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Main Street

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Complimentary

Editors Note: The following is reprinted from a newspaper article published in the fall of 1936, regarding the class of 1940. There is no indication of what newspaper published the article. George Bickford indicates that two names are misspelled: Curtis Mineot should be Curtis Minault, and Rollin Dore should be Rawland Dore.

FRESHMAN CLASS INITIATION HELD Impromptu Program Given by First Year Pupils After Ceremony

The annual freshman initiation of Alton High School was held in assembly hall Wednesday evening and occasioned the usual amount of amusement and comedy. The freshman class is unusually large this year, numbering 35. Many children attend from Gilmanton I.W., New Durham, Barnstead, and other nearby towns.

Nearly 100 people attended, including many parents, alumni and several of the teachers. The affair was in charge of the sophomore class advisor, Raymond Martin.

After the usual initiation ceremonies, the freshmen were called on individually to perform on a programme. Herbert Jones of the sophomore class acted as master of ceremonies. Many of the pupils did not care to participate, so several names of freshman are omitted.

The list as played follows: George Bickford, pantomime; James Smith, recitation, "How to Drive Through Traffic;" Nelson Wentworth, song imitation of Kate Smith; Jeannette Davis, imitation of Ed Wynn; John Cass as Fred Astaire; Margaret Barr as Ginger Rogers; Katherine Trickey, pantomime; Madolyn Edison, tap dance; Curtis Mineot, broadcast of Louis and Sharkey fight; Betty Cooley as Gracie Allen; Vernon Sanborn as George Burns; Eleanor Hackett, tap dance; Crosby Scoville, imitation; John Clough and Rollin Dore as cooking experts, "How to make a Lemon Meringue Pie;" Barbara Plastridge, imitation of Fannie Brice.

At the conclusion of this entirely impromptu affair by the freshmen, refreshments of punch and cake were served by the sophomore class and the evening's entertainment was declared a decided success.

BACK TO SCHOOL!! What You Need to Know

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Alton Central School:

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Superintendent: Donald E. Parks

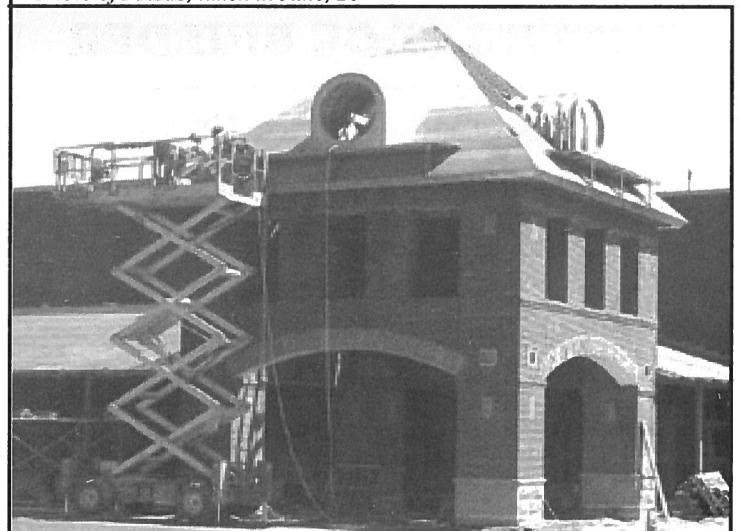
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ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT by Fire Chief Alan Johnson

Calls for service for the month of July totaled 66. These calls included 14 Fire related, 49 Medical Emergencies of which 5 were for motor vehicle crashes, and 3 Service calls.

On behalf of the men and women of this department, we wish to thank you, the residents, for your assistance in visibly posting your new 911 number in accordance with the Towns' new E-911 System. This will better enable us to locate you if and when an emergency occurs.

We'd also like to thank those that contributed to our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q held Saturday evening of Old Home Day before the Fireworks display in Alton Bay. Proceeds from the Chicken Bar-B-Q will go towards the purchase of a cold water rescue suit as well as hose ramps. Once again, we thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY & CHURCH BBQ!

On September 19, come join us as the Community Church of Alton kicks off worship services at 9:30am on Church Street. We will be holding our rally and registration for the start up of Sunday school. Following the service and the rally we will have a BBQ.

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**PUTTING IT TOGETHER!
By Purr Whalley**

Ever wonder how **Main Street** can arrive in your mailbox every month full of interesting Alton news and lists of numerous upcoming events...and it doesn't cost you a cent?? Well, it all happens through the efforts of our loyal advertisers and our totally volunteer staff.

We at **Main Street** are looking for a few more volunteers to help assemble our paper. It all happens the last Thursday of each month at the American Legion on Rte.28 right here in Alton. We get started at 6:30 and are done by 8:00PM! It doesn't take long.

Think you've got the time to share with us? Our next issue will be put together on Thursday, Sept. 30th. Come to the Legion and see what a few dedicated townspeople can accomplish in a very short time!

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TWO DATES REMAIN FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

By Sarah Silk

Saturday, Sept. 18, from 8:30am-noon will be the next to last collection for this season at the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility. Please place items in their original container in a sturdy cardboard box for safe transport and easy removal from your vehicle.

Oil-base paints are accepted as well as automotive fluids, cleaning solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, and pool chemicals. Products marked: danger, flammable, caution, caustic, and poison can be brought for safe disposal.

Alton is a member community. Get a pass from the Transfer Station and bring it with you to the collection (a 'dump sticker' is not the same). The Station has brochures with an expanded list of products and other information. Also offered are a cell phone collection program, free mailing envelopes to recycle ink jet cartridges, and a battery recycling program (cell phones, hearing aides, power tools, etc.)

From Wolfeboro Falls, bear left onto 109A. Turn right on Beach Pond Rd just after the cemetery. The facility is on the left. Look for 2 yellow signs at the entrance.

Call Sarah Silk, Site Coordinator, with questions at 569-2073, or 651-7580. The final collection will be the third Saturday of October.

ALTON HAS A NEW ASSESSOR

By Kathy Currier

Alton now has a full time Assessor. We welcome Tom Sargent, who comes to us from Laconia where he was the Assistant Assessor and Interim Assessor for ten years. Tom is a certified NH Assessor as well as a Designated Department of Revenue Appraiser Supervisor. He is a welcomed asset to our town.

Alton is scheduled for a certification by the Department of Revenue in 2005. The certification includes that all property must be as close to market value as possible. For tax year 2003, the town was at 67% of market value. Tom will be updating values in house for 2005. He will also be out in the town gathering data for this purpose and looking at sales from April 1, 2004 through June 1, 2005. Based on his findings your new assessed value will be reflected in the values as of April 1, 2005 and should affect your last bill for 2005.

We will try to give you monthly updates and information so you can better understand the Assessment process. Please feel free to contact Tom or Kathy to answer any of your questions or concerns. If you would like to set up an appointment, Tom would be more than happy to meet with you to review your property assessment, as it is his primary concern that the correct information is reflected in our records.



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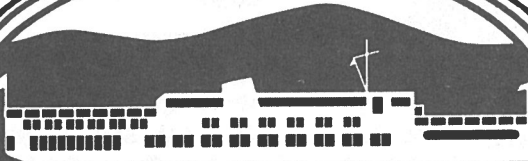
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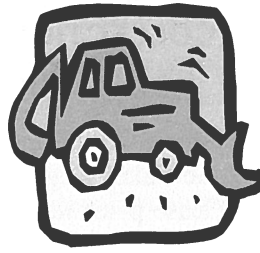
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HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS By Ken Roberts Highway Agent

Welcome to September, it has been a great summer!

The excavator has gone back, we hope to complete phase two of Spring Street next year. Letter S Road has been paved; Dudley Road has been completed except for the shoulders which will be replaced with gravel in the late fall.

Old Wolfeboro Road is under construction up to Powder Mill Road; we ask that you seek an alternate routes during this time, as it will help the construction move more quickly. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Hermit and Bachelor Roads have been officially adopted by the Town of Alton, they are now Class V highways. The section of Hamwoods Road has been paved that was washed out last year.

The highway crew has been out cold patching, grading, and cleaning culverts. Crack seal has been placed on Roberts Cove Road. We have hired a new truck driver "welcome aboard Doug."

Thank you for all your calls, it is greatly appreciated. As always public safety is our number one concern.

EDUCATIONAL FORUM FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS By Carol Holt

Does your child have a chronic health condition like asthma or diabetes or cancer? Does your grandchild deal with a genetic or metabolic disorder? Does your son or daughter have any vision or hearing impairments? An educational forum for families of children with chronic health conditions will be held at the Gilman Library on September 15th from 6-8pm.

NH Partners in Health is sponsoring a local attorney, Scott Johnson, who founded NH Education Law, to come and speak. If you are wondering what IEP or IDEA or 504 Plans mean, and how they apply to the child you care about, come and get informed. Scott Johnson wants to help families partner with their local school, and work for each child's educational success. This Wednesday evening event is free and open to families in Belknap County, Portsmouth and Dover.

IN Main Street

By Madame Vidalia, Guest Columnist

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

...Bonnie Simpson, home economics teacher at the Alton Central School, presented a program on cooking in the 1700's entitled "A Taste of History". She demonstrated a bit of Revolutionary War era cooking while dressed in costume of the period...The handicap lift was installed at Town Hall...A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to dedicate Jones Field. Land for the ball field was donated by Bradford Jones and Nancy McGuirk in memory of their parents, G.V. and Mildred Jones.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

...Jones Field was in full swing celebrating Kid's Day sponsored by the Old Home Week Committee. The day featured games, balloons, puppet shows and even a petting zoo, but the highlight of the day was the bicycle obstacle course race! Trophies were awarded to David Bailey, Tim Waterman, Joshua Gagnon and Matthew Currid...The Fish and Game Dept. offered a new "Family Fishing License" that covered up to 4 family members for \$25...Fall hunting season opened...sales of bus tickets for suspiciously furry, fourlegged residents rose dramatically with the announcement of hunting season.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

...Levey Park ("that place where people fill up jugs of water") celebrated it's 75th anniversary...the "last school year of the millennium" began with Papa Gino's pizza on the menu...two new benches were installed at Ginny Douglas Park...and Household Hazardous Waste day was a great success!

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Molly Connelly, M.Ed., a family therapist and parent of twelve children, will lead the series. The program will run from 6:30-8:30pm on Mondays starting September 20. There is no charge for the program. It is open to all parents. Free childcare is provided. Pre-registration is required, please call Alton Central School at 875-7500.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER
By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**September spirals summer days
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But splendid sights still amaze
Those in seasonal withdrawal!**

At our annual meeting on August 11, the officers for the year 2004-2005 were formally inducted. Dom Giuliano, in his own inimitable style, conducted the ceremony and all the officers pledged to do their best in the capacity to which they were elected. Many thanks to Dom for all he does for the Association and as a volunteer at our meal site. As a nonagenarian, his stamina and energy are much admired by all!

Trip Committee chairman John Brooks is planning the Indian Head Resort outing for late September-no date has been set as of press deadline, but you can call the center at 875-7102 to sign up or get the most recent information. We would like a minimum of 30 persons, as fewer than that rapidly depletes our treasury, considering the costs of the bus and the meal.

Once again, the cosponsors of Senior Bingo gave us an entertaining afternoon on August 6. Thirty-three avid bingo players showed up. Before the games, Kelly Troendle and Janet Hand introduced the President of the Profile Bank, Mr. Ken Wilman, who spoke with us briefly and thanked us for participating. He hopes to see us at the new bank when it opens! Congratulations to the following winners who received a variety of nice prizes: Lillian Grigg, Jessie Bakeman, Jeanette Barton, Lois Hebert, Mary Merrill, Agnes Coney, Larry Stanford, Ellen Gregoire(twice) and Fred Wortman(twice). Dom Giuliano won the jackpot! We hope the sponsors will continue the games, as they are looked forward to, and we do appreciate their efforts.

We are always eager to welcome new members. Thank you Nancy Merrill for signing up. We hope you will enjoy the time you spend with us. Our members range in age from 60 to 91, many of whom also volunteer for service at the meal site. Lest you think we have a lot of rocking chairs at the center, come up and see these seniors. Liz Roberts, another nonagenarian, has boundless energy. Claire Fitzgerald, the meal site coordinator for CAP, is an octogenarian whose tireless efforts are devoted to making the site a pleasant place to be. If you are new in town and 60 or over, call Claire at 875-7102 to find out about the meals and various activities that take place at the center.

We thank John Brooks and Georgiana Nason for providing refreshments at our meeting. Nancy Hebert won the attendance raffle. Mark your calendar for our next meeting, September 8 at 1 P.M. Have a great September!



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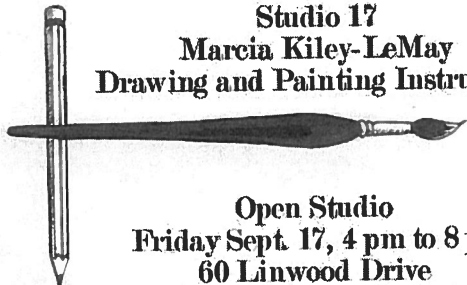
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ALTON OUTDOORS By Jack Miller

September is the month that winds down summer. To the outdoor person, September is the close of some of the fishing seasons. The 30th is the end of lake trout and land-locked salmon fishing. Alton is lucky though because Alton's section of the Merrymeeting River will still be open from October 1-31, from the lower dam on the Letter S Road to the Route 11 bridge at the Bay. It is catch and release, fly fishing only, with barbless hooks. Fishing in the river will rely on cool rains to raise the water level as these fish prepare to spawn in November. As the fishing seasons end this month, the hunting seasons begin.

September 1st opens the general Black Bear hunting season. The baiting season runs from Sept. 1-21. Black bears have been spotted all around Alton through out the summer. One was even seen roaming near the Back Bay area!

A new regulation allows the earlier hunting of gray squirrels starting September 1st in all WMU areas except A, B and C1. (northern counties). With a growing population of squirrels, the hunting season has been lengthened a whole month. Hunting gray squirrels is a great way to introduce new hunters to the sport. It helps develop good hunting skills including game spotting, stalking, patience, and shooting skills. A 22 rifle is a challenging way to hunt these wary creatures, but remember be aware of the background and where that bullet will go if you miss. A 22 bullet can travel more than a mile if there are no trees to stop it. Squirrels can also be hunted successfully with a small gage shotgun, and is a safer alternative than a rifle for beginners. Wild game cookbooks offer many tasty squirrel dishes.

September 7-25 is the resident goose hunting season. This special season was open a few years ago as the population of resident geese was on the rise. The numbers are still rising and they are becoming nuisances in some places, so this year the limit has increased from 3 to 5 geese daily. All waterfowl regulations must be followed.

NH offers the longest archery deer/turkey season of any of the New England states. These 2 game animals are huntable with a bow from Sept.15 - Dec.15. This is a challenging form of hunting that will test your skills to the maximum.

September is a great month to be out in Alton's outdoors. The weather can still be warm, and with the summer we have had, we should be due for an "Indian Summer". Get out and enjoy before Old Man Winter arrives.



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By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

Alton Old Home Days, August 13-15

The Town of Alton sponsored its annual Old Home Days August 13-15 in Alton Bay. Saturday was a beautiful day and included events such as the Old Home Day 5K Road Race co-sponsored by Bank of NH and Alton Parks and Rec., Alton Bay Craft Fair, Antique Boat Show sponsored by the Boat Museum, Outdoor Bingo program sponsored by Steve Holly of Edward Jones Investments, Echo Tones Concert sponsored by Profile Bank of Alton, Kids Booth with face painting and games sponsored by Union Telecommunications, Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner at the Pavilion, Flea Market sponsored by the Garden Club, Chicken BBQ sponsored by Alton Fire and Rescue and Fireworks over Alton Bay sponsored by the Town of Alton. A special thank you to all of the organizations that sponsored an event for our community, we appreciated your time, effort and participation in our Old Home Days celebration.

Pony Express Concert

Join us for the last concert of the summer on Saturday, September 4 at the Alton Bay Bandstand from 7-9pm for the popular group Pony Express. Karen Morgan and Pony Express are a wonderful, entertaining, and talented band that perform classic and new Country and Western Music. The concert is free and all ages are invited to attend. Come by boat, bike or car. The concert is sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department.

5K Road Race, Co-Sponsored by Bank of NH

The Alton Old Home Day 5K Road Race was a great success with over 80 runners participating. The race was co-sponsored by the Bank of NH and was held on Saturday, August 14 for runners of all ages. The race was certified by the USA Track and Field Association and timing was provided by Granite State Race Services. The race drew runners from as far away as California, Washington State, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Florida. A special thank you to the Bank of NH for co-sponsoring the event; L&C Springwater for supplying water to all of the runners; River Run Deli for donating Gift Certificates to four category winners; the Alton Police Department and Ken Roberts of the Highway Department for directing race course safety and traffic; Sharon Hannafin, Mary Jane Dascoli and Ben King from Alton Fire and Rescue Department for being available during the race; and the following additional volunteers for their participation and assistance: Melissa Wells, Dave Cumming, Jim and Fran Washburn, Carol and Dick Wallace, and Lyndsay and Jesse Bishop.

Race Results: 1st place male overall- John Tuttle, Alton, age 47, time: 18:05; 1st place female overall- Judy

Copley, N. Easton, MA, age 44, time: 19:54; 1st Alton male- John Tuttle (overall winner); 2nd - Jason Snell; 3rd - Josh ONeil; 1st place Alton female- Paula Holmberg; 2nd - Michelle DeRoche; 3rd - Wendy Perillo. Complete race results are posted on-line at gsrs.com. For more information on the 5K Race call 875-0109, parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Mike Burke Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored their annual Co-Ed Volleyball Tournaments at the Mike Burke Memorial Volleyball Court with the Stanhope Group and Phil Stevens on July 25 and August 1. On July 25 the A-League players competed for the tournament title. Teams included: Rollins, Beudet and Caley with team Beudet coming out on top for the second year in a row. On August 1 the B-League players competed and had fun playing in the sand. Teams showed off their moves with great sets, serves and spikes. Teams included: Alton Shores, Young and Old, 4Play, "Oh", No Name, and the Storey Family. The Young and Old Team took home the title and first prize. Thank you to Phil Stevens for coordinating the teams and tournament, L&C Springwater for donating water to the participants and the Stanhope Group for co-sponsoring the event.

Country Line Dancing Lessons With Joan Lightfoot

Join in this great program and learn new dances every week looking over scenic Alton Bay. Line Dancing is great exercise and a wonderful opportunity to meet new people. Beginners are welcome. Program is held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thurs. from 1:30-3:30pm. Bring a water bottle and dancing shoes. Program fee is \$3.00 for the summer season, what a great deal.

Senior Bingo With Profile Bank, Alton Parks & Rec

Alton Seniors are invited to participate in the monthly Bingo program co-sponsored by Profile Bank of Alton. Bingo will be held on Friday, September 24 at 1pm at the Pearson Rd Community Center. The program is free to residents. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Stop by and join in the fun.

Lost and Found

Each year we find items that were left behind at the parks, swim areas and playgrounds. Please contact us if you are missing something we might just have it.

Community Park Watch

Each year Alton taxpayers must cover the cost of repairing or replacing park facilities and vegetation that has been willfully damaged or destroyed. You can assist by reporting any acts of vandalism to the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or Police Department at 875-3752. Thank you for helping us keep our facilities clean and safe.

BELKNAP COUNTY COUNCIL OFFERS A SEMINAR TO PROMOTE PARENTS AS LEADERS IN SOCIETY (PALS)

By Dick Wallace

PALS offers a unique learning opportunity for parents who want to make a difference on their community. The seminar will prepare parents to take an active leadership role in their neighborhoods and communities.

The PALS program is offered through the collaborative efforts of several civic organizations and is funded in part from the NH Children's Trust Fund. The PALS program is **offered at no cost** to participants whose application has been accepted and is being made available to parents from all communities in Belknap County.

The seminar involves attending five (5) sessions that are chock full of bi-partisan information on: family resources, community building, political processes, communication skills, leadership skills, family dynamics in the 21st Century. **The seminars will be held on Saturday's beginning on October 19, 2004 and ending March 19, 2005.**

Parents interested in this seminar series can request an application at web site www.bccj.org or by calling 528-3815. In addition you may contact Dick Wallace, Alton's representative to the Belknap County Council for further information or an application by calling 875-8221. Please note: Application deadline is September 10th. Application acceptance will depend on space availability.

EIGHT CHILDREN ATTEND CAMP

By Paulette Wentworth

This is the fifteenth year organizations in the community have sent children to the Salvation Army Camp at Lake Sebago in Maine. Thanks to the generous donations of the Salvation Army, Alton Firemen, Inc., Alton-New Durham Lions Club, Winnepesaukee Lodge #75 F & A.M. and the Town of Alton, eight children enjoyed a week at camp.

PTSA SEPTEMBER MEETING POTLUCK

By Heather Beach PTSA President

The Alton PTSA would like to welcome new and returning members to the first PTSA meeting with a potluck social. The meeting will be Wednesday, September 15th, at 7 PM in the middle school library (formerly the high school library). Please be sure to bring a dish or salad, perhaps a dessert to share. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, teachers and administrators in the school. Babysitting will be provided. Please call Heather Beach 875-3963 with any questions.

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**MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS BANK FUND
 APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING**
 By Lisa Garcia, MVSB

Community organizations seeking funding for projects are reminded that applications are due October 1, 2004 for consideration in the fall funding cycle of the Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund.

Since its inception in 1997, the MVSB Fund has awarded more than \$300,000 for projects that address the need of families and children, the environment, economic development, cultural events and other projects. "We look for projects in which the grant will have a major impact upon the community," says Sam Laverack, Executive Vice President at MVSB and one of the Trustees of the MVSB Fund. "We also happily consider worthwhile projects that may have difficulty obtaining funding from other sources."

To be considered for grants, organizations or groups should be recognized as tax-exempt under section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code should have their primary base of operations in the Lakes Region or Plymouth area of New Hampshire. Public agencies serving those areas are also eligible to apply. Grants are awarded semi-annually with funds disbursed from the October 1 applications in December, and funds disbursed from the April 1 applications in June.

Applications are available at all Meredith Village Savings Bank offices or are available by calling 279-7986. Questions regarding the MVSB Fund should be directed to Sam Laverack at 279-7986.

Meredith Village Savings Bank is \$420 million independent mutual savings bank dedicated to serving individuals, families, businesses and communities in Grafton, Belknap and Carroll counties. Meredith Village Savings Bank offices are located on Route 25 in Meredith, at Olde Province Common on Route 104 in Meredith, across from Shaw's in Gilford, on Route 25 in Moultonborough Corner, on Route 25 in Center Harbor, on Route 3 in Ashland, and inside the Hannaford at Hatch Plaza in Plymouth. New offices in Alton and Laconia are scheduled to open in the spring of 2005. More information about the bank can be found at www.mvsb.com.

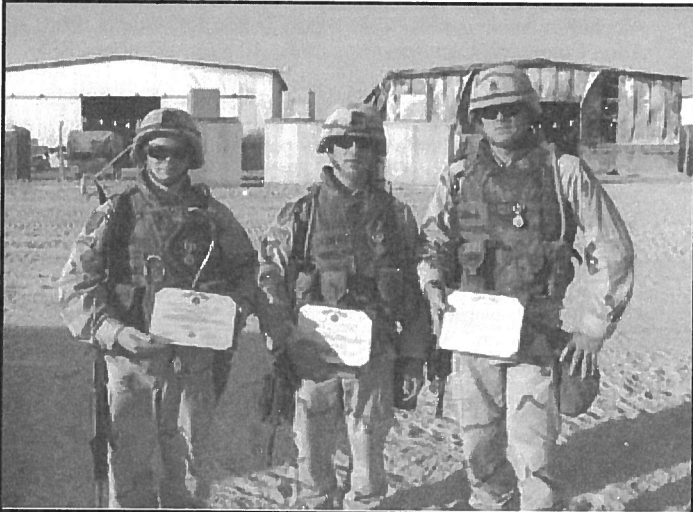
ALTON'S PFC JOHN DAIN RECEIVES ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH VALOR By Kim Dain

PFC John Dain currently deployed in Samarra, Iraq with the 1st Infantry Division (the Big Red One) was recently awarded The Army Commendation Medal with Valor. The Commendation was awarded for "valorous service from 18 June 2004 to 19 June 2004 while serving at the ODA Compound in Samarra, Iraq. His leadership, devotion to mission, and heroic actions were critical in the defense of the ODA Compound during two days of enemy assault. His actions bring honor upon himself, the Blue Spaders, the Dagger Brigade, and the United States Army." The Narrative for Valor accompanying his award reads in part "PFC Dain's extraordinary leadership and unparalleled devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest standards of military service and reflect great credit upon him, his unit and the United States Army."

John joined the Army in 2003. He completed his training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was then posted to Schweinfurt, Germany where he earned his expert infantry badge before being deployed to Iraq. He is a team leader of Task Force 1-26.

John attended Alton Central School and graduated from Laconia Christian School in 2001. He is the son of Kim Dain.

*PFC John Dain, Center, holds the Narrative for Valor.
Photo Courtesy Kim Dain*



MOMS IN TOUCH By Phyllis Brooks

Calling the Alton moms to reunite in prayer with us again. This year I would like to meet on MONDAY NIGHTS from 6:45pm to 8:15 at my home on Stockbridge Corner Road. We will be adding a little more time to our evening because we are adding a new school to our group. Prospect Mountain High School has been in our prayers over the past several years, however we are trying to develop it's own prayer group. If anyone is interested in learning how to become a leader, please feel free to contact me. You just need to commit to one hour a week. Remember Moms In Touch is a nondenominational, nonpolitical group of mothers seeking to pray consistently for the needs of their children and their school and the many aspects that affect their school day. Hope you can join us. Child care can be provided. **Moms In Touch "KICK OFF" Tea will be Monday, September 13, 2004 at 389 Stockbridge Corner Road at 6:45 p.m.**

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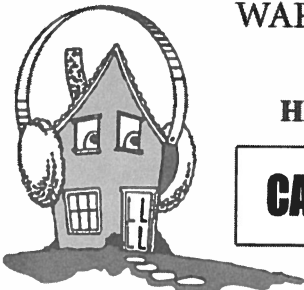
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Newborn/Maternal Home Visits: Community Health & Hospice Young Family Program nurses provide free home visits for pregnant women who are Medicaid-eligible and also offer a free visit by a Registered Nurse to any parent of a newborn in the greater Lakes 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.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sat. 4	Pony Express Concert, ABB, 7-9pm (p.8)
Mon. 13	Alton's Book Chat, (p.20)
Wed. 15	PTSA Potluck and Meeting (p.9) Children with chronic health condition forum (p.4)
Sat. 18	Hazardous Waste Collection (p. 3)
Sun. 19	Church BBQ and Rally (p.2)
Mon. 20	Active Parenting Course Begins (p.5)
Thurs. 30	Main Street Assembly Night (p. 2)

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 Thursday 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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Information Center

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, Church St. 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.

Parks and Recreation -- 875-0109 for info and appts.

Planning Director -- 875-5095 for hours and appts.

Highway Department -- 875-6808.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BELKNAP COUNTY COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES--Contact Dick Wallace, Alton Appointee, phone 875-8221

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE -- 3rd Thurs. (twice a week in "budget season"), 7pm, Chairman Gregory Fuller, 875-7448.

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION -- 2nd & 4th

Thurs., 7 pm, Town Hall, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-5095.

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

PLANNING BOARD -- 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Cynthia Balcius, call 875-5095 for appointment.

SCHOOL BOARD -- 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 pm, ACS Chairman Wayne Fraser, PMHS Chairman Cydney Johnson, call 875-7890 for appointment.

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

TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY -- 3rd Tuesday, 3pm, Chairman Nancy Jordan, 875-2550.

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

WATER COMMISSION -- 4th Wednesday, 9:30am, Water Works Office, Chairman Buddy Peterson, Commissioner Mal Simonds.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT -- 1st Thursday, 7pm, Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-5095.

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ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 6th ANNUAL APPRAISAL PROGRAM

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We encourage you to bring your treasures to learn about their history and worth.

Donations of \$4.00 per item or \$10.00 for three items will support the Museum and programs of the Alton Historical Society, a New Hampshire non-profit organization.

Please note the time and date, October 3 at the American Legion Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

For more information call Jean Roberts at 875-2629.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERISM!!!

By Laurie Boyce

Hello, it is time for the School year to start after a wonderful summer. With the school system being different this year, with K-8 and a new High School, changes are here. With the Volunteer program that has been very successful for over 15 years, and still going strong, we will try to help with the changes. Please take a few minutes and go over the Volunteer Registration Form that was sent home with all the papers the first day of school and think about how you could help. We will need volunteers daily, weekly, as a chaperone for class activities or any of the one time events we will need help with. Please fill out the form ASAP and return it to the School so we can get the help where needed.

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NEW BEACH IN OUR REACH

By Dawn Wallace

There is a Town Beach Committee congregating to pursue the acquisition of a new town beach for Alton residents. We are currently looking at a piece of property that has clean and clear water, a sandy beach, beautiful views, and a welcoming community environment. This gain would be an asset to the community of Alton and make a positive difference in our Town for generations to come. We need to take action and acquire this land before the opportunity passes. We need your help.

Most of us know the Town has had past opportunities to acquire a new Town Beach. The reason these opportunities failed, was due to lack of community support. We have found a wonderful beach site but the Committee can not go forward without community backing. We need at least one more person to join our Beach Committee; additional members would be welcome and beneficial to the tasks at hand. The Beach Committee meets once a month for one hour, any additional time would be at your digression. We welcome members who want to share ideas and suggestions to other possible beach sites or desirable locations. If you are not interested in serving on the committee but welcome the idea of a new Town Beach, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 to show your support for this project. The community and Town officials need to know that we want a Town Beach. Gaining access to our towns greatest resource can happen with your support.

Look for updated information and flyers. We will need your attendance and positive support at Town Meeting to make this a reality.

ALTON BAY BOAT SHOW A SUCCESS

By Carol Cloutier

The New Hampshire Boat Museum, of Wolfeboro, held it's 28th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show at the Alton Bay Town Docks on Saturday, August 14, 2004. The Boat Show held during Alton Old Home Days, dawned bright and sunny and the docks were over flowing with beautiful wooden boats and the people who came to see them.

The voting, done by the visitors to the docks, was lively for the three People's Choice trophy winners.

Donald Minor, a founder of the Boat Show, presented the first place trophy to *Daisy* owned by Glenn Raiche. Second place winner was *Wet Woody*, owned by Dave Witcher and Third Place was won by *Miss Major* owned by Leonard Gardner.

After the awards presentation participating boats paraded around the Bay for everyone to enjoy. Special thanks to the sponsors of the show, Hillcrest Marine, Shibley's at the Pier, West Alton Marina and Avery Insurance. Thanks also to everyone who turned out for the event and cast their votes.

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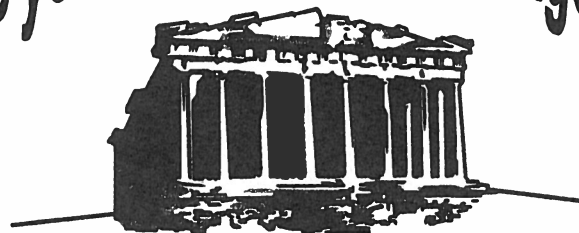
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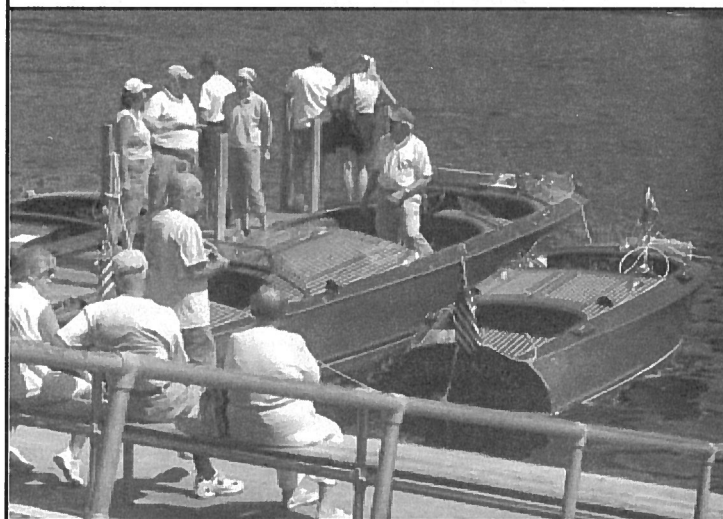
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Miss Major, third place winner at the boat show.

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ALTON GARDEN CLUB MEETING By Vi Russell

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be on September 21 at 1:30PM at the Congregational Meeting House. This is our annual Plant Exchange, anyone having plants to split remember to bring some to share. Sign up for the October Workshop. Program Flower Arranging Demo: Speaker: Leslie Jackson of Alton's Hidden Treasures. Hostesses Chairperson Nancy Gardner: New members are always welcome come to our meeting or call President Phyllis Buchanan at 267-8986.

BAKE SALE

Sunday, September 5, 9am-noon at Kwoon Karate Academy, Alton (the former American Legion HALL). All proceeds from this bake sale will be donated to the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame, a non-profit organization.

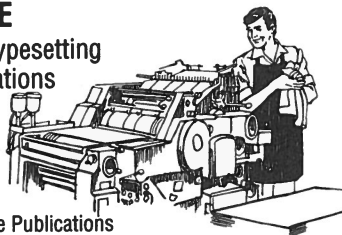
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ATTENTION ALTON RESIDENTS By MaryBee Longabaugh, Chair Supervisors of the Checklist

If you are a resident of Alton and wish to vote in the September Primary on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, you must be registered. If your name is not on the voter registration list (posted with the Town Clerk, in Town Hall, at Alton Central School, and in the Alton Bay Post Office), see below.

The Way To Register

Go to the Town Clerk's Office during office hours up until Wednesday, September 8;

Drop by Town Hall Tuesday evening, September 7, from 7 - 7:30 p.m. when the Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session; or

Register at the primary.

To register you need a photo ID and two pieces of mail which shows your physical address.

If you register at the Town Clerk's Office on September 8, your name will NOT be on the checklist. You will have to see the supervisors at the polls on primary day to be certified.

To vote in the primary you must take a ballot of the party with which you are registered, Republican or Democrat. If you are registered as Undeclared, you step up to the table and state which party ballot you wish to vote. At that moment you become a member of that party. To revert to your Undeclared status, see the Supervisors of the Checklist AFTER you have voted and deposited your ballot in the box.

If you did not change your status back to Undeclared after the Presidential Primary, you MUST vote as you are listed. The last day to change your status was June 1. It is your responsibility to fill out the form after voting. This is a state mandate, not an Alton supervisors' rule.

SO, WHERE WAS THAT BRIDGE?

The bridge shown in last months *Main Street* is the predecessor to the bridge that spans the Merrymeeting river at the base of Alton Bay. We received several phone calls and emails, all with the correct answer, but with various guesses as to the time period, such as the following: "...it is the Merrymeeting River bridge, next to what is now Parker Marine, around 1910. I have a photograph of my mother sitting on the rail with her father holding her, when she was about four years old. She was born in 1906."

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LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

By Karen Poor

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Our special speaker will be Lois Ladner, a retired School Administrator, Home Economics Coordinator and world traveler. Laugh along as she speaks of "Single Life-The Gift of God". Widows, single and married ladies will find her version of life very humorous, uplifting and enjoyable. Our special feature will be Caroline Russell from Village Greenery in Meredith. She will demonstrate Fresh Flower Arrangements and Bow Tying. This comes just in time for our Fall garden blooms.

Reservations can be made by calling Melissa in Alton @ 776-2224 or Faith in Gilford @ 293-8073. Child Care is provided by reservation. Please bring a brown bag lunch for your child.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Group is a non-denominational group with no formal membership or dues. Everyone is welcomed and we look forward to having you join us on the second Wednesday of each month.

BLOOMING FUNDRAISER FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By Jan Hooper

The Belknap County Conservation District's tenth Annual Fall Bulb Fundraising Program is underway. There are many new varieties of tulip, daffodil, crocus, lilies, iris, and hyacinth being offered in the form of healthy, top size Dutch Bulbs. Orders are due September 3rd, pick-up for the bulbs will be Saturday, October 16 from 9-11AM in the parking lot of the Federal Building, 719 North Main Street, Laconia (across the street from the Laconia Clinic), or orders can be sent to you. For more information, or to have an order form sent to you, please come to Room 203 of the Federal Building, call 527-5880 or visit belknapccd.org to view the bulbs and download an order form.

To assist you in ordering, a picture sheet is included with the order form and description information so that you may see what your flowers will look like when they are in bloom. Your packaged order will include a one page planting guide that outlines bulb planting depths and helpful tips. If you would like more detailed information, you are invited to the Conservation District office to review the reference materials available. All bulb varieties are separately bagged and labeled, except for the naturalizing mixes. Your purchases will help fund Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) conservation programs and services throughout Belknap County. Let BCCD help make your dream of a colorful spring garden come true with fall bulbs.

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Howard Solomon is a self-educated sculptor who began building his castle in 1972. The structure is now three stories tall with 8,000 square feet. More than 80 stained glass windows depict a variety of subjects from nursery rhymes to philosophy and the entire exterior is "finished" with discarded printing press plates that give the castle its shiny aluminum look.

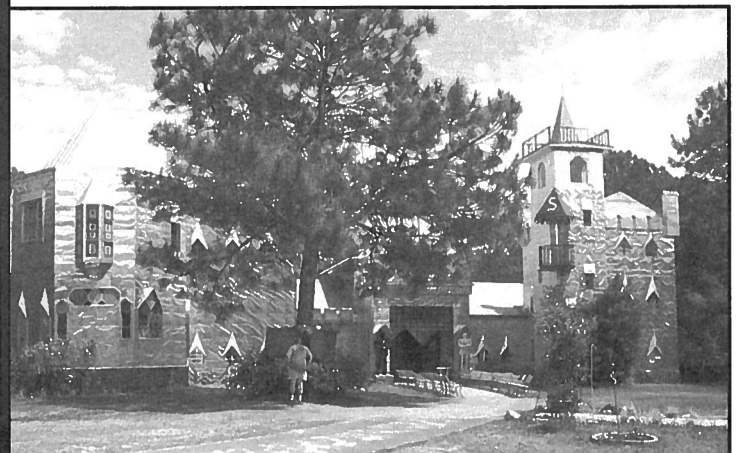
Howard and family members conduct tours of the castle and the grounds that are littered with whimsical sculpture among the tropical flowers and foliage. His sculpture is almost exclusively created from discarded treasures or someone else's "junk".

If anyone is interested in a really unique getaway, Solomon's Castle offers the Blue Room, a fully equipped efficiency apartment on the top floor of the east wing for only \$99 a night.

On our visit we especially enjoyed a delightful lunch served in a full-size replica of Spanish Galleon that sits in the moat surrounding the castle. The "Boat in the Moat" also serves meals in an adjacent outdoor garden under a huge Live Oak tree.

The castle is closed July, August and September but if you can't wait to see it, you can always buy it. Howard claims it has gotten too big for him and he's looking for an investor with \$2.5 million.

You may have questions about our full-time RVing life style or thoughts for a future column. Please email 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.



WONDERING ABOUT THE HEALTH OF YOUR POND?

By Jan Hooper

Wondering about the health of your pond? Does it get gucky green stuff in it during the summer? Are you worried about your fish? Through the Belknap County Conservation District, Everett McLaughlin is available to visit your pond and do an evaluation of it to review with you. He will check the basics - pH, oxygen levels and temperature - and discuss managing your pond including what to do about weeds. The review costs about \$80 (mileage affects it). If you are interested in a review, please call while the weather is still warm since that is the best time to diagnosis problems. Call the BCCD office for more information at 527-5880.

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MAIN STREET'S ADVERTISING POLICY

By Judith Pellowe

If you wish to advertise in *Main Street*, you must submit your ad copy, along with your payment, by the tenth of the month for inclusion in the next months issue, ie, submit your advertisement by September 10th for inclusion in the October issue.

If you have a contract and wish to make changes in your ad copy, those changes must be received by the tenth. If you advertise on a monthly basis, your advertisement and your payment must be received by the tenth. *Main Street* often receives ads past the deadline, and in the past we have run those ads as a courtesy, but we are no longer able to do this. **If your advertisement and/or payment is submitted after the tenth, it will not run.**

If *Main Street* has to set up your advertisement, there is a one-time fee. Additional fees may be charged for changes to your advertisement, although changes to text are free. If you compose your advertisement yourself, we must receive it in a format that we can work with. *Main Street* uses Adobe software, so advertisements in .jpg, .tiff, or .pdf format are preferred. If you have any questions about whether your advertisement is in a usable format, email your advertisement as an attachment to Judith Pellowe at altonms@yahoo.com. Maximum ad size is 6".

Ads that are submitted on paper and include graphics or unusual fonts must be submitted on high quality paper, and cannot be folded, stapled, or written on. They should also be black and white, not color. A fuzzy or faint ad will reproduce fuzzy and faint.

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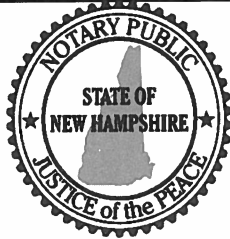
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THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Holly Brown
Librarian

The Friends of the Gilman Library had a very busy summer!! We enjoyed another beautiful day for our Annual Car Wash. It was a great success. We are very grateful to everyone who took part in this event either through washing cars and/or allowing us to wash your car.

Members of the Friends of the Gilman Library are always coming up with great ideas through which they could benefit the Gilman Library. This year the Friends tried a fundraiser breakfast that proved to be another success. This event elicited such a great response that we were forced to close the doors early as we ran out of food. Special thanks go to the American Legion for allowing us the opportunity to have this breakfast. Without them it would not have been possible. We also wish to thank those of you who joined us for a very delicious breakfast. We hope everyone was as happy as we are to have had this opportunity. Your support is greatly appreciated.

It's that time of year again!! The dates for the Annual Mum sale will be posted at the library. Please stop in and see us or call 875-2550.

The Gilman Library is looking for volunteers. If you have a special skill that you can offer or would like to know more about how you can help please stop in and see us or call 875-2550.

Have you started your Christmas Shopping?? Please consider giving an afghan, a bicentennial poster, a brick, a Gilman Library collectable, a brass bookmark, a canvas bag of books or a gift certificate. Gift certificates can be used to purchase any of the items mentioned or to purchase a library card for a friend or family member that is not eligible for a library card free of charge.

Alton's Book Chat will be meeting on Monday, September 13, 2004 at 6:30 PM in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library to discuss Peace Like A River by Leif Enger. New members are always welcome. Please let us know if you are in need of a copy of the book. Have you had a chance to check out the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, N.H.?

Passes are available here at the library until May 31, 2005. To learn more about what the Wright Museum has to offer, please join us as "We Travel Back in Time to 1939-1945 America" on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 7:30 PM here at the Gilman Library. This program is presented by the Wright Museum. All are welcome. Admission is free. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Gilman Library. In addition, be sure to stop by during library hours and see the exhibit of Home Front Memorabilia from that era that will be on display during the month of September 2004.

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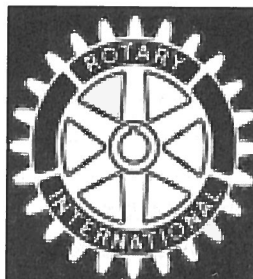
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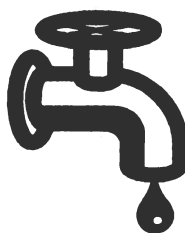
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HISTORIC ALTON

Editors Note: Harry Bickford was a lifelong resident of New Durham. His farm was located in New Durham and Alton, and is currently owned by his grandson, Robert Bickford, Jr. Harry worked as a mailman for many years. He kept a farmers diary, detailing the goings-on of the farm and around the Town. Main Street has received permission from George Bickford, Harry's son, to publish excerpts of the diary. It is an interesting look at daily life on a farm. The diary was compiled by Elaine Bickford.

September, 1940:

Sun. 1: Showry. We went up to the Bay to see the Mount come in, then George took us to Wolfeboro and around the Lake and when we got over to the Weirs the boat was just arriving.

Tues. 3: Fair. We cut bushes over by the Railroad. George and I went to Jones' store (*the hardware store on Monument Square ~ ed.*) and bought a bush scythe for \$2 and a snathe for \$1.85...seems like an exceedingly high price.

Wed. 4: Fair. George and I went to the Pittsfield Fair. Had a very good fair. Harold Cilley was there and drove his tractor on the track in the parade. The admission price was 50 cents and 25 cents for parking and 25 cents for the grandstand.

Tues. 17: Fair. There was a man here by the name of Hurd from Farmington looking after squashes. His game is to haul squashes to Boston and sell them at Faneuil Hall Market for a 10% commission.

Thur. 26: Cold and windy. Gathered in the squashes this PM. We have got bigger and better squashes than last year, lots of them weigh up to 50# and we have picked one that weighs 52#.

KATHARINE O'MEARA GRADUATES FROM GEO. WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Katharine 'Katy' O'Meara, 22, of Wolfeboro and formerly of Alton, graduated Magna Cum Laude from The George Washington University, Washington DC, on Sunday May 16. She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences with Minors in Psychology and Women's Studies.

O'Meara is a 2000 graduate of Alton Central School. During her four years at GWU, O'Meara studied for one semester during her sophomore year in Dublin, Ireland, and for another semester her junior year at the University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.

She has accepted a three-year position with Teach for America, a private, non-profit organization established more than ten years ago to train and place carefully selected applicants in schools experiencing a severe shortage of teachers.

After a summer of intense training at the Teach for America Institute at the University of California in Los Angeles, O'Meara will teach 2nd grade at Squires Elementary School in Las Vegas, where 85% of students are Hispanic, many of whom are learning English as a second language.

During her college years, O'Meara volunteered in a program called 'Our Place', working with children whose mothers were in prison, and while studying in South Africa she volunteered as a teacher's adie in a school for orphans and refugee children. She says these experiences, as well as all she learned teaching kids how to ski at Gunstock's Ski School when she was in high school, are helpful now.

O'Meara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eaton, Sr., of Wolfeboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott O'Meara of Rumney.

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THANK YOU

**From the Neighbors & Friends of Route 11-D
By Gay Lamoureux**

The Neighbors and Friends of Route 11-D want to thank all the volunteers that donated their time, effort and perseverance in making our clean-up day a great success.

Also we would like to express our gratitude for donations which will be used for flowers on the North and South island entrances of Route 11-D.

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EARLY MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS SET From NH Fish and Game Department

Upcoming hunting season dates and bag limits for early season migratory game birds have been finalized by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Changes this year include an increase in the daily bag limit for resident Canada geese from three to five birds a day during the September season, as well as changes in the season dates for both crows and sea ducks. No changes were made to woodcock and common snipe. The youth waterfowl weekend remains the last weekend in September (September 25 and 26, 2004).

Following are the early migratory game bird seasons and bag limits for 2004:

***RESIDENT CANADA GEESE:** The bag limit has been increased to five birds per day during the September season, which extends from the day after Labor Day (September 7) through September 25, 2004. Previously the limit was three birds per day. New Hampshire's resident Canada goose population continues to grow and has a statewide distribution.

***CROWS:** The fall 2004 crow-hunting season will begin two weeks earlier this year, running from August 15 to November 30, 2004. The spring crow-hunting season has been shortened to two weeks; next spring's crow season will be March 16-31, 2005.

***SEA DUCKS:** October 1, 2004 - January 15, 2005; bag limit is 7 birds per day, with no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders or 4 oldsquaw. The season was changed from the previous September 15 opening at the request of sportsmen who attended the public hearing.

***WOODCOCK:** October 1 - October 30, 2004; bag limit is 3 birds per day. (Unchanged.)

***COMMON SNIPE:** Sept. 15 - October 30, 2004; bag limit is 8 birds per day. (Unchanged.)

***YOUTH WATERFOWL WEEKEND:** Last weekend in September (Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-26, 2004).

Hunters of all migratory game birds must have a 2004 New Hampshire hunting license and are required by law to register for the National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP). In New Hampshire, this includes all who hunt waterfowl, snipe, woodcock and coots. Harvest information provided through this program is critical for the management of migratory game bird populations. Separate permits are needed in each state hunted. Licensed hunters should call 1-800-207-6183 to receive a permit number. Write this permit number on your license. Hunters also may register at <http://www.nhfishandgame.com>. There is no charge for an HIP permit.

Waterfowl hunters must also obtain a federal and a state duck stamp. Hunters are asked to report all banded birds using the toll-free phone number, 1-800-327-BAND. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will send a certificate with information about the bird.

As the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to conserve, manage and protect these resources and their habitats. For additional information on New Hampshire hunting season dates and regulations, as well as online license and permit sales, visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>



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