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Complimentary

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS By Ray Nadeau

The annual Memorial Day parade will be hosted by the American Legion Family on Monday, May 31. All participants are requested to report to Monument Square at 9:30 AM to line up in the order of march.

After the invocation, given by Reverend Peter Bolster, the parade will step off at 10:00 and proceed to the Riverside Cemetery. The ceremony there will include a reading of "Flanders Field", brief remarks, firing detail and the playing of "Taps". The procession will then return to Monument Square to conclude the ceremony. Our guest speaker will be the Honorable Michael Whalley, Deputy Speaker, NH House of Representatives. Formalities will include the placing of wreaths on war memorials, a reading of "The Gettysburg Address", musical selections by the Alton High School band and the firing detail. (This will be our first opportunity to see the band in their new uniforms)

Memorial Day, also called "Decoration Day", has long been observed in Alton. The American Legion has participated for many years and photos of earlier Memorial Days can be seen on the walls of our post.

Memorial Day itself has its roots in General Orders #11 issued by John A. Logan, Commander-in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic on May 5, 1868. It Stated in part that "30th day of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing flowers on the graves of comrades who died in
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Editors note: The following is taken from an Associated Press story dated April 14, 1932. It is believed that the man in the right foreground of the photo below is Charles Estes. Estes lived in Alton.

Sixty-seven years ago tonight Abraham Lincoln was shot - and Charles H. Estes, 88, remembers it well, because he helped carry the mortally wounded President from the Ford Theatre, Washington.

Estes, who today was named commander of the New Hampshire department, Grand Army of the Republic, recalled to his friends the historical incidents of the night of April 14, 1865. He was assigned to the veterans reserve corps and doing guard duty in Washington.

"I was watching a torchlight procession," he said, "when I heard a colored man holler 'murder,' and saw a fellow ride by on a horse going for life. It was reported Lincoln was shot. I jumped on a horse car, went to the barracks and hollered 'Lincoln is shot.'

"The order sergeant told me to go to bed and stop my noise, but I took my gun and equipment and went to 10th street where the theatre was. We went in at the command of a lieutenant and with three or four others I carried Lincoln to a house across the street, where he died the next morning."

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MAY 31, 2004 10:00am

*Photo Courtesy American Legion Post 72
1922 Memorial Day Parade down Main St.*



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2004 ICE OUT WINNER ANNOUNCED

Official Ice out, when the MV Mount Washington can enter every port on its route was declared at 5:21 AM on April 20th. And the winner of the Alton Main Street Contest is..... Priscilla Lawrence of 218 Gilmans Corner Road in Alton. The date and time she picked was 2:00 PM on April 20th which was the closest entry. Congratulations to Priscilla and we know she will enjoy her gift certificate donated by the DockSide Restaurant in Alton Bay.

DOG LICENSES By Lisa Waterman

To all dog owners who have not yet licensed your dogs, you will be fined \$1.00 per month after May 31st. Also, you will be in violation of RSA 466:1 and a civil forfeiture will be issued carrying a fine of \$25.00. Don't add to the cost of a dog registration, come in soon.

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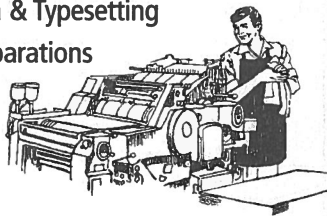
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defense of their country...and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet in the land”

The holiday now honors those who died in any war while serving the United States and is observed on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day has always been a special day but this year has added significance. The dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC is scheduled for Saturday, May 29, 2004. The memorial will pay tribute to the 16 million Americans who served in uniform, the more than 400,000 who gave their lives and the millions more who supported the war effort from the homefront.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 14, 2000. A delegation from the Alton Legion was honored to attend. Many WWII veterans, many in wheelchairs or with walkers, were among the 10 to 20 thousand in attendance.

Construction began in 2001 and now nearly 59 years after the end of WWII, the memorial will be dedicated in honor of what many refer to as “The Greatest Generation”. Several local Legion family members will be attending.

WWII veterans will be honored in the Alton parade and will be driven in specially marked vehicles. IF YOU ARE A WWII VETERAN AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US IN THE PARADE, please call the Alton Post at 875-3461 or the Alton American Legion Commander at 569-1977. All transportation will be furnished.

At the conclusions of our ceremonies, we invite all parade participants, attendees and friends in the community to join us for refreshments at the American Legion Post home on Route 28. Sandwiches, cookeies, ice cream, soft drinks and coffee will be served.

ALTON VFW POST 11163

By John Brooks, Quartermaster

We are a non-profit organization of veterans of foreign wars. We make donations to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI, where families of our members can be housed and educated. We also donate to the VFW hospitals in White River Junction, VT, Manchester, NH, as well as to the Veterans Home in Tilton, NH. We also make yearly contributions toward nursing scholarships, cancer research, Special Olympics and the NH Veterans Cemetery.

In the Memorial Day Parade, we will have a color guard and a WWII Vintage Jeep. Clifton Wooldridge, our vice commander, was a Jeep driver in the 83rd infantry division which met the Russians at the Elbe River in Germany. After returning home, he purchased and restored a 1942 Willey’s Jeep. It has been driven in parades around the state. Our Jeep was found being used as a snow plow in Massachusetts. All parts for repair were found in a surplus yard in Pennsylvania. The entire jeep contains original, authentic parts. All interested people can see the Jeep in the Alton Memorial Day Parade.

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THOUGHTS ON HOMESCHOOLING
 by Katrina Lindland

I am often asked about my choice to homeschool. Both the space and the forum limit me a bit, but I will try to address some frequently asked questions.

Why do I homeschool my children? For me, it is my desire to allow our children to learn at their own pace, to give them the freedom to explore, to ensure learning is more about growing better human beings than fitting them in to some pre-determined mold, and to have the opportunity to be more involved in the environment that will nurture their souls along the way.

How do you go about homeschooling? Since to live is to learn, our classroom expands far beyond textbooks. We create a curriculum that fulfills the state requirements by using homeschool- geared texts, experiences in the community, libraries, and every other fabulous source available. The homeschool community is networked both locally and nationally. You can also take a ride on the WEB and find wonderful support around the world.

Socialization is another hot topic, and to that I say, you bet I want them socialized, but in a broader way than just by a group of their peers. The world around us provides ample opportunity each and every day. Through homeschool groups my children have learned to interact respectfully with all ages and levels of education. Our son has had a business of one kind or another since he was ten years old which has provided him with invaluable life experiences. With friends from both public and private school I have become increasingly aware that my children have, in fact, a well-rounded social life.

Another question to be expected is; "How do you teach subjects that are beyond your comfort level?" There is a fertile community of people, textbooks written for the homeschooler, local schools, and many on-line programs that, in most cases, fill that void. Some choose to utilize local schools more than others. Many of us have also enrolled our children in the Concord or Laconia Technical Colleges. Each child is as individual as their thumbprint, so there are any number of creative solutions to every situation.

People choose homeschooling for a wide variety of reasons. For some it may be for a child that would have otherwise fallen through the cracks of an already burdened public system. For others it may be a moral commitment. Whatever the reason, it is an awesome responsibility we take seriously. Teaching my children has given me a greater respect for all of the wonderful teachers out there. I am also aware, as are most of you reading this article, that the system doesn't always work for every child. I am grateful that in this great country homeschooling is one of the options available to parents seeking alternatives.

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IN Main Street

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Fire Department's Maxim, acquired in 1930, is undergoing restoration. Ed and Lester Downing drove the pumper and did the maintenance in those early years. The pumper was in service until the early 1960's. It is used now for parades and Old Home Week...The County Commissioners were invited by the Selectmen to discuss the various services we get from the County. Emphasis was on Health and Human Services available...Alton/New Durham Lions Club presented a check for \$2000 to the Playground Committee...

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Ice out was April 23...One of the middle school's teams that Participated in the Olympics of the Mind was selected to compete at the state level...Tracey Lionetta won the prize for creating a Bicentennial logo. The prize was dinner for two at Sandy Point...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Members of the High School Drama Club presented the play, "The Mouse That Roared"...Andrew Locke, originally from Gilford, was hired as Town Planner...Channel 25, a new public access television channel, hopes to bring interesting events and official town activities to the Lakes Region. Peter Pijoan is area coordinator and Bob Longabaugh is coordinator for Alton...Rev Peter Bolster was welcomed as the new pastor of the Community Church. His wife, Clare, is a teacher and they have two daughters and a son...

GOOD BEGINNINGS RECEIVES GRANT

By Bette Coffey

Good Beginnings of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity was awarded a grant of \$4,000.00 by the Women's Fund of New Hampshire. This grant will assist in funding their home visiting program, providing supports services to pregnant and parenting women.

The Women's Fund of New Hampshire is a state-wide, public foundation dedicated to encouraging philanthropy and improving the lives of women and girls as well as educating the community about their potential. The Fund is supported through hundreds of individual gifts, grants, and a growing, permanent endowment. In its first six years, WFNH has given away \$236,000.00 in grants to 69 organizations throughout the Granite State. These nonprofit partners work to ensure that all women and girls have the opportunity to reach their full potential. For more information, please visit SFNH's newly updated website at www.wfnh.org.

Good Beginnings is a program of the VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity.

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ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS SPEAKERS

The Alton Historical Society will meet May 18th at 7pm at the Gilman Library. Stanley Sanborn, Tallant Dodge and Don Jordan will be the featured speakers, and will talk about "Growing Up In Alton". They will talk about how things were in the 'good old days'! This topic has proven to be one of the most popular of the Historical Societies series. The audience is encouraged to add (or subtract!) any comments relating to the topics. A lively discussion is encouraged!

Refreshments will be served by Barbara Gilman, Virginia and Rawland Dore, and Marion and Dick Davis.

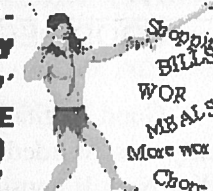
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FAIR COMMITTEE REQUESTS DONATIONS By Mim Roques

As you go about Spring Cleaning, please keep in mind the Summer Fair on July 10th sponsored by the Community Church of Alton. Your unwanted items may be useful to someone else should they be available on the now famous 'white elephant' table at the fair.

It's time to begin collecting items for the Fair. We have space available for storage now. Feel free to call the Church office at 875-5561 (Wednesday through Friday) or Mim at 875-2289 for pick up and delivery information.

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ALTON OUTDOORS By Jack Miller

May is the "What do I do now?" month. Do I hunt, or fish, or both?

The open water fishing season has been open for a month, but May is THE BEST month for fishing, as far as I am concerned. The water is still cold enough to keep the salmon, rainbows and lake trout in the shallow waters of the big lake. They are still catch-able with light tackle. This month also brings out the bugs so fly fishing for trout gets better and better.

As the waters start to warm, the bass start to spawn in the shallows. You may presently keep 2 bass, but as of May 15th, ALL bass caught must be released, unharmed, at the sight of catch. This continues through June 15th. From June 16th through June 30th, you may keep 2 bass, but remember these fish are about to make more fish for the future. Be careful about your choices. From July 1 on, you may keep 5 bass.

May 14, 15 and 16 is the 23rd Annual Winnie Fishing Derby. Prizes for the largest salmon and lake trout include four boat, motor and trailer combos. Registration is \$40.00 for adults and \$30.00 for juniors (15 and under) For more information, go to the web at www.winiderby.com. If fishing is what you like, this is the month to just do it.

If you are an all-around outdoor person, you have a dilemma. Hunt or fish? Fish or hunt??? May 3-31 is the spring turkey hunting season. You may hunt from 1/2 hour before sunrise until noontime. Only one male turkey may be taken with shotgun or bow. These very wary birds are a great challenge for the hunter. The main technique used is to call a male turkey to your hunting spot. It is quite exciting to hear a turkey answer your call. Then the challenge becomes one of you spotting the bird, before he spots you with his excellent eyesight. Total camouflage is needed, and lots of patience. Success is never guaranteed.

What does one do this month? Make a choice, and get out there and enjoy Alton's outdoors.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB By Vi Russell

Alton Garden Club meets on May 25 at 12:30pm at the Congregational Meeting House. Annual Spring Luncheon - bring a salad or casserole, and a place setting.

Program: Alton Town Update, Speaker Russ Bailey, Town Administrator. Chairperson for refreshments is Daryl Czech. New members are welcome to come and join us, or call President Phyllis Buchanan at 276-8986.

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FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

Annual Egg Hunt A Success

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored its annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 10, 2004 for children nine years and younger at Jones Field Recreation Area. The weather was a wonderful sunny, spring day and over 100 children were in attendance. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank Melissa Wells and John Bishop for their help at the event. The Department also sponsored a Flashlight Egg Hunt on Friday, April 9, 2004 at Liberty Tree Park for grades 5-8 with the CYA organization. The nighttime egg hunt was a unique twist on the popular hunting for plastic eggs program. Grades 5-8 participated by finding eggs hidden in the park. The Department would like to thank CYA for volunteering to assist with the set up supervision of the program.

Hershey Track and Field

The Department is sponsoring the Hershey Track and Field program for boys and girls ages nine (born during 1995) to fourteen years old (born during 1990). Practices will be held at the Kingswood Regional High School Track in Wolfeboro with Coach Peter Clifford on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm starting May 25-July 6, 2004. There are two meets scheduled in the Lakes Region and one Regional meet in Concord. The registration fee is \$5.00 per child, pre-registration is required by May 18, 2004. Events include: Track: 50, 100, 200, and 400 meter dash; 4x100 meter relay; 800 and 1600 meter run; Field: Standing Long Jump and Softball Throw. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department for a program registration form. The program was created by the Hershey Company to promote physical fitness, participation, friendship and sportsmanship.

Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 5, 2004 from 9:00am-3:00pm, rain date is June 6, 2004. All residents are invited to sign up for this Town Wide event. If you would like to have a Yard Sale on June 5, 2004 call the Alton Parks and Recreation Department before May 11, 2004 with your Yard Sale location. When calling please include your complete address with specific directions on how to get there, we need to know what road your street is off of and what side of the street you are located on. Incomplete addresses may not be included on the map. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide a map with all of the Yard Sale locations creating one big Town Wide Yard Sale; last year there were over seventy Yard Sale locations. There is no fee to have your Yard Sale listed and the maps are free. The Yard Sale is a fun community event. Maps will be available after May 21, 2004 at the Parks and Recreation

Department, Town Hall, Bank of NH and Alton 5&10.

Play, Learn and Grow Program

Join in this drop-in program with the Giggles and Grins Resource Center. This free program is open to all children newborn to five years of age and is held at the Alton Bay Community Center, located on Lake Winnepesaukee, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-11:30am. Come and meet new parents and children. Activities include: free play, snack time, reading books and more. Parents must stay and supervise their child during the program and are asked to bring a snack for their child. Please drop by and join our new program.

Senior Bingo

Alton Seniors are invited to attend our free, annual Spring Bingo game on Friday, May 14, 2004 at 1:00pm at the Pearson Road Community Center. Play our challenging novelty games and meet Alton Seniors. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Refreshments will be served.

Alton Town Beach Committee

The Alton Town Beach Committee is actively searching for desirable parcels of land to locate a Town Beach for Alton residents. The ideal spot would include a sandy beach, picnic area, and additional room for parking and restroom facilities. Residents interested in serving on the Committee or property owners interested in offering their land for the purpose of a Town Beach are encouraged to contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Compost Bin Sale

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Backyard Compost Bin Sale in an effort to reduce household waste and recycle unwanted food scraps into rich soil. A home compost bin and how to guide can be purchased for \$35.00. The bin is black, has a ten-year warranty and is made of recycled plastic. It is approximately 33" high and 33" wide, or large enough for a family of five. Order forms are available at the A.V.A.S. Public Park, Town Hall, Alton Home and Lumber Center and Alton 5&10. For more information or to have a form mailed to you please call us at 875-0109.



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BIG LAKE HALF MARATHON By Keith Jordan, Race Director

The Big Lake Half Marathon comes back for its third year. Last year, The Big Lake Half Marathon continued its' tradition of New Hampshire running excellence, with more than 1200 entrants. Race Director and Series founder Keith Jordan is looking for bigger and better things this year, when the race returns to Alton on May 8. "We're increasing the field to 1400 runners, which we felt was a safe number for this year. We want to make sure the quality of the race is extremely high, while giving the biggest number of runners the opportunity to race."

Jordan has been working hard with the town and Police to make the race even better than last year. "The race went great in 2003. We're adding more live entertainment to the course, bigger and better aid stations, and some other surprises. We're going to have digital clocks at every mile for the runners again this year, so everyone can accurately check their splits every mile. Of course, we'll have the post-race band and pizza party for all of the athletes, so we're really looking forward to it. Our goal is make this the premier Half Marathon in New England and the country."

The Big Lake will also be the kick-off race for the Audi allroad quattro Race Series. Jordan is looking for volunteers to continue the success of the event. "The aid stations and all of the volunteers were fantastic last year. They really made the race. We're looking for help again." Last year, there was a competition for the best aid station on the course, with the winner being awarded \$250. "Laconia Athletic and Swim Club won, but I felt badly that not every group could win. Everyone did such a great job. This year, all groups will be given a \$200 donation for their charity or fundraiser. They also have the chance to win the \$250 for the best aid station, that way everyone wins. If you have a group who'd like to help out and participate, please contact me at 293-8353. We're also looking for entertainment on the course, so if you're a musician, let me know. We'd love to have you and really make this a great Alton event. We're also looking for volunteers to help out with the finish line area and registration."

The course will remain unchanged, starting on Letter "S" road. It will continue on Routes 11 and 11D, before returning to the finish line in Alton Bay. A beautiful, scenic course to showcase Alton. To start the festivities off, The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Friday Evening, May 7, at Alton Central School. Come join the fun!

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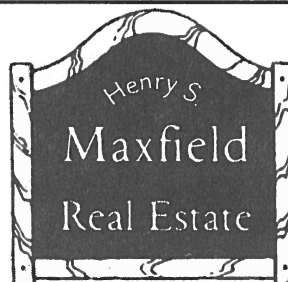
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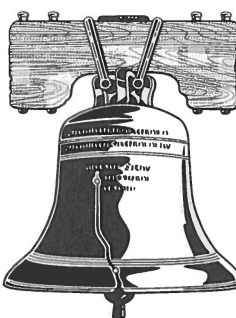
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ALTON POLICE LOG

There were 24 arrests, including:

- * Minors were arrested for - Prowling, Criminal Trespass & Attempt to Commit Motor Vehicle Theft; a 17 year old male was arrested on a CHINS Petition; Unlawful Possession of Alcohol & a Bench Warrant; Simple Assault.
- * William J Foxlow of Alton NH was arrested on a Bench Warrant.
- * Christopher J DeFlumeri of Alton NH was arrested for Possession of Narcotic Drugs.
- * Randy M Newman of Hollis NH was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.
- * Carl R Timmons of Rochester NH was arrested for Criminal Mischief.
- * Kenneth A Reader of Windham NH was arrested for Conduct After An Accident, Driving After Revocation or Suspension & Criminal Solicitation to Commit.
- * Mark A Williams of Derry NH was arrested as a Fugitive From Justice.
- * William J Foxlow of Alton NH was arrested for Disturbance In School.
- * Scott D Keniston of Alton NH was arrested for Breach of Bail Conditions & held into Protective Custody for Intoxication.
- * William J Foxlow of Alton NH was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol & a Bench Warrant.
- * Melanie A Katsoulis of Alton NH was held into Protective Custody for Intoxication.
- * Michael F Portigue of Alton NH was arrested for Second Degree Assault & Reckless Conduct Placing Another in Danger.
- * George F Thoroughgood of Alton NH was arrested for Criminal Trespass.
- * Heather Turcotte of Alton NH was arrested for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.
- * Eric R Collins of Alton NH was arrested for Phone Harassment.
- * Marjorie H Boucher of Alton NH was arrested for Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Issuing Bad Checks, Criminal Mischief & Cruelty to Animals.
- * Amy E Wentworth of Alton NH was arrested for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.
- * Jeremy J Tetreault of Meredith NH was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense).
- * Brooke M Pinard of Alton NH was arrested on a Bench Warrant.
- * Alton Police received a report of gunshots in the area of Rand Hill Rd, Spring St & the Bay. Officers responded to the Davignon residence. Michael Davignon barricaded

himself in his residence refusing to comply with police commands. Davignon was arrested for Reckless Conduct Placing Another in Danger, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrested, & Intoxication. An investigation will continue as to whether any forth coming charges will be added.

There were 13 accidents, including:

- * One due to the driver falling asleep; One rollover with injuries due to excessive speed in bad weather; Four due to excessive speed in bad weather.

There were 33 animal calls, including:

- * A report of vicious dog; A report of a dog through the ice. Officer Wright rescued the dog; Two animal warnings were issued.

NOTE: The Town of Alton has a leash law. All dogs have to be on a leash or under verbal command at all times.

There was 1 assault incident, a report of a male juvenile assaulting another, which resulted in an arrest.

There was 1 report of Child Porn on the Internet. Metrocast referred the investigation to the FBI.

There was 1 report of sexual assault of a juvenile. Investigation is pending.

There were 21 calls to assist other agencies, including assisting Barnstead Police with a search for 2 siblings, ages 7 & 9 who had wandered off & were lost. Barnstead Police requested the use of APDs K-9 "Rom". K-9 Officer Lt Chuck Anderson & Cpl Ryan Heath responded to assist. The childrens tracks lead them through a large wooded area & a swamp. The K-9 "Rom" located the siblings after a 1 ½ mile track, the last ½ mile being through a swamp. The children, who were wet, cold & scared were returned safely to their home.

There were 10 incidents involving juveniles, including One report of Attempt to Commit. As a result of the joint efforts of School Resource Officer Detective Nichols & the School's Administration, 16 pounds of Ammonium Nitrate & other associated elements were seized at the residence of a student from Alton Central School. The juvenile had brought some of the Ammonium Nitrate to the school with the intent to sell this Class A Explosive to a second student presumably for the purpose of making bombs. The Police Department has notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Police may make arrests as further information develops.

FROM THE PLANNER'S DESK By Peer Kraft-Lund

Designing your community. We have talked a lot about maintaining the rural feel of Alton. People have said to me, "What is this rural thing all about? Rural character went out with the last farm a few years ago." It's not as much about "rural" as it is about protecting and enhancing the special character that makes Alton unique.

As a community planner and a regional planner, I have worked with many communities. All of the communities have different characteristics. The challenge is identifying that what makes one community different from another. Identifying the difference is not just about landforms and architecture. The difference is also about social characteristics. It is about neighborhoods and people. I think of a community as a living body made up of interconnecting parts. The basic cells are people who make up the neighborhoods. The neighborhoods then make up the community. A community of healthy neighborhoods is a healthy community. The larger the population, the more important the neighborhoods become.

Because small communities like Alton are less likely to have identifiable neighborhoods, those hard working volunteers who sacrifice their leisure time to help the community operate. I am talking about volunteers in the safety services, committee members, and board members. Sadly those social heroes are becoming a rare breed.

This brings me to what I really wanted to say. We need volunteers for the Planning Board. We need alternate members and people interested in working on committees. So, if you have got the urge to become a social hero, "come on down."

Activities. In March, we had 15 projects in front of the Planning Board. The site plan projects consist of a bank, a church, a supermarket complex, and a car wash. On the subdivision side, we have a boundary line adjustment, two two-lot subdivisions, a five-lot subdivision, a seven-lot subdivision, a fourteen-lot subdivision, and a seventeen-lot subdivision. There is a lot of work to be done and little time to plan. So, I think you can see why we need help.

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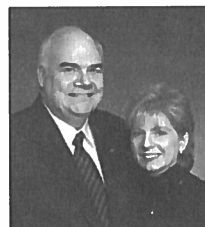
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DID YOU? ... OR DIDN'T YOU?
By MaryBee Longabaugh, Chair
Supervisors of the Checklist

This is a reminder to the Alton registered voters who voted in the Presidential Primary on January 27, 2004. Some of you came into the polls as "undeclared" and forgot to return to that status after you had voted either a Democratic or Republican ballot.

Therefore, in September when you go to vote in the State Primary, you will find you are unable to choose the ballot you want because you are still registered in the party of your choice at the time of the Presidential Primary.

It is **your responsibility** (and no one else's) to come to the Supervisors of the Checklist after you have voted to fill out the slip requesting you be returned to "undeclared" status. The supervisors cannot and will not second guess what YOU want to do. There are some people who decide they wish to stay in one party or the other and would take offense if we made a decision for them.

The slips people filled out requesting return to "undeclared" status have been checked and rechecked. A new checklist is now posted at Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, Alton Central School, and the Alton Bay Post Office. It is YOUR responsibility to go look at a list if you have any doubts. If you find you are still listed as a Republican or Democrat and wish to be listed as Undeclared, go to the Town Clerk's Office before Friday, May 28, or see the Supervisors of the Checklist on Tuesday, June 1, Town Hall, Depot Street Entrance, 7 - 7:30 p.m. so you can fill out the proper form.

To those people who are listed as Republicans or Democrats, you CANNOT have a choice of which ballot to vote at a primary. You HAVE to vote your party designation.

A final reminder: The last day you can change your party status for voting in the September State Primary is Tuesday, June 1. You will not be able to make a change after that until AFTER you have voted in the State Primary on Tuesday, September 14.

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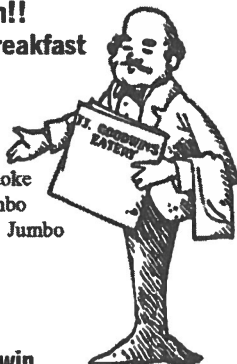
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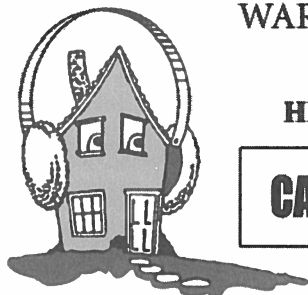
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ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT Fire Chief Alan Johnson

The Alton Fire/Rescue Department members wish to thank our residents for their continued support through the voting process and at Town Meeting. Your assistance enables us the ability to provide the best Fire and EMS protection for our Town and we thank you wholeheartedly.

Fire Permits are now available at the Central Fire Station located at #65 Frank C. Gilman Hwy. Come on in and we'll be glad to assist you with a fire permit or any questions you may have relative to State Laws governing outside burning.

We are pleased to announce the Fire/Rescue Department has been awarded funding through the Firefighters Assistance Grant. These funds will allow the department to purchase a 6000 p.s.i. breathing air compressor to fill firefighters air packs after fires and training.

Among the day to day operations of the department, members respond to many types of emergency calls for service. Please be sure to post your new E-911 numbers so we may locate you in an emergency.

On May 8th, the Town of Alton will once again host the Big Lake Half Marathon Road Race. This race starts approximately 9am on Letter S Road which is located directly across from the Central Fire Station, at the end of Letter S Road runners turn left onto Route 11 and continue through Alton Bay to the West end of Route 11D. The route then loops onto Route 11 East, finishing back at Alton Bay. There will be a band performing at the Bay so for a morning of fun, come on down and join us. Be sure to LOOK OUT FOR RUNNERS ON THE RACE ROUTE and check out members working at various water stations along the race route as they will be dressed and decorated as they compete for awards.

Calls for service for the month of March totaled 40. These calls included 12 Fire related, 26 Medical Emergencies of which 7 were motor vehicle crashes, and 2 service calls to assist the public.

May 16 – 22, 2004 is EMS Week. We will have an Open House at the Central Fire Station offering FREE blood pressure checks and other emergency safety information. Be sure to mark your calendar and come on in for a visit.

The Alton Firemen's Association wishes to thank everyone for their generous donation of raffle items as well as the tremendous support received at our First Annual Spaghetti Dinner held in March. We raised a little over \$1300.00 and will be purchasing Carbon Monoxide Meters for our apparatus and response personnel.....kudos to you!!

Photo at right: Chief Alan Johnson

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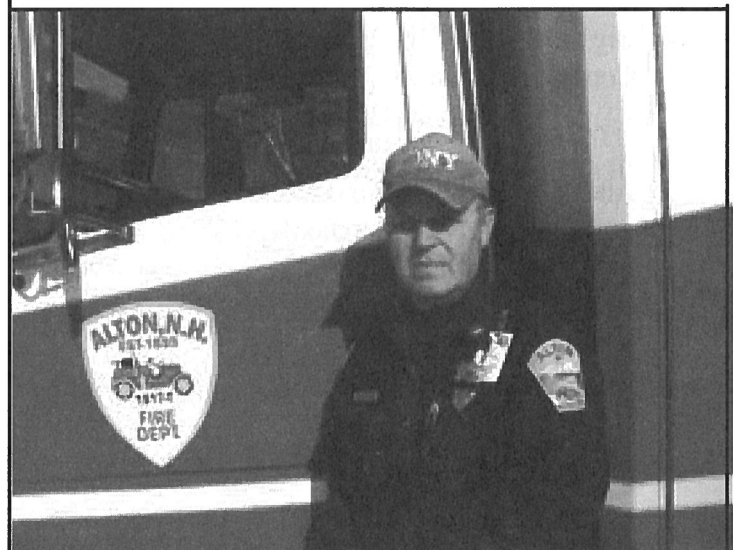
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ALTON'S FIRST FULL TIME FIRE CHIEF By Alton Fire/Rescue Department

The Members of the Alton Fire/Rescue Department are proud to announce the official appointment of Alan Johnson as the first full time Fire Chief for the Town of Alton. Chief Johnson has been a member of the department since 1991 and has quite an impressive background in both the Fire and EMS services. Chief Johnson has years of experience in public safety service working for municipalities; now he has risen to the challenge to meet the day to day operations of the Fire/Rescue Department. We are both pleased and proud to have him at the helm. Congratulations to Fire Chief Alan Johnson!



Clubs and Services

Newborn/Maternal Home Visits: Community Health & Hospice Young Family Program nurses provide free home visits for pregnant women who are Medicaid-eligible and also offer a free visit by a Registered Nurse to any parent of a newborn in the greater Lakes Region. The program teaches infant care, what to expect in their child's growth and development, and parenting skills. For more information, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

Shots For Tots, Teens, and In-Betweens: provides immunizations for children to age 19. For dates and location, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

"Caring Caregivers" Support Group: a support group for caregivers of the memory-impaired and others in long term caregiving situations. The day group generally meets on the first and third Monday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30am. The evening group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Regular meetings are held at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Please contact Pat Marceau at CH&H (524-8444, ext. 343) for additional information.

Community Health & Hospice welcomes volunteers and provides training in all programs. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Bev Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator, at Community Health & Hospice, 780 N. Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246 or call (603) 524-4339, ext. 348 or (toll-free) (800) 244-8549 in New Hampshire.

Alton Senior Citizens Association Whist Club Mon. & Thurs. 1-3pm, Bingo Tues., Weds., & Fri. 1-2pm. Pearson Road Community Center. All are welcome.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. 1 Dance performance, Gilman Library 11am (p. 20)

Fri. 7 Lions Club Pasta Dinner, ACS (p.9)

Sat. 8 Big Lake Half Marathon (p.9)
Community Church Spaghetti fund raiser,
Community Church of Alton, 6pm

Tue. 11 Alton Community Visions Team meeting, 6:30pm,
Alton Central School (p.18)

Tue. 18 Alton Historical Society speaker, Gilman Library,
7pm (p6)

Tue. 25 Alton Garden Club Luncheon, 12:30pm, (p.7)

Mon 31 Memorial Day Parade, 10:00am, Main Street
(cover)

Bereavement Support Group: Community Health & Hospice offers a Bereavement Support Group at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Call Carolyn Stevenson, 524-8444, ext. 321 for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets weekly on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center on Route 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Also Tues., Cong Church Ossipee, Sat., Huggins Hospital Wolfeboro. Call 434-7578 for more information. All are welcome.

Young Family Program: the Community Health & Hospice is offering a free Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) to parents of children ages four months through five years. The ASQ is a parent-completed screening system to help identify children who should be referred for a comprehensive assessment for medical, special education, early childhood education, mental health, and social services. For more information or to request a questionnaire, call Carol at 524-4339, ext. 346.

Blood Pressure Clinics: Blood Pressure Clinics are held on the Second Wednesday of the month from 10:30-noon, Alton Senior Center, Pearson Road.

American Red Cross Blood Services: Red blood cells have a shelf life of only forty-two days, so new reserves must be added to hospital inventories every day. If you would like information about becoming a regular blood donor, contact the American Red Cross Blood Services - New England Region at 1-800-843-3500, or go to www.newenglandblood.org/nh for a list of blood drives.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Alcoholics Anonymous -- Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Comm. Ctr.
Alton Community Services Prog., Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273

Alton Masonic Lodge #75 -- 2nd Thu. except July & Aug., 875-7448

American Legion -- 2nd Mon., 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28
American Legion Auxiliary -- 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Jr. Auxiliary -- 1st Wed., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Family -- 2nd Monday 7:30pm, Legion Hall
Sons of the American Legion, 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Legion Hall
Boy Scout Troop 53 -- Wed., 7 pm, Central Fire Station
Cub Scout Pack 53 -- Last Wed., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
4-H Club, see website <www.alton4H.org>

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.

Moms In Touch -- Tue., 12:30 p.m., 875-2866

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club -- 2nd Tue., 7 p.m., Sr. Center, 875-3858 or <info@mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com>

OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfeboro -- 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-7898

Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Thursdays, 5:30, Alton Bay Community Center. Call 434-7578

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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SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

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

Bay Church -- 9:30am Sunday School, Church on Rand Hill Rd, 11am Worship Service, ABCCC; Weds. Prayer meeting - 6:45pm, Church on Rand Hill Rd. To confirm call 875-5211

Community Church -- Sun. Service, 9:30am, Main Street Church Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor; 875-5561

First Free Will Baptist Church -- Sun. School, 9:45 am; Church, 11 am; Evening Service, 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason

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

St. Katharine Drexel -- Weekend Masses Sat. 4pm, Sun., 8:30am and 10:30am; weekday Masses, Mon. through Fri., 8am; Rev. George Ham; 569-2548

Wolfboro Bible Fellowship -- Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship Service, 10:30 am; Evening Service, 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

Tue. and Thu., 11 am - 7 pm; Wed. and Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Sat., 9 am - 1 pm; closed Sun. and Mon.

SENIOR MEAL SITE: 875-7102

Mon-Fri., 10am-2pm; Pearson Rd. Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER: 875-5801

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Rines Road Pit -- As of April 19, Sat. and Sun., 8 am - 2:45 pm.

TOWN HALL: 875-2161

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Building Inspector -- 875-5095 for hours and appts.

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN -- 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6pm. (re-plays on Channel 26 later in the week), Chairman James Washburn, call 875-2161 for appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE -- 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 pm, Chairman Cydney Johnson, 875-7448.

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION -- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm, Town Hall, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-5095.

FIRE WARDS -- 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm, Central Fire Station, Chairman Ken Roberts, 875-6808

GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE -- Meets on call, Chairman Kathy Currier, 875-5095.
 LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM -- Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
 LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES -- Meets 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 Thomas Hoopes, call 875-5095 for appointment.
 SCHOOL BOARD -- 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 pm, Chairman Lawrence Alting, 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 pm, Chairman Nancy Jordan, 875-2550.
 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS -- Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
 WATER COMMISSION -- 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 9:30am, Water Works Office, Chairman John Conboy, Commissioner Mal Simonds.
 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT -- 1st Thursday, 7 pm, Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-5095.

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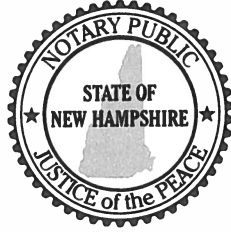
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 By Kitty Croes**

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The Mount Major Community Center is a quaint, one-story white clapboard building. The building was originally constructed as a one-room schoolhouse, but has been added to and modernized over the years. For many years it housed the West Alton Grange.

The building now contains a function hall with rest rooms and the capacity to seat 125 people. The kitchen is equipped with refrigerator, gas stove, microwave, dishes and utensils.

The Community Center is located on Route 11, just west of the junction of Routes 11 and 11A in West Alton. It is adjacent to the West Alton Fire Station and the two properties share parking facilities. A convenient footpath connects the two.

For fees, reservations, a showing, or additional information please contact Kitty at 875-7165 or e-mail her at croesn3@worldpath.net.

Upcoming Events

June 12- We will be hosting our annual 9-3pm Community Yard Sale. If you wish further information or wish to reserve a 3'x10' table (\$10.00) please call 875-7165.

**MOMS IN TOUCH
 By Phyllis Brooks**

Now that we can finally see the grass and winter is behind us, we will be meeting at my home 389 Stockbridge Corner Road for the remainder of the year. We still meet on Tuesday's at 12:30 every week except school vacation weeks. Any Mom with a child in the Alton Central School is welcome to join us for prayer. Please don't let the little ones keep you away. God knows our hearts and hear's our prayers despite the interruptions. For directions or more information please feel free to call me. If you're not praying for your child, who is?

ALTON US FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM'S "BOB" ATTACKS THE REGIONALS

By Lyndsey St. Laurent and Heather Hammes

The Alton US FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics team's dedication and hard work for the past 4- months has reaped benefits in the recent Regional US FIRST competitions. "Highway Bob" has been competing since 1996, and Brian Hikel has contributed hundreds of hours to helping Alton Students achieve the task given.

The team had six weeks to design and build a robot. The robot had to meet certain physical requirements and capabilities to solve the problem given by US FIRST. The task became more difficult when they learned they would need to find the funds to send 21 team members, mentors, and a very dedicated coach to Houston, TX. The community responded with generous donations.

Alton PTSA, The Alton Police Department, The Wolfeboro Rotary Club, Alton Firemans Association, ATS, White Mountain Cable, Stafford Oil, Tracings Graphics, Alton Fleet Graphics and many other parents, mentors, and generous people gave financial support to the team. The team separated, and two hard working groups of students set to work; but when it came to crunch-time everyone helped raise the last few hundred dollars that were needed to get to Houston.

Several of the team members pulled 15-hour shifts during the February vacation. Days consisted of arriving at the school at 9 a.m., and not arriving home until midnight or later. The team members dedicated the weeknights and weekends to completing Bob. The time and effort paid off.

Alton's Team competed in the BAE Systems Regional in Manchester, NH on March 4th-6th. In Manchester they had a good showing in the seeding matches, but were still working out the kinks to perfect the autonomous mode (this is at the beginning of a match when the robot has to be able to work independently), the gears on the arm (the robot should be able to hang on a 10 ft. bar), and other parts to try to qualify for the Quarterfinal round.

Alton made it to the Quarterfinals but lost after three intense matches. The team had gained experience and had three weeks to finish raising the money for Houston, TX. The team was not allowed to work on the robot between the two regional competitions, however, the excitement was still in the air. The money goal was met, the funds raised, and the 21 members of the Alton team traveled to Houston on March 31st.

There were 3 days of competition ahead of "Bob" and the team wanted to take full advantage of the second

chance to make it to Nationals. The team spent the entire first practice day fixing "Bob" and making modifications to the robot so the same mistakes would not be made that previously were in Manchester. The team had a powerful Final round, they held together, and kept "Bob" working.

The team was 2nd out of 45 teams from all over the region at the end of the seeding matches. Unfortunately, "Bob" did not make it to Nationals but Alton made several outstanding achievements. The locking device (found only on Alton's Robot) won the team the Leadership in Control Award. "Bob" was shipped back to New Hampshire, and the team came home full of experience, knowledge, and excitement for next year's US FIRST competition.

BABYSITTING COURSE OFFERED

The American Red Cross will be holding a babysitters course on Saturday May 1, 15, or June 19 from 9:00 til 3:00. Students will learn basic babysitting skills such as feeding and diapering as well as safety issues such as choking and first aid. The class will be held at the One Gilford Place Laconia at a cost of \$40. The class is open to children ages 11-15. To register, please contact Robert P. Ringer at 524-5414 or email ringer@metrocast.net.

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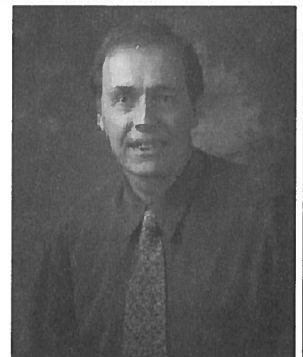
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THE ALTON COMMUNITY VISIONS TEAM By Dick Wallace, ACVT

WE INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST ALTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE MEETING

The ACVT team extends to you, the Alton Community an invitation to attend this Information Exchange Meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday May 11th at the Alton Central School starting at 6:30 PM.

The ACVT was formed as the result of the Community Forum held in November 2002 to begin to address community needs identified at this Forum. One need identified and given high priority was to facilitate communication between Alton Organizations and between those organizations and the community itself.

The ACVT team has initiated the Alton Information Exchange meeting as one response to this community need.

We believe this is a **UNIQUE** opportunity for the Alton Community; it's people and its Organizations to:

- *Learn about each other's needs, goals and current projects/issues
- *Open the door for opportunities to collaborate and communicate
- *Open the door to additional ideas and ways to improve work being done for the community

We have invited many Alton organizations to give a short presentation. The meeting will have a moderator who will balance the presentations and comments at the meeting.

A key feature of the Information Exchange is that it offers everyone an opportunity to "listen" to the work being done by Alton's organizations that serve the community, to look for opportunities to share ideas and collaborate with other organizations and the community at large. We are confident that there will be a common goal of everyone attending the meeting:

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ALINA LOYND TO ATTEND PRESTIGIOUS DANCE ACADEMY By Judith Pellowe

Alina Loynd is an eighth grade honor student at Alton Central School. She's also a dancer, having started at age four.

Three years ago, Alina took a summer ballet workshop with Rocky Spoelstra, who was formerly a principal dancer with Ballet West. This was her first experience with ballet, and Spoelstra recognized her talent. Alina has studied ballet ever since, along with tap and toe jazz.

Besides her regimen of dance, Alina also performs as part of a community service program. She's performed at various nursing homes in the area, as well as for the Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club. She's also performed at local schools to promote arts in the schools, and at the Festival of Trees at the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, where she danced the part of the Sugarplum Fairy in the Nutcracker.

Dancing four nights a week takes its' toll. Most nights Alina tries to get her homework done before dance class, but some nights she has to finish when she gets home, usually after 8pm. On weekends, she often has performances, and tries to find a little free time. It's an avocation that requires a great deal of commitment, especially from an eighth grader.

Dancing requires a commitment from not only Alina, but her whole family as well. She has to get to her lessons and performances, she has to have costumes made and embellished. The pointe shoes needed for ballet last only a few months before they start to fall apart, so Alina goes through a half dozen pair or more in the course of a year.

Photo of Alina Loynd courtesy of Kevin O'Brien, Mirror Lake Photography

Her commitment has paid off. Alina has been accepted to the Burklyn Dance Academy for a summer intensive program in advanced ballet, offered to dancers nationwide. To be accepted into the school, Alina had to audition, along with forty other hopefuls, at the Regional Tryouts held at St. Paul's School in Concord. The program includes dancing for much of the day, and classes that run from 8:30 in the morning until 7:30 at night. After a week of classes, there will be a performance every weekend.

To offset the cost of the Burklyn program, the Loynds' have set up a scholarship account at Bank of New Hampshire. Besides the tuition, there will be travel expenses, costumes, shoes, tights, and other expenses. Anyone wishing to contribute can make a donation to the "Alina Loynd Scholarship Fund".

Alina will be performing, along with other members of Edra Toth's Academy of Dance and Music, at the Gilman Library on May 1 at 11am. This show is free and open to the public. The Dance Academy will also be performing a full-length production at Kingswood Regional High School on May 8. Tickets are available at the Gilman Library.

Michael Davignon

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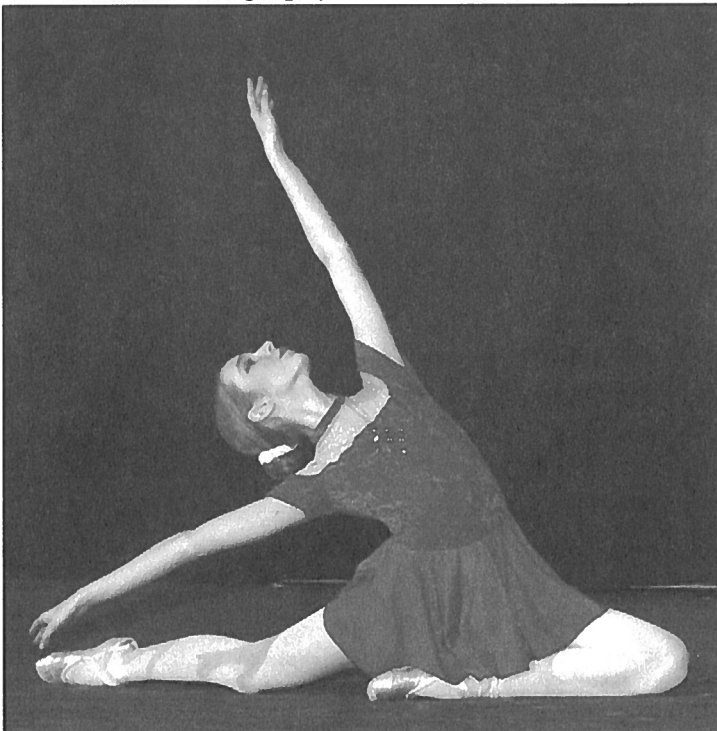
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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL YARD SALE!

By Kathi Hopper

The youth of Alton, will be holding their second annual Yard Sale on Sat., June 5. The sale will be held on the lawn of the Alton Central School during the Alton Town Wide Yard Sale. The League Yard Sale will benefit the programs that the group runs. At this time, the League is accepting donations of clean, good condition items for the yard sale. These include furniture, household items, children's books and toys, and all other used items except clothing. To donate items, please call Kathi at 293-2327. For those who plan to attend the Alton Town Wide Yard Sale, the Youth League will also be running a bake sale at the same site as the League Yard Sale. Offered for sale will be delicious home baked goods.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS By Ken Gilbert, Secretary

The 2004 Alton Budget Committee has formed and we are looking for two more members.

The committee offers a great forum to learn more about the town and school budgets, as well as meet Town department heads and learn how the budgeting process works.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month and our next meeting is planned for May 20 at 7pm in the Town Hall.

If you are interested in how the Budget Committee functions, have questions, or would just like to watch the process, please plan on attending. If you would like to learn more or join the committee please contact the committee Chairman, Greg Fuller, by email at gregwpath@yahoo.com, or phone 875-5546.

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SEASON OPENS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE ON SATURDAY, MAY 15th By Sarah Silk

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Alton is a member community. Residents should get their FREE pass from the Solid Waste Facility in their town prior to attending the collection. At the collection, the passes are turned in when the survey is administered.

Items collected include oil paint, cleaners, solvents, paint thinners, automotive products, herbicides, and pool chemicals. If the label has a warning about the contents such as: danger, poison, caustic, toxic, it probably is eligible for the program. Please do not bring latex (water-based) paint-it is not a hazardous waste. We can not accept fireworks, ammunition, asbestos, explosives, or radioactives. Please ask for the green brochure for further clarification.

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The facility is located at 404 Beach Pond Road in Wolfeboro. From Route 109A, turn right at the cemetery onto Beach Pond Road. The facility is at the bottom of the hill. When LRHHPF is open, two sunny yellow signs are positioned at the entrance on Beach Pond Road.

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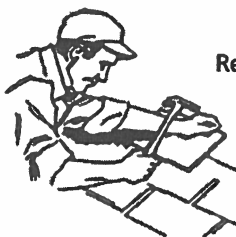
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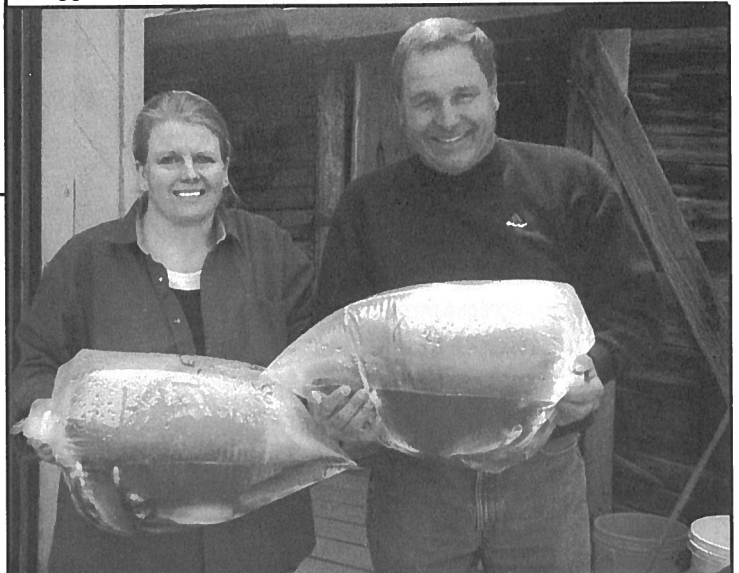
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Thanks to a cooperative effort between NH's County Conservation Districts, NH Fish and Wildlife, and the NH/VT Wild Turkey Association, Turkey Habitat Improvement packages can be purchased through BCCD or your County Conservation District. \$175 worth of plants to provide turkey food through the winter can be purchased for \$100. Purchasers must be able to document turkeys on their property, be willing to plant the nearly 58 shrubs and small trees fairly close together, and get paperwork turned back in ASAP. These young plants are bareroot or in small pots. In Belknap County, the turkey packages will be distributed at the Annual Plant Sale Fundraisers April 30, 5-7PM at the Gilmanton Iron Works Fire Station and May 1 at Longridge Farm, Rte 3 Meredith, from 11AM -1PM.

Brook and Rainbow Trout can be ordered through May 4, but again, the sooner the better to be sure you will receive them. 6" to 8" fish are available in groups of 25 for pickup at Longridge Farm, Saturday, May 8 from 1:00-1:30 PM. 10" to 12" are available in groups of 50 and will be delivered directly to your pond. The fish are to be used only in private ponds, not public waters. Ponds should be at least a year old before stocking them. Brook trout do better in acidic water than rainbows. Both types need cool water, but the rainbow can tolerate warmer temperatures than brookies. Contact BCCD at 527-5880 for more information.

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By Karen Poor

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Our Special Feature for the morning meeting will be Bert Caron of Melvin Village, a culinary expert who will delight us with "Summer, tasty, treats" ..

Baby sitting is offered and reservations are needed. In Alton, call Melissa at 776-2224 and in Gilford, call Faith at 293-8073. This program is sponsored by the Lakes Region Christian Women's Group, a non-denominational group with no membership or dues required. The cost of the breakfast is \$8.00 and part of the fee goes to support Stonecroft Ministries who send out Missionaries to places in this country and around the world where there are no churches. Hope to see you there.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BEGINNING TO APPEAR ON CABLE TV By Bob Longabaugh

Alton voters in the March elections approved a petition article that would have school board meetings videotaped for playback on cable channel 26 and then made available for checkout at the Gilman Library. The article stipulated that the videotaping of "School Board and other official meetings of related boards (e.g., the JMA Board for one)" would begin by September 1 of this year.

As a result of volunteer efforts a few meetings have already appeared on cable channel 26 and are now available at the library. So far three meetings may be checked out from the library for a two-day loan: (1) The organizational meeting of the Alton Board on March 22, (2) The JMA meeting held in Alton on March 30, and (3) the Alton Board on April 12.

At the time of this writing volunteers were trying to pull together what was needed to videotape the April 20 JMA meeting where the equipping of the new Prospect Mountain High School was scheduled to be a major topic. Watch cable channel 26 program listings to see if they succeeded. The videotaping project, and the availability of videotapes at the Gilman Library is the result of a volunteer effort by some of the civic-minded residents of Alton.

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NONFICTION

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Burch, Jennings Michael	They Cage the Animals at Night
Burroughs, Augusten	Dry
	Running with Scissors
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EASY READERS

Cronin, Doreen	Diary of a Worm
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JFK, A Presidency Revealed
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MOOSE LOTTERY DEADLINE APPROACHES Courtesy NH Fish and Game

If you're planning to try for a chance to hunt moose in New Hampshire this year, it's time to start thinking about getting your application in for the 2004 moose hunt lottery. The deadline is May 28. Prospective hunters will want to be sure to apply this year, because a new bonus point system now improves your chance of winning in future years.

"If you don't apply for the lottery this year, other hunters who do enter are going to have more points and a better chance of winning later," said Karen Cleveland, Data Manager for New Hampshire Fish and Game. Hunters can apply for the 2004 moose lottery online at www.wildlife.state.nh.us, or pick up an application at a N.H. Fish and Game license agent and send it in with the non-refundable \$10 application fee.

Last year, a total of 485 moose-hunt permits were issued; for 2004, Fish and Game is proposing to boost the number of permits to 525, pending the upcoming rulemaking process and related public hearings (for hearing dates and information, visit the Fish and Game newsroom at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Newsroom/newsroom.htm>).

People from around the world apply for the chance to hunt moose in New Hampshire. The season lasts nine days in October (October 16-24, 2004), with hunters bringing in animals that sometimes dress out at over 1,000 pounds. "Moose are a premiere species," said Cleveland. "If you're willing to get off the beaten track, you can really find some exciting hunting." The odds of winning a permit — usually about one in 25 for state residents and one in 75 for nonresidents — are among the best in the nation for moose hunting. Those who do participate in the hunt have had a high success rate. About 75 percent of the hunters got their moose last year.

Winners will be drawn during a computer-generated lottery on Friday, June 18. To be eligible, applications must be postmarked no later than May 28, or received at N.H. Fish and Game, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03301 no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, May 28. Online applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. EST on May 28. Applicants must be 16 years old by May 28. Each hunter may submit only one application. You do not have to hold a current hunting license to enter. Hunters who won moose permits in 2001, 2002 or 2003 are not eligible to enter this year's lottery.

Lottery winners will be offered a moose-hunting permit, which costs \$100 for New Hampshire residents and \$300 for nonresidents. Application fees are used exclusively for the implementation of a comprehensive moose management program, including education, research, protection and management. New Hampshire's moose population is now estimated at 6,500 animals. For more information on the New Hampshire moose lottery, visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us> or call (603) 271-3211.

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THE CHECKOUT DESK
By Holly Brown
Librarian

The Friends of the Gilman Library are off to a good start this year. If you missed the annual meeting in April it is not too late to join us. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, at 7pm in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library. The guest speaker, Shirley Lane, will present a program entitled "Cemeteries in Alton". All are welcome. Admission is free. Bring a friend!

The book discussion group "Alton's Book Chat" will meet at the Gilman Library on Monday, May 10 at 6:30pm. If you would like a copy of the book of choice, entitled "Crossing to Safety" by Wallace Stegner, please call 875-2550 or stop in at the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

Students of Edra Toth's Academy of Dance and Music will be at the Gilman Library on Saturday, May 1 at 11am to offer a preview of "Magic Mountain". This sneak preview is free and all are welcome to attend. For more information regarding the full performance that will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 7pm at Kingswood Regional High School, please call 875-2550.

RABIES WARNING

Submitted by Alton Police Dept.

Spring is here and so is the rabid wildlife. The Police Department has experienced a high number of calls for service for rabid fox and raccoon. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on their children and pets. If you see any wildlife behaving uncharacteristic please call the Police Department @ 875-3752. Generally speaking, any wildlife will flee or run from people. If a wild animal appears friendly or aggressive that could be a manifestation of rabies. Likewise, an animal that behaves almost drunk-like could be a sign of rabies. When in doubt call the police.

ALTON COMMUNITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

This calendar is a service provided by the Alton Community Youth Activities (CYA) team. Call 875-8221 for information, suggestions and corrections.

- Sun 2 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30 a.m., CCOA
- Fri 7 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-6pm, CCOA
Youth Group Supper and Program, grades 6-12, 6-9pm, CCOA
- Sun 9 Youth Sunday School Classes, 9:30am, CCOA
- Fri 14 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-6pm, CCOA
Youth Group Supper and Program, grades 6-12, 6-9pm, CCOA
- Fri 21 Youth Drop-in Center, grades 6-12, 3-6pm, CCOA
Youth Group Supper and Program, grades 6-12, 6-9pm, CCOA

CCOA events open to all community youth.

Legend: CCOA= Community Church of Alton on Church Street

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FOR SALE

BENEFIT FROM our move! Chair, rust velvet - \$75.00, rocker, tan, early American swivel - \$75.00, Coffee table, glass top, rectangular oak - \$25.00, Bedside tables and bureau (oak) - \$250.00, Bureaus, 24", oak - \$45.00, Bedside table, one drawer - \$20.00, Pop-up bed, nearly new - \$125.00, Sleeper sofa - \$50.00, Chair, brown, reclining - \$50.00, Washer and Dryer, work well - \$150.00 for the pair. Call Jeannie, 875-0536.

835 SQ. FT. 6' REDWOOD SIDING, priced \$1700.00, asking \$800.00; Table grindstone on metal pedestal, \$50.00; Water lubricated tile cutter \$40.00; odds & ends ceramic tile & 3/4" 6x6 & 6x12 slate flooring, best offer; large bags of kindling wood, best offer; please call 875-3281.

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LOOKING FOR A FULL-TIME receptionist with experience to work for Big Lake Financial Advisors LLC and ReMax Lakeside located at Downings Landing. If you are interested, please send resumes to michaeldavignon@earthlink.net, or to Michael and Carley Davignon at 143 Mount Major Highway, Alton Bay, NH 03810.

PRIVATE BOAT SLIP - Alton family is seeking a summer rental for a 21' Larson. Please call Ken at 875-8211.

Cards of Thanks

Our family was so touched by the outpouring of love and support shown by so many of you for a man who obviously had quite an impact.

He will be missed greatly, but the thoughtfulness of our friends, family, and customers will carry us through. Thank you to all of those who have shown their support during this difficult time.

Respectfully,
The DeRoche Family

Our family would like to thank the local emergency services and police officers for their quick response and help in assisting our daughter to the hospital via ambulance this past February 4. Thank you for all of your kindness and professionalism!

The Buffington Family

I would like to thank everyone for their support during my recent election to the school board. I have appreciated your kind words, phone calls, and presence at the meetings. I'm looking forward to working with everyone in the community.

Cydney Shapleigh-Johnson

**WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL
By Richard Cunningham
Korean War Naval Veteran
and Legion Post 72 Member**

In this time of uncertainty in the challenges that our Armed Forces are facing, a Memorial to the men and women who fought and died in World War II is being dedicated. The Directors and Staff of the Alton Main Street say "Thank you" to those who served and express our gratitude to the families of those that died so that we may live in Freedom. My Father, who was a Navy Veteran and my Uncle, who was an Infantry Veteran who served in the Solomons, recited this poem to me as a boy and I have never forgotten it.

PRIVATE ROGER YOUNG
Author unknown

They have no time for glory in the Infantry
There isn't time for praises loudly song
But in every Soldier's heart in all the Infantry
Lies the last deed of Private Roger Young.

Caught in ambush was a company of riflemen
Just grenades against machine guns in the gloom
Caught in ambush until this one of twenty riflemen
Volunteered, volunteered to meet his doom.

Volunteered, Roger Young.
Fought and died for the men he marched among.
In the ever lasting annals of the Infantry
Is the last deed of Private Roger Young.

On the island of New Georgia in the Solomons
Stands a simple wooden cross alone to tell.
Beneath that simple cross in the Solomons
Lays a man we will all remember well.

**HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB
ANNOUNCES ANNUAL DOLL SHOW
By Ruth Messier**

The Happy Hobby Doll Club of Alton, NH will present its 19th Annual Doll Show and Sale on Sunday, June 27th from 9:30am to 2pm at the Alton Central School on School Street, Alton.

Over fifty dealers will be showing dolls, teddy bears and accessories, plus special guest, Barbara Hilliker, formerly of Amherst, NH and author of books on Bluette and DyDee Baby dolls, will be available for book signing. She will also be selling reproduction dolls and clothes made especially for her in France and DyDee Babies from her own collection.

Happy Hobby Doll Club is a member club of the United Federation of Doll Clubs whose main function is to promote the history and education of dolls in different cultures. Besides education, Happy Hobby supports local scholarships, and charities with fund raisers such as this doll show. This year, each adult will receive a \$1.00 discount off the \$3.00 admission by bringing a nonperishable food donation for the food pantry. Children under 12 admitted for \$1.00.

For more information about joining Happy Hobby Doll Club or to become a vendor at the doll show, contact Ruth Messier at 603-875-6750 or email at rutham@worldpath.net.

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