



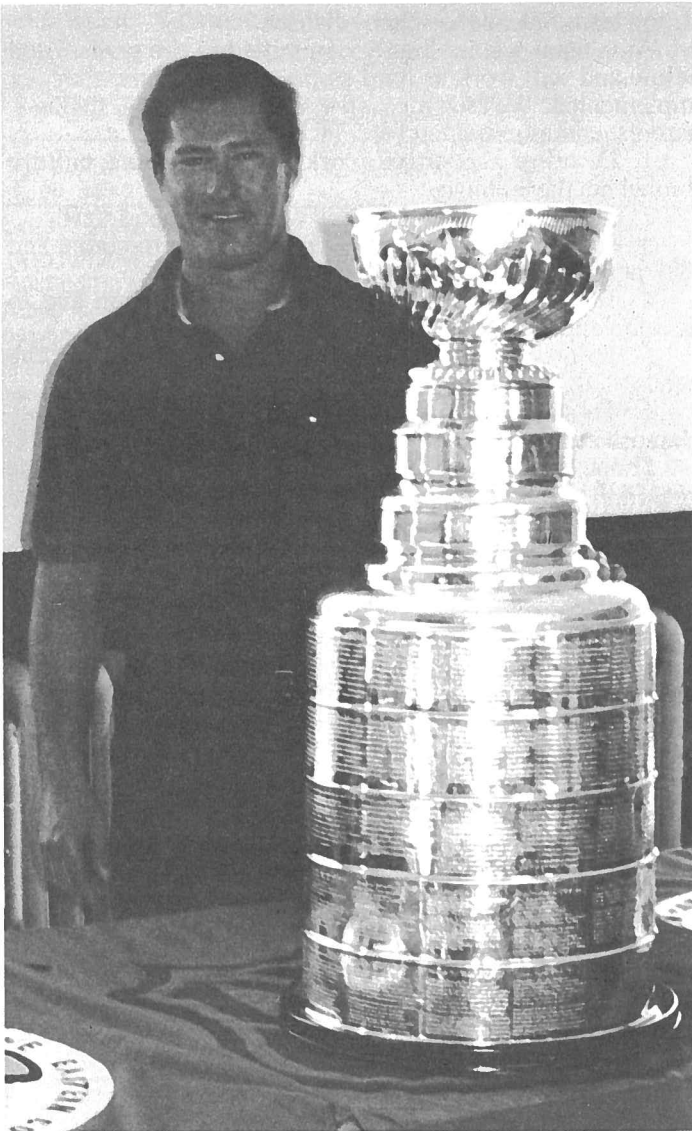
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STANLEY CUP VISITS ALTON

By Bob Longabaugh

Thanks to the civic-mindedness of seasonal resident Bob Carpenter, hockey's renowned Stanley Cup spent the better part of a day in Alton's Town Hall. Carpenter, shown above with the Cup, is the coach of the New Jersey Devils, the current holder of professional ice hockey's championship trophy.

The Stanley Cup is a bit unusual in the world of "trophydom" because it is probably the most traveled of all championship awards. For many years now the Cup has gone to the winning team for its members to take turns having it at their disposal. When it became

SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION MOVES FORWARD

By Wayne Fraser, Alton School Board

On August 10 the Alton Budget Committee held a public hearing regarding the School Board's proposed warrant article seeking to expend \$234,900 from a capital reserve fund established specifically for the acquisition of land for a new school. There is already \$275,000 in the fund. Following the hearing the Budget Committee voted unanimously to recommend the article to the voters.

Earlier in the month the School Board was granted permission from Belknap County Superior Court to hold a special school district meeting. The Deliberative Session of the meeting will be held Saturday, September 9, at the school at 1 p.m. Official balloting will take place on Tuesday, October 10, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140.

For over three years the school district has been looking for a parcel of land suitable to be used for building a new school in order to relieve overcrowding in the current Alton Central School. Over 40 sites ranging in size from 15 to 200 acres have been considered. It is imperative that a site be found. The overcrowding at the existing school is resulting in limited curriculum offerings, lack of space for Special Education and Guidance services, too many students in classes, undersized core facilities (library, gymnasium and cafeteria), and in some cases former storage closets being used as office space. Alton continues to grow and there simply is not enough room in the current school to accommodate this growth. There also is not enough room on the current school site for enough expansion to realistically solve the problem. Student parking is already prohibited and another modular unit (at a cost of \$81,000) was added to the school site this year.

The present land proposal is to acquire three adjacent parcels of land approximately 1 mile south of the traffic circle on the west side of Route 28. The primary lot is 61 acres and

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Carpenter's turn, he thought it might be nice for his summer neighbors to have a chance to see it up front and personal.

The scheduling was done too late to appear in Main Street's August issue, but the Granite State News, local daily newspapers, and Channel 24's "Bulletin Board" publicized the showing so there was a large turnout on August 17. Most everyone had a camera and Carpenter was very accommodating to those requesting his autograph.

Carpenter reminisced that he had many good times in Alton as a boy and some 15 years ago they acquired property in Alton Bay so that their family could become regular summer residents. He even admitted to being a regular reader of Main Street.



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REMINDER TO AUTHORS/CONTRIBUTORS

As a "home town" newspaper Main Street not only welcomes manuscripts for publication which deal with Alton events and other items of local interest, but we are dependent upon them to fulfill our motto of being "the Voice of Alton." Therefore, we are anxious to receive articles and stories that meet the above criteria.

Submit your material to be received by the 15th of the month at P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, or place it in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Bank of New Hampshire by 3 p.m. of that day. All submissions **must contain a name and phone number** so that its author can be verified and additional details obtained as needed.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK
By Donald Parks
Superintendent of Schools



ACHIEVING OUR GOALS

In the first issue of the Alton School District Newsletter, I listed my personal goals for the year. In this article I would like to focus on the goals of the administrative team at Alton Central School. The team is comprised of the Superintendent of Schools, the building Principal, two Assistant Principals (one for grades K-8 and the other for grades 9-12), Director of Special Education, and Director of Guidance. This blend of existing administrators with new members should make a strong team to lead the school district.

As a team we are highly committed to the goals listed below and will work as hard as possible to insure they are implemented. We look forward to working with the students, parents, community members, faculty, and staff.

1. Develop a positive working climate and culture throughout the building.
2. Establish open-door policy with faculty and staff.
3. To be a true team and place issues on the table and look at them in a professional manner.
4. To evaluate, revise, and rewrite curriculum and to develop appropriate assessment instruments.
5. To promote academic excellence and to serve the needs of all students.
6. To make Alton the best school district in New Hampshire.

Hope everyone in our community sees the value of these goals and will help play a part in their implementation.

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the other two total 6.34 acres. The two smaller lots are needed to have enough frontage along Route 28 for road improvements. They will also allow for the district to own its own SAU Office rather than renting space. This will save over \$6,000 per year. It is also hoped some of the land will be salable once the road improvement is complete. The total usable acreage should prevent the current situation from reoccurring in the future by allowing for expansion. Wetlands and soil tests have been conducted on the site and it appears suitable for a school.

The voters now must decide how to proceed. Please plan on participating in this important decision for Alton's future by attending the Deliberative Session on September 9 and voting on October 10.

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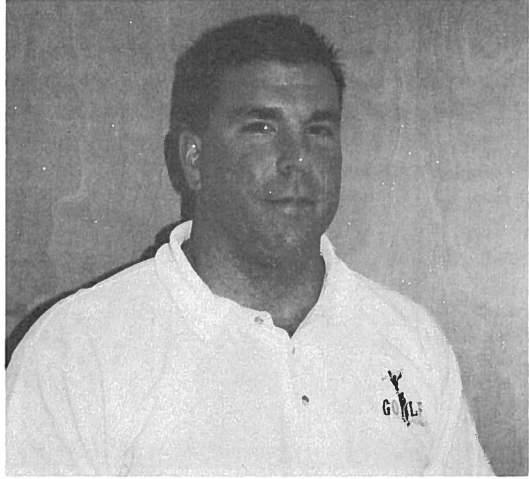
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Main Street's Inside Front Page



NEW PRINCIPAL STARTS SCHOOL YEAR

By Bob Longabaugh

Alton is starting its new school year with lots of fresh faces. Add to the new Superintendent of Schools introduced in Main Street last month (page 3) that of Alton Central School's (ACS) new Principal **Russell E. Holden** who was on hand to greet returning students as classes resumed on August 29. Holden comes to Alton from being the Assistant Principal of Spaulding High School in Rochester for the past three years.

Holden started his career in education in Massachusetts with a Bachelors in Physical Education from Springfield College and a Masters in Leadership and Administration from Fitchburg State College. His experience dates from substitute teaching while also serving as soccer and track and field coach at Newton North High School in Newton. Not incidentally, the school accomplished a soccer Suburban League title under Holden's coaching. From Newton he moved to the Lighthouse School in Chelmsford, where he devoted ten years to the needs of students with emotional and behavioral disabilities by serving as the supervisor of athletics and physical education, while concurrently rising in the administrative ranks to become a leading force in the school's Programs Application team concentrating on conflict resolution and scheduling issues. Holden now reflects on those years (until Alton) as "the best experience in my life." From the Lighthouse School he went to Rochester's Spaulding High.

Beyond his professional life Holden holds his family life dear. He has been married to Paula for three years, and they now have a very new son of a few months, Joshua Russell. Paula is a pre-school coordinator in the Town of Epping. Russell remains very active in physical fitness through an active daily program for himself and pursuing hobbies in soccer, hockey, and downhill skiing. When he slows down, he goes fishing.

Asked about his aspirations for what he will be known for as Principal of ACS, Holden reflects for hardly a moment to cite that he is very excited to have this opportunity to "get Alton to a level of education that it really deserves to be at." He quickly adds that in order to get there, it is important to maintain an "open door" policy where he is always ready to receive and listen to anyone with a stake in Alton education. There you have it Alton. The door is open.

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPROACHING 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Bob Calvert

How many local volunteer organizations can point to 50 years of existence and continuing service to that town and its people? Not very many! But one that can is the Alton Historical Society, which in December of 2000 will observe its 50th anniversary. In December, 1950, under its first president, the Rev. Dr. W. D. Swaffield, the society was organized and by-laws prepared. Seventeen years later in 1967 it was incorporated (non-profit) and has been continuously active ever since.

It is fascinating to review some 50 years of organization and executive board "minutes" and get a picture of the organization's highlights and challenges over that period. Some 23 presidents have served, as well as over 40 other officers and trustees in this period. The current president and one of its most active of all time is Jean Roberts of East Alton.

It is safe to estimate that over 2,000 Alton citizens have been listed in its membership. Active membership in some years has moved from a low of 12 to a high of 74. What is its mission? Though variously stated at different times, it is generally indicated as "encouragement in the history of Alton for this and future generations."

A unique characteristic of this fine group for all its 50 years is its status as a sort of "orphan" without a permanent home. A whole series of temporary homes for its "museum" made for a fuzzy and challenging operation. And finally in June of 1998, the Gilman Library Trustees, following completion of their remodeling campaign, made space available to the society in a room downstairs under the adult wing of the library. The agreement ensures ten years of "home" and still the long-term search will go on.

The society achieves its mission largely through the quality and innovativeness of its monthly programs from April to October each year. Hundreds have been presented! These programs have been for its members, as well as the general public, and have been local cultural highlights for years.

Occasionally the Alton Historical Society will join with another group to present a co-sponsored program for both memberships and the general public. These include the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, Bicentennial Commission, and Friends of the Gilman Library. A recent example was the combination of Historical Societies from Belmont, Gilmanton, and Alton in bringing to life a sparkling Eleanor Roosevelt in her post-FDR days' activities.

One of the most productive and unique highlights occurred in the mid-80's with a "partnership" between the society and fourth graders of the Alton Central School. The students got involved with society programs and projects and from time to time put on their own programs for the society. Over several years a large portion of a whole generation became exposed to the development of Alton history! Though not now in effect, efforts are being made to reestablish this "partnership."

The Alton Historical Society is still welcoming new members. We urge your exploration to become better acquainted with Alton's rich history. Volunteer docents are on duty in this season on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 - 4 p.m. to welcome and help visitors.

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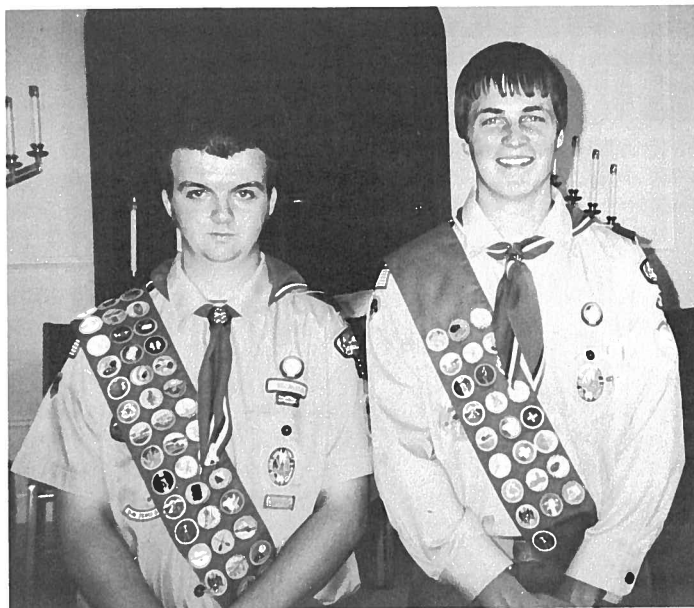
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ALTON SCOUTS ACHIEVE EAGLE RANK

A Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts, Daniel F. Moulton (on the left) and W. Michael Murray (right) of Troop 53, Boy Scouts of America in Alton, was held in the Congregational Meeting House in July. Records of the Daniel Webster Council show that Mike and Dan are the first members in Troop 53's history of more than 40 years to achieve scouting's highest rank. The Eagle medal and other awards were presented by Scoutmaster Bruce Yelle. Also present were Scoutmasters and executive leaders from Abnaki District, members of Troop 53, family, and friends, over 100 people.

Mike, a 2000 graduate of Alton Central High School, is the son of Bill and Joan Murray of Old Wolfeboro Road. He completed the project requirement for the Eagle rank by landscaping and lighting the area around the flagpole at the Alton Central Fire Station.

Dan is the son of Stanley and Barbara Moulton of Route 140 and is a senior at St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont. His project was building a sign/bulletin board with a roof over it and a flower garden around the base for Kingdom Community Services in St. Johnsbury.

Participating with the Scoutmaster in the ceremony were: Shirley Ford, Troop Committee Chair, as Master of Ceremonies; Herb Portigue, former Abnaki District Commissioner; Pete Daley, Scoutmaster of Troop 186, Rochester; Michael Curran, Scoutmaster of Troop 172, Dover; Deputy Fire Chief Al Johnson; and the Reverend Jay Sprout, pastor of North Congregational Church, UCC, St. Johnsbury, Vermont. The Scoutmaster presented the Eagle medals to the scouts' fathers who then pinned them on their son's uniform. The mothers received a miniature Eagle pin. Each Eagle spoke, thanking all who had helped them and urging the younger scouts to keep working toward becoming Eagles.

A plaque engraved with the Eagles' names was presented to Troop 53 by the Murray and Moulton families. It will be mounted on the wall of the meeting room at the fire station to encourage others in the troop to complete the Eagle requirements so that their names can be added to it.

Troop 53 thanks all who worked to make the ceremony a memorable one. Special thanks to Alton's Hidden Treasures for donating the lovely flowers and to the Community Church of Alton for making the beautiful sanctuary available as a most inspiring setting. Troop 53 greatly appreciates the Alton Fire Department's sponsorship to the troop and for their continued support which makes scouting in Alton possible.

Without God, it's a vicious circle.



In a world too often ruled by war, hunger, disease and inhumanity, our church believes there is hope. Join us and grow in the faith and fellowship of Jesus Christ.

The Christian Churches of Alton
The Bay Church ~ The Community Church ~ St. Joan of Arc
(see Information Center for worship times)

THE LATEST FROM ACSP

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) ended the month of July having served 24 adults and 27 children in its food pantry with two new families being added to the list of recipients. The ACSP additionally continued in its offering of financial assistance by helping several families to receive assistance through St. Vincent dePaul, one of several resources available to the ACSP.

Referrals were also provided for both job and housing assistance, as well as in several other areas. The ACSP frequently receives requests to provide assistance in locating housing. Information regarding available housing during this tight market is always appreciated.

The food pantry will be closed on Saturday, September 2, during the Labor Day weekend.

We are grateful for the continued assistance of Caregivers in providing Alton residents with transportation to needed medical appointments. More volunteers are always needed for both Caregivers and for Saturday assistance in our food pantry. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 875-2273.

RALLY DAY

By Bob Hett, Pastor, The Bay Church

The Bay Church will celebrate Rally Day at the Alton Bay waterfront on Sunday, September 10, beginning with a special Rally Day Sunday school program in the Alton Bay Community Center (old railroad depot) at 9 a.m. Weather permitting, there will be one final outdoor bandstand service when the church comes together in worship at 10:30 a.m.

A special guest for both the Sunday school program and the morning worship will be Rev. John Udall of Barnstead, a

Christian illusionist.

Mrs. Shirley Holway, Education Director, also announces that there will be games and refreshments for all who attend the Sunday school program. A "Pot-Faith" luncheon will follow the outdoor worship service.

As Pastor of the Bay Church I will be speaking on the topic "Living Above" so as to introduce a series of messages for the fall based upon the biblical book of Philippians. Special music will be provided by the Bay Church Ensemble.

To climax the day Chuck and Nita Merrill will present a Gospel Concert in the chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center at 6 p.m. In case of inclement weather the morning service will also be held in the Moore Chapel.

On Sunday, September 17, the Bay Church will revert to its regular schedule with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring "A Hitting the Books Luncheon" on Wednesday, September 13, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Beginning Lessons" is the Special Feature with Mal Howley from Laconia Pottery with a sampler of rubber stamping. "Music Lessons" is the Special Music with Susan Farah of Meredith and "Lessons for Living" will be presented by Special Speaker Alison Towle from Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Reservations for the lunch and the available complimentary nursery may be made by calling: in Alton — Janet at 875-2032 between 2 - 6 p.m. or Kim at 875-8173; in Gilford — Harriet at 524-7194 or Faith at 293-8073.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Betty Locke

Shaker Village in Canterbury will be the destination of the Alton Garden Club on Tuesday, September 26. There will be a guided tour of the facility, and a box lunch will be provided.

The cost will be \$12.95 if there are more than 20 participants; if there are less than 20, the cost will be \$15.95. This covers the entrance fee, the guided tour, and the box lunch.

Those planning to attend should meet at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street at 8:30 a.m. to car pool.

FALL BULB FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

The Belknap County Conservation District's sixth annual Fall Bulb Fundraising Program is underway. Of the 43 types of bulbs from which you can choose, 35 are new, including varieties of tulip, daffodil, crocus, lilies, iris, and hyacinth. Also, for the first time, you have the choice of picking up your order or having it mailed to you. Orders are due by September 9 with pick up on Saturday, October 7 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. in the parking lot of the Federal Building, 719 North Main Street, Laconia. For more information, or to have an order form sent to you, please call 528-8713 or go to Room 203 of the Federal Building. Let BCCD help you make your garden bloom in technicolor next spring.

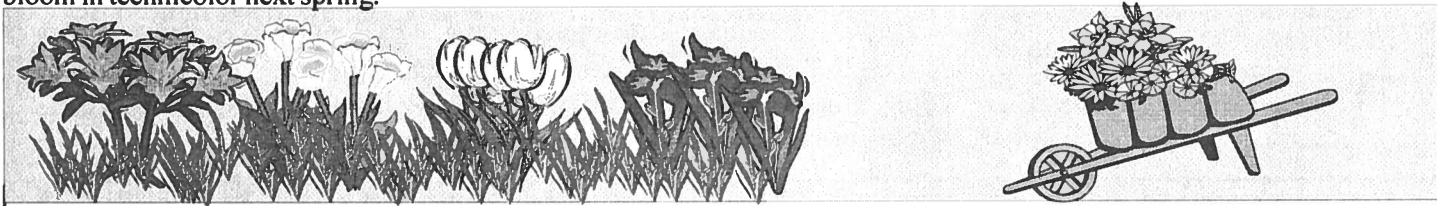
"THE YANKEE LUMBERJACK" HIGHLIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m. the Gilman Library is the locale for speaker Dick Fortin's logging program under the title of "The Yankee Lumberjack." The popular logger and outdoors educator from Snowville will show old tools of New England logging, sideshows, and a short skit about logging. At one time logging was a huge business in New Hampshire; it had a revival as farms and farming disappeared which then allowed the woods to grow back in.

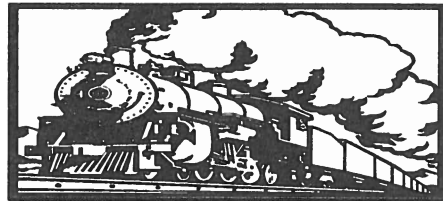
ST. CYR HONORED

Meghan St. Cyr, who will be a senior this fall at Alton Central High School, graduated from the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School in Concord on July 30. Meghan was one of 246 New Hampshire high school juniors selected to attend this program.

While in the program each student concentrates on a major subject and takes a writing workshop. Highlights of Meghan's program included College Day, a visit to the JFK Library, and a trip to New York City. This intensive five-week program offers talented New Hampshire high school juniors challenging educational opportunities otherwise unavailable to them. Students apply in the fall of their junior year for attendance in the summer before their senior year.



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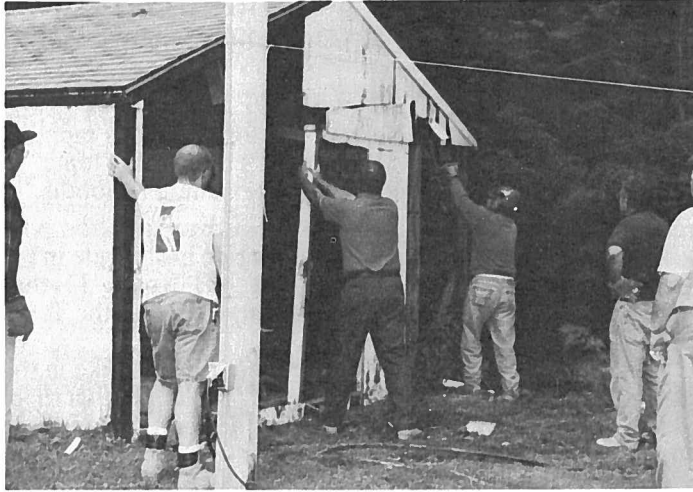
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ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB

By Susan Hoover

Norman and Agnes Dugas of Alton Bay needed an old shed taken down on their property and decided to make a deal with the Lions Club. They would give a substantial donation to the club if the members would become a demolition crew for the evening.

The "Chainsaw Massacre Gang" of 10 or 11 club members, plus one volunteer, took just a few hours to take down the large shed (as shown above) and then load the debris into trucks for dumping. There was an amazing amount of expertise and teamwork. And it was fun!

Sometimes community service takes on a new face and most definitely a new challenge.

**MUM SALE TO BENEFIT
GILMAN LIBRARY BUILDING FUND**

On Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., the Gilman Library will be having its annual mum sale to benefit the building fund. The mums are made available by Sunflower Gardens. The library staff is looking for volunteers to help with the sale on either or both days. Call them at 875-2550 to sign up for some hours. Mark your calendar so you can take advantage of this great sale.

VOLUNTEER AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

The new school year is upon us and once again volunteer help is being sought. Alton Central School has always had a tremendous amount of volunteers to help make the school year a little bit better. In the papers your child received from the school on the first day, the Volunteer Registration form was one of them.

Please take a minute and read over all the ways you can help; mark one or more if you are able and return it as soon as possible. Your responses will be matched with the teacher requests received. There will be the usual beginning of the year Volunteer Tea on Wednesday, September 27, at 3 p.m. in the Elementary Resource Center (the elementary library). Take this chance to meet the new principal and superintendent and learn more about the school. Do try to attend.

If you do not have any children in the school system but would like to volunteer anyway (there is always need for willing helpers), you can call Laurie Boyce, volunteer coordinator, at 875-7371 to get more information or request a form (which can also be obtained at the school main office).

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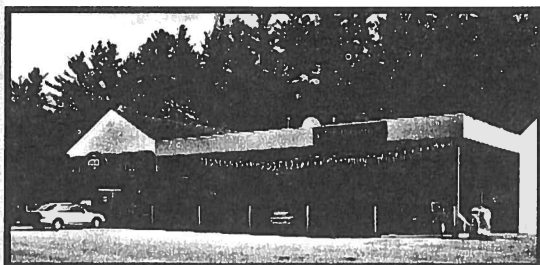


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**TO PROTECT AND SERVE
By Detective Glenna Heath**

RULES OF THE "BAY"

I chose this topic for this month's article because it's been a "hot topic" in the Bay over the summer months. I

recently spoke with a young man who lives in Alton who asked me if it was true that he couldn't ride his bicycle in the Bay. (The "Bay" is that area off NH Route 11 that encompasses the parking lot and grounds around the Town docks and community center.)

I told him that it's true — he cannot ride his bike in the Bay. He, of course, asked "why not?" I told him that there is an Alton Town Ordinance that says he can't ride his bike in the Bay. The young man then asked why is there such an ordinance.

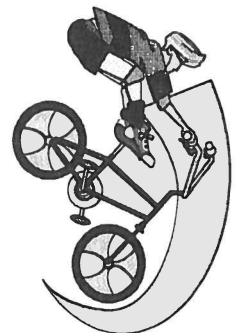
I tried to explain to him that the Bay area is there for everyone to enjoy. If there are people walking around and cars pulling in and out of the parking lot it becomes a safety issue with kids on bikes and skateboards. I told him that there have been many complaints over the years from people who walk in the Bay that they have come close to being run over by bikes and skateboards. If you want to skateboard, the skateboard park located behind the Central Fire Station on Route 140 is the place to go.

On the same note, I received a letter from an elderly lady who lives in Alton who didn't want me to use her name. She wanted to know what can be done about the young people who persistently "hang out" in the Bay. She said the kids on bicycles and skateboards "whiz by" her, riding on the sidewalks. She also commented on the use of profanity by the young people as well as playing their music too loudly. She asked "aren't there any rules in the Bay?"

There are "Rules of the Bay," and they may be found in the Town Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relative to the Regulation of Town Property and Prohibiting Disorderly Conduct in Certain Public Places." In a nutshell this covers what can NOT be done in the Bay — which includes using obscene language or gestures, playing a car stereo too loud, riding a bike or skateboard, squealing car tires, or riding a "wheelie" on a motorcycle.

I hope that this has answered these questions and given everyone else an idea of what is acceptable behavior in the Bay. The most important thing to remember is that we all have to get along and have patience as well as respect for each other because everyone has a right to enjoy the Bay.

If you would like a copy of this ordinance, it's available at the Police Department or at Town Hall.



MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

Moms in Touch will start up again Monday, September 11. Our plan is to meet each Monday at 9 a.m. at different homes each month. For the month of September we will be at my home (236F Stockbridge Corner Road).

If you would like to attend and have small children, please call ahead so we can arrange child care. I am really looking forward to meeting some new Moms, as well as watching God answer prayer and work in our children's lives.

Don't forget, we are a non-denominational group with no political agenda. Please call me at 875-2866 for directions if you would like to join us for a fantastic time of prayer.



ALTON WELCOMES NEW BANK MANAGER

The Bank of New Hampshire is pleased to announce that Christine Harris (shown above) is now the manager of the Alton branch. Christine has been with Bank of New Hampshire since January 1998 and was previously the manager of the Gilford branch.

Originally from London, England, Christine has lived in the Lakes Region for the past 20 years. An active member of the community, she is involved in the Career Development Program for Young Adults and for the past three years has served as the Treasurer of the Lakes Region Sled Dog Club.

Christine replaces Cecile Chase who was promoted to the Wolfeboro branch of the bank. Cecile has already mentioned to Main Street about how much she misses her friends in Alton.

ABOUT THE WEST NILE VIRUS

By Joe Harris

Responding to the recent concerns of crows infected with the West Nile virus, New Hampshire has set up a new lab and a 24-hour information line. As Main Street goes to print (8/18), there have been no confirmed cases of the virus found in the state, although in the Boston area 12 birds have been discovered and confirmed to be carrying the virus. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has made funds available to the state to help establish and staff the hotline and lab.

The West Nile virus is carried by mosquitoes and can cause encephalitis, an infection attacking the central nervous system and brain stem. The disease can be deadly, particularly to the elderly, infants, and people with immune deficiencies. There is no vaccine or specific treatment, other than to control the high fever and fluid loss associated with the infection. The virus first appeared in New York last summer and has been blamed for seven deaths and 62 infections.

As mosquito season reaches its peak in late August, you need to protect yourself from infection. Limit early morning and early evening outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active. Wear clothing with long sleeves and legs to limit exposed skin. Bug sprays and lotions can be applied to repel the biting insects. Check window and door screens for tears and breaks that allow flying insects entry to houses. Don't forget to check around the house and yard for areas that can act as mosquito breeding pools. Empty buckets and cans, especially after rainfall. Fortunately cool weather and above average rainfall has kept the mosquito population down.

The info line number is (603) 271-2404 and can also be reached at night and on weekends. Officials are accepting only crows or birds found in large numbers for testing.



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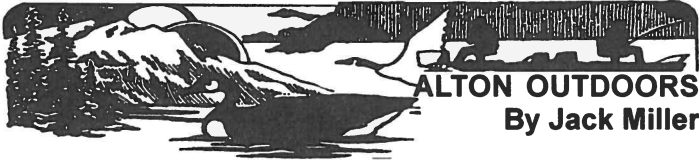


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ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

A MIDDLE MONTH

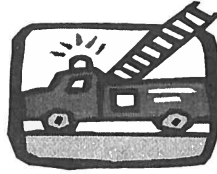
September is one of those middle months, kind of “in-between” the seasons. Summer is ending and fall is beginning — fishing season is ending and hunting season is beginning.

September 30 is the closing of salmon/lake trout fishing season on New Hampshire’s lakes. One may still fish for bass, pickerel, perch, northern pike, and walleye. Trout ponds and fly fishing only ponds are still open until October 15. This is a great month to continue fishing. The water is cooling down, and there are fewer “pleasure boats” on the lakes. Go out and have fun.

This month also starts the hunting seasons. September 1 is opening day for two of the three black bear seasons here in Alton, Unit J2. Our general black bear hunting season is September 1 - November 12; our baiting season is September 1 - 21; and our dog season is September 22 - November 9. Other wildlife management units have various opening and closing dates, so be sure to check the regulations for the area you wish to hunt.

September 15 opens archery deer hunting season everywhere in New Hampshire. This is a very challenging sport where one has to get *real* close to the deer. The deer’s eyes, ears, and especially their noses, as well as your own possible “buck fever” must be dealt with to be successful. There is a good crop of acorns being produced this year; it makes a good starting point for finding deer.

You may chose to fish or hunt or a little of both, or simply be out in Alton’s outdoors as nature changes her seasons. It is an experience anyone can enjoy. See you there!



STILL A WAY TO GO

The Alton Fire and Rescue Department would like to thank all those who have donated to their fund-raising program to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera. The many hazards found within today’s emergency situations require a greater level of technology to protect firefighting personnel. Not only is the camera a tremendous aid in carrying out search and rescue, but it is also very effective in pinpointing fires behind walls and obstructions.

The Department still has a ways to go before reaching their goal of \$22,000, so pass the word along. There are colorful T-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase at the Alton Village 5 & 10 to help offset the cost of the camera.

The Department also wants to thank everyone for their patronage during their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q which was held on August 12. It was successful for yet another year thanks to the patrons and those who helped with set-up, serving, clean-up, and the many other tasks involved.

SEVEN CHILDREN ATTEND CAMP

By Linda Troendle, Salvation Army Representative

This is the 12th year the community has pulled together to send children to the Salvation Army Camp at Lake Sebago in Maine. Thanks to the generous donations of the Salvation Army, Alton Police Association, Alton Firemen, Inc., Alton-New Durham Lions Club, Alton School, and the Town of Alton, seven children had a week of relaxation and fun.

Thank you to one and all for your help with this event.



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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Sat. Aug. 26 CHICKEN BBQ, Masonic Hall, 4 - 7 p.m., see story
- Fri. 1 BEACH SOCIAL, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (ABCCC), 8 p.m.
- Sat. 2 JEFF STEINBURG IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 3 DR. PAUL TOMS, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mon. 4 LABOR DAY
- Tue. 5 SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST, Town Hall for voter registration, 7 - 9 p.m.
- Wed. 6 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 9 DELIBERATIVE SESSION for Special School District Meeting, Alton Central School, 1 p.m., see story
- Mon. 11 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout Desk
- Tue. 12 NH STATE PRIMARY VOTE, Alton Central Fire Station, Route 140, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Wed. 13 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
- BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 14 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Sat. 16 MUM SALE, Gilman Library, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
- Sun. 17 MUM SALE, Gilman Library, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
- Tue. 19 HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM, Gilman Library, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 20 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 21 "TREKNG THE ANNAPURNA CIRCUIT," Gilman Library, 7 p.m., see Checkout Desk
- Tue. 26 GARDEN CLUB TRIP, 8:30 a.m., see story
- Wed. 27 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 28 ASSEMBLE Main Street, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 30 SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST, Town Hall for voter registration, 11 a.m. - 12 noon

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

A REMINDER TO ADVERTISERS

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It is up to the advertiser to get copy and payment in by the 15th. Send them to the Advertising Manager either by placing them in the rural mail box in the Bank of New Hampshire in Alton or to P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay, NH 03810.

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STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

By Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

The State Primary Election will be held at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Republican and Democratic candidates will be chosen for the following positions: Governor, Representative in Congress, Executive Councilor, State Senator, (3) State Representatives for District 5, State Representative for District 6, Sheriff, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate, County Commissioner, and Republican Delegate to the State Convention.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office. An application must be completed by a registered voter before a ballot can be handed out or mailed. Faxed applications cannot be accepted because an original signature is required. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 5 p.m. on Monday, September 11, to accept any absentee ballots. On election day the absentee ballots will be accepted by Mail Only.

Whether or not you are already registered, read the following article: Voters, Check This Out!

VOTE
 September 9
 &
 September 12



VOTERS, CHECK THIS OUT!

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Supervisors of Checklist

Voters, you need to mark your calendars if you need a reminder as to what day you can register (if you cannot get into Town Hall during their regular hours) with us for the privilege of exercising your voting rights.

September 5 — Register to vote in the NH State Primary and School Deliberative Session, Town Hall from 7 - 9 p.m.

September 30 — Register to vote in the Special School District Meeting (taking place on October 10), Town Hall from 11 a.m. - 12 noon.

The Deliberative Session to finalize the warrant for the Special School District Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 9, Alton Central School, 1 p.m. PLEASE, be aware that if you wish to vote at this session, you must be a registered voter in the Town of Alton before that date. You cannot register to vote that day, but you can register on Tuesday, September 5 from 7 - 9 p.m.

The NH State Primary will be from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, at the Alton Central Fire Station. You can register as a new voter on that day with the Supervisors of the Checklist. You MUST BRING with you two proofs of identification, one of which proves your physical residency in Alton (a Post Office Box number is NOT a physical residence).

BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Town of Alton Budget Committee announces that there is a vacancy on the committee. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual to learn about our Town Government, our School System and the budget process. Please contact Alan Sherwood, committee chair, at 293-7041 or e-mail <alans@tiac.net> if you are interested.



Main Street's Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, Labor Day Weekend - Sat. Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.; Sat. Concert, 7:30 p.m.; Sun. Services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; information 875-6161

Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road

Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Woship Services 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; Wed. night Family Supper, 6 p.m. and Fellowship Groups, 7 p.m., Lombard Center Dining Hall; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor, Rev. John Fogell, Assoc. Pastor

Community Church — Sun. Services, 8:30 and 10 a.m.; Baptist Meeting House, Main Street; Wed. Day Camp, June 28 - August 23, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; 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 — Weekend Masses in Tent by Parish Hall; Services, Sat., 5 p.m., Sun., 8 and 11 a.m., Weekday Masses in Parish Hall; 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.; 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.

SENIOR MEAL SITE: 875-7102

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

SOLID WASTE CENTER: 875-5801

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Rines Road Pit — Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

TOWN HALL: 875-2161

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

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

Community Services Program, Sat., 2 - 4 p.m., 875-2273

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 — 2nd Tue. (in season), Library

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

Girl Scout Jr. Troop 630, Wed., 5 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center.

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

Historical Society — Watch for announcements of programs, Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629

Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., Foxy Johnnie's Restaurant, New Durham, 6:30 p.m.

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

Moms In Touch — Mon., 875-2866

P.T.S.A. — 3rd Wed., 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

CALL 875-5067 TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 p.m., 5th Monday, 8:30 a.m., Chairman James C. Washburn, call 875-2161 for appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Alan Sherwood, 293-7041.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.

FIRE WARDS — 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-2910

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 Dick Jones, 875-3855.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets on call, Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.

PLANNING BOARD — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Bonnie Dunbar; call 875-5095 for appointment.

SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Joyce Hopper, 776-8733

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meets on call, Chairman MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.

TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:45 p.m., Chairman David Countway, 875-2550.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.

WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8 a.m., Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.

*DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION

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OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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N.H. SENATE

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

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James C. Washburn, Chairman, 364-7413

Harold M. Bothwick, Jr., 875-6262

Stephan McMahon, 875-6322

Arnold ("Pete") Shibley, 875-2849

Reuben Wentworth, 875-3388

CHICKEN BARBECUE

By Muriel Stinson

The public is cordially invited to attend a chicken barbecue at the Masonic Hall located off the traffic circle, Route 28 South, in Alton. The date is Saturday, August 26; the time is 4 - 7 p.m.; the price is \$7. The menu will consist of chicken, cole slaw, corn, ice cream sandwich, and beverage. The proceeds will benefit the Winnepesaukee Masonic Building Association.

A GOOD SHOW FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste Day, held on July 29, was deemed a great success by the Alton Conservation Commission. Although final collection figures were not available at press time, Justine ("Brownie") Gengras, who coordinates Alton's participation in the annual collection, reports that this year's turnout at the Gilford location, was the largest yet.

Each year substantial amounts of hazardous waste are collected from around the Lakes Region for recycling or proper disposal. And each successive year has seen an increase in local participation. Results of the survey taken by volunteers at the various collection sites were not completed as Main Street goes to press, but will be reported when made available. Environmental awareness and growing participation may result in a permanent drop-off site operating year round. Main Street will report on further developments.

For those who are "environmentally aware," we owe a sincere salute to Brownie Gengras for her steadfastness over the years in fostering Alton's participation in this annual event.



TOWN HALL NOTES

By Ray Houle

Town Administrator



WHAT'S AVAILABLE

At the suggestion of many Selectmen, this office is trying to put together any information about events or benefits available to the citizens of Alton. One example is a meeting I attended recently with the Belknap County Economic Development Corporation. During this meeting I got plenty of information of assistance that is available to businesses in Alton. This help can be from writing a business plan to sources for loans for business expansion to just about anything that will help businesses grow and prosper.

I also learned of a publication that is being put together to be called "Yule on the Lakes." It will be to promote any holiday activity that is taking place. If you know of any activity that you would like publicized, please contact this office (875-2161) so we can include it in the publication.

When this office receives a question, we try to find the answer. In doing so we learn, and that's important to us. There are few questions that haven't been asked before, and once we know the answer, the second time is easy. We recognize that we do not know everything, but we're trying. Let us know if you have any information to pass on, and let us know if we can help you with any question or problem. We don't promise miracles — just our 100 per cent effort to serve you.

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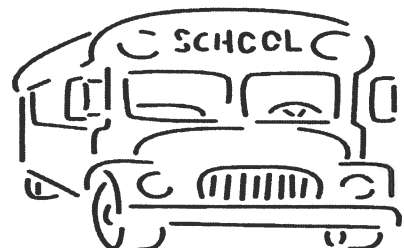
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MT. MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER

By Sandy Jackson

The Mount Major Community Center has a new look this season. The hardwood floor in the main hall has been sanded and refinished. The resulting shine is awesome! We are located on Route 11, next door to the West Alton Fire Station, if you would like to drop by for a look.

It has been a busy rental season for the center. We reopened for rentals in April and will remain available through the end of October, weather permitting. The U. S. Census workers utilized the hall as a base for their efforts during much of the summer. We are pleased to welcome back Lynn Brooks and her group of quilters every Thursday — such a talented bunch! The center was also the site for a wedding reception, a surprise 50th birthday party, and a Jack and Jill shower.

Many residents of Alton and Gilford attended a meeting at the center which was put on by the Department of Transportation and Selectmen from Alton and Gilford. The purpose of this meeting was to share information about a possible by-pass for Route 11.

We are currently involved in a fund raiser. All proceeds will go towards the continued efforts to maintain this fine rental facility. A handmade quilt (thanks to Lynn Brooks) and a crocheted afghan (thanks to Priscilla Farrell) are being raffled off on November 11. Look for our table on election day or get tickets from any of the following MMCC members: Kitty Croes (875-7165), Priscilla Farrell, Lynn Brooks, Brian Fortier, Laurie Coffey, Davie Merfeld, Dan Downard, Jane King, or Sandy Jackson.

This group meets on a monthly basis during our rental season. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact any of the members listed above. Thanks for your continued support. It really makes a difference!



SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER
By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**Insistently the signs remind us:
Summer's just about behind us!
But surely Fall will sport a face
To keep us in the "Upper" case!**

For a pleasant change of pace, our annual meeting was held at Sandy Point Restaurant. Dominic Giuliano conducted the installation ceremony for the 2000-2001 officers prior to dinner. President Evelyn Nardo thanked everyone for their support in the past year and expressed hope that the members would continue to have faith in her leadership in her new term of office. President Nardo announced that our flea market will be held Saturday, September 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Volunteers are needed as well as articles to be sold. Please see Evelyn at the Senior Center or call 875-7102 to offer your services. Tables may be rented for \$5 and refreshments will be served.

Trip coordinator Ginny Myers announces that on Tuesday, September 19, the seniors will go to Boston for a tour of the USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") and Faneuil Hall (Quincy Marketplace) with lunch at the Charter House. Ginny would like the \$40 fare by September 12. We need to sign up 35 people or the trip will be cancelled. Call her at 875-5713 or sign up at the Center. She is also planning a trip in October on the Hobo Train in Lincoln. See the next issue of Main Street for full details.

The Community Action Program director from Concord informs us that there will be a Wellness Fair on September



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Editors' Note: Last month Main Street reported on page 3 the fact that The Alton Community Services Program is coordinating with Caregivers of Wolfeboro to provide rides to doctors and medical services. As stated in the article, Caregivers has an "immediate and urgent need" for more volunteers to provide the transportation for those who cannot drive themselves. In order to really appreciate what this organization is and does, Main Street is providing the article below.

**CAREGIVERS OF THE WOLFEBORO AREA
SERVE ALTON**

By Shirley Bentley

Caregivers of the Wolfeboro Area, an all-volunteer organization, is over ten years old in this area. The Caregiver program, however, is statewide and nationwide. Each group has designed its program to fit the immediate community. In New Hampshire, Caregivers of the Wolfeboro Area is one of only two all-volunteer programs. Others have paid administrators.

Caregivers of the Wolfeboro Area has a group of coordinators who serve as the Board of Directors. Meetings are held monthly to set policies, discuss problems, and review achievements and statistics. The coordinators are the voices on the phone when a request is received.

It is confusing to many to learn that Caregivers has no office. Through "call-forwarding" the request goes directly to the home phone of the coordinator on duty. The phone is in operation from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The logistics are really very simple. A client calls the phone number (569-6780). The coordinator on duty determines the need, the date, time, and location. The coordinator checks the list of volunteers who have offered to do what has been requested and calls the volunteer. The volunteer agrees to do the assignment, and the coordinator gives all the information to the volunteer. The coordinator then reports back to the client with the name of the volunteer.

Because Caregivers is an all-volunteer program, there are no charges for the services provided. Donations are accepted and go toward mileage reimbursement for volunteers who request it, as well as payment for the phone connection.

While transportation is the service most requested, volunteers are also available for friendly visiting, respite time, chores, etc. However, the untrained volunteers may give no personal care.

Services are provided generally in the same geographic area as that of the Visiting Nurse Association of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity ("Vicinity" being Alton). Because of this volunteers are needed in the same areas. Obviously, it is inefficient to send, for example, a Wolfeboro volunteer to Alton to bring a client to Huggins for a doctor's appointment.

While statistics for individual towns are not available, it is interesting to note that for the first six months of 1999, 804 requests had been received and in 2000, 835. This has been the trend each year.

The need for volunteers is great, especially in Alton, as it seems there are more calls every week from that area. Call 569-6780 for more information or to volunteer to become a Caregiver caring for Alton.

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HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
by Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

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Have we really had summer? Is the rain back? It feels more like spring.

The excavator arrived and the operation of widening Rines Road was begun. Hopefully the operation of widening Lily Pond and Mirimichie Roads was started in early August.

We continued to clean culverts and ditch and grade the graveled roads, but due to the amount of rain, it delayed our operations at times. We continue to ask for your patience throughout all these projects.

During September we will be shimming Gilman's Corner and Chestnut Cove Roads, as well as chip sealing Rines Road, Quarry Road, Prospect Mt. Road, and Hollywood Beach Road. Please expect delays.

Again we thank you for your understanding; please do not hesitate to call us at 875-6808 if you see any problems. Remember Public Safety Is Our Number One Concern!

AN APOLOGY TO CHRIS

By Linda Roy, ACS Guidance Department

The Guidance Department offers their sincere apologies to Alton Central School (ACS) student Chris ("CJ") Moulton for not including his name in the August issue of Main Street (page 20) for Good Citizenship for the fourth quarter. Mrs. Hayes, his 4th grade teacher last year, mentioned that CJ always follows the rules and is very courteous to others. Congratulations CJ!

CLASS OF 2000 COLLEGE PLANS

By Marilyn St. Cyr, ACS Guidance Director

The Alton Central School (ACS) Guidance Office is pleased to announce the post-secondary education plans for the class of 2000. The students in this class have selected a great variety of colleges and universities.

Fred LaCrosse will be attending New York University while Korin Eagles will be enrolling at Clarkson University, also in New York State. Eric Morrill will be traveling to Arizona to attend the University of Arizona. Katie O'Meara will be matriculating at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Jon Russo will be enrolling at Central Connecticut State University.

The University of New Hampshire has been chosen by six of our graduates including Jessica Benedetto, Jenny Martin, Jake Locke, Mike Murray, and Victor Stone. Mike Caverly will be enrolled at the Thompson School at the University of New Hampshire. New Hampshire College accepted Amanda Coughlin and Marissa Southwell. Kim Collins and Jerusha Hayward are headed to the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord.

Other seniors selecting New Hampshire colleges include Deanna Hillsgrove, Kris Hulett, Crystal Pruitt, and Jessica Brownell. Deanna and Kris will be enrolling at New England College while Crystal and Jessica will be registering at McIntosh College. Elizabeth (Buffy) Quindley was accepted at St. Michael's College in Vermont. Jessica Elliott will be attending the New England Institute of Technology.

We are pleased that graduates are also choosing to enter the military. Eric Snell, Howie Sanborn, and Peter Marston are entering the U.S. Army. Jessie Gagnon is joining the U.S. Navy.

Other graduates are finalizing their career/college plans at this time and pursuing employment opportunities. We congratulate all of the graduates and we wish them well in their college plans and future endeavors.



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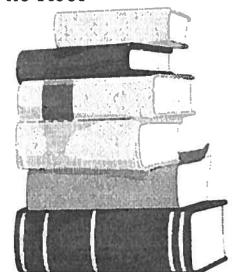
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By Joan Lemay

Quilting lessons will be held Monday evenings at the Alton Central School in the Home Economics Room from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 11. The meetings will run for eight consecutive Mondays. Barbara Lemery will lead us. Everyone is welcome from beginners to advanced. Call me at 875-3629 for more information; you must pre-register.

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By Holly Brown
Librarian



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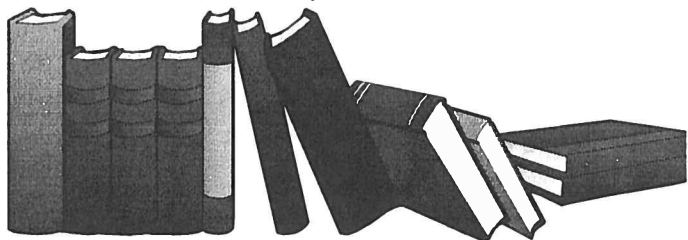
Participants of the summer reading program, friends, family, and other patrons enjoyed a wonderful presentation of stories and songs performed by Sammie Haynes on August 12. Sammie was here to help us celebrate the closing of another summer of reading. Children and young adults entering grades K-8 were awarded certificates and prizes for keeping a log of the books they read this summer. Those of you who fall into this category but were not able to attend the program may pick up your certificate and prizes at the circulation desk here at the library. If you missed Sammie or would like to listen and sing along again, we have a copy of her cassette tape entitled "Many Hands" which is available for circulation.

We would like to thank the members of The Friends of the Gilman Library for volunteering their time, providing refreshments, and sponsoring the program. As always, their support has provided yet another successful summer reading program.

We are planning to begin the pre-school story hour, ages 3 to 5, again and are looking for "story moms." Anyone who may be interested in volunteering to help with the program or has any questions regarding how they can be of help is encouraged to contact the library at 875-2550 or stop in and see us. We had a very successful experience last year thanks to our team of "story moms," and we are very grateful for their efforts. Without them we would not have been able to provide such a wonderful program. New "story moms" are always welcome, so please don't hesitate to join in the fun and bring your little readers!

Make sure to mark your calendar now and plan to attend a program in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room of the Gilman Library on Thursday, September 21, at 7 p.m. entitled "Trekking The Annapurna Circuit." This program, sponsored by the Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, will be presented by Dr. Denise Merritt who will provide a slide presentation and will talk about her experiences during a 30-day visit to Nepal. Don't miss this great adventure!

The book discussion group will be meeting on Monday, September 11, in the Agnes Thompson meeting room at the Gilman Library at 6:30 p.m. to share thoughts and ideas regarding "A Walk In The Woods" by Bill Bryson. New members are welcome to attend, and copies of the book are available here at the library.



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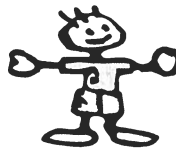
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
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- 1st Place male (M) overall, Albert Pecora IV, age 19, time 19:05
- 1st Place female (F) overall, Becky Dalrymple, age 19, time 21:07
- 1st Place Alton (M), Alan Barrett, age 37, time 21:37
- 1st Place Alton (F), Melissa Wells, age 31, time 24:44
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Wed., August 30 — Sliced Turkey Breast /Cheese on Bulkie Roll, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Fruited Jello (Alt., Burger on Bulkie).

Thu., August 31 — Hot Dog/Grilled Roll, Baked Beans, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit (Alt., Tuna Salad Roll).

Fri., September 5 — Papa Gino's Pizza, Tossed Salad, Homemade Apple Crisp (Alt., Burger/Bun).

Wed., September 6 — Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Lemon Cake (Alt., Cheese Stuffed Shells).

Thu., September 7 — Chef Salad Plate, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Pudding (Alt., Ham/Cheese Sandwich).

Fri., September 8 — Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Campbell's Tomato Soup, Peanut Butter Cookie (Alt., Egg Salad Sandwich).



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/s/Bob Banagan, Alton

Main Street**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Cross Country was called the least recognized of all Alton High School sports teams, and yet it was the one which had produced the most state championships and winners . . . Al Fisher identified Hank Carder's house in South Alton as the oldest house in Alton . . . the coordinator for volunteers at Alton Central School that year was Valerie Fogg . . . the call had gone out for the need for many more substitute teachers for the year.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Russell Jones was the grand marshal for the Old Home Week parade . . . State Primary elections were held on September 11 . . . a mock summer town meeting was held by the United Associations of Alton . . . a search was on for a recipient for the BOSTON POST came to follow former holder Ralph E. Temple . . . a second Mt. Washington Cruise was held on Lake Winnepesaukee to help raise funds for the continuing Alton Bay Improvement Program projects.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Black bear sightings were reported widely in the area . . . 21 children completed a vigorous and challenging summer reading program at the Gilman Library . . . Alton's reevaluation program was continuing and making fine progress . . . The Alton Historical Society held its annual trip aboard the Mt. Washington . . . Police Chief Kevin Iwans was stressing the importance of his officers knowing the community and plans to ensure that it was happening.

Note: In the August issue it was reported that five years ago Kellie McGrath (now Kellie Troendle) was named the new director of Alton's Parks and Recreation Department. A very informed source (Kellie herself) told us that actually she has been with the town for eight years as of October.

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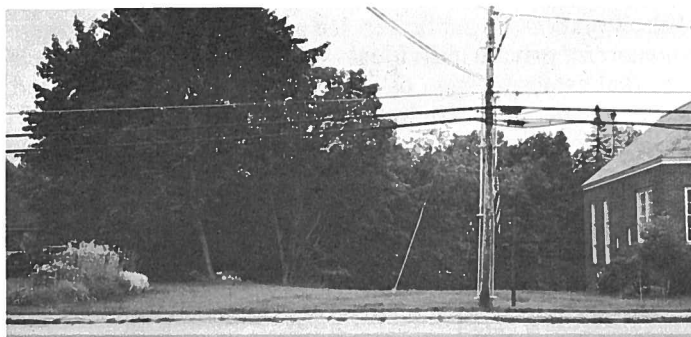
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