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

### GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

Mon. and Wed., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Tue. and Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Thu. and Sun.

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

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### 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. Auxiliary — 1st Tue., 6 p.m., Legion Hall

Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station

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 for monthly article

Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House

Girl Scout Junior Troop 630, Wed., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe.

Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

Historical Society — 3rd Tue., Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629

Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall

Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., 6:30 p.m., Edgewood Restaurant

Livin' 4 Christ Youth Group, Sat. 5 - 7 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

Living Water Ministries Bible Studies, Thu. 7 - 9 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center; 4th Thu., Alton Bay Comm. Ctr.

Masonic Lodge — 2nd Thu., when meeting, 875-7448

P.T.S.A. — 3rd Tue., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.

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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**ALTON OUTDOORS**  
by Jack Miller

### HOT WATER OR COLD WATER?

With the hot weather, most people head for a local lake to cool off. Cold water species fish, such as salmon and trout, also want to "cool off" and head down to the deeper depths of their lakes for their favorite temperature. You must fish deep to catch them.

Warm water fish species like bass, perch, pickerel, sunfish, etc., are most active now in the warmer waters. Fishing early morning and late evening with top water lures is the best. Small jigs with soft plastic tails during midday will allow one to fish deeper water.

Speaking of jigs, **GET THE LEAD OUT.** This is the last year that lead jigs and sinkers may be used for fishing. Starting January 1 you must switch to no lead substitutes, such as copper, steel, tungsten, etc. It has been found that loons and ducks can ingest these lead items and die. Lead shot was banned years ago for duck hunting. New Hampshire will have a new no lead law starting the new millennium.

What can you do with any lead sinkers or jigs you possess now? Give them to someone who uses a bullet mold to cast their own muzzle loading bullets. Or give them to someone who goes ocean fishing.

August is a good month to go ocean fishing. If you do not have a boat, or do not want to subject your boat to salt water, fishing from shore does produce fish. Striped bass are in "big time" now and do cruise around feeding near rocks and jetties. Big plugs, jigs, and live bait will work. Expect to loose some tackle when fishing near rocks.

A better bet for catching ocean fish is to take a trip on a charter boat. It can be a party boat that bottom fishes or a boat that specializes in catching stripers or bluefish. One may charter a boat with four to six friends and split the cost. Charters can be arranged for a half or a full day. The captains have the information on where fish are each day and will do everything in their power to put you onto fish. The boat will set you up with all the correct gear; all you need to bring is lunch! Good luck.

I was invited last month to go stripper fishing out of Rye Harbor. I didn't catch a single stripper, but I did hook a 36-inch, 15-pound bluefish. This was the hardest fighting fish I've ever caught.

Keep you line wet and hold on to that fishing rod **REAL** tight.

### ALTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS

This program is open to all persons age 60 and older. Meals served Monday - Friday, 12 noon (875-7102).

August 2 - 6: Monday, Lemon Fish ; Tuesday, Deli Turkey Plate; Wednesday, Chicken Parmesan; Thursday, Meat Loaf/Gravy; Friday, Sloppy Joes.

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## ALTON CENTRAL FIRE STATION AUCTION A SUCCESS

By Maureen Gubitose

Bright and sunny skies greeted auction fans for a very successful firemen's auction and flea market on Saturday, July 10. With kickoff at 10 a.m. and ending a little after 2 p.m., this year's auction raised around \$3,200, which was better than previous years.

The Alton Fire and Rescue Department wants to extend many thanks to those who donated items. The quantity and quality of this year's contributions were a huge factor in the success of this year's event. Instrumental in making it all happen was Chairman/firefighter Stark Liedtke and his wife, as well as firefighter Tom Chagnon, who spent many hours gathering donations. Additionally, there were many other volunteers who donated their time and energy to making the event a success.

The monies raised in this event go to a specific fund for specialized rescue equipment, such as the "Jaws of Life." This, and other necessary life saving devices used by the Fire Department, are not all included in the Town of Alton's budget. There is always a need to bolster the governmental appropriation. Donations can be made to this fund by calling the Central Alton Fire Station at 875-0222.

## TWO QUILTERS

By Becky Pellowe

For a while now, we've been looking for a nice, large place to hold quilting get-togethers. At last we have found the perfect spot! The Mount Major Community Center is brandishing a new look, and it is a great site. (See the story about what's been done on page 19.)

So, grab your machines, your "ufos" (un-finished objects, for you newbies), your ideas, your enthusiasm, and join us! Experience is not necessary. In fact, one of us is very experienced and one of us is green as can be, so you're bound to fit right in. Come for one night, or weekly, as your schedule allows. Enjoy some quiet time to work on your stuff, share stories and skills with others, or just get ideas. Nothing is set in stone, so suggestions are very welcome.

Meetings will be Wednesday nights, time is negotiable. For more information call Becky at 875-5806.

## BELKNAP COUNTY SERVICES

This is the first installment of a series which will attempt to show the effects of county government on the lives of you and your neighbors. The goal is for you to understand not only what programs your tax dollars support, but to give you real life examples of how those programs work to the benefit of all the people in your county. Belknap County operates a Nursing Home, Correctional Facility, Registry of Deeds, County Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, Human Services Department, and Finance Department.

These services are administered by an experienced and professional staff and are paid for through a separate line item included with your property tax bill. It is hoped that this series will be helpful in informing you about your county government. You are encouraged to call 527-5400 with any questions.

The articles will appear in future issues of Main Street on a space available basis. The next one will spotlight the Nursing Home's services and admission requirements.

Your Belknap County Commissioners are: Christopher Boothby, representing Alton, Barnstead, Gilford, and Meredith; Wes Colby, representing Laconia; and Mark Thurston, representing Belmont, Center Harbor, Gilmanton, New Hampton, Sanbornton, and Tilton.

**FLOWERS GALORE**

**By Margaret Birdsey, Alton Garden Club**

Have you ever wondered about those pretty flower-filled barrels at the Bay? People are asking how they came to be and why.

When I was asked to write this article, I found that "the spirit" behind this endeavor was 1988-89 Garden Club president Doris McGrath and beautification chairman Linda McKenny. They started this tradition with two barrels placed at the entrance to the Mt. Washington's Wharf. Today there are 40 barrels that have been purchased by the Garden Club over the ensuing years. Sunflower Gardens generously donate the flowers that are planted and cared for by club members, some of whom tend five or more barrels. The flower arrangement in each of the numbered barrels reflect the choice of the member assigned to it, thus giving a wonderful variation of flowers and color. At the end of the summer Administrative Services remove the barrels and store them until next spring. When they are returned, beautification chairman Mary Lou Brown and her committee replenish them with new soil and once again they are filled with beautiful flowers.

This year's Home and Garden Tour was very successful. We want to thank our friends, Ann Harris, Lee Digiiovanni, and Doug and Debbie Pellowe and members, Shirley Copeland and Heather Donahue for opening their homes and/or gardens.



**VOLUNTEERING!**

**By Laurie Boyce**

It has again become the season to think about school opening. At the end of this month we will start off the 1999-2000 school year in Alton and everything that entails. One of the important aspects of education is the group of volunteers who work at the school. If you are a parent of one or more of our 700 students, or an individual interested in the education of the children of Alton, we'd like to invite you to become one of the many Alton School Volunteers.

If you have a child attending Alton School, you will receive a registration form for volunteering with all the papers at the beginning of school, which you can just fill out and return. If you don't have a child attending school but would like to help, please call either of the volunteer coordinators, Laurie Boyce at 875-7371 or Ruby Hawkins at 875-2526, and they will send you a registration form.

We've had great volunteers year after year and would like to do it again this year. Thanks for all the help volunteers have given in past years.



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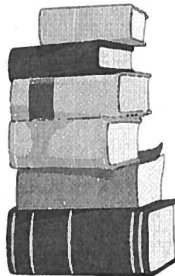
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**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
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Students in grades one through five received special recognition in ceremonies at Alton Central School. Awards were presented to those students who earned good citizenship status for the fourth quarter of the school year. They are:

**Grade One** – Ashley Barsanti, Casey Beranger, Scott Brunelle, Lindsey Daniels, Melissa Fortin, James Goodwin, Tiffani Hemcher, Mary-Margaret Houghton, Joseph Monasky, Stephanie Moulton, Courtney Ouellette, Molly Schaper, Kimberly Sykes, and Zachary Whissel.

**Grade Two** – Shaida Anderson, Marina Avery, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Danielle Fortin, Steven Giani, Samantha Golden, Kim Grant, Colin Hammond, Andrea Hillsgrove, Michael Jensen, Kaitlyn Kirchoff, Ashley Lionetta, Stephanie MacDonald, William Macduff, Heidi McGlone, Christine Mills, Crystal Murray, Katelyn Ordway, Katie Lynn Powers, Stephanie Roy, Kelsea Scerra, Michael Stevens, Kathleen Sykes, Caitlin Sylvester, Zachary Taggett, and William Wenzlau.

**Grade Three** – Andrew Barthel, Aaron Bauman, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Amber Couture, Meagan Divito, Courtney Emerson, Ryan Finethy, Emily Folan, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Travis Hunter, Makina Itchkavich-Levasseur, Brian Jones, Jesse Lane, Andrew Levasseur, Christopher Loprete, Samantha MacDonald, Karol Anne Mansfield, C. J. Moulton, Chantal Pearson, Amanda Pellowe, Jessica Porter, Tara Prescott, Alisa Price, Matthew Rojek, Jennifer Shafer, Stephen Talon, Brianna Tidd, Olivia Varney, Krystal Vigue, and Caitlin Wenzlau.

**Grade Four** – Dottie Jean Bailey, Hannah Barnet, Megan Beaupre, Bryan Bishop, Bradley Bissell, Kristopher Callahan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Jeffrey Delemus, Ashley Dwyer, Jane Farrell, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Courtney Goodwin, Scott Goulet, Kim Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Daniel Keniston, Nicholas Lundy, Kelly Main, Courtney Marston, Donald McGee, Carmen Niquette, Melissa Pryor, Marc Roy, Hope Shafer, Suzanne Sherwood, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, Merrill Stone, Julie Thoroughgood, Kelsey Tinkham, and Steven Waterman.

**Grade Five** – Amanda Chamberlain, Johanna Dickson, Nicholas Divito, Allyson Dudman, Chris Frost, Dana Fuller, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion, Brittany Moore, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan, Daniel Pitman, Patrick Quinn, Jessica Rothwell, and Aimee Terravechia.



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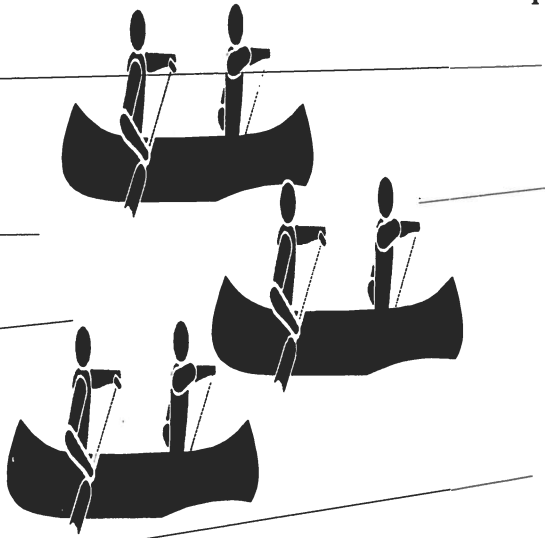
If you enjoy relaxing in the sun, then the Gilman Library is the place to be. You may have already noticed the benches located in the front courtyard of the library. We wish to thank members of our town maintenance crew and Bob DeRoche for unloading and placing the benches, which were donated by a very generous and special patron who wishes to remain anonymous. This proves once again how the spirit of giving continues to make our library the best it can be.

We are proud to have a copy of Young Authors' Stories 1999 on our shelves. This special collection, donated by the Alton Central School, was created by students in grades one through six. If you were not able to attend the Young Authors oral readings in June, they are available at the library.

The Summer Reading Game is well underway. Our young readers are doing a great job. Keep up the good work — keep reading.

The calendars have arrived!. The theme for the year 2000 is "Home Sweet Home." We thank the Friends of the Gilman Library for another fine calendar. Be sure to purchase yours soon at the library or Alton 5 & 10. Supplies are limited.

Please join us for the following events to be held at the library in August: Tuesday, August 3, Friends of the Gilman Library Business Meeting, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, August 10, Bonnie Dodge, "Visiting Amish Country," sponsored by The Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, 7 p.m.; and Thursday, August 19, Tellalore Storytellers, sponsored by the Friends of the Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m.



**AND THE WINNERS ARE...**

**By Kellie Troendle, Recreation Director**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored their Annual Canoe Race with Parker Marine on June 27. Twenty-eight canoes participated in the well-attended race. The overall winners were Mark Peters and Dan O'Reilly who finished the race in 26:24.

Category winners included: Recreational Men, Larry Douglas and Sean Carney; Recreational Women, Mary Marren and Evie Jordan; Recreational Co-Ed, Allison Roberts and Clive Roberts; Recreational Adult and Child, Alan Barrett and Nathan Barrett; Recreational Single, Joshua Carr; Youth Pairs, Mary Bosen and Kate Murray; Racing Co-Ed, Jim Bean and Elizabeth Bean; Kayak, Greg Lowell; Kayak under 10, Jane Farrell; Racing Men, Mark Peters and Dan O'Reilly; Racing Adult and Child, Lorrie Drake and Rebecca and Elizabeth Helfer; Racing Single, Bill Bakes.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank all of the participants for a great race. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped make the race a success: Ben Jones, Jay Sydow, Debbie Burton, and Bill Lionetta and Mt. Washington Valley Water for donating water for all race participants.



**CONCORD CORNER  
by Rob Boyce  
State Representative**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The legislature has not finished all its' business for the year. For the first time the budget passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor is not balanced. The unresolved questions about funding the "Claremont solution" remain and put the budget in deficit. Additionally, the Claremont plaintiff towns have said they are taking the State back to court because \$825 million is not enough for them and several "donor" towns, including Alton, are exploring a lawsuit over the bill as well. So, much as some of us want it settled, the Claremont situation remains unresolved. The final solution may be years away, as has happened in other states with similar lawsuits.

September is the month when House members can make bill requests for next year. So if there is some piece of legislation you would like to see considered (or, even better, some existing law that should be repealed), contact Stan Czech or myself soon.

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## FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED BY ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

The following students were named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter at Alton Central School. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects and Honors requires a grade of at least 83 in all subjects.

**Fourth Grade** – High Honors: Jane Farrell; Honors: Dottie Jean Bailey, Hannah Barnett, Jeffrey Delemus, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Caila Kantar, Daniel Lampman, Nicholas Lundy, Kelsie Moore, Melissa Pryor, Marc Roy, Bryce St.Cyr, Jeffrey St.Cyr, Hope Shafer, Wesley Taggett, and Ty Tremblay.

**Fifth Grade** – High Honors: Owen Laurion and Patrick Quinn; Honors: Amanda Chamberlain, Shannon Cornelissen, Johanna Dickson, Nicholas Divito, Dana Fuller, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Brittany Moore, Joshua O'Neil, Taylor Peterson, Daniel Pitman, Amber Richardson, Jessica Rothwell, Aimee Terravechia, Katrina Tidd, and Caitlin Wentworth.

**Sixth Grade** – High Honors: Kelly Eagles and Stephanie Tanguay; Honors: Jacob Bemis, Amanda Boudreau, Crystal Cleasby, Melissa Cray-Sullivan, Anne Farrell, Vanessa Gilbert, Erin Hannafin, Sonya Itchkavich-Levasseur, Alexander Kaszynski, Brian Kivlehan, Leilani LaFleur, Danielle LePouttre, Tara Loprete, Ashley Marren, Whitney Marston, David McMahon, Shayna Randall, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Michael Tidd Sarah Tinkham, and Ashley Waterman.

**Seventh Grade** – High Honors: Lyndsey Caron, Tonya Prescott and Krista Shibley; Honors: David Currid, Carl Dickson, John Latchaw III, Kyle McAuliffe, Daniel Quinn, Matthew Sydow, Lindsey Tinlin, Dakotah Walker, and Kelsey Yelle.

**Eighth Grade** – High Honors: Scott Baumgartner, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Terese Hopper, and Amanda Jones;

Honors: Adam Ames, Megan Audette, Katie Brooks, Jennifer Carr, Christopher Duffy, Jill Feger, Dane Peterson, and Erin Wood.

**Ninth Grade** – High Honors: Rebecca Howard, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Dana Lang, and Marissa Peterson; Honors: Joshua Albair, Kayla Ballentine, David Benedetto, Scott Blair, Joshua Carr, and Jane Varney.

**Tenth Grade** – High Honors: Sara Dore and Renee LaFreniere; Honors: Tara Elliott, William Goodrow, Katie Morrill, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St.Cyr, and May Varney.

**Eleventh Grade** – High Honors: Danielle Moore; Honors: Elizabeth Quindley and Victor Stone.

**Twelfth Grade** – Honors: Carly Blanchard, Desiree Crossley, Andrena Dore, Tonia Elliott, Jennifer Emanouil, Christy Holway, Amber Locke, and Amanda Pacheco.

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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. Text saved on a floppy disk is especially appreciated — contact the editor at 875-5067 to arrange details.

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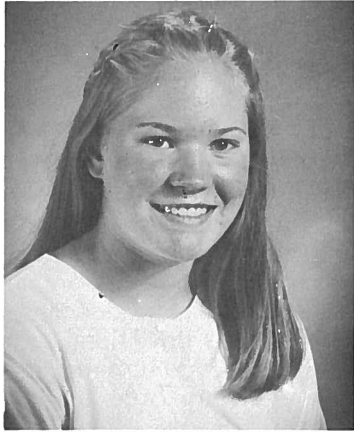
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Korin L. Eagles of Alton was named as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist. Eagles was selected by the staff of the American Legion Auxiliary, Granite Girls State, held at Rivier College, Nashua, June 27 - July 3, on the basis of academics and school and community involvement.

A student at Alton Central School, Eagles was Vice President of her Junior class and has received many awards for both her athletic and scholastic achievements. Upon completion of her senior year, she plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to major in veterinary sciences.

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**Main Street**

**MOUNT MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

**By Sandy Jackson**

The month of July brought some exciting new groups to the Mount Major Community Center (MMCC). We were pleased to have private rentals as well as opportunities for the general public to visit our building.

Lynn Brooks held quilting lessons with participants enthusiastically learning much from this talented quilter. It is hoped there will be a repeat opportunity. The Alton Historical Society held its monthly meeting with the attendees enjoying a talk by Mary Batchelder about hiking the Long Trail in Vermont. The building is available for rentals through the fall. For more information contact Pam Reynolds, 875-7669, or Kitty Croes, 875-7165.

The outside of MMCC has seen some changes with a new coat of paint and site work done to eliminate ground water in the spring. The adjoining wooded lot has been brushed out, giving the area a more open look. A new utility pole has been installed, thus allowing for the removal of guide wires. Future plans include a front driveway and landscaping.

Thanks to all who helped to make our participation in the Townwide Yard Sale so successful. We had eight tables rented out to those selling their own goods, and many others generously donated items for us to sell. Many items were available that day, including a folding wooden object that we were unable to identify. The purchaser promised to let us know if he determines the identity!

The MMCC organizing committee meets on a monthly basis to plan events, develop fund raising activities, and to oversee use of the building. If you are interested in joining this group, please feel free to contact the people listed above.

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**FOR THE FUN OF IT**

by **Kellie M. Troendle**

**Recreation Director**

**ALTON IN AUGUST...**

**Old Home Day Craft Fair** — Saturday, August 14, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, August 15, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center and waterfront park. Handmade New England craft items include: stoneware pottery, fiber arts, fine wood crafts, jewelry, handmade soaps, painting, quilts, photography, fleece, canvas, dried floral, scroll saw fret work, Native American, fabrics, doll furniture and much more.

**5K Road Race** — Sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation. August 15, 9 a.m., Alton Bay Bandstand. \$10 fee; register before August 6 and receive a race shirt. Categories include: overall male and female; male and female age groups; walkers welcome. Prizes awarded; refreshments and raffle. Sign up at Parks and Rec Department; for information, 875-0109.

**Kinder Rec** — Toddlers will explore interactive play, art projects, cooperative games, music and more. Ages 3 - 5, Alton Bay Community Center, August 10, 17, 24, 31 and September 1, 22, 29 from 9:30 - 11 a.m., \$2/day. Sign up now at the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Sports, Music and Craft Day** — Ages 7 - 12, August 12, Alton Bay Community Center, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$5/person. Enjoy playing cooperative games, basketball, tennis, wiffleball, kickball, swimming, making gimp key chains, and playing loud musical instruments. Register now at Parks and Rec.

**Youth Soccer League** — Alton Youth Soccer Program is open to all boys and girls 6 - 12 years old. Register early before deadline on August 6; late registrations will not be accepted. First practice starts August 21, Jones Field: U8, 8 - 9 a.m.; U10, 9 - 10 a.m.; U12, 10 - 11 a.m. \$15 registration fee. Volunteer coaches and helpers are needed; training will be provided; please call 875-0109 for more information.

**Youth Soccer League Coaches Meeting** — Parks and Rec is sponsoring a pre-season coaches meeting, Monday, August 16, 6:30 p.m., Alton Town Hall, for all U8, U10, and U12 soccer coaches. Play Soccer Camp will have a coaches training session on Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, Jones Field. Call Kellie, 875-0109, if you plan to attend.

**Senior Trip to Isles of Shoals** — Includes Historic Isles of Shoals tour by boat, 9 islands, 3 lighthouses, and 5 forts. August 5; leave Town Hall 9:30 a.m. and return 3 p.m., \$19/person. Call 875-0109 for more information.

**Water Ski Show** — The Abenaki Water Ski Team is sponsoring a show Sunday, August 1, Alton Bay, 6 p.m.

**Country Line Dancing Lessons** — Adults of all ages and abilities; lessons offered every Tuesday, 2 - 4 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center; learn new dances every week. One time registration fee \$3 every six months.

**ALTON VFW POST 11163**

A tape of the 100-year anniversary of the VFW has been donated to the Gilman Library by Post 11163.

The officers for 1999-2000 are: Commander, Henry Nowe; 1st Vice, Clifton Wooldridge; 2nd Vice, A. Roland LaPierre; Adjutant, Robert Eddy; Quarter Master, John Brooks; Trustees: 3rd year, Fred Bowman; 2nd year, Arthur Scammell; 1st year, Robert Scott; Service Officer, Henry Nowe; Chaplain, James Dill; Officer of the Day, Karl Ingoldsby; Membership Chairman, A. Roland LaPierre.

The VFW will hold a supper at the Pearson Road Community Center on August 13 from 5 - 7 p.m. The menu is Ham, Hot Dogs, Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert, and Beverage.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Alton residents may place classified ads in any issue of Main Street. As a public service ads are primarily for *noncommercial* private individuals who have items for sale (except real estate for sale or rent), items or services wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each noncommercial ad of 35 words or less. Each additional 35 words costs \$1. (There is no charge for "Cards of Thanks.") The rate for commercial ads is \$12.50 per column inch. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad, or edit it for length/style. Ads must be submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may also be placed in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington Bank. Ads must contain a phone number.

**FOR SALE**

FORD ESCORT, 1993, AC, 39 MPG, 4 new tires, 75,000 miles, runs great, \$2,750; STOVE, apartment-size, clean, works well, \$30; REDDY HEATER, 30,000 BTU, \$40. 364-6510 after 5 p.m.

CHEVY 1987 4 X 4 pick-up truck, "Custom Deluxe 10," 8 cyl., with plow, 102k miles, \$5,800 or best offer. 875-5067.

GEO PRISM, 1990, transmission needs work, \$500 or best offer. 875-5923.

CAR TRAILER, tandem axle, tire rack, 6,000 lb. cap, ready to use for race car or whatever, \$800 or best offer. 875-5072.

CHAIN SAW, Husqvarna #55, with 2 chains and carry case, 1 year old, \$400 new, \$300 or best offer. 875-5072.

GAZELLE FIBERGLASS CANOE, 16', white and ugly but no leaks, \$100. 875-3206.

VANITY COUNTER TOP AND SINK, new, 52", white, already installed, \$75. 875-5374.

RADIAL TIRE, 32", new, balanced and on rim, best offer. 364-6226.

LANDSCAPING TIES and pressure-treated wood, best offer. 364-6226

1982 FULL SIZE BLAZER w/ 8' plow. Runs, plow works well but needs brake and exhaust work -NOT INSPECTABLE! \$700 or offer. Rob 875-7371

PARTIAL LIQUIDATION SALE, August 14, Kenneth W. Chamberlain Farm, Old Wolfeboro Road #7, Alton. Complete haying equipment supplies, including disc mower, tedder, pin wheel rake, bailer, disc harrow; antique furniture, all re-upholstered, natural wood; equine equipment: sleighs, Swiss Wagon imported from Switzerland, harnesses (double and single), horse trailer (for two horses), Western and English saddles, surrey with fringe on top, miscellaneous; Dolls from Chamberlain Collection, limited number. 875-3138.

**WANTED**

GARAGE SPACE FOR 2 BICYCLES, for reasonable cost, in town with space to park automobile while bikes being used. 875-5067.

**TRADE/SWAP**

CHEVY 1987 4 X 4 pick-up truck, "Custom Deluxe 10," 8 cyl., with plow, 102k miles, want to trade for smaller 4 x 4 with plow. 875-5067.

**DAYCARE**

**Tired of large impersonal daycares?  
I provide a safe nurturing family environment  
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**Housekeeper wanted  
from August 30 to October 12.  
Position is part-time, mostly weekdays.  
Experience and references preferred.  
Inquire in person or call 875-6000.**

**CARDS OF THANKS**

Thank you to the 135 people who came to the 5th Annual Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive which was also dedicated to the DeRoche triplets. The Red Cross was able to collect 123 productive pints. Thank you to the donors for their patience and to the volunteers and businesses, such as Farmington National Bank, Village Pizza, and L & C Spring Water, who provided time, food, water, and support. Thanks also go to the businesses who provided space for our signs. The Red Cross will be returning to Alton on February 9, 2000. See you then!

/s/Ann Norman-Burke

Thank you for the many donations you people gave towards the Fire Department Auction/Flea Market. You made it possible for us to have a successful auction.

I personally want to thank my fellow firefighters and my wonderful wife for their hard work and support along the way.

/s/Stark Liedtke, Chairman

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 72 extend our gratitude to Alton's local businesses for their generous contributions to the Teen Dance which was held on July 16. We thank: McGrath's Food Center, McDonalds, Alton Village Store, Alton Home & Garden Center, and Grand Slams Collectibles. Their donations helped make the fund raiser a great success.

/s/Cindy LePoutre, Ladies Auxiliary Historian

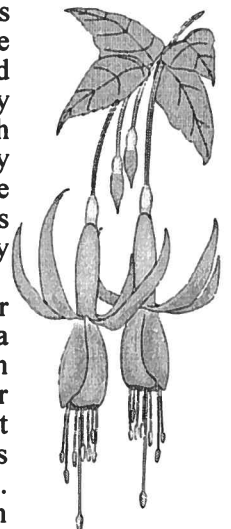
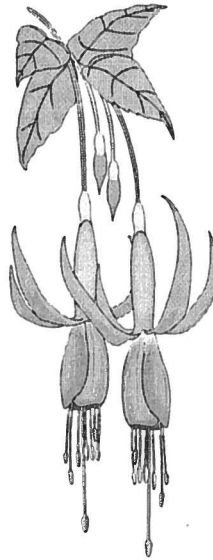
Thanks to the Good Samaritan on Route 11. On Sunday, July 11 I got into my car and headed towards Laconia. My gas gauge was reading very low, so my first planned stop was at the Lakeshore Deli Store. I made it just past Ames Farm and began to climb the hill. My car started to sputter and stall. I was forced to pull over to the side of the road — out of gas!

I grabbed my pocketbook, locked my car, and began to walk towards the store. You can imagine the amount of traffic on the road on a very busy weekend! The very first car to pass me turned around and came back to offer

assistance. The woman who stopped was accompanied by her little white dog. She told me to wait at my car while she returned to her home for a gas can. She quickly returned with a full can of gasoline which she put into my car. She waited until my car started and then followed me to the gas pumps. She gave me a wave and was on her way when she saw that I had safely arrived.

I did not get the opportunity to get her name or to re-fill her gas can or to say a huge thank you. Truly this good samaritan went out of her way for a complete stranger and expected nothing in return. I hope that she receives Main Street and reads this heartfelt thank you from a stranger in need.

/s/Sandy Jackson



# WHAT TO DO WITH...(CERTAIN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS)

By Joseph Harris

Each July the Lakes Region Planning Commission and local communities organize Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day. Residents have the opportunity to bring household products that cannot be disposed of at the local recycling centers or landfills. But what about the materials and items that are not accepted?

Every year lists are published in advance informing us about what will or won't be accepted. Many items collected and saved throughout the year are not included, and little information is available regarding the safe [and legal] disposal of these materials. In the coming months, Main Street will try to inform our readers of the ways to properly dispose of hazardous wastes as they are accumulated.

Main Street publishes the rules and regulations of the Alton Solid Waste Center (SWC) several times a year, and questions regarding the safe and proper disposal of any materials can be answered by calling the SWC at 875-5801.

A common item that is not accepted at the HHW collection is smoke detectors. Many users of this life-saving device are not aware that some newer and most older units contain radioactive material. Used units should be returned to the manufacturer for proper disposal. Check the unit or owners manual for a return address and follow any instructions

given for its safe handling.

Automotive oil can be dropped off at the Alton Town Garage or the Town's recycling center at the SWC, but antifreeze is recommended to be brought to HHW day. Many auto service centers now recycle antifreeze, so why not call your service center and ask if they will accept small quantities. It costs the garages less to recycle this product than to replace it with new, and it saves them from paying costly disposal fees.

With hunting season approaching, many hunters may have old ammunition that needs disposal. Most police departments will properly destroy unused or old ammo. A phone call to the Alton Police Department at 875-0757 will answer any questions regarding the safe disposal of these items.

In following issues of Main Street we will try to guide our readers with safe and proper methods of hazardous waste disposal. If you have any questions about specific items, the N.H. Department of Environmental Services can be reached at 271-2900, or check their web site at <http://www.des.state.nh.us>. If there are issues you would like us to address in upcoming issues, please forward suggestions to Main Street, or call me at 364-6388, and I will try to answer your inquiries.

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