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THE 4TH IS JULY 3RD

This will be a night of fun and games, music, and a great fireworks display, all down at the Bay.

It all starts off from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. when there is a Family Scavenger Hunt. Meet at the Alton Bay Bandstand and work as

an individual or as a team to win prizes while looking for clues and items in Alton Bay. It is free and guarantees to be lots of fun!

Next from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. there is a concert sponsored by the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. You will be able to hear and enjoy the 39th Army Band playing patriotic music.

Finally, at 9:30 p.m. let the FIREWORKS begin! The rain date is July 6.

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

By Bob Longabaugh

The morning of June 14 saw fire apparatus from seven different communities filling the roadways in the area of the Alton Bay Community Center on Route 11. Semi-trailers and all other through traffic were being detoured via the "old route" over Rand Hill Road as four-inch hose lines criss-crossed the major traffic route, as shown above. "Wow" one would be inclined to say, "this must be one HUGE fire!"

No, not really; one seasonal cottage was in the process of burning to the ground. BUT, within 15 - 20 feet of that fully-engulfed (in flames) structure were two more cottages, and next to those combustibles were four more, and so on to the extent that a substantial portion of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (ABCCC) was at risk of going up in smoke that Friday morning. What the Alton Fire Department was fully committed to — with the assistance of all their neighboring departments — was preventing a repeat of the 1945 fire that leveled some 250 - 300 structures and left about

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Donald E. Parks
Superintendent of Schools

**ADDING UP THE YEAR**

The 2001-2002 school year came to a close on June 14, which was earlier than last year due to a mild winter resulting in only one snow day.

As I pause and reflect on the past two years and try to determine what kind of job the new administration has done, I have decided to list what has been accomplished and let the reader decide. But before listing what has taken place, I want to thank Principal Russell Holden and his administrative team at the building level for the job he and his group have done and to thank the school board for their support and help. Without these two groups not much could have been accomplished. I also want to thank the faculty and support staff who do an excellent job day in and day out. Lastly, I want to thank the community at large and the parents for all of their support. Without their positive support at the polls, nothing would have occurred.

Moving to my list, here are the things that have occurred in the last two years:

- 1) Passage of a four-year teacher contract providing for fair and comparable salaries and bringing peace and harmony.
- 2) Purchase of land to build a new high school to relieve overcrowding and to enhance curricular offerings.
- 3) Passage of a Joint Maintenance Agreement joining the Alton and Barnstead School Districts for the purpose of building a new joint high school. This was the first such agreement ever passed in the State of New Hampshire.
- 4) Passage of a bond proposal to build a new joint high school with Barnstead.
- 5) Alignment of Alton School District's curriculum to the New Hampshire Frameworks and the creation of a written curriculum.
- 6) School district taken off probation by New England Association of Schools and Colleges and fully accredited.
- 7) Establishment of fully inclusive pre-school program at a cost savings.
- 8) Design/implementation of new school emergency plan.
- 9) Restructure of the academic program in Grades 7 and 8 to provide a greater opportunity for success for some of our challenged students.
- 10) Adoption of a new standardized testing program to replace an aging and archaic program.
- 11) Development of a long-range plan to replace the roof on the building and to upgrade and improve the appearance of the building and grounds.
- 12) Raised the number of units needed for graduation from 22.5 to 25.5, requiring students to take an additional unit in math, science, and social studies.
- 13) Adopted a new process writing program called the John Collins Writing Program for the whole district.
- 14) Upgraded our technology program by hiring two full-time people (one technical support and one for instruction), plus purchasing new computers and other related equipment.
- 15) Improved NHEIAP scores in Grades 3, 6, and 10.

ACS's TOP 10 SENIORS

The top ten seniors in the Alton Central High School (ACS) graduating class were: Kayla Ballentine, David Benedetto (Salutatorian), Scott Blair, Morgan Fuller, Dana Lang (Valedictorian), Jon Owen, Marissa Peterson, David Shibley, Jane Varney, and Steve Wood.

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Main Street's Inside Front Page

SOMETIMES YOU LOSE ONE



Alton Fire Chief Russ Sample pauses to reflect on one that the home team did not win. The fire, described in the story on the front page of this issue, resulted in the complete destruction of the cottage on the Mission Path of the ABCCC grounds owned by Merton Hewitt. Two adjacent structures incurred minor heat damage.

THE "UNOFFICIAL" JULY 4 PARADE

This will be the ninth year for the group of neighbors and friends along Roberts Cove Road in East Alton to step out in style. They will put together an assemblage of tractors and eccentric or colorful vehicles to make their own Independence Day Parade. The march route will begin from the north end of Roberts Cove Road at 12 noon and proceed toward Route 28, winding up at Gilmans Corner.

"Unofficial" parade organizer, Irving Roberts, encourages others to participate; enter your fire truck, bicycle, float, "whatever," to the festivities. Observers, please park on the east side of the road. Call Irving at 569-1800 for further information.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

By Wayne D. Fraser, Chair, Alton School Board

Over the last several months the JMA ("Joint Maintenance Agreement" with the Town of Barnstead) School Board and the building committee have continued to work on the plans for the new high school. The JMA board has spent many hours on logistical items, such as by-laws, funding, and administrative services, while the building committee has been devoting its meetings to the detailed schematic drawings of the building.

There is also a "name the new high school" contest being sponsored by the Public Relations Committee, as described on page 22 of this issue of Main Street. You may also visit the ACS website at <www.alton.k12.nh.us> or contact the SAU office (875-7890) for more details.

Several important events have taken place in the course of this planning. First, the board selected SAU 72 (Alton) to provide administrative services for the new school for at least the first year. This will allow for these services to be provided on a full-time basis and will be much less expensive than it would have been to hire an outside consultant. The cost of these services will be divided equally between the two districts.

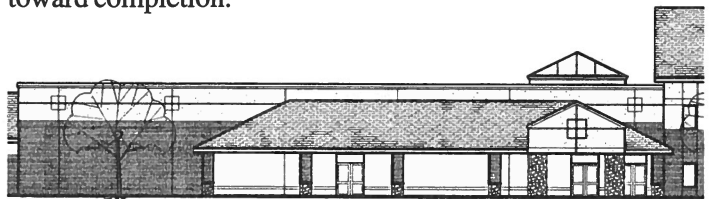
One Year Later Than Hoped

An extremely difficult decision was made by the JMA board to delay the opening of the school for one year until September of 2004. This postponement was necessitated by delays in securing funding for the project. There is some good news in this. When the building does open, it will NOT still be under construction — it will be 100 percent complete. This should also allow for contractors to provide lower bids since they will have ample time to complete the project without tight timelines.

The Bottom Line Will Be Smaller

There is to be a significant benefit to Alton taxpayers. The Alton School Board selected Zions First National Bank to provide funding for Alton's \$9.6 million bond. At first the funding was to be for 20 years, but after researching the cost of that loan the board favored a ten-year loan. This allowed for two very important protections. First, the interest rate of 4.9 percent is guaranteed for the entire ten years. This would not have been true with the 20-year loan as in that scenario the bank wanted to have a later re-set in the rate. Secondly, the ten-year repayment schedule provides a savings of \$2.38 million in interest! While the initial tax impact is \$37 per \$100,000 of valuation higher than originally projected, the board felt it was worthwhile in order to realize an overall savings of over two million dollars for Alton's taxpayers.

Although there is nothing to be seen on the ground at this time, much is going on. The Alton School Board is committed to keeping everyone updated as this exciting project continues toward completion.



FRONT ELEVATION

39TH ARMY BAND AT ALTON BAY

On Wednesday, July 3, at 7:30 p.m. the 39th Army Band, New Hampshire Army National Guard, will perform at the Alton Bay Bandstand as part of the Fourth of July Celebration. This concert is sponsored by The Bay Church, Alton Bay. The public is cordially invited to attend this popular summer event. In case of rain the concert will be held in the Tabernacle at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

The 39th Army Band can trace its lineage back 123 years to its inception in Manchester in 1879. When activated for the Mexican-American War, it was known as the Band Section, 1st Infantry, New Hampshire National Guard. During World War I the unit became known as the Band Section for the first Army Headquarter Regiment. During World War II it was known as the band for the 172nd Field Artillery, New Hampshire. Since 1947 it has been known by its current designation, 39th Army Band.

There are approximately 40 musicians representing many communities throughout our state. Many of the soldiers are professional music educators as well as leaders in their respective towns and cities. The band is under the command of Chief Warrant Officer Thomas G. Fisk.

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By **Patricia Merrill, President**

The Alton Historical Society will meet Tuesday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library. Dana Philbrick will speak to us on "Trains: A Potpourri of Railroad Facts and Artifacts." Mr. Philbrick is a long-time friend to many "old-timers" in Alton, as well as a devotee of trains. He will have wonderful stories to tell us.

Refreshments will be served. Please come and join us!

POKER RUN ON JULY 13

By **Dick Cunningham**

This year the New Hampshire Easter Seal "Poker Run" is set for Saturday, July 13.

Last year's event with Alton Bay as a port of call was a runaway success. The 2002 Poker Run for boats, bikes, and classic cars will be even more fun with the big prize winner being presented a Sea Doo 14-foot Sportster LE Jet Boat.

Boating participants will be making four stops: Weirs Beach, Meredith, Alton Bay (the "floating" bandstand), and Lakeport. Land participants will be stopping at Weirs Beach, Meredith, Wolfeboro, and Gilford.

It looks like a lot of fun with prizes of \$500 for the Lakes Division and \$500 for the Land Division with every participant in the running for the big prize. Registration fees will be going to a great cause, the New Hampshire Easter Seals' "Turning Children into Champions" program.

The Poker Run hotline is 1 (888) 368-8880, or click on <www.eastersealsnh.org/events>.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

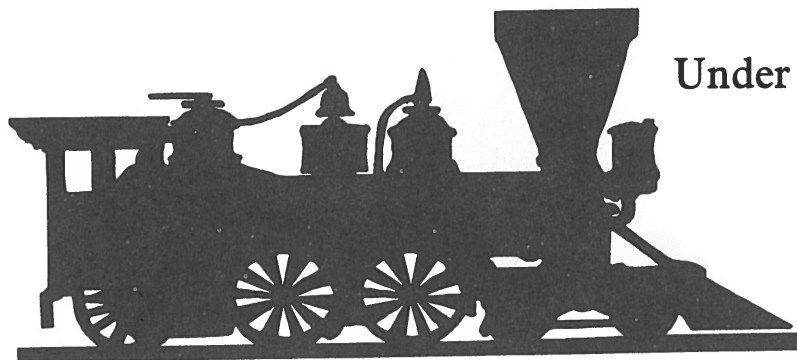
By **Ruth Nickerson, Publicity**

The Alton Garden Club will hold its next meeting on July 23 at the Baptist Church on Main Street.

Amy Ouillette of the University of New Hampshire Extension will present an informative program on "Botanical Haircuts — a Primer on Pruning."

Hostesses for the meeting are Heather Donahue, Chairperson; Evelyn Locke, Betty Locke, Lucille Gagne, Jeanette Leach, Shirley Lane, and Paulette Brooks.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.



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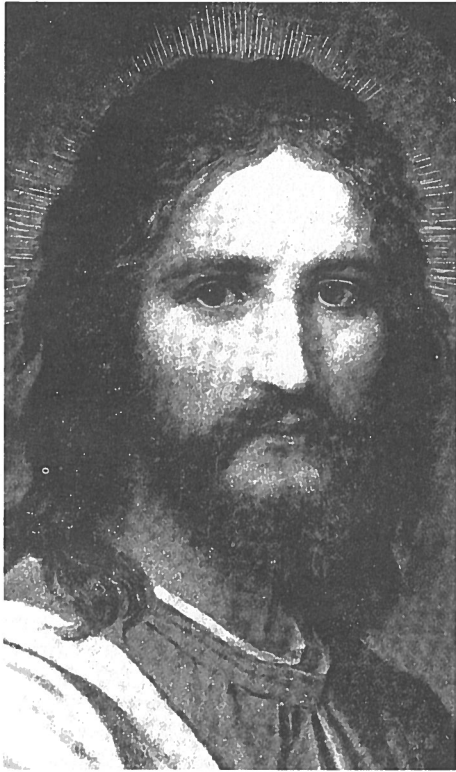
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(see Information Center for worship times)

NEW PASTOR FOR ST. JOAN OF ARC

St. Joan of Arc Parish, along with St. Cecilia Parish of Wolfeboro, has a new pastor as of the beginning of July. The Rev. George E. Ham comes to the area from a parish in Hampton where he served for 14 years. Father Ham is a native of Portsmouth, was ordained in 1967, and has been a priest for 35 years. He was with Rev. Richard Wegman, former pastor of St. Joan, on the day the church burned down. With his connections both in Alton and Wolfeboro, he is familiar with the area and the needs to be addressed.

COMMUNITY CHURCH FAIR

The Community Church of Alton will be holding its Annual Summer Fair on Saturday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year the organizers will be using both of the church buildings.

The white elephant sale will be held at the Baptist Meeting House on Main Street. There will be plenty of baskets, linens, and old jewelry at this location, along with many other treasures.

There will be baked goods, fudge, handmade items, Christmas decorations, gifts, books, plants, dolls, the children's table, and children's grab bags at the Church Street building.

Refreshments will also be on sale, and lunch is served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Attend, find some great buys, and have lots of fun.

COMMUNITY-WIDE BIBLE SCHOOL

The Big Tent has come to town! Now, all that is needed is to fill it with youngsters entering Grades 1 - 6 the week of July 22 - 26. This community-wide Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the three churches of Alton, will take place Monday - Friday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. under the big tent at St. Joan of Arc Parish.

Led by Tim Rendle of Children's First Ministries in Massachusetts, the theme will be: "Wanted: Super Sleuths!" Mr. Rendle will be accompanied by 16 co-workers from Grace Church in Ridgewood, New Jersey, who will volunteer their time as part of a Youth Missions Project. A co-worker from last year's Bible school, Una Ra, will be helping co-direct.

There will be plenty of games, prizes, Bible stories, and puppets each morning, as well as delightful refreshments served up by St. Joan of Arc's host and hostess, Ron and Millie Laviviere. Other participants from the local churches include Rob and Madalene Wright (St. Joan), Emily Sydow (Alton Community), and Phyllis Brooks (Bay Church). There is no charge to register, but pre-registration is urged in order to help the workers estimate the number of enrollees. To register, call the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center at 875-6161.

SUMMER YOUTH CONCERTS

The "Sunday Night Light" youth concerts in the Chapel at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (ABCCC) continue in July at 7:30 p.m. with the following groups.

"Final Mile" (June 30) features Devin, the lead vocalist. He has a background in rap vocals; Kenney, the guitarist, in punk and care; Cornell, blues. Chris really grooves the audience with his edgy metal sounds.

"Mustard" (July 7) is similar in sound to Live, Stained, Tonic, Third Eye Blind, and Foo Fighters, and has performed with such bands as The Normals, Three Crosses, Polar Boys, Relient K, Noggin Toboggan, and Skillet.

The "King Pin Wrecking Crew" (July 14) is a five-piece funk band with a lot of energy. They utilize everything from a Hammond organ to a DJ with turntable.

In the group "Not Pictured" (July 21) Jamie Hughes'

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voice rings with a desperate need for simplicity and a profound hope for heaven. But the weightiness of the songs is offset by the always evident sense of pure fun that comes as these close friends play together.

"Ekklezia" (July 28) combines traces of rap, hard core rock, and a hint of folk music in their style. They are comparable to Limp Biskit. Their lyrics are versatile, accompanied with heavy guitars and energetic drums.

A \$2 "donation" is suggested for each attendee. There will be no concert on August 4. Remember, well-known recording artist, Justin McRoberts, will conclude this series on Friday, August 30, with a \$7 "donation" requested. For more information, call Jeremy Shaw at ABCCC (875-6161).

BANDSTAND SERVICES

By Pastor Bob Hett, Bay Church

For the seventh year in a row the Bay Church will be sponsoring a unique boat-in, drive-in, walk-in service at the Alton Bay Bandstand at 9 a.m. each summer Sunday, June 30 - September 1. This brief (half-hour) service features mostly music followed by a short devotional message.

For seven Sundays the speakers will be the same as those featured at the Tabernacle services at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center: Rev. Dwight Dean (July 14), Rev. Bill Mills (July 21), Rev. Chris Adsit (July 28), Rev. Clayton Blackstone (August 4), Dr. Clive Calver (August 11), Dr. Stan Farmer (August 18), and Rev. Bruce Wall (August 25).

Musicians will share their testimonies in song, beginning with Jamie Sample, daughter of Alton Fire Chief Russ and Jean Sample, on June 30. Others are people performing in concerts at the Conference Center this summer. They include Karen Coke on July 7, Katie Hett (a grandniece of mine), July 14, The Parker Trio from Canada, July 28, Paul Heffron, August 4, Don Plummer, August 11, and the Bay Church Ensemble on July 21, August 18, and September 1.

The speaker on June 30 will be Bay Church Associate Pastor John Fogell, former Bay Church pastor Rob Ames will join us July 7, and I will speak on September 1.

N. BARNSTEAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

By Meredith Linweber, Member

Now in its second year of meeting year round, the North Barnstead Congregational Church is moving forward. Every Sunday worship is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. with services led by Pastor Gray Fitzgerald. Because we were a summer church only for 85 years, there are still families associated with us from those days. The Harrises are one such family; they will be coming to join us on Sunday, July 14. The message that day will be brought by the Rev. Beverly Harris, and special music will be presented by another family member, Susie Harris and her husband. We will be having another new member service fairly soon, so if you are interested in joining with us, please call Pastor Fitzgerald at 776-0503 with any questions.

The children's ministry continues to grow with their support of the Heifer Project, prayer banner, and introduction of the students during the service by the adults celebrating their lives with us in the church. This program is all held together by the great work of Helen Fitzgerald and the people who teach every Sunday. The Sunday School room itself is a joy to behold with a new table built by a member and the artwork of the children. All are urged to go up and see as it is the old choir loft — quite a change!

Communion is planned for the first Sunday and in July that will be combined with the contemporary music led by Joann Locke. The first two Sundays in August Susan Hipkiss will be the organist.



NEW SWC DIRECTOR ON THE JOB

By Bob Longabaugh

Shown above is Scott Simonds, who reported for his first day as Director of Alton's Solid Waste Center (SWC) on June 14. Simonds comes to the job from three years with the New Durham Highway Department and their transfer station. Prior to that he was an equipment operator with the NH Highway Department.

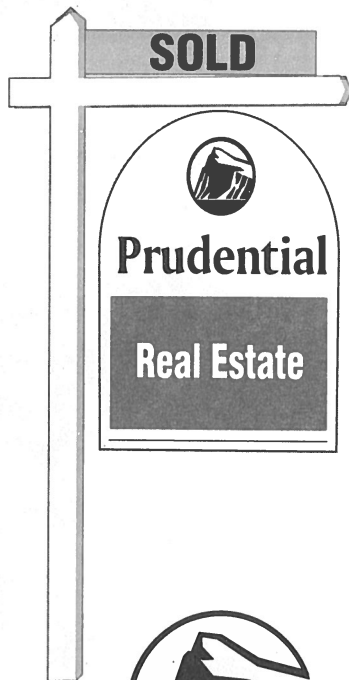
A 1990 graduate of Alton Central School, Simonds is a life-long resident of Alton now residing on Pearson Road with his wife, Kimberly, and 3-year old daughter Haley. His hobby is putting together homemade tractors and if you would like to see some prize-winners in this rather unique competitive category, drop in at his SWC office and check out the photo display on the wall.

ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club held their semi-monthly meeting on June 6 at the American Legion. There was much discussion and planning for the major fund raiser, a car show taking place on Saturday, August 17 (rain date, August 18), at the Station Restaurant in New Durham. Lions members were assigned to various committees to insure the success of what will become an annual event.

The advertising committee is handing out flyers with all the details for the day. There will be six classes of cars with 19 trophies being issued, including one for the "People's Choice Award." Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and all votes must be in by 1 p.m. The award ceremony is at 3 p.m. For more information call 776-3282 or e-mail <info@d-d-x.com>. Other members have signed up for food booths, t-shirt sales, parking, judging, and all the other details that make a show like this a success. Two new members were put right to work, and the club always welcomes more.

Along with this fund raiser, the Lions Club continues to collect used eye glasses for distribution to the needy. There are collection baskets at the Bank of New Hampshire. Members also gave their support to the Special Olympics in June. If you are interested in joining the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, contact Steve Parker at 875-3117 or any other member.



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ACS HOLDS ITS HONORS CEREMONY

By Linda Roy, ACS Guidance Office

At the traditional Honors Ceremony held this year in May the Alton Central School (ACS) was very pleased to acknowledge its students who had achieved awards and scholarships. They were presented as follows:

- American Legion Aux. Scholar.....Leanne Kenerson, David Benedetto
- Amer. Leg. Jr. Aux. Scholar.....Leanne Kenerson
- William Heidke Votech Amer. Leg. Scholar.....Morgan Fuller, Marissa Peterson
- Amer. Leg. Post Scholar.....Dana Lang, David Benedetto, BK Brown, Jon Nicastro, Anthony Nicastro
- Ruth Shurrock-Farrell Scholarship.....Jane Varney
- Son's Of The American Legion Scholarship.....Steven Wood
- Amer. Leg. Recipient For Schol. Achieve...Marissa Peterson
- Amer. Leg. Recipients For Sportsman..BK Brown, Dana Lang
- Summer People's Scholarship..... Dana Lang
- Scholar Athlete Awards.....Marissa Peterson, Jon Owen
- U.N.H. Army ROTC Scholarship.....Jon Owen
- Robert Graston Scholarship For Art.....Dana Lang
- East Alton Fire Association Scholarship.....Jane Varney
- Alton-New Durham Lions Scholarship.....David Benedetto
- Main Street's Bob and Catherine Calvert Journalism Award
Randi Desmarais
- Maxfield Real Estate Scholarship.....Jon Owen
- Alton Police Assoc.—Kelly Brown Scholar..Marissa Peterson
- Alton School Board Scholarship.....Randi Desmarais
- Alton Teachers Association Scholarship.....Kayla Ballentine
- Jean Roberts-Alton Teachers For Educ.....Randi Desmarais
- Daniel Francis Memorial Award.....Emily Sydow
- Barbershoppers Scholarship.....Emily Sydow
- Merrymeeting Grange #155.....Emily Sydow
- Aqua Lab Scholarships.....Dave Shibley, Jon Nicastro
- Happy Hobby Doll Club Scholarship.....Ames Oickle

- D.A.R. (Daughter's Of The Amer. Rev.) Good Citizen Award
Marissa Peterson
- Karla A. Merfeld Memorial Scholarship.....Dennis Sweeney
- Leon and Jean Partridge Scholarships....Dan Bemis, Leanne Kenerson, Jane Varney, Dennis Sweeney, Randi Desmarais
- Region 9 Vocational Awards...Joshua Lambert—Golden Hammer Award; Scott Blair—Silver Wrench Award
- PTSA Scholarships.....Scott Blair
- William B. Messer Scholar....Kayla Ballentine, Steve Wood, Scott Blair
- Science Scholarship.....Morgan Fuller
- Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award...David Benedetto
- Kenneth W. Chamberlain, Sr. Ath. Scholar ...Marissa Peterson
- National Honor Society Scholarship.....Marissa Peterson
- David Steven Smith Scholarship.....Kayla Ballentine
- Dr. Deane M. Chamberlain Medical Scholarship...Jon Nicastro
- Ralph Jardine Scholarship.....Dan Bemis
- William A. Anderson Scholarship.....Jon Owen
- Ruth S. and Willard D. Rollins Scholarship...Kayla Ballentine
- Barton M. Griffin Memorial Scholarship.....Scott Blair
- The Perkins Award.....Marissa Peterson
- Bonnie Simpson Scholarship.....Jane Varney
- Walter Kirkpatrick Memorial Award.....Jon Owen
- Major William Hayes Award.....Kayla Ballentine
- Phyllis Chamberlain Music Scholarship.....Marissa Peterson
- Agnes M. Thompson Scholarship.....Marissa Peterson
- Anna Ulrich Chamberlain Art Scholarship.....Dana Lang
- Elementary Art Department Scholarship.....Dana Lang
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PLAN NOW FOR OLD HOME DAYS

After a short sabbatical the Alton Police Department will be making a comeback at Old Home Days, which will be taking place August 9, 10, and 11. Both the Alton Police Association and the Fire Association will take part in the festivities.

We'll kick off the weekend with live entertainment furnished by "Still Smokin'." Full disclosure ethics require that I inform you ahead of time this is a band that I head up. It is, however, a band of merry men. Check us out; music will be comprised of mostly classic rock and dance tunes. Mark your August calendar to bring the family down to the Bay during those days to help us celebrate!

The town's Fire and Police Associations will have several other functions during Old Home Days. There will be a dunking booth, a sausage stand, and "Moonwalk." Oh, yes, there will also be a cozy little jail cell for those of you who wish to have your favorite person thrown into the slammer. They'll be arrested by Alton's finest and will be released only after posting a small cash bail — all in fun of course! Additionally, we'll have a raffle with cash prizes. All proceeds

will be used to benefit both benevolent associations.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be playing a major role in the event with many family and fun-filled activities.

Firearms Safety Course Planned

The Police Department is making plans to hold a Firearms Safety Course sometime in September. The agenda is still in production but will include such things as firearm safety, a legal presentation by the Belknap County Attorney's office, and practical firearms training at the firing range. Those interested should contact me at 875-3752 for more information and/or to express an interest in attending. Space will be limited.

Be Aware of Your Vehicle's Speed

The Police Department has received a number of complaints from residents regarding speeding motorists in various sections of the town. In response to these complaints Lt. Shattuck is setting up several "Directed Patrols" to be performed by our officers. For the safety of both yourself and others, we wish to encourage Alton residents to be aware of the additional inherent dangers during the summer season. The increased traffic on the road from both tourists and seasonal residents, along with more pedestrians, make for potentially hazardous situations. Keep in mind, unless you see a sign advising you otherwise, the speed limit on all roads in Alton is 30 miles per hour.



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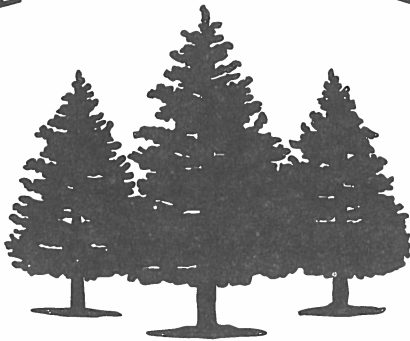
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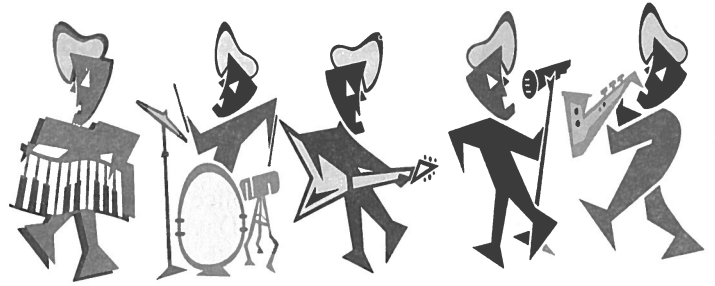
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JUST FOR YOU, ALTON TEENS

The Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with Youth Opportunities, announces a teen dance at the old American Legion Post building on Monument Square. "Summer Splash Teen Dance" with Karaoke will take place on August 2. Watch carefully for further details in the August issue of Main Street and on posters which will appear around town.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR "NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS"

Some months ago Main Street invited persons to become "neighborhood correspondents" for Alton's monthly newsmagazine. To date we have had no one express an interest or willingness. This may be your last chance to make it happen.

Main Street was created in 1985 because at that time there was a recognized need for a form of printed communication to bring together what residents of Alton might like to know about what was going on in their town. The southern finger of Lake Winnepesaukee known as "Alton Bay" did a very effective job of dividing the single governmental jurisdiction of Alton into fragmented pieces. East Alton had an orientation toward Wolfeboro, South Alton leaned toward Rochester and Dover, while West Alton found itself in the Gilford/Laconia scheme of things. Outside of informational pieces from the school dealing solely with matters of "reading, writing, and 'rithmetic," no single publication united all of Alton on one printed page.

Over the years Main Street has changed that. Now residents and seasonal visitors alike can look to a single source to have all the news that is "fit to print" concerning Alton in their one hand each month. As convenient as it may be, however, our readers are still missing what might be "hot" news in East or West Alton, etc. If you are agreeable to be part of the solution (at no pay, like everyone else on the magazine's staff), let the editors know at 875-5067 that you are willing to send in neighborhood tidbits by the 15th of every month.

Your only glory will be your byline, but — hey — your neighborhood will gain notoriety, based upon your skills at gathering information "over the back fence."

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ALTON WELFARE OFFICE

The Alton Welfare Office (875-2161) wishes to thank the Heidke Elderly Services caregivers who work diligently to provide quality care to elderly citizens.

Senior citizens are encouraged to contact this office regarding the Heidke Trust Fund and other organizations such as Alton Community Services Program (ACSP), Visiting Nurses Association, Service Link, Health and Human Services, Elderly Services, and information on the NH Senior Drug Prescription Program and referrals to Community Action Program (meals on wheels, fuel assistance, etc.). The Alton Senior Center may be contacted by calling Kim or Claire at 875-7102 with regards to their programs and activities.

The town's Welfare Office works closely with the Alton Community Services Program (ACSP); thanks to all those volunteers, churches, and organization who have donated household items and food to help Alton families. Volunteers are always appreciated and needed; if you feel you can help, please contact Rev. Peter Bolster at the Community Church.

For your convenience food and household items for the ACSP may be left at Town Hall in the Selectmen's office. Please call 875-2161 or 875-2273 if you have questions about assistance, contributions, or hours of operation for this particular program.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Clutter's Last Stand" Luncheon Buffet on Wednesday, July 17, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Geneva Point Center in Moultonboro.

The luncheon features "Keeping It Simple at Home" with Lyn Hare. Join us for fun and simple ways to organize your home. "Whistle While You Work" is presented by Alysha Torrensen. Alysha is nine years old and has been studying voice and performing around the Lakes Region. "Are You Overwhelmed by the Clutter in Your Life?" will be addressed by Cheryl Bushman, director of Serenity House in Portsmouth. She will share her beacon of hope.

Reservations for the lunch and available complimentary nursery may be made by calling in Alton: Melissa at 776-2224; in Gilford: Faith at 293-8073. The luncheon reservations must be pre-paid by July 8. There will be NO August meeting. The next meeting will be on September 11.

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

Directions to Geneva Point: Take Route 25 northeast out of Meredith for 8 miles, right onto Moultonboro Neck Road at the traffic lights, go 5.7 miles, bear left at fork in road, left onto Geneva Point Road and follow to the center entrance.

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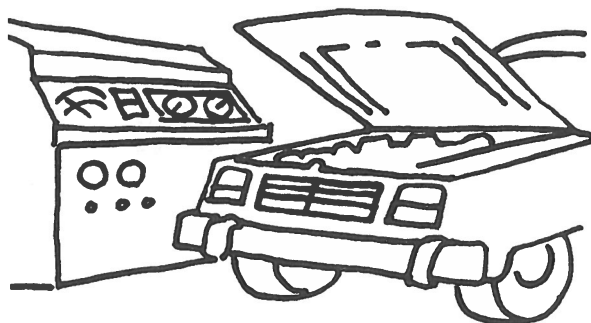
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a thousand persons homeless in August of that year. The newspaper clippings from August 24, 1945, report that 12 fire departments did well to contain the wind-driven flames to about five acres, or two thirds, of the ABCCC grounds at that time.

Thanks to the timely and efficient response of the Alton Fire/Rescue Department and the mutual aid from seven nearby departments, there was no repeat of the 1945 catastrophe. As the photo on page 3 shows, the destruction was limited to one building. The trend is in the right direction. After the huge wipe out of 300 buildings in 1945, there have been lesser multi-building fire losses at the ABCCC in 1969, 1978, and 1980 in the memory of current Alton Fire Chief Russ Sample. Sample even points out that the 1980 loss was three cottages in the very same location as the recent June 14 conflagration.

Two Alton personnel, Lt. Ed Consentino and Firefighter Scott Johnson, took brief trips to the hospital to receive treatment for heat exhaustion, but they were back on duty before the afternoon was over. Chief Sample had nothing but praise for all involved. The fire departments from Gilmanton, Gilford, Barnstead, New Durham, Wolfeboro, and Farmington were on the scene while Strafford covered the Alton Central Station and Tuftonboro did similar duty for Wolfeboro's empty fire station. The chief also wants the neighbors and conference center staff to know that their refreshments of cold water, snacks, and hamburgers will also not be forgotten.



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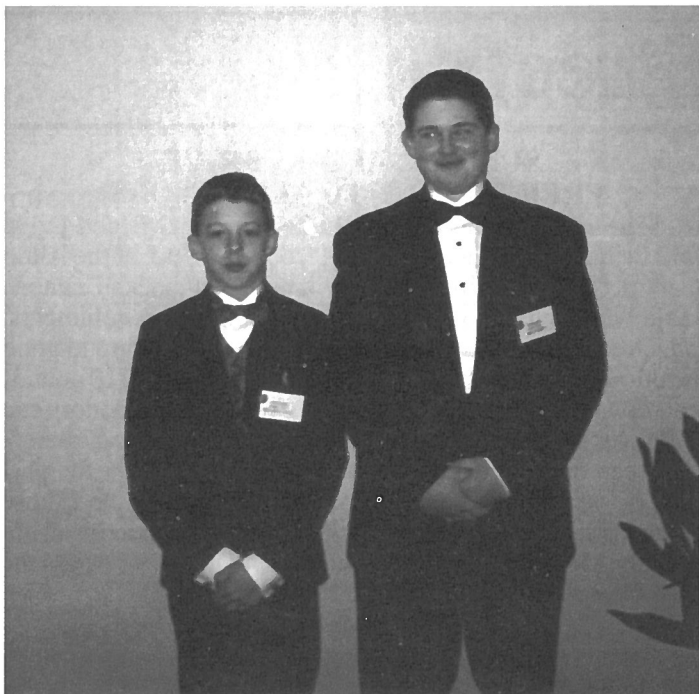
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MARTIALARTS HALL OF FAME

By Meg Jones

Congratulations! to two Kwoon Karate Academy students, Brian Jones (left) and Jonathan Yelle (right). Both students were recently inducted into The World Martial Arts Hall of Fame, Junior Division. Along with family members and fellow academy students and instructors, they traveled to Springdale, Ohio, for their induction and award ceremony. The World Martial Arts Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding effort and dedication to the martial arts.

Both Brian and Jonathan attend the Alton Central School and will be in Grade 7 in the fall. They are also teammates on the newly form Team "Spirit," an organized group of karate students who create and organize karate demonstrations to perform in local settings, such as senior centers, schools, local events, and karate tournaments.

The academy now has two locations: Alton (Open House, Saturday, July 13, Old Legion Hall), offering Kinderkarate, Kickboxing, Kali-sticks, and Karate programs, and Milton, offering Karate. For Alton information contact me at 875-6117; for Milton, call Alan Libby, 562-7889.

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EVENTS

- Wed. 3 39TH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BAND IN CONCERT, ABB, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu. 4 FIREWORKS AND MORE, ABB, see story
FOURTH OF JULY
"UNOFFICIAL" JULY 4 PARADE, 12 noon, see story
KAREN COKE IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. 5 CONCERT OF PRAYER, Doug Anderson, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. 6 COMMUNITY CHURCH FAIR, 9 a.m., see story
21ST ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, Merrymeeting Campers Association, Route 11, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT, ABB, 7 p.m.
AMERICAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHORALE, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 7 DOUG ANDERSON, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mon. 8 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout
- Tue. 9 FRIENDS OF GILMAN LIBRARY, Meeting and Program, 7 p.m., see Checkout
- Thu. 11 DONNY WOODBRIDGE, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
GILMAN LIBRARY, Program and Author Signing, 2 p.m., see Checkout
- Fri. 12 ONLY BY GRACE IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 13 FRIENDS CAR WASH, Town Hall, 9 a.m., see story
ROUTE 11D ASSOCIATION, Library, 9:30 a.m., see story
FIREMEN'S AUCTION, Route 140, 10 a.m., see In Service
EASTER SEAL "POKER RUN," see story
KID POP CONCERT, ABB, 7 p.m.
DOWN EAST BOYS IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 14 DWIGHT DEAN, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mon. 15 BLOOD DRIVE, Alton Central School, 3 - 7 p.m., see story
- Tue. 16 HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Library, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 17 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Geneva Point Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
- Sat. 20 THE ROUGH EDGES CONCERT, ABB, 7 p.m.
KEN FERNALD IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 21 BILL MILLS, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Tue. 23 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, Baptist Church, 1:30 p.m.,
- Thu. 25 ASSEMBLE Main Street, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 26 FALLING WATERS PRAISE BAND IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 27 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY, see story
PONY EXPRESS CONCERT, ABB, 7 p.m.
THE PARKER TRIO IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 29 CHRIS ADSIT, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

ABCCC=Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; ABB=Alton Bay Bandstand; ACS=Alton Central School

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:
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SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE FREE T-SHIRTS TO ALL DONORS!

The eighth Annual Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 15, from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Alton Central School. As usual there will be a well-stocked canteen table with donations from local businesses and volunteers, plus free t-shirts to all donors. Most people who are in good health, 17 years of age or older, and weighing over 110 pounds can donate blood through the Red Cross. Blood donors can give every eight weeks. Unfortunately, the number of donors has been dwindling at the Alton blood drives over the past several years. The regular donors, new donors, and those not seen in a while are encouraged to donate the gift of life on July 15. The organizers would like to meet or surpass the Red Cross goal of 80 pints.

Facts About Giving Blood

Nationally only five percent of the population gives blood; that blood is available to any patient who needs it. Every working day 1,400 pints of blood must be collected in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont to meet the needs. Blood is perishable, red blood cells must be used within 42 days, and other blood products must be used within five days. Over the past three years one million fewer people have donated blood. Blood cannot be manufactured. Its only source is a healthy volunteer donor.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer or donate food/drink, contact local coordinators, Ann Norman-Burke, 875-5492, or Lisa Finethy, 875-7653. For more information about donor eligibility call the Red Cross at 1-800-463-9400 or visit <www.newenglandblood.org>.

DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS ITEMS ON JULY 27

By Joe Harris

The 15th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. continuing until 12 noon at nine locations throughout the Lakes Region. The one-day collection is free for residents of participating towns. As in previous years the closest collection sites for Alton are the Town Highway Barn in Wolfeboro on Route 109A, and the Public Works Garage, Route 11A in Gilford.

The collection sites accept most hazardous products found in the home and are commonly labeled poisonous, toxic, flammable, or dangerous. Among the many items accepted are oil based paints, thinners, wood preservatives and stains, motor oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, automotive batteries, pesticides, most household cleaning products, and pool chemicals. Household batteries, both non-rechargeable and rechargeable, are also accepted for recycling or disposal. Check with the local solid waste centers, as many types of batteries are currently accepted for recycling. However, older alkaline, button cell, lithium, nickel metal hydride, and sealed lead acid batteries should be deposited at the collection sites.

Last year 2,451 households from 27 participating communities took part in the annual event. For additional information and a detailed list of what items are accepted, contact the regional office of the Lakes Region Planning Commission at 279-8171, or click onto their web site at <www.lakesrpc.org>.

Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Alton Bay Christian Conference Center — Sun. Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Evening concerts in the Tabernacle, Fri., 8 p.m. and Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Weekday Services in Moore Chapel, Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 9:30 a.m. and Mon., Tue., Thu., 7:30 p.m.; Sat. Morning Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.

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

Bay Church — Sun. Services, Alton Bay Bandstand, 9 a.m. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor; Rev. John Fogell, Assoc. Pastor

Community Church — Sun. Service, 9 a.m., Baptist Meeting House, Main Street; 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

North Barnstead Congregational Church — Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald

St. Joan of Arc — Weekend Masses in the tent on Main Street, Sat., 4 p.m. and Sun., 8 and 11 a.m.; Weekday Masses, Mon., Thu., and Fri., 8 a.m.; Rosary every day, 7:20 a.m.;

Communion Services, Tue. and Wed., 8 a.m., Rectory Chapel; Sun. Mass St Paul's in Barnstead, 9:30 a.m.; Rev. George Ham

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

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Rines Road Pit — As of April 6, Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m. - 2:45 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, Rte 28

American Legion Auxiliary — 3rd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall

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

Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6:30 p.m., Central Fire Station

Community Services Program, Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273

Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall

Eastern Star — 2nd Tue., when meeting, 875-5211

4-H Club, 1st and 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., Gilman Library, 875-5325

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

Happy Hobby Doll Club — 4th Fri., 7 p.m., 364-7413 for directions

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., The American Legion, 6:30 p.m.

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

Moms In Touch — Tue., 1 p.m., 875-2866

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club — Meets once per month Sep. - Apr., 875-3858

PTSA. — 3rd Wed., Alton Central School HS 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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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 p.m.; (Replays on Channel 26 following Thurs. and Fri.); Chairman Stephan McMahon, call 875-2161 for appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Ruth Messier, 875-6750

CEMETERY TRUSTEES — Meetings posted at Town Hall and Post Office, Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-5095.

FIRE WARDS — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Central Fire Station, Acting Chairman Stanley Czeck, 875-3815

GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Bill Crocker, 875-2161.

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 Tom Varney, call 875-5095 for appointment.

SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Wayne Fraser, call 875-7890 for appointment.

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

TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Chairman Nancy Jordan, 875-2550.

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

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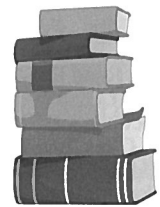
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THE CHECKOUT DESK
By Holly Brown
Librarian

LOTS GOING ON THIS SUMMER

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Sandhage to the library as our new Library Aide. Many of you may already know Sarah as she is a resident of Alton and a library patron. Sarah's background in secretarial skills, customer service, and library experience make her a real asset. Not only is Sarah a pleasure with whom to work, but also we are sure you will enjoy her pleasant smile and friendly demeanor. Stop in and say "hello."

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Town-Wide Yard Sale. We appreciate the donations of baked goods, your help at the sales tables, and your purchases. Without the support of our patrons and "Friends," we would not be able to participate in events such as this. For more information regarding other events involving the Friends of the Gilman Library, please pick up a copy of the Friends Focus Newsletter at the library or in Town Hall.

July Programs and Events

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the library to discuss *The Bourne Identity* by

Robert Ludlum. If you would like a copy of the book, please call 875-2440 or inquire at the circulation desk.

The Gilman Library has received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to sponsor a thought-provoking public program titled "The Ballad Lives! Singing the Roots of Narrative Art." Additional local support will be provided by the Friends of the Gilman Library. The presentation will be on Tuesday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the library. The program is free, open to the public, and will feature New England culture — its history, legends, and myths — sung by Professor John Perrault of North Hampton. A business meeting of the Friends will take place at 7 p.m.

Naomi Topalion, a summer resident of Moultonboro, will be presenting a program regarding her autobiography entitled *Breaking the Rock of Tradition*. This is the story of one little girl born in an Armenian refugee camp who forged a path that took her to become a successful teacher, registered nurse, and writer. Along the way she has won many prizes and honors. Join us Thursday, July 11, at 2 p.m. in the library. Copies of Naomi's book will be available for purchase and signing. This program is sponsored by the Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The library will be offering a free four-day mini course in basic French for children ages 3 - 6. This will run from July 23 - 26 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. The children will be introduced to basic greetings, colors, body parts, and numbers 1 - 10. Each day there will be hands on activities, songs, and games. The class is limited to ten children and their parent(s). Please sign up at the circulation desk by Saturday, July 20.



IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY
By Chief Russ Sample
Alton Fire Department

WE CAN HAVE FUN TOO

It seems that the climate in Alton and surrounding areas just won't give way to summer. Summer's activities must go on, however, with our first being the Firemen's Auction Saturday, July 13. It starts at 10 a.m. at the Alton Central Station on Route 140. The association is still accepting donations with members looking for goods and services to be auctioned off.

The next summer activity will be Old Home Days on August 9 and 10. The Alton Police and Fire Associations are teaming together to add a flare to the event this year. Your public safety team is planning a number of activities along with the Parks and Recreation Department to create a memorable time.

Looking further ahead to August, the Fire Department will once again host their annual finger lickin' chicken barbecue on Saturday, August 17, starting at 4:30 p.m.

In the way of serious work the department was heavily involved in emergencies during motorcycle week in June with many accidents and calls for emergency medical services. In particular, on June 14 we had to handle a building fire at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center and simultaneously a motor vehicle accident on Route 11 and then two additional calls for ambulance service. The ABCCC fire is covered in the page one story of this issue of Main Street. Suffice to say we are very thankful for our Mutual Aid Departments assisting us through this very busy morning.

The structural fire at the ABCCC does give me pause to urge all persons discovering a fire to call 911 BEFORE any attempt is made to extinguish the fire. To do otherwise results in precious moments being lost in getting the professionals to the scene to quell a fire at its incipient stages. I cannot stress it enough: call 911 immediately!



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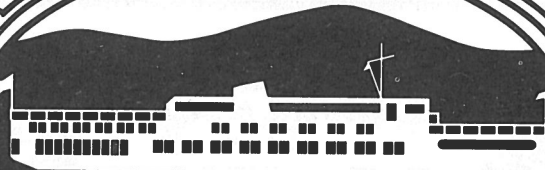
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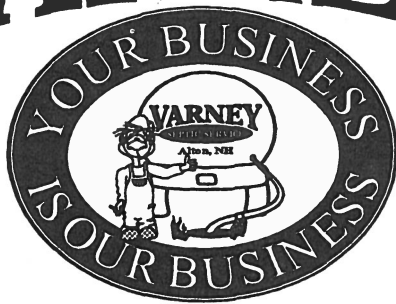
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ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

JULY IS "JUST GO" MONTH

July is SUMMER and the best time to be in Alton's outdoors. With warm temperatures of air and water, all outdoor sports are enjoyable. Get in your car, boat, canoe, kayak, mountain bike, swim fins and mask, or walking shoes and just GO. On land, walk, hike or bike the many trails throughout Alton. There are well-marked trails like those on Mt. Major; maps of the local snowmobile trails are available for sale; the NH Gazetteer shows old woods roads; and the Gilman Library has a map of the trails through the Belknaps. One can also "bushwhack" by map and compass to get in and out of remote areas.

Nearby hikes are also plentiful — for example, the Devils Den area of New Durham which provides some adventure with a trail leading through a cave and a climb up on top where the Indians used to go through to escape capture. It has a wonderful view from above. Bring a lunch.

A canoe or kayak and two cars can let you explore rivers at great length. The local Suncook River is a good one to try. Up north the Connecticut River and the Androscoggin are good for float fishing trips. With Alton being in the Lakes Region, there are hundreds of lakes, ponds, and streams to explore.

Of course with all this water exploration, you should be fishing. Spin fishing with jigs will allow you at this time to fish for any type of fish, at any depth. Small mouth bass are near underwater ledges, large mouth bass and pickerel are near weeds and lily pads, and sunfish and perch will be almost anywhere. Swim fins and diving mask will help you find these underwater hideouts.

As I said at the outset, July is the best month to be anywhere in Alton's outdoors.

LIVE THE LIFE

By Cindy & John Duffek



NO CATS

People claim that cats are very smart animals. Perhaps that's why there are so few of them in Mexico!

In February of this year we joined a caravan of 21 other RV's for a 27-day trip through Mexico. We started in El Paso, Texas, and ended up in San Diego, California. In between we traveled by highway, railroad, and ferry.

Our overall impression of the country was quite negative. The poverty, filth, and a lack of pride were overwhelming. It's one thing to vacation in Mexico by flying into one of the celebrated tourist destinations where everything is upscale and beautiful. It's quite another to drive through the small communities and witness what is truly a third-world country. We rarely saw a cat, but mangy, underfed dogs of undetermined breed were everywhere.

The trip was not without its highlights of scenic grandeur and overwhelming friendly people — especially the children. Copper Canyon, the Sea of Cortez, mountain ravines, and waterfalls were a photographer's dream. Once you got away from the border hustlers pushing their wares, the people were genuinely glad to see us and welcome us. The children treasured gifts of pencils, paper, markers, and crayons more than food.

They have so little in the small remote schools. We wished we knew more Spanish so that we might have been able to talk to them about their daily lives.

Five days in our motorhome strapped to the bed of a railroad flatcar as we traveled from La Junta along Copper Canyon to Las Mochis was a unique experience. The train traveled at a steady 17 miles per hour allowing us to comfortably view the countryside and take lots of photos. Each evening we pulled into a siding to spend the night and give us an opportunity to visit with our fellow travelers.

We crossed the Sea of Cortez or Gulf of California in a huge ferry where we parked our RV's in the hold of the ship. We enjoyed a small, basic stateroom for the overnight



voyage. Toward the end of the trip everyone admitted to looking forward to returning to the USA.

You may have questions about our full-time RV-ing lifestyle or thoughts for a future column. Please e-mail us at Livingourlife@aol.com.

Henry David Thoreau said, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." We agree.



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

SUMMER SEASON ON THE ROADS

Welcome to summer; it certainly promises to be an interesting season.

A big thanks to the volunteers who participated in the exhibit at the Gilman Museum on Memorial Day. The parade was also something to see. A great job by all involved!

Upper Bay Hill Road has been widened. Shown below is a scene of the work when it was in progress. Chamberlain Road is now in the process of receiving the same treatment. Following that the excavator will be going to Stockbridge Corner Road to finish out our digging season. Please take note that the road will have to be closed at times during this operation. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Catch basins are being cleaned out all over town, and we are still digging out ends of culverts, as well as grading, raking, and rolling the dirt roads. Please be patient as we are working to improve the roads for your driving safety.

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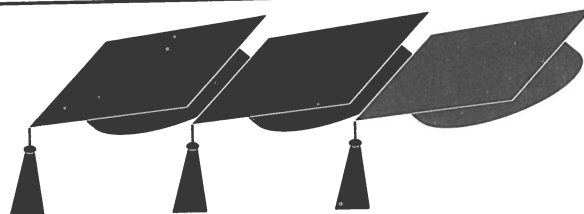
ACS HEALTH AND FITNESS FAIR

By Sue Quinn, Grade 5 Teacher

To celebrate National Fitness Month, Alton Central School (ACS) hosted its first annual "Health and Fitness Fair." The Grade 5 classes participated weekly during the month of May in activities coordinated in conjunction with the Alton Wellness Loft, Huggins Hospital, and Alton Central School.

These activities included an aerobic workout led by Kim Macaulay of the Alton Wellness Loft, personal wellness and stress relief techniques led by Dick and Carol Wallace of Holistic Health Journey, and a lesson in proper nutrition with Kelly Niblet of Huggins Hospital.

A culminating Health and Fitness Fair, coordinated by Kim Macaulay and Kristi Getz, physical education instructor at ACS, was celebrated the end of May in the gym. Students of all ages, family members, and community members came together to participate in activities, including cholesterol screening, blood pressure checks, karate demonstrations, dance instruction, nutritional food taste testing, yoga, massage, and more! Thanks to all who generously donated their time and energy to such a worthwhile community program.



THE ACS CLASS OF 2002 GOES FORTH

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 graduating class of 2002.

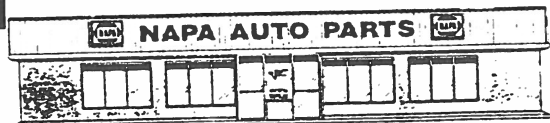
Starting with the colleges and universities at which the graduates will be matriculating this fall:

Marissa Peterson will be joining Boston College's newest class in Massachusetts. Steven Wood is headed to Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. Dana Lang will be studying at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Several other graduates have selected out-of-state colleges. Shawn Blair will be going a long distance to attend the Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie. Two graduates will be enrolling at colleges in the state of Maine — Kayla Ballentine at St. Joseph's College in Standish and Jason Snell at Unity College in Unity. Michael Kenny is off to the Baron Institute in Windsor, Connecticut, and Josh LaBrecque is heading west to The Art Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Three graduates are traveling to Wolfville, Nova Scotia, to attend Acadia University. They are Morgan Fuller, Jane Varney, and Leanne Kenerson.

The University of New Hampshire at Durham has been chosen by three of the graduates. They are David Benedetto, Jon Owen, and Ben Jensen. Leonard (BK) Brown and John McAuliffe will be matriculating at Keene State College in Keene, while David Shibley will be registering at Plymouth State College in Plymouth.

There are quite a few ACS graduates who will also be continuing their post-secondary education in New Hampshire. For instance, three will be attending the NH Community Technical College in Laconia; they are Dan Bemis, Ames Oickle, and James Cameron. Matt Ross will be attending NH Community Technical College in Manchester while Jon Nicastro will be continuing his studies at Hesser College, also



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in Manchester. Attending the NH Technical Institute in Concord will be Megan Brownell, Jessica Chabot, Randi Desmarais, Michael Enright, Shawn Ford, and Anthony Nicastro. Dennis Sweeney and Anthony Sanborn will be registering at McIntosh College in Dover. Anthony is also a member of the US Army National Guard.

Joseph Gorman will be following his nation's calling by entering the United States Army this summer. We are pleased to note that other ACS graduates are still finalizing their career/college plans while also considering immediate employment opportunities.

We would like to congratulate all of the 2002 graduates and we wish them well as they proceed with the next steps in their careers.



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By Nancy Mooney Hebert

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Our June meeting focused on the nominating committee headed by Dom Guiliano who presented a slate of officers to be voted on in July. Anyone who wishes to run for an office should notify Claire at the center (875-7102).

The association is very concerned about poor attendance at meetings, especially during the winter months. However, it voted to continue year-round meetings, although no official business will be conducted without a quorum, which will now be 15 percent of the membership.

If anyone wishes to be Trip Coordinator for the association, call Evelyn at 875-8256. We appreciate all the hard work Ginny Myers has done for us in the past.

The Alton Senior Citizens Association is very pleased to welcome Kimberly Gustafson as the new CAP Senior Services Director for Alton. She graduated from Alton Central School in 1979 and lives in Gilford with her husband and four children. She previously worked in Laconia as a volunteer program manager for Community Health and Hospice. Claire Fitzgerald is now Food Services Coordinator at the center, which will give Kim more time to concentrate on expanding activities and programs for ALL the seniors in our community.

Speaking to the association Kim outlined her goals, which include community wellness and fitness, health screening clinics, and "fun" activities and trips. Through publicity and personal contact Kim will assure that these programs will be taken advantage of to their fullest by senior citizens.

Kim is encouraging all seniors age 60 and over to come to the center on Pearson Road for lunch, Monday through Friday (see the menus on page 27). On July 5 there will be an Independence Day celebration with BBQ chicken, door prizes, a raffle, and music and dancing afterwards. During the week of July 22-26 Kim has planned "Holiday in July" with a Yankee Swap, a holiday movie, and games. Call Kim at 875-7102 to sign up for lunches or to talk with her about what is new at the center.

Congratulations to Wanita Baldwin, who won the attendance raffle. Our next meeting is July 10 at 1 p.m. We need you there to keep our organization going!



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There are a number of ways you can submit your ideas. 1) Mail them to Alton SAU #72, Post Office Box 120, Alton 03809; 2) E-mail them to <Schoolboard@alton.k12.nh.us>; or 3) Call Debi Winegar (776-4547), Barnstead member of the Public Relations Committee, and leave your message on her voicemail.

If you need more information or have questions, you can visit the Alton Central School (ACS) website at <www.alton.k12.nh.us> or contact the SAU at 875-7890.

In the latter part of September the committee will gather all the suggestions and submit them to the Joint School Board. The board is hoping there will be maximum participation in joining in the fun and the creativity that starts here with this opportunity to "Name That School!"

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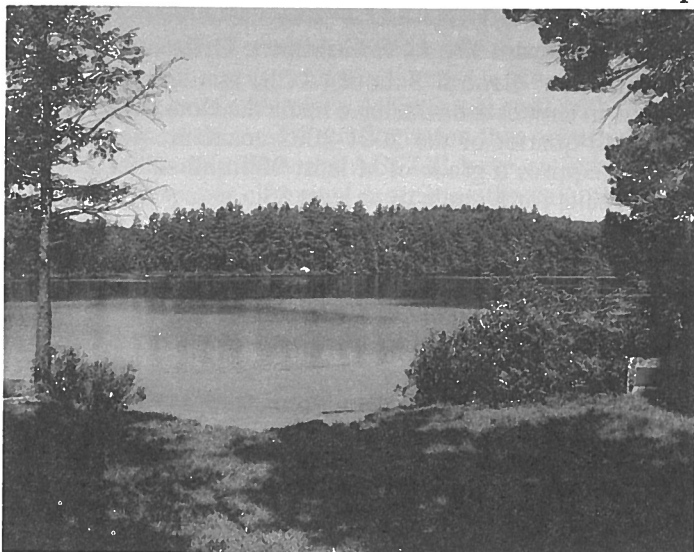
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DISCOVER ALTON: KNIGHTS POND

By Joe Harris

The crowds of people found at Mt. Major, Alton's most famous destination for day trippers and climbers, can be overwhelming even on the dreariest of summer and autumn days. So why not explore Alton's quieter side by taking a hike around Knights Pond?

Nestled in scenic woods just one mile from Route 28 in East Alton, Knights Pond Conservation Area offers visitors a peaceful and relaxing alternative. Only the wind rustling through the trees or an occasional birdcall disturbs the tranquil scene awaiting hikers.

A small kiosk located at the trailhead and parking area greets visitors. The gravel path gently descends one-half mile to the pond. The loop trail branches off to the left several hundred feet from the pond. The trail can also be accessed from the shoreline, beginning to the right of a bronze plaque imbedded in a large granite stone. The trail winds through the pine forest, ending just above the shoreline. Allow one and one-half hours to complete the loop and enjoy the view.

Knights Pond Conservation Area and Hiking Trail was created on August 13, 1990, and is permanently protected from development. It is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day, and after Labor Day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Directions: From Alton Traffic Circle, follow Route 28 north to Rines Road (approximately eight miles), right onto Rines Road and follow for one mile. The entrance gate to Knights Pond is on the left, and the parking area is one-half mile from the road.

SOME HANDY TIPS

WHEN SUBMITTING TO Main Street

When you wish to submit a story/article or an advertisement to Alton's monthly newsmagazine:

Always give us your name and a phone number. There are times when information must be verified before your submission can be accepted.

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When submitting an article, the editors would like to be able to put your name in as a by-line to show attribution to the readers. If you do not wish your name used, you must then write the article without the use of I, we, our, etc.

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If in doubt, call the editors — see page 2 of Main Street.



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STUDENTS CITED FOR HONORS**From the ACS Guidance Office**

The Alton Central School (ACS) has announced the students in Grades 4-8 who have made the Honor Roll during the fourth quarter of the 2001-2002 academic year. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects while Honors calls for a grade of at least 83.

GRADE 4 HIGH HONORS: Joel Dore.

GRADE 4 HONORS: Sarah Adams, Tyler Avery, Ashley Barsanti, Scott Brunelle, Allison Cormier, Holly Couture, Lindsey Daniels, Sarah Fraser, Kelsey Hopper, Megan Hopper, Mary-Margaret Houghton, Caitlin Hussey, Brian Jones, Kyle Kleeburg, Levi Liedke, Kelsey Meyerhoff, Lydia Morton, Stephanie Moulton, Brittany O'Neil, Emily Pellowe, Natalia Ramey, Kyle Rondeau, Dack Rouleau, Jaclyn Saalfrank, Kimberly Sykes, and Aaron Wilkinson.

GRADE 5 HIGH HONORS: Jack LaFreniere and Kathleen Sykes.

GRADE 5 HONORS: Vanessa Ainsworth, Shaida Anderson, Marina Avery, Casey Beranger, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Emily Donahue, Cory Dudman, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Richard Finethy, Colin Hammond, Brendan Hussey, Ashley Lionetta, Vincent Meuse, Thomas Pellowe, Stephanie Roy, Danielle Sheehan, and Weston Stewart.

GRADE 6 HIGH HONORS: Tony Castagnaro, Jesse Lane, and Brianna Tidd.

GRADE 6 HONORS: Ashley Bailey, Erin Brackley, Kelsey Crathern, Meagan DiVito, Courtney Emerson, Ryan Gillan, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Ryan Lougee, Alina Loynd, Chris (CJ) Moulton, Corrine Pearce, Amanda Pellowe, Tara Prescott, Wetherly Rouleau, Robyn Shibley, Stephanie Storey, Jason Tanguay, Krystal Vigue, Caitlin Wenzlau, and Kelsie Whitney.

GRADE 7 HIGH HONORS: Bradley Bissell and Ty Tremblay.

GRADE 7 HONORS: Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Nick Gagne, Caila Kantar, Suzanne Sherwood, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeffrey St. Cyr, and Kelsey Tinkham.

GRADE 8 HIGH HONORS: Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, and Owen Laurion.

GRADE 8 HONORS: Ryan Fogell, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Jennifer McAllister, Taylor Peterson, Patrick Quinn, and Aimee Terravechia.

GOOD CITIZENS NOT FORGOTTEN**From the ACS Guidance Office**

The Alton Central School (ACS) would like to acknowledge the following students for citizenship for the third quarter. These fourth graders were inadvertently left off the list published in last month's Main Street. We are very sorry! They are: Katlyn Farrior, James Goodwin, Mary Margaret Houghton, Caitlin Hussey, Stephanie Moulton, Brittany O'Neil, Kayla Wyatt, and Shabir Shaikh.

BROOKS RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Program recently awarded scholarships to high school juniors. This year's winners were selected from a pool of nearly 7,500 applicants. Along with scholastics the recipients must demonstrate accomplishments in three of four areas: special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, and community service. Katie Brooks of Alton Bay and a junior at Alton Central School received a \$2,500 state scholarship, along with five other New Hampshire students.

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ABCCC FIRE OF 1945 AVAILABLE ON VIDEO

The story on page one concerning the June 14 fire at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (ABCCC) necessitated some research by Main Street staff with respect to the details of the major conflagration that occurred there in 1945. Not only does the ABCCC have an exhibit that contains newspaper clippings describing the calamity of 57 years ago but also a video cassette covering the event is available for check out at the Gilman Library. Copies are for sale at the ABCCC for \$10.

For the history buff the video is quite good. It runs 40 minutes starting with the history of the ABCCC and culminating with amateur movie footage of the fire in progress and a synopsis of the subsequent rebuilding effort. The early history is made up of a collage of still photographs with voice-over, while the 1945 fire coverage includes a few oral histories of people who were there. (One lady grabbed a bag of things to be saved only to discover later that it contained socks needing to be darned!)

SPENCER EARNS HONORS AND DEGREE

Sarah Spencer of Alton, daughter of Michael Spencer and Linda Monasky, was named to the Dean's List of Academic Achievement for the spring 2002 term at Elmira College in upstate New York. On June 2 at the 144th Commencement Spencer received her degree, a Bachelor of Science.

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

. . . The summer season kicked off with a concert by Forest Tilton's "Just Jazz Band," which was followed by a spectacular fire works display at dusk . . . A small group of volunteers met to form a group dedicated to the preservation of Alton's 140 cemeteries . . . The Selectmen adopted an ordinance to regulate hawkers and peddlers . . . They also considered future alternatives for the Alton Landfill and joined the New Hampshire Resource Recovery Association, promoting solid waste management policies . . . The Alton Action Alliance helped with a drug-free graduation trip and worked for an in-school comprehensive health education curriculum, including drug and alcohol education at an early age.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Scott Dunn was named the new Town Administrator for Alton . . . Judy Biggar, the Town's Administrative Assistant, moved on to the top job in Chesterfield . . . Restoration of the 1930 Maxim pumper fire truck was completed by volunteers and was to be driven in several area parades over the summer . . . The Alton Police and VFW Post 11163 conducted a Bike Rodeo to teach the youngsters bike safety . . . Jeff Irvin, Mark Newlin, and Mike O'Brien were named to the Class S All-State baseball team.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . John Duffek stepped down as founding editor of Main Street, turning the reins over to Bob Longabaugh; Duffek remained as Publisher and President of the corporation . . . There were 34 graduates in the Class of 1997 with Valedictorian Matthew Fenton and Salutatorian Rebecca Miller as the top students . . . Stephanie Tanguay, a fourth grader at Alton Central was named Belknap County poet . . . Tony Mariano was honored by the VFW for all his volunteer work . . . The Gilman Library expansion was underway . . . American Legion Post #72 named Bill Fraser as their Legionnaire of the Year . . . SAU 72 opened its doors at its office in Homestead Place.

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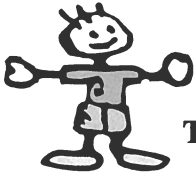
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
 By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
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THE SUMMER OF 2002

All programs are listed in our 2002 summer schedule which is available at the A.V.A.S. Public Park on Route 11. Register for all programs in person Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., by mail, or use our information kiosk 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Fill out the registration form and drop it off in our slot with your payment. It's very easy and fast. If you need more information or would like to speak with our staff, please contact us at 875-0109 or e-mail <altonpnr@worldpath.net>. Come out and play with us this summer!

Pre-School Activities

Programs are held at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9 - 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 - 5. Program fee is \$3 per day

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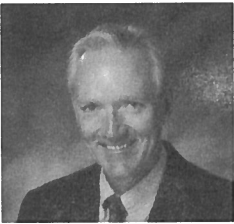
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Treasure Hunt: July 10 — Come to our island and find treasures hidden around the park. Everyone wins a prize. Registration deadline is July 1.

Kids Craft Creations: July 24 — Be creative and join in the fun as we make our own beaded necklace to wear home and other decorative items. All supplies will be furnished. Registration deadline is July 8.

Camp Alton Bay: July 31 — Have you ever been camping? We will prepare for a fun camping trip by setting up a tent, making binoculars, singing campfire songs, playing eye spy, and eating gooey s'mores. Registration deadline is July 22.

Events For Ages 8 And Older

All programs take place at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1 - 3 p.m.

Candy Bar Bingo: July 10 — Join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO. All participants need to bring one full-size candy bar (\$.50 or larger) to put in the prize pool. Everyone wins a prize. Program fee is \$3 and one candy bar. Pre-registration is required.

Ice Cream Social: July 24 — Enjoy ice cream sundaes, craft projects, and a swim in the lake. Program fee is \$4 and the registration deadline is July 5.

Art Adventures: July 31 — We will make tie-dye shirts (bring a white shirt) and leather art. Program fee is \$4. The registration deadline is July 19, and the program is limited to 16 participants.

Senior BINGO

July 26 — Seniors are invited to participate in our annual Christmas in July BINGO. It is free and will be from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded to BINGO winners.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

Adults of all ages are invited to participate in this fun and energizing program. Lessons are held on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. All abilities are welcome. Program fee is \$3 for the summer session. Drop in any time.

Swimming Lessons

Participants register for one session. Each session will have five classes and will run for one week. Registration deadline is July 11. Register early; class sizes are limited. Session 1 is July 22 - 26 and Session 2 is July 29 - August 2. Lessons are held at the Alton Bay Swim Dock and are \$10 per session. See our summer schedule for detailed information, including course descriptions and times.

Recreation Soccer League For Grades 1 - 6

Sign up now. The deadline to register is August 2. *Please Note: Late registrations will NOT be accepted.* Practices will be one to two evenings a week in Alton, and games may be held in New Durham, Gilmanton, Barnstead, and Belmont. Program fee is \$15 per player and includes a team shirt. Coaches are needed so please call 875-0109 to volunteer.

Major League Soccer Camp For Ages 7 - 14

This runs July 15 - 19 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at Jones Field. The fee is \$88 and includes a camp shirt. Bring shin guards, soccer ball, and water bottle.

Mike Burke Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament

July 28 — A Team and August 4 — B Team held at the Mike Burke Volleyball Court at 9 a.m. The prepaid fee of \$15 includes tournament shirt and refreshments. Register by July 13. Tournament is limited to four teams.

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" or ads under the "Free" and "Ride Sharing" classifications.) 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 Bank of New Hampshire. Ads **must** contain a phone number.

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My family and I would like to take this time to extend our thanks to all of you in the Town of Alton who stood by our family during the loss of loved one, Francis E. Moulton. Your love and friendship meant so very much to all of us.

/s/Diantha S. Moulton; Glenn, Sharon, and Brett Lamper; Arthur (Skip) and Ann Moulton and family; Carl and Linda Moulton and family; Deborah Moulton and family.

Many thanks to the members of the Alton Fire Department who came to my home on May 31, the day of the severe storm, when a huge pine landed on the roof. They provided tarp and covered the damaged roof area. Without their assistance the damage to the house would have been much worse. The residents of Alton are very fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated fire department.

/s/Muriel V. Stinson

The Alton Garden Club wishes to recognize Bruce Holmes of Sunflower Gardens for his generosity in donating all the flowers for our projects. Thank you, Bruce, for helping us keep Alton beautiful.

/s/Alton Garden Club

I would like to thank all those people of Alton who helped my family and I in our search for our Irish Wolfhound, "Sheamus." He was spooked by your great fireworks display on Memorial Day Weekend and was missing for six days. The Alton and Wolfeboro police, businesses, and residents were not only sympathetic in our search but helped in his rescue. He was pretty run down and beat up, and I seriously doubt he could have survived too much longer in the woods. He is back home with us in Massachusetts. If and when I can retire or ever have the chance to move to New Hampshire, I will no doubt look in your area. Thanks a ton.

/s/Tim Tangeman and family, Dudley, Massachusetts

A special thanks to the students and staff at the Alton Central School (ACS). We very much enjoyed participating in the recent Health Fair at your school. ACS staff were so nice and the students were very respectful. We enjoyed working out with them! Have a great summer!

/s/Kwoon Karate Academies of Self Defense

LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Program is open to all age 60 and older. Meals served Monday-Friday, 12 noon. Suggested \$2 donation. 875-7102.

July 1 - 5: Mon., Pork Choppette/Gravy; Tue., Fish Filet/Lemon Slice; Wed., Macaroni & Cheese; Thu., Independence Day, Closed; Fri., July 4 Celebration—BBQ Chicken.

July 8 - 12: Mon., Swedish Meatballs/Gravy; Tue., Chicken Breast/Gravy; Wed., Veal Parmesan/Spaghetti Sauce; Thu., Sliced Turkey; Fri., Cheese Omelet.

July 15 - 19: Mon., Breaded Pork Cutlet/Gravy; Tue., Ham Salad or Chicken Salad; Wed., Chicken Primavera; Thu., Batter Dipped Fish; Fri., Yankee Pot Roast/Gravy.

July 22 - 26: Mon., Veal Patty/Gravy; Tue., Roast Turkey/Gravy; Wed., Stuffed Shells/Meatsauce; Thu., Macaroni & Cheese; Fri., Chef's Salad.

July 29 - Aug. 1: Mon., Pier 17 Fish Filet; Tue., Salisbury Steak/Gravy; Wed., BBQ Chicken; Thu., Roast Pork/Gravy; Fri., Turkey Ala King.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CAR WASH

The Friends of the Gilman Library will be holding their Second Annual Car Wash on Saturday, July 13, (rain date, July 20) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in front of Town Hall.

Members of the Friends will be there with hoses, buckets, brushes, towels, rags, and a desire to wash and dry your car for you. What an opportunity to see a different generation of Alton residents out there having fun! It is an event you should not miss.

Donations to the treasury will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. The Friends hope to see you and your car.

CONCERT SERIES IN ALTON BAY

The July schedule for the free concert series held at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Lake Winnepesaukee from 7 - 9 p.m. is as follows.

July 3 — 39th Army Band, patriotic music, sponsored by Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. This one concert is from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

July 6 — East Bay Jazz Ensemble, swing and jazz.

July 13 — Kid Pop, kid's interactive musical show for all ages.

July 20 — The Rough Edges, 50's and 60's.

July 27 — Pony Express, country and western; sponsored by Alton Home and Lumber Center—Trustworthy Hardware Store.

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the night and the music.

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Situated at the corner of Main and Factory Streets in Alton is a brick building housing an attractive group of antiques which were collected by Pearl and Harold Gilman. They grew up in Alton, left for their working years, and returned in retirement. They endowed the Gilman Museum to preserve a sort of "time capsule" of furnishings from the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries.

The museum is nonprofit and charges no admission when it is open in the summer. It can be opened by appointment any time of the year. A committee of five people oversee the operation, but volunteers are really needed to assist on Wednesday, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in July and August. It is a wonderful way to acquaint yourself with Alton over the years. Currently the special exhibit is "Honoring Brave Men — The Civil War."

Won't you help the committee and become a volunteer in this "look back in time?" Call Patricia Rockwood at 875-2161 or the museum at 875-0201 to sign up.

THE ROUTE 11D ASSOCIATION

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