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THOSE FLAGS ON MAIN STREET

by Bob Longabaugh

Alton residents awoke on Sunday, May 25, to a Town that had a much greater patriotic and festive atmosphere. For there, all along Main Street through the center of Town and Alton Bay waved Old Glory!

What happened, almost overnight, to bring about this transformation?

It was a concerted effort of many, starting with the Board of Selectmen and finishing with the Boy Scouts of America. Actually, it started with a few citizens of Alton who regularly attend Selectmen meetings and frequently offer their ideas during the "Public Input" portion of the agenda. During the 1996-97 holiday season suggestions were made by more than one person as to whether the Town couldn't be doing more in the way of decorating for the holidays.

Fast forward to the May 19 Selectmen's meeting where the newest member of the Board, William Ryan, noted that Memorial Day was only days away, and this might be a good time to demonstrate that Alton can show its true colors better than the next guy. Chairman Arnold ("Pete") Shibley and Vice-Chairman Stanley Czech were already "on board." All three heads became extremely productive in cranking out ideas.

United States flags along Main Street was an immediate winner.

The more difficult answer was how to pay for them. Selectman Czech noted that the Bicentennial Committee had returned unspent funds to the treasury, and commemorative flags were certainly within the spirit of that budget purpose. With the funding source solved Selectman Ryan moved that a thousand dollars of the returned monies be spent for U.S. flags to decorate Alton. The vote was unanimous.

The original hope was for flags to line Main Street all the way from Alton Circle to the Community Center in Alton Bay. The reality is that would take 80 flags. The money allocated could not go that far. It did buy 36 flags and another 12 were purchased in a later action.

The next challenge was to have all flags flying in time for the observance of Memorial Day on May 26. Town Administrator Scott Dunn moved with dispatch in obtaining the permission of the NH Electric Cooperative to mount the

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A SALUTE TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 53

by Bob Calvert

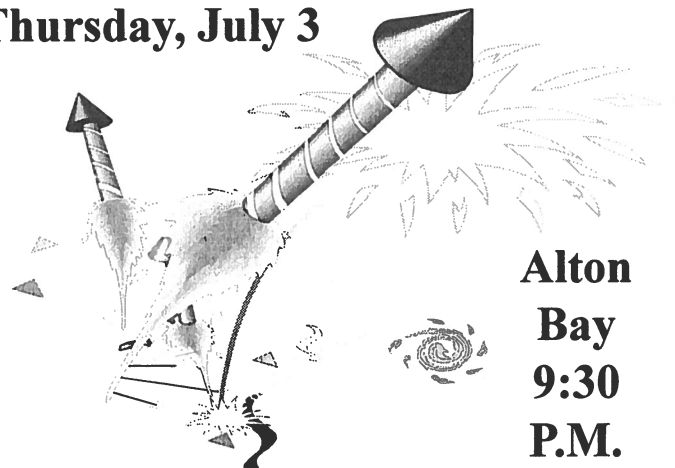
At a recent Selectmen's public hearing an unusual start to the session featured a troop of khaki-clad Boy Scouts walking in and revealing the secret of how the dandy American flags were suddenly flying along Alton's Main Street as the Memorial Day season unfolded. The above story describes how the Town acquired the flags on short notice. What was lacking, however, was the means of getting the flags flying.

It was the service-minded Boy Scouts of Troop 53 who stepped forward and did the job overnight. It was a thrill for this reporter to sit in the hearing audience and hear one of the boy officers, who received a certificate from the Selectmen, eloquently express the thought that "anything we can do for the town in the time ahead will be a pleasure. Just ask us!" And Troop 53 means it too. They have recently "adopted" a section of Route 11 to keep the area clean and worthy of pride.

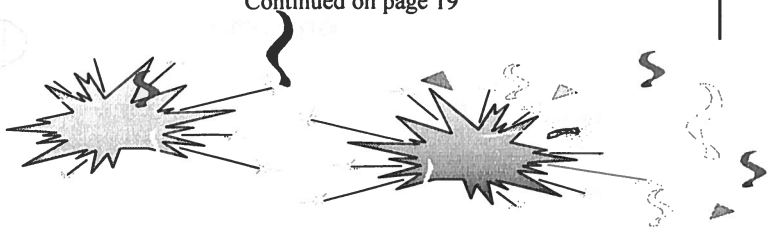
Alton should be very proud of these young men as well as their younger "brothers" of Cub Scout Pack 53. Two outstanding groups!

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**EAST ALTON TWIN EVENTS
 ON SATURDAY, JULY 26**

by **Bob Calvert**

The East Alton Fire Association (EAFA) is gearing up for another big day on Saturday, July 26. Twin events scheduled are the 23rd Annual Chicken Barbecue and at least the 22nd Flea Market in the last 23 years. The Flea Market, chaired for the second year by Nancy Northridge, kicks off at 9 A.M. in the field by the intersection of Route 28 and Roberts Cove Road (at the blinker). It will run until 2 P.M. Tables can be had for \$10 each by calling Mrs. Northridge at 875-5255. Space for each one is approximately 20' by 15'.

Then, from 5 to 7 P.M. the famous Chicken Barbecue — usually a sellout well before the event — will take place at the East Alton Fire Station. Get your tickets early from any member of EAFA. Both events take place rain or shine.

Irving Roberts serves as “Mr. Outside” at the Barbecue. With many helping hands, he conducts the barbecuing and the potato cooking. A host of members serve “inside” at the dinner, and are coordinated by Judy Fry. So I guess that she could be called “Mrs. Inside.”

Profits from the twin events will continue the association’s program of improvement to the fire station and grounds as well as a scholarship fund and other community “Good Turns” for which EAFA has become famous.

**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL OFFERS
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Middle school math with an emphasis on grades 6 and 7 and high school English will be offered by the Alton Central School Summer School, beginning July 7. Two sessions of each are offered. The first session is from 8 to 10 A.M. and the second session is from 10:10 A.M. to 12:10 P.M.

A minimum enrollment for each class is five students and tuition, payable at time of registration, is \$100 for Alton students. The tuition for residents of other communities is \$125.

Registration materials may be obtained at the School. Further information is available from Assistant Principal Tom Parker at 875-7500.

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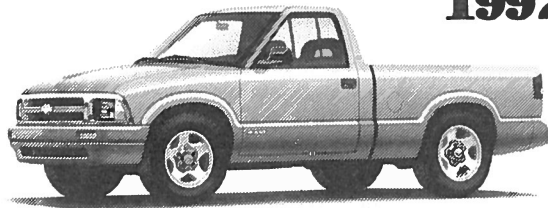
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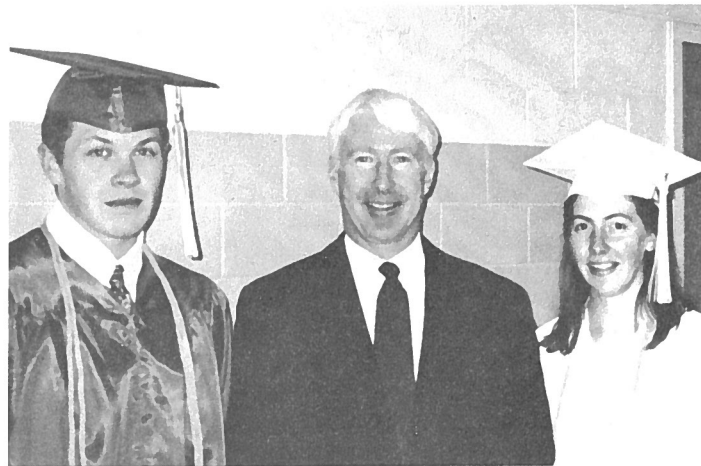
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CLASS OF 1997 AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Valedictory Award	Matthew Fenton
Salutatory Award	Rebecca Miller
Agnes M. Thompson Scholarship	Rebecca Miller
Alton Police Association Scholarship	Elizabeth Knowlton
Alton-New Durham Lions Club Scholarship	Rachel Kubicki
American Legion Auxiliary	Jolene MacDonald, Diana Daniels
American Legion Post #72	Matthew Fenton, Duane Carr, Elizabeth Knowlton, Matthew Collins, John Irving
American Legion Scholastic Achievement	Rebecca Miller
American Legion Good Sportsmanship	Dorene Lemay, Keith Fuller
Barton M. Griffin Memorial Scholarship	Thomas Bernard
Bausch & Lomb Science Award	Matthew Fenton
Benjamin L. & Benjamin M. Perkins Scholarship	Duane Carr
Bonnie M. Simpson Scholarship	Jolene MacDonald
Daniel Francis Memorial Fund	Michael Racine
David Steven Smith Scholarship	Laura Levesque
Dr. Deane M. Chamberlain Medical Award	Elizabeth Knowlton
East Alton Fire Association Scholarship	Jolene MacDonald
Edward Soucy Memorial Award	Kevin Enright
Happy Hobby Doll Club Scholarship	Melissa Elliott
Harry M. & Dorothy S. Rollins Memorial Prize	Kevin Enright
Jean Roberts:Alton Teachers for Education Scholarship ..	Harlee Dain
Karla A. Merfeld Memorial Scholarship	Rebecca Miller
Kelly Brown Scholarship	Rachel Kubicki
Kenneth M. Chamberlain, Sr. Athletic Award	Rebecca Miller
Leon & Jean Partridge Scholarship	Laura Levesque
Main Street Journalism Award	Keith Fuller
Major William Hayes Award	Rebecca Miller
Phyllis Chamberlain Music Award	Rebecca Miller
P.T.S.A. Scholarship	Dorene Lemay, Kevin Enright
Ralph Jardine Scholarship	Jessica Donahue
Science Scholarship	Lindsey Osborn
Summer People's Scholarship	Duane Carr
Walter Kirkpatrick Award	Bradford Harris
William B. Messer Scholarship	Matthew Fenton, Rebecca Miller, Diana Daniels
William A. Anderson Scholarship	Rebecca Miller
Ruth S. & Willard D. Rollins Scholarship	Diana Daniels
Fred Ayer Industrial Arts Scholarship	Kevin Enright
Barnstead American Legion Boys State Award	Todd Thurston
American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Award	Beth Jackson
D.A.R. Good Citizen Award	Matthew Fenton
Francis Wayland Parker Scholar of the Month	Jeb Christy
Bausch & Lomb Science Award	Tammy Murtagh
Randy S. Noyes Scholarship	Matthew Collins, Roger Decato
President's Education Awards-	Duane Carr, Diana Daniels, Matthew Fenton, Elizabeth Knowlton, Rebecca Miller, Lindsey Osborn
Recognition Award	Asako Maeda

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ALTON SCHOOL GRADUATES

There are three scholarships available to graduates of Alton Central School who have completed one or more years of college that went unclaimed this year. They are the Norwich Barbershoppers Scholarship, awarded on the basis of need and activities; the John Laurence Bucher Scholarship, awarded to a student who has a 3.0 cumulative average after two years of college with a major in English theater, liberal arts, music, art or education; and the Merrymeeting Grange Scholarship, awarded to a student enrolled in a four-year college. For additional information, call Alton Central School, 875-7500.



ALTON'S TOP GRADUATES

Principal George J. Rogers congratulates the top students in the Class of 1997 at Alton Central School. They are Valedictorian Matthew Fenton, son of Susan Bascom, and Salutatorian Rebecca Miller, daughter of John and Lucinda Miller. Both students will attend the University of New Hampshire in the fall.



34 GRADUATES IN THE CLASS OF 1997

by John Duffek

The Class of 1997 at Alton Central School celebrated commencement exercises last month led by Valedictorian Matthew Fenton and Salutatorian Rebecca Miller. The theme for the 34 members of the class, "There is a Season," was reflected in the speeches made by the top two graduates and Class President Diana Daniels as well as a video of memories produced by Kevin Enright and Rachel Kubicki.

Other class officers are David Sleeper, Jr., vice president; Harlee Dain, secretary; and Doreen Lemay, treasurer. Class Marshals for the ceremony were Deanna Hillsgrove and Patrick Hanley from the junior class.

Ushers were Daniel Alting, Carly Blanchard, Jebediah Christy, Kristin Duval, Lucas Jesseman, Jason Martin, Jennifer Merfeld, Andrew Morse, Sarah Spencer, Jacob Tharpe, and Anna Varney.

The following students were presented diplomas by R. Loring Carr, chairman of the Alton School Board:

Thomas Phillip Bernard, Harold Martin Bothwick III, Duane David Carr, Matthew Frederick Collins, Hartee Colleen Dain, Diana Lisa Daniels, Roger D. Decato, Jessica Marie Donahue, Melissa Ann Elliot, Kevin Patrick Enright, Matthew Jason Fenton, Joseph Paul Fisichelli, Keith Mark Fuller, Kristina Lynn Guttormsen, Bradford Michael Harris, Jason Thomas Hillsgrove, John Charles Irving.

Also: Wendy Jan Kenerson, Michael Kinfionakis, Elizabeth Anne Knowlton, Rachel Andrea Kubicki, Dorene Amy Lemay, Laura Anne Levesque, Jolene Macdonald, Rebecca Ann Miller, Lindsey Eleanor Osborn, Wayne Robert Penney, Alicia Elizabeth Russell, Christopher V. Russo, Jaime Lee Sanborn, David Peter Sleeper, Jr., Kevin Michael Wentworth, Michael Alan Wentworth, Thaisae Marie Whitehouse.



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STEPHANIE TANGUAY IS NAMED BELKNAP COUNTY POET

Stephanie Tanguay, a fourth grader at Alton Central School, has been named the Belknep County Poet in the 1997 Robert Frost Youth Poet Program. There were over 1,200 poems submitted from schools across the state, and Stephanie's poem, "The Changing New Hampshire," was judged by the Poetry Society of New Hampshire to be the best of the entries from Belknep County. Stephanie is shown with her teacher, Lawrice Ballentine

The winners were honored at a reception held at the Robert Frost Farm State Historic Site in Derry. Stephanie is the daughter of Scott and Barbara Tanguay of Alton.

The best way to light a fire with two sticks is to make sure one of them is a match.

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**END OF SESSION REPORT
CONCORD CORNER**
By Alice Ziegler Calvert,
State Representative

This has been an interesting session. Republicans and Democrats have been working together, especially in their committee work. Recently the budget, kindergarten, gambling and questions of a new prison were the major issues. House and Senate each had bills concerning all of them.

The resolution comes in "Committees of Conference." This is an interesting process in which the House sends its bills to the Senate, which hears debates and votes on each one. If the Senate amends any part of a bill, that bill is returned to its originating House committee for concurrence. When the House committee does not agree with the Senate amendment, a "Committee of Conference" is appointed (4 House members and 3 Senate members). They meet and attempt to iron out differences. If they can agree, and it must be unanimous, another round of voting in both chambers takes place to finally pass the bill to the governor. When no unanimous agreement can be reached, the bill dies.

Recently passed were:

- 1) A bill to make important data about physicians, i.e., education and practice, available to patients.
- 2) Setting up a college tuition savings plan advisory commission to aid parents in saving for college over time.

Re-referred for study over the summer were:

- 1) A bill to establish a special school district to provide special education for eligible inmates in the state prison system.
- 2) A bill to allow a N.H. resident to obtain a pistol or revolver permit for life.

Killed was a bill putting a moratorium on continued use of private landing strips in towns. Last year a bill was passed allowing such use unless prohibited by local zoning ordinances. A single incident in Brentwood prompted the bill this year.

It is my pleasure to say that my name is now Alice Ziegler Calvert. I married Robert L. Calvert of Alton on May 3. This will be the last column this year. The House and Senate adjourned in June. I can be reached at 875-2151.

Anyone who thinks there are not two sides to an argument is probably in one.

GARDEN CLUB FURIOUSLY GARDENING
compiled from reports by

Daryl Czech, Marty Headley and Dottie Woughter

The Alton Garden Club knows no seasons. Their busy schedule in July starts with a morning coffee on Tuesday, July 8th, at Nancy Tyks' home. Meet at the Congregational Meeting House at 9:30 A.M. for car pooling to the get together.

The Annual meeting will be held on July 22nd at 1:30 P.M. The place is the Congregational Meeting House. The program is Loon Preservation. The speaker will be from the New Loon Sanctuary, Moultonboro. Hostesses are Donna Carefoot, Leigh Crawford, Betty Finethy, Fran Guttormsen, Mary Lance, Doris McGrath, Addie Pickett, and Arlene Roberts.

Continuing the recognition of Alton's 200th celebration last year, the club has been decorating civic buildings — such as the Town Hall and Gilman Museum — with flowers in a patriotic theme. In Alton Bay tubs line Route 11 from the busy Corner to the Mt. Washington pier. Red, white and blue dominate. Since blue flowers are not too common, Linda Holmes had extra blue seedlings ordered. Look for this and other displays in our home town.

All of the above would not have been possible without the cooperation and support of Sunflower Gardens in Alton on Rt. 28. Linda and Bruce Holmes, who own the business, have been more than generous with flowers to beautify the Town of Alton and the Bay. They also donated Christmas wreaths for the downtown last December. The Club says "thank you Linda and Bruce, from all of us."

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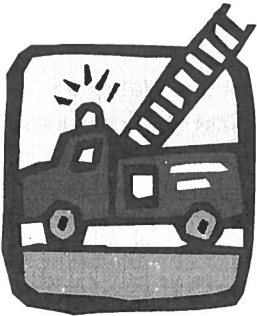
3 year olds will meet from 9:15 - 11:45 Tuesdays and Thursdays.
4 year olds will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:15 - 11:45.
5 year olds will meet Monday through Friday from 12:45 - 3:00.

This program is geared toward children who are too young for kindergarten or are participating in morning kindergarten. Children in the five-year-old class may attend from one to four days.

All Saints' Nursery School is a ministry of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. It offers well-rounded Christian education for the preschool child. A qualified and sensitive staff guide the child and channel her/his energy and enthusiasm into constructive learning experiences. The curriculum contains enough freedom to promote individuality and enough structure to challenge the child and provide a stable yet varied environment. The main objective of the program is to help the child grow socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually. Our goal is to help children develop a positive self-image, self-confidence and independence.

There is a \$20.00 registration fee. Tuition is \$8.00 per session. No payment for days your child does not attend. No fund raising is expected of parents.

For more information call Linda Siracusa at 569-3716



**AUCTION TIME!
FIRESIDE CHATS
By Stan Czech**

I warned you it was coming. I hope you are ready! We aren't, but we will be. I am talking about the Alton Fire Department's annual auction. Come check (no Czech pun intended) it out: Saturday, July 12 at 10 A.M., rain or shine. The place is the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140.

The Flea Market opens earlier, at 9 A.M., at the same location. Refreshments will be available.

Donations for the auction and flea market are being sought. If you have items that you would like to donate, please call one of the following persons to arrange a pick-up by the Fire Department: In West Alton, Russ Jones at 875-7510; in Alton Bay, Ed Consentino at 875-5678; in Alton, either Stan Czech at 875-3815 or Scott Williams at 875-3315; in South Alton, Sam Fischelli at 776-6172; in East Alton, either Jim King at 875-5767 or Dick Brown at 875-5867.

We are continuing to look forward to the NH Firefighters Association convention which will be held in Alton in September. An advertisement book is to be published for the convention. Anyone wishing to purchase an ad in the book should contact Sam Fischelli at 776-6172, or Stan Czech at 875-3815.

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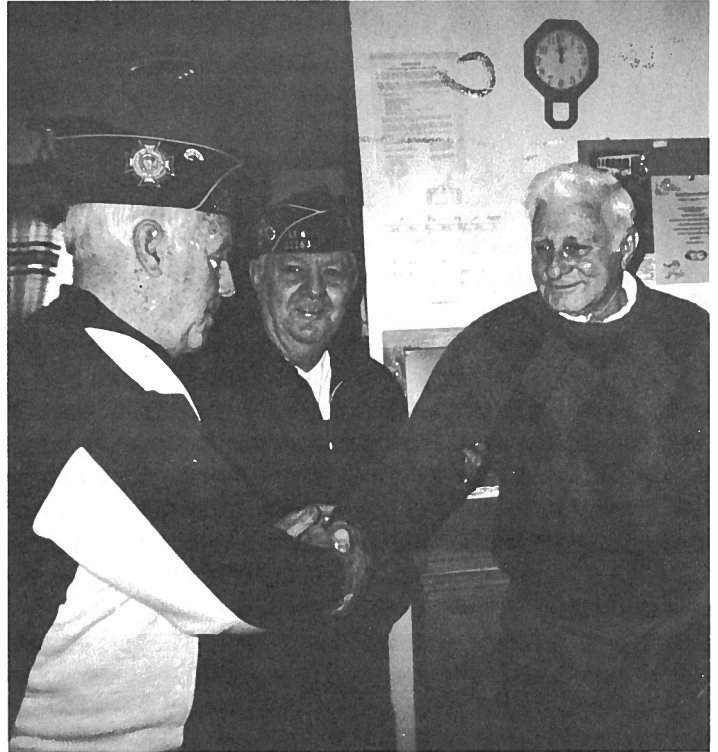
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**TONY MARIANO HONORED BY VFW
by Nancy Mooney**

Tony Mariano of Alton was honored recently in a VFW ceremony conducted by Commander John Brooks. Mariano was awarded a plaque of appreciation in gratitude for all the volunteer work he has done for the VFW since its inception in Alton.

VFW officer Roland LaPierre also praised Mariano in a brief speech. Tony is a very active member of the Alton Senior Citizens, and LaPierre thanked him and all the senior citizens who have given their whole-hearted support to the VFW. LaPierre mentioned that without the backing of the Alton Senior Citizens, the VFW would not have been able to carry out its projects to help others.



HOWARDS RECOGNIZED

Let us applaud the artistry and effort put into the plantings of the large urns in the Main Street Cemetery. Sharon and Raymond Howard have filled these urns for many years. This is their contribution of effort and time for the beauty of this cemetery and the town.

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GILMAN LIBRARY TAKES ON NEW SHAPE

by David Countway

The exterior frame of the new Gilman Library is taking shape and is giving a new look to Main Street. The distinctive cupola has been framed, to obtain the exact window measurements, which have now been ordered. New roof trusses on the adult wing and children's wing define the new profile of our library. The old entry will soon be replaced by the new handicapped accessible entry and larger portico over the main door. Comments from "building watchers" are that the builders, under Milestone and Brook Design's supervision, are carrying out an excellent construction.

Fund raising to meet our final goal continues, with \$95,253 to go. The Adult wing will be named in memory of Dorothy William's family. A major opportunity still exists for the naming of the Children's wing. The Winnepesaukee Masonic Lodge in Alton recently presented the Gilman Library Trustees a check for \$1,500 for the Building Fund. This significant gift from the Masons represents a recognition by their members that the life of the community is enriched by the resource of a first class library for all ages. The Trustees are grateful for their gift at this time. The actual construction budget including architect's fee stands at \$672,829, with \$606,576 raised to date. A goal for interior furnishings has been set by the architect at \$30,000.

The officers of the American Legion have offered their abutting property to the Gilman Library Trustees for a price of \$30,000. The members of the Legion also see the Gilman



Library Expansion as an asset to the Town of Alton. While their offer is not under the scope of the current fund raising, a major gift towards acquisition of the American Legion property would enhance the Gilman Library for additional Library and Town Hall parking. Foundations and Trusts are still being solicited for support with \$40,500 received to date.

The Gilman Library Trustees urge summer residents, local businesses and members of the Alton community to make an extra gift to the Gilman Library now. Continued support from the Alton community will make the difference to "Help Make The Gilman Library All That It Can Be."

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Students in kindergarten through grade five received special recognition in ceremonies at Alton Central School. Special awards were presented to those students who earned good citizenship status for the fourth quarter of the school year and those who earned good citizenship status all year (noted by *). They are:

KINDERGARTEN - Shaida Anderson*, Marina Avery, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Shanelle Chagnon*, Cory Dudman, Shannon Eagles*, Amber Fielding, Katherine Gage, Amber Gagnon*, Steven Giani, Kimberly Grant*, Colin Hammond*, Andrea Hillsgrove*, Michael Jensen*, Justin Kantar*, Stephanie MacDonald*, Heidi McGlone*, Katelyn Ordway*, Maegan Rojek*, Stephanie Roy*, Kelsea Scerra, Kathie Sykes, Xavier Stone*, and William Wenzlau*.

GRADE 1 - Erin Brackley*, Tony Castagnaro*, Kelsey Crathern, Jacob Dore, Maelyn Emerson, Ryan Finethy*, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins*, Daniel Hopper*, Jesse Lane*, Makina Itchkavich-Levasseur, Andrew Levasseur, Christopher Loprete*, Alina Loynd*, Samantha MacDonald*, Karol Anne Mansfield, C.J. Moulton*, Amanda Pellowe, Katie Lynn Powers, Kristie Lee Powers, Jennifer Shafer*, Chad Tenander*, Brianna Tidd*, Olivia Varney, Krystal Vigue, Caitlin Wenzlau*, and Jonathan Yelle*.

GRADE 2 - Dottie Jean Bailey*, Megan Beaupre, Bryan Bishop, Mara Cook-Hamer*, Jeffrey DeLemus*, Katherine Dunn, Charlotte French*, Leann Fuller, David Grealish, Kim Hannafin*, Caila Kantar*, Joshua Liedtke*, Kelly Main, Kelsey Moore, Cassandra Moulton, Christopher Porter, Marc Roy, Jeffrey St. Cyr*, George Stevens, Merrill Stone*, Ashley Sweeney*, Ben Varney, and Steven Waterman.

GRADE 3 - Shannon Cornelissen, Johanna Dickson*, Nicholas Divito, Allyson Dudman*, Dana Fuller, Jaime Godbout, Makayla Goings*, James Grant*, Owen Laurion, Brittany Moore*, Joshua O'Neil, Kathryn Pellowe*, Taylor Peterson, Marie Phelan*, Jacqueline Piasieczny, Daniel Pitman*, Amber Richardson*, Jessica Rothwell, Sara Talon, Aimee Terravechia*, Katrina Tidd*, Melissa Walden, and Caitlin Wentworth.

GRADE 4 - Brittany Bartlett*, Britteny Chapman, Shaylyn Cornelissen, Amanda DeLemus, Kelly Eagles*, Vanessa Gilbert, Leslie Guertin, Erin Hannafin*, Christine Holmes*, Travis Hopper*, Jessica Joslyn*, Tara Loprete*, Robert Malone*, Ashley Marren, Whitney Marston, Camille Niquette, Brenna Quann*, Shayna Randall*, Derek Rondeau*, Brian Roy*, Stephanie Tanguay*, and Ashley Waterman*.

GRADE 5 - Lyndsey Caron*, Jessica Coigley, Tamara Cornelissen*, Lindsay Kenerson, Falon Lambert*, J.P. Latchaw III*, Dylan Laurion*, Kristy Lefevre, Kyle McAuliffe*, Tonya Prescott, Dan Quinn*, Meredith Roy*, Krista Shibley*, Matthew Sydow*, and Carl Timmons.

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LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

The Claude B. Batchelder Post #72 in Alton has announced that Bill Fraser has been named their Post's Legionnaire of the Year. The Post recognized — with gratitude — the time and dedication that Bill has given to the Post.

The results of the elections for new officers was also announced. The Commander of Post #72 is Norm French; Senior Vice Commander is Don Parker while Jr. Vice is Jake Paris. The adjutant is Bill Fraser, who is joined by Judge Advocate Ron Rojek, Sgt. at Arms Ken McMullen, Finance Officer Warren Leary, Historian Ed Russell, and Chaplain Harold Murray.

The Ladies Auxiliary Unit has Lisa Rojek as the President while Wayne Wentworth serves as the Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 72, and Betsy Rollins is the President of the Junior American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72.



ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ARTISTS CREATE PANELS FOR GUNSTOCK

Members of the high school and middle school art classes at Alton Central School have been busy this year with special projects within the school and outside the school. Four panels were created to be hung in the ski rental building at Gunstock Ski Area and new murals and painted ceiling panels brighten the hallways of the school building.

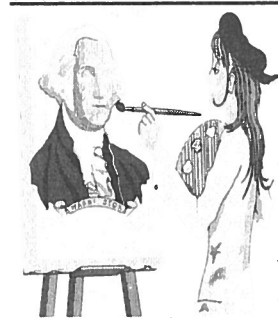
Mural artists Kim Collins, Jerusha Hayward, and Joanna Jackson pose with their creation in the hallway outside the music rooms in the school.

Shemry Brown, Katy Morrill, and Dana Lang, created the Gunstock panels depicting day-dreaming youngsters on a chair lift and Winter dreams.

Other mural artists included Asako Maeda, Buffy Quindley, Katy O'Meara, Korin Eagles, Heather Feger, Tanya Lewis, and Deanna Hillsgrove.

Ceiling panels were painted by Andrea Guttormsen, Jessica Benedetto, Justin Herman, Ryan Loynd, Joe Irving, Ryan Sell, Rachel Waterman, and Andy Morse.

ALTON ARTIST SHARES TALENT WITH FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS



Tracey Lionetta from Tracings Graphics in Alton recently visited fifth grade art classes at Alton Central School. She explained to students how the silk screening process is used today on a variety of objects such as tee-shirts, mugs, hats, posters and fine art. She demonstrated a one-color technique to make an Alton Apache Bumper Sticker.

Each student then got to print a bumper sticker and take it home at the end of the day.

A lot of preparation went into the presentation and the students thank Mrs. Lionetta for sharing her time and expertise. The students learned another method of printmaking and were shown how local artists have turned their talent into a business.



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**ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS
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Lions District Governor-Elect Andy Bolduc recently installed the 1997-98 officers of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. Shown above (left to right) are: Cecile Chase, treasurer; Bob Smith, lion tamer; Bolduc; Jennifer Hoover, secretary; Ginny Gwinn, vice president; Richard Gwinn, president; and Wes Nicholson, immediate past president. Eldon Swim, tail twister, was not present.

**A TESTIMONIAL TO
THE WOMEN'S SAFETY PROGRAM**

by Daryl Czech

On Saturday, May 31, eleven ladies met at the Alton Central School for the Women's Safety Program presented by the Alton Police Department. The program was put together and lead by Officer Steve Holly. From 8:30 A.M. until 2 P.M. the women were led through various programs regarding their special safety and security needs.

Sergeant Shattuck and Officer Holly began with personal security needs, both at home and out. We learned that much involves common sense — we can avoid many problems by just being aware and thinking ahead. A lot was covered, with many good questions being asked and answered.

Attorney Koon of the Belknap County Attorney's Office spoke on the legal issues involved in the defense of ourselves. We are well served by the legal system. Officer Hathcock gave a very thorough presentation on firearms and defense sprays. Some had never handled guns before, and it was educational for all. Sergeant Baiocchi of the Gilmanston Police Department took the group to the gym for a very enthusiastic demonstration and practice of self defense. There were surely many bruises as evidence of how well we practiced.

The group came away feeling much more confident. We now have a sharpened awareness of the safer practices and options that can be used in our own defense. Thank you so very much to all the presenters, and a special thank you to Officer Holly. You are doing such fine work in our community.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBER

The Alton Budget Committee is actively seeking a new member to replace Deborah Burton who was appointed to the Alton School Board.

Interested candidates should contact the new Budget Committee Chairman, Peter Pijoan at 875-8894 (Home) or at 875-6161 (Work)

The Committee now meets the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be August 7th at 7:00 p.m. Membership will be voted on at that next Budget Committee meeting.

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WOMEN'S SAFETY SEMINAR TO PROTECT AND SERVE

By Steven T. Holly, Community Liaison Officer

Those of you who weren't able to attend the Women's Safety Seminar, you missed a great time! The program was a large success and from the feedback I've been receiving from the women who attended [Editor's note: see accompanying article by Daryl Czech], they learned a lot and had a great time doing it. Don't worry though, there will be another one and the women from this past class have volunteered to help.

I would like to thank two local businesses: McGrath's Grocery Store donated food platters and soda and Dunkin Donuts provided breakfast and coffee at a reduced price. I'd also like to thank the instructors: Sgt. Vinnie Baiochetti from Gilmanton Police Department, Attorney Nolan Koon from the Belknap County Attorney's Office, and Sgt. Tracy Shattuck and Master Patrolman Jamie Hathcock from the Alton Police Department. Ladies, watch for the next one, it's a lot of fun.

Protect and Serve received a letter written in response to our column last month. "Confused" wrote: "Your article in 'Main Street' prompted me to write. I am "confused" [about] "the no parking zones in front of A-Bay Carpet on Main Street." I use the businesses in that area. Where do we park? Does this also apply across the street from A-Bay Carpet on the side of the Telephone Company? No longer is the Post Office there, but the same 'No-Parking' signs apply."

"Confused" brings up a good point. The parking along Main Street in that area is somewhat confusing, not only to you folks, but sometimes even to us police officers. Let me see if I can help. The parking in front of the Telephone Company is still okay. On the side of the street where Jeri's Barber Shop and Village Pizza are, you can park from the corner of the street by the Legion all the way to the telephone pole after Village Pizza. On the other side of the telephone pole is the no-parking spot. The reason this spot is no-parking is twofold; first, State law prohibits parking on crosswalks and within 20 feet of crosswalks located at an intersection. This is technically an intersection as Old Wolfeboro Road intersects Main Street at this point. Second, there is just not enough room to safely park there and be able to see oncoming traffic or pedestrians, or to drive safely past. If you continue beyond that spot, up Old Wolfeboro Road, there are some parking areas next to where the old A-Bay Carpet was located. I hope this helps.

Practice safety, it could save your life! For questions or comments, please write to PO Box 240 or altonpd@juno.com.



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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By George J. Rogers, Alton Central School

The Alton Central School closed its 1996-97 school year on June 18. We are looking forward to an exciting new year in September. Some of the changes that will take place during the summer will be the start-up of SAU 72 to serve the town of Alton. The new office is located in Homestead Place at the Alton Traffic Circle. The new superintendent, Richard Pike, will be joined there by Joanne Fiorini as executive secretary and Susan Heger as business manager. The office officially opened on July 1.

Report cards for students in grades 6-12 will be ready after July 1 and they can be picked up in the Main Office.

Marilyn St.Cyr, guidance director, encourages juniors to visit colleges over the summer. Information on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) will be available in late August.

Registration materials and information will be available in the Main Office during the summer for new students. The Guidance Office will be available to assist new high school students in the selection of courses and also to answer questions on or after August 20. Home room assignments will be posted at the School the week before School opens. The summer office hours are 7 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Reading lists for all students are available at the Main Office and also at the Gilman Library. We hope that all our students will continue with their reading during the summer.

Have a safe and happy summer.

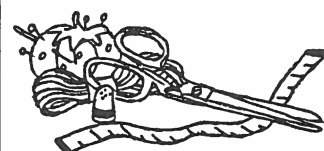
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- AD HOC COMMITTEE - Meets on call
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8:30a.m., Chairman Arnold P. Shibley, Call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3rd Thursday, 7p.m., Chairman Peter Pijoan, 875-8894
- CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on call, 875-2161.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES - 1st & 3rd Monday, 1p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris.
- FIRE WARDS - Meet on call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE - Meet on call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on call. Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVY PARK TRUSTEES - Meet on call. Chairman Jonathan Downing, 875-7243.
- OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets on call, 875-0109.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 1st Thursday, 6:30p.m., Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-0109.
- PLANNING BOARD - 1st Monday, 7p.m., Chairman James Washburn, Call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6p.m., Chairman R. Loring Carr, 776-6003.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on call. Chairman Alice Ziegra Calvert, 875-2151.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - 3rd Monday, 3:30p.m., Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8a.m., Chairman John Streeter, 875-2490, Office, 875-4200.
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 2nd Thursday, 7:00p.m., Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.

*DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION
CALL 875-5067

TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public. Color or black and white photos of your organization's events are also welcome.

Send any material to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Material may also be left in the Main Street mail box at the Farmington National Bank.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. For additional information call 875-5067.

A REMINDER TO ADVERTISERS

The deadline for placing new ads or changes to existing ads in Main Street is the 15th of the month and all new advertising copy or copy changes must be delivered to Alton Printing on Church Street by that date each month.

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Schedules**CHURCHES:**

- Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, Sunday, 10:30a.m. and 6p.m.; Monday through Friday, 9 and 10:30a.m., 7:30p.m., Saturday Prayer Breakfast, 8a.m.
- Baha'i Fireside - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old Durham Road
- Bay Church - Sunday Open Air Worship at the Bandstand, 9:30a.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:30p.m., Rand Hill Road, Pastor Roy Ames
- Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October - April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June - August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussakis, Pastor
- First Free Will Baptist Church - Sunday School, 9:45a.m., Church, 11a.m., Evening Service, 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7p.m., Depot St. New Durham, Pastor James Nason
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m. & 7p.m., Monday thru Saturday except Wednesday, 8:30a.m., Confessions, Saturday, 4p.m. or by appointment, Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship - Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service, 10:30a.m., (Summer 10a.m.), Evening Service, 6p.m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7p.m., Route 28, Pastor Scott Button
- GILMAN LIBRARY:**
Monday & Wednesday, noon to 8p.m., Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m., Saturday, 9a.m. to noon
- SENIOR MEAL SITE:**
Monday - Friday, 10a.m. to 2p.m., Pearson Rd. Community Center
- SOLID WASTE CENTER:**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8a.m. to 3p.m.
Sunday - noon to 3p.m. Closed Tuesday and Thursday
Rines Road Pit - Saturday, 8a.m. to 3p.m., Sunday noon to 3p.m.
- TOWN HALL:**
Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Planning Director - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday, 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings by Appointment, Closed noon to 1p.m.
Building Inspector - Call 875-5095 for Office Hours and Appointments
- ORGANIZATIONS:**
Alcoholics Anonymous - Tuesday, 8p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
American Legion - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Auxiliary - 2nd Monday, 7p.m. Legion Hall
American Legion Junior Members - 3rd Monday, 6p.m., Legion Hall
Boy Scout Troop 53 - Wednesdays, 6p.m., Central Fire Station
Chamber of Commerce Board - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8a.m., 875-5777
Cub Scout Pack 53 - Last Tuesday, 6:30p.m. Legion Hall
Eastern Star - 2nd Tuesday
Garden Club - 4th Tuesday
Flying Club - 2nd Wednesday
Happy Hobby Doll Club - 4th Friday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
Historical Society - 3rd Tuesday, April-October
Knights of Columbus - 1st Wednesday, 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
Lions Club - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
Masonic Lodge - 2nd Thursday
PTSA - 3rd Tuesday, School Library
St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
Senior Citizens - 2nd Wednesday, 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
VFW - 3rd Monday, 7:30p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
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TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

July Events

- Wed. 2 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.
 Thu. 3 - BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 A.M. to Noon
 CONCERT: Down Home Dixieland Band, Alton Bay Band stand, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.
 FIREWORKS, Alton Bay, 9:30 P.M.
 Fri. 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
 Sat. 5 - CHURCH FAIR, Congregational Meeting House, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.
 CONCERT: The Southernaires, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 P.M.
 CONCERT: T-Bone, Bandstand, 7:30 P.M.
 Mon. 7 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 P.M.
 Tue. 8 - GARDEN CLUB COFFEE, Congregational Meeting House, 9:30 A.M.
 Wed. 9 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.
 Fri. 11 - CONCERT: Living Proof, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 P.M.
 Sat. 12 - AUCTION, Central Fire Station, 10 A.M.
 CONCERT: The Jacobs Brothers, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 P.M.
 CONCERT: Almost Cowboys, Bandstand, 7:30 P.M.
 Mon. 14 - MIKE BURKE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE, Alton Central School, 3 - 7 P.M.
 Mon. 14 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 P.M.
 Tue. 15 - SPEAKER: Historic Churches of Belknap County, East Alton Meeting House, 7:30 P.M.
 Wed. 16 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.
 CONCERT: Local Musical Talent, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 P.M.
 Fri. 18 - CONCERT: Grace Notes, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 P.M.
 Sat. 19 - CONCERT: The Camerata Trio, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 P.M.
 CONCERT: Dan Shea, Bandstand, 7:30 P.M.
 Mon. 21 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 P.M.
 Tue. 22 - ANNUAL MEETING, Garden Club, Congregational Meeting House, 1:30 P.M.
 Wed. 23 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.
 Fri. 25 - CONCERT: Laurie Meserve, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 P.M.
 Sat. 26 - HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY
 EAST ALTON FLEA MARKET, Route 28 and Roberts Cove Road, 9 A.M.
 EAST ALTON CHICKEN BBQ, East Alton Fire Station, 5 - 7 P.M.
 CONCERT: King's Brass, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30 P.M.
 CONCERT: Stephen Coronella, Bandstand, 7:30 P.M.
 Sat. 27 - ANNUAL MEETING, Route 11D Association, Pearson Road Community Center, 9:30 A.M.
 Mon. 28 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 P.M.
 Wed. 30 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7 P.M.

ADDITIONS TO HONOR ROLL AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

The list of Honor Roll students published in last month's issue of Main Street omitted several names. After the June issue was printed the Alton Central School added the following students to the list for the third quarter:

GRADE 6 - HONORS: Adam Ames, Hilary Ballentine, Heath Berthiaume, and Stephanie Hillsgrove.

Classified Ads

Alton Residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to noncommercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted or services wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad. Ads must be submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810 by the 15th of the preceding month.

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 Three VW 13" wheel covers...\$12. 875-8116
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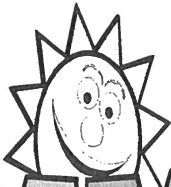
10 YEARS AGO...

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

5 YEARS AGO...

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

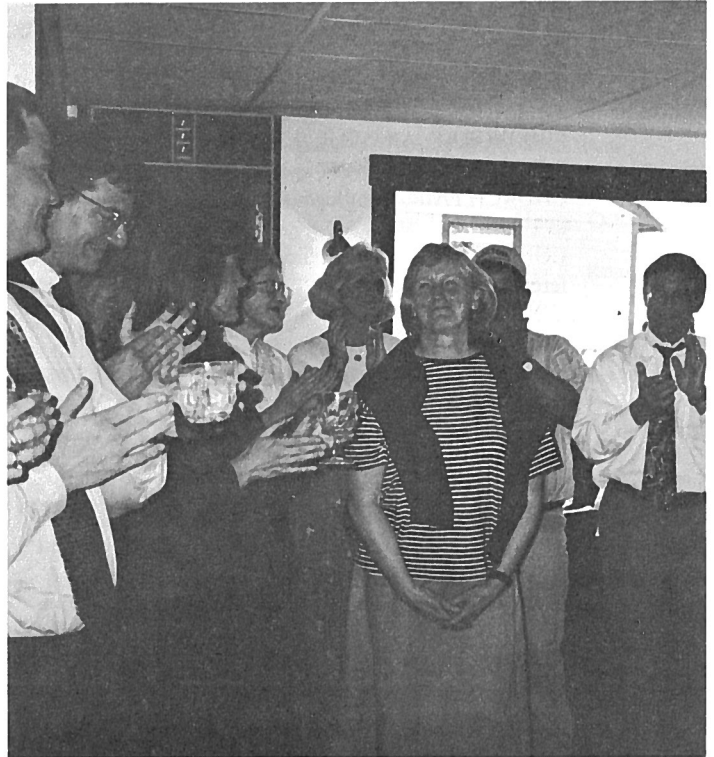
SUMMER



SOMETHING BUGGING YOU?

by Scott Button

If something isn't bugging you now, it soon will be. It's called "Meadow Mysteries," but it's no mystery where to find fun and excitement! Join the investigation at Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship in Wolfeboro, for Vacation Bible School, South Main St. Wolfeboro, July 7 - 11, 9:00 A.M. to noon. Students will learn clues to help them solve the mysteries of bugs in the meadow and the Bible. Bible study, crafts, games and other fun activities will be available for children 4 years old through the 6th grade. For more information call 875-2865 or 569-6498.



BRENDA MEEHAN RETIRES AS SCHOOL HEALTH TEACHER

Brenda Meehan, health teacher for the Alton Central School, was honored by friends, relatives, and colleagues at a recent retirement ceremony at Sandy Point Restaurant. Meehan taught at the school for the past 10 years.

In his remarks Principal George J. Rogers recalled the work that she and others did to create a health curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12. "Brenda was very determined and passionate about the need for a program of this sort in the school. Fortunately she also was the person given the incredible task to make this program succeed and, as we all know, she has done so with grace and class." He further remarked that she "has acted as a staff counselor and confidante with an open ear and caring manner. Brenda is always there to listen to anyone and give careful and sensitive advice."

Rogers concluded by saying "I will miss her because she is a wonderful human being that I have been lucky enough to have known in my life."




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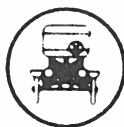


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MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 50 SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney

In our hammocks we will lie
Gazing upward at the sky
Watching fluffy clouds scud by-
We'll take it easy-don't have to try-
Savoring the languor of JULY!!

Our June meeting was well attended, and we are gaining new members all the time, bringing our membership over the 50 mark.

Once again, we are reaching out to those who have not yet joined us. The greater the membership, the greater the variety of activities and trips that will be available to add spice to your life.

Speaking of trips, our coordinator Ginny Myers announced that the Foster's Clambake trip on 22 July is sold out, but you may call her at 8755713 to get on a waiting list. Think ahead to the 12 August trip to the Lakes Region Playhouse for 42ND STREET, with dinner at Patrick's Pub beforehand. Sign up early!

More volunteers have joined our hospitality committee, which will meet to discuss ways to help out at meetings and other times. Also being considered are prizes to be given at the bingo games, and programs after the monthly meetings.

A Goals for the Future committee has been formed, thanks to seven volunteers who will sit down soon for a "brainstorming" session to help it get underway. Again, if

you have any ideas about improving the Alton Senior Citizens Association, we want to hear from you without delay!

A correction about the new flag flying at the center is in order here. Last month, we reported that the VFW had donated the flag to us. The VFW performed the flag-raising ceremony, but it was through the efforts of Tony Mariano that the new flag arrived. Senator Smith and his secretary, Ms. McNulty, were able to procure the flag and see that it was flown over the White House. It was then delivered to Tony to replace the old one, which was in sad shape.

We hope to see you at the 9 July meeting. Election of officers will take place under the supervision of Dom Giuliano. The rough drafts of the new Constitution will be distributed for careful reading, with a vote to be taken next month. You could be a lucky winner at the July meeting. We will draw the winning number for the grand prize of \$250 from the 1/10 club, which concludes this month.

Kudos to Tony Mariano who was recently awarded a plaque of appreciation by the VFW for all his volunteer work with them. He is also a tireless worker for the Alton Senior Citizens and deserves our deepest gratitude as well.

In conclusion, I should like to wish a very special senior citizen many happy days ahead as he just celebrated his 96th birthday. He is the oldest member of the Alton Senior Citizens Association: Theron Plastridge — and my very wonderful step-father!

Happy Fourth of July to all!

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**SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS HONORED
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Ellen Landry (right), a volunteer at the Alton Central School, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Dorothy Bristol, assistant principal, as Volunteer Coordinators Laurie Boyce and Ruby Hawkins wait to present a volunteer button and white carnation during the recent Recognition Tea. There were 119 active volunteers at the School this past year donating 7,145 hours.

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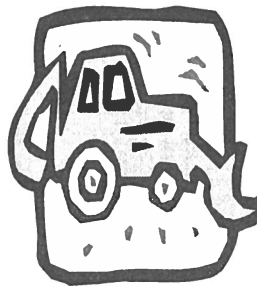
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**TWO ROADS
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TOWN HALL NOTES
By Scott Dunn,
Town Administrator

Hopefully, the reconstruction of Route 11D and New Durham Road is now complete. Two more down and fifty (+/-) to go. Please watch your speeds however, as both roads will be posted at 25mph. Police patrols will be in effect for the sake of promoting public safety.

Here is a somber reminder to those who might steal road signs: three teenagers in Florida were convicted of manslaughter because they stole a STOP SIGN which resulted in two people being killed. The Town is constantly replacing missing signs — an expensive and possibly deadly proposition.

The Selectmen have received a great deal of public input on the issue of commercial use of the Town's boat ramp. After a public hearing and much debate, a decision has been made to ban all commercial use except for residents/taxpayers by permit only. All commercial outfits using the boat ramp should call the Town Hall for permit details.

Volunteers are still needed to fill vacancies on the Levey Park Trustees. As part of this committee, a summer resident is needed.

Sadly, Old Home Week as we know it will not happen this year. A few events are being planned under the heading of Old Home Day and some traditions — like the Barbershoppers' Jamboree and summer concert series — will continue, but there will be no week long festival. This is due to a lack of volunteerism.

Anyone interested in having a vending booth in the Bay must apply for a license from the Board of Selectmen.

Now that summer is here, a hearty welcome to all of our summer residents and tourists.

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FIREWORKS PLANNED FOR JULY 3 FOR THE FUN OF IT

By Kellie McGrath, Recreation Director

The Town is sponsoring Fireworks at Alton Bay at 9:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 3. Rain date will be Saturday, July 12. In honor of Independence Day the Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Down Home Dixieland Band at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

KING'S 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Fourth Annual King's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held at the Alton Central School for players 15 and over on Saturday, July 26, at 10 A.M. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department before July 25, 4:30 P.M. Cost: \$15 per team, 2 games guaranteed. 3 point and dunking competitions held after the first round. Rotating teams will referee games. Trophies will be awarded to tournament winners.

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH/GETTYSBURG

September 11-14. Tour highlights include: Penn Dutch Country, Amish and Mennonite Farmlands, Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Gettysburg, Hershey Chocolate World USA, Founder's Hall and more. Meals included: 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners. Cost: per person Twin \$324, Triple \$320. Includes transportation, hotel, highlighted tours and six meals. Final payment due July 13, 1997.

TENNIS LESSONS

Mondays, July 7-August 4, at the Town Tennis Courts. Rain date is Tuesday. Time: 4:30-5:30 P.M.- 7-14 years; 5:30-6:30 P.M. Beginner Adult; 6:30-7:30 P.M.- Intermediate Adult. Cost: \$30/course, \$8/class. Register by July 1.

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The Martial Arts offers physical skills such as agility, power, strength and self-defense with the understanding of these basic rules: effort, etiquette, sincerity, self-control and character. Classes are held on Thursdays, July 10-August 7, at the Alton Bay Community Center 5:30-6:30 P.M. Cost: \$25, resident, \$30, non-resident. Register by July 2.

TODDLER PLAYHOUSE

Toddlers participating in this fun and innovative program will enjoy coloring, cooperative games, music, creative movement and dance. A great socializing experience. The program is held on Tuesdays, July 15, 22 and August 5, 12 at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9:30-10:15 A.M. Cost: \$8, resident, \$10, nonresident. Register by July 7.

AFTERNOON ARTS AND CRAFTS

WEEK 1: Basics of Knit and Crochet- Ages 8-adult. July 15, 1-4 PM. at the Town Hall. Cost: \$5+ materials. Register by July 7.

WEEK 2: Papier Mache- Ages 8-Adult. July 22, 1-4P.M. at the Town Hall. Cost: \$5 includes materials. Register by July 14.

BODY WORKS

Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center, 6-7 P.M. \$3 per class.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES

Tuesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center, 2-4 P.M. \$3 fee.

CONCERT SERIES

All concerts are held on Saturdays and the Alton Bay Bandstand from 7:30-9:30 P.M. JULY 5- T-Bone, 12 - Almost Cowboys, 19 - Dan Shea, 26 - Stephen Coronella.

MIKE BURKE CO-ED BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Third Annual Mike Burke Beach Volleyball Tournament will be held rain or shine at the Mike Burke Memorial Volleyball Court on Sunday, July 27, at 10 A.M. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by July 18, 4:30 P.M. Cost: \$10 per person, includes tournament t-shirt, bottled water and light snacks. Co-ed teams of four, one woman minimum required, will play for the title. Trophies will be awarded to tournament winners.

ATTITASH ALPINE AND WATER SLIDE

A whole day of fun at Attitash! Includes unlimited rides on the alpine and water slides and the scenic chair lift to the White Mountain Observation Tower. Wednesday, July 16, bus leaves from the Alton Town Hall at 9 A.M. and returns at 5 P.M. Cost: \$20pp, bring a lunch, towel, bathing suit and spending money. Participants under 13 will be chaperoned by Parks and Recreation staff. Registration ends July 9, 4:30 P.M.

SUMMER FUN WEEKS

Activities include swimming, cooperative games, outside adventures, movies, arts and crafts, creative cooking, theme days and environmental activities. Dates: Week 1- July 7-11, Week 2 July 28-August 1, 9 A.M.-4 P.M. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Cost: per week \$50, resident; \$60, nonresident.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CAMP

Major League Soccer Camp will be held at the Alton Central School Soccer Field July 21-25, 9 A.M.-Noon. Cost: \$82, includes Reebok shirt and ticket to a New England Revolution soccer game. Participants will learn traditional soccer techniques, coordination, offensive and defensive skills, shooting and team work. Players must wear shin guards and bring a water bottle and soccer ball.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER FUN DAY

Sign up for this fun night of learning new soccer skills, drills and games and get a chance to win a ticket to a New England Revolution Soccer Game. This night is to introduce you to what goes on at the Major League Soccer Camp. Fun Night will be held on Wednesday, July 9, from 6:30-8:30 P.M. at the Alton School Soccer Field. The night is free, you must sign up by July 7.

RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSONS

Dates: July 28- August 8, Monday-Friday. Cost: \$15, resident, \$18, non-resident.

Level VII- Advanced Skills, Town Swim Dock 8-8:45 A.M.; Level VI, V- Stroke Refinement, Town Swim Dock 8:50-9:35 A.M.; Level IV, III- Stroke Development, Town Swim Dock 9:40-10:25 A.M.; Level II, I- Primary Skills, Town Beach 10:30-11:15 A.M. Register by July 21.

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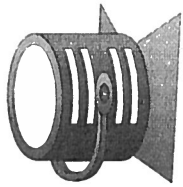
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**MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON
MARK DIVITO
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

By Muriel Walker

Mark Divito has been working for the Alton Highway Department since April of 1994. He was born in Revere, Massachusetts, and moved to Middleton, Mass., where he attended Elementary and Junior High Schools. He transferred to Northshore Technical High School and graduated with a certificate in small gas and marine engine repair. After graduation Mark worked in the packaging department at a meat market in Boston by day, and at a family-owned cleaning business at night.

Mark's family has owned a year-round cottage (as well as a seasonal cottage) on Sunset Lake in Alton since 1967. He moved to the cottage in 1983 and commuted to Massachusetts to run the family cleaning business for a year. A year later he gave up the family business and signed on at Taylor Rental Company in Laconia, using his technical school training first as a mechanic and then as manager of the Service Department. In 1988 he got even closer to home by working for two Alton contractors and the Alton Cemetery Department. Six years later he shifted gears to become a truck driver for



the Alton Highway Department. In 1995 Mark took over operating the grader for the Department.

Mark has two brothers, Arthur and Louis, who live in Alton. (Louis also works for our Highway Department as a heavy equipment operator and was featured in this column in the February issue.) A sister, Mary, lives in Alton as well.

Mark has many interests and especially appreciates time with his family. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and water skiing in the summer. He has a fishing boat, as well as a competition ski boat. Mark particularly likes spending time with his nephew, Nick, usually fishing and hunting together. Camping in the Pittsfield area is another favorite. Mark says, "I like to snowmobile in the winter, but if there are a lot of storms, I'm on duty plowing. Summer is busy on the job, but not quite as hectic as wintertime." When Mark is inside you can find him on the computer where he enjoys accessing the Internet.

"The best part of the job is the guys," he says. "They are a great bunch. Everyone works real hard, but we also have a good time with each other." He goes on: "The job is interesting. You never know what you're going to do when you come in. Sometimes there are wash-outs, sometimes there are freak storms. It's always interesting and sometimes even a little scary, but never dull." Mark continued, "The most shocking experience was the flood last year when Highway Department members were asked to leave the Town Meeting to help with the emergency. It was scary standing at the bottom of the hill watching the floodwater take Mr. Sinclair's truck and not be able to do anything about it!" He sums it up by saying "In this job you get a feeling of accomplishment when a project is done. It's a good feeling."

Mark sees staying here in the future. "I like working. I like my job. I like small towns, and I like Alton. I'm happy here."

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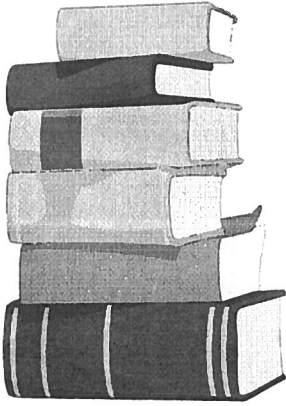
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By Holly Brown, Librarian

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is greatly appreciated. Whether large or small, your contribution makes a difference. Please keep those donations coming!

Due to the construction, we will not be holding a summer reading program or lectures for adults. However, we encourage all of you to keep reading, have a wonderful summer, and please plan on joining us next summer for our activities and programs in our greatly enhanced physical facility.

We welcome our newest members of the Friends of the Gilman Library, and are pleased to announce that Shirley Bishop is the new secretary of the Friends. If your busy schedule did not allow you to attend last month's meeting, we hope to see you at the next meeting. The date will be announced.

To grow old is mandatory; to mature is optional.

flags on their poles. Selectman Czech also suggested that Alton's Boy Scouts be asked whether that would be their kind of project. Mike Currid, one of the leaders of Troop 53, was contacted, and the rest is history. (See "A Salute to Boy Scout Troop 53," below.)

The current plan is to display the flags each year from Memorial Day through Flag Day and up to the Fourth of July, and for parades. Depending upon future Selectmen's budgets and Town Meeting actions, the number of flags will be increased each year until coverage is complete. The Selectmen are also giving thought to an "Adopt a Flag" program, which may make things happen faster and achieve more community involvement. Additionally, attention already is being devoted to what the Town might do in the way of decorations for the 1997-98 holidays.

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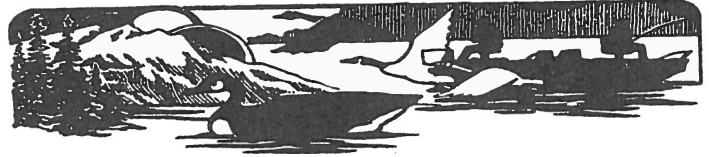
HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SATURDAY JULY 26

by Jim Washburn

Mark your calendar! Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held Saturday, July 26, 1997, from 9 am to 12 noon. Check your house, garage and workshop for hazardous items that you'd like to dispose of. Take advantage of our annual opportunity to safely discard materials that can contaminate our lakes, streams and groundwater. Alton residents and taxpayers may bring waste to any of nine collection sites throughout the Lakes Region. Collection sites closest to Alton are the Gilford Department of Public Works and the Wolfeboro Public Works Garage

Please bring only household products. No commercial waste is allowed! Each household is limited to 10 gallons (containers no larger than 5 gallons). Carpooling is allowed and encouraged. Put individual items in a box (no bags). **DO NOT MIX OR CONSOLIDATE THE ITEMS.** Each participant will be asked to complete a brief survey which helps to improve future collection efforts.

This year the Town of Alton joins 23 Lakes Region communities in sponsoring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, which is organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Alton's participation in this effort is coordinated by the Town's Conservation Commission. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Justine Gengras (776-8558) or the Lakes Region Planning Commission (279-8171).



LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER?

ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

With July bringing the lazy hazy days of summer, what is the outdoor person to do? There is lots to do this month.

First off, the hunting seasons begin in only two months with bear season opening September 1st. One can sight in a rifle this month, scout for bear sign or habitat, and acquire permission for bating or using a tree stand on another's property.

Archery deer hunting begins September 15th, and now is the time to acquire new gear so one can become familiar with it by September. Farmington Fish and Game Club will have their 3-D league shoot every Thursday night 5-7pm at Club Pond in New Durham. Anyone is welcome to shoot. The fee is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. This is a 15-target course, including deer, bear, wild pig, wild boar, coyote, turkey, mountain lion, wolf, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat targets that vary each week. This is very good hunting practice. See you there!

For the fisher person, as of July 1st, bass fishing regulations change. Starting then, one may use live bait, and the daily limit is five bass. Early morning and evening can be productive as the bass will seek cooler water during the hot days of July.

Trout and salmon fishing typically slows down in the local area in July, but one can travel north to the Saco River or even further north to the Androscoggin River. The Connecticut Lakes Region is yet another option to find good fishing at this time.

July is also a time to explore new waters. Most streams can be waded with an old pair of shorts and sneakers since the waters have warmed up this month. Larger streams and small lakes and ponds can be explored by a peaceful row in a canoe. Bring your lunch and your fishing gear, and get out and enjoy!

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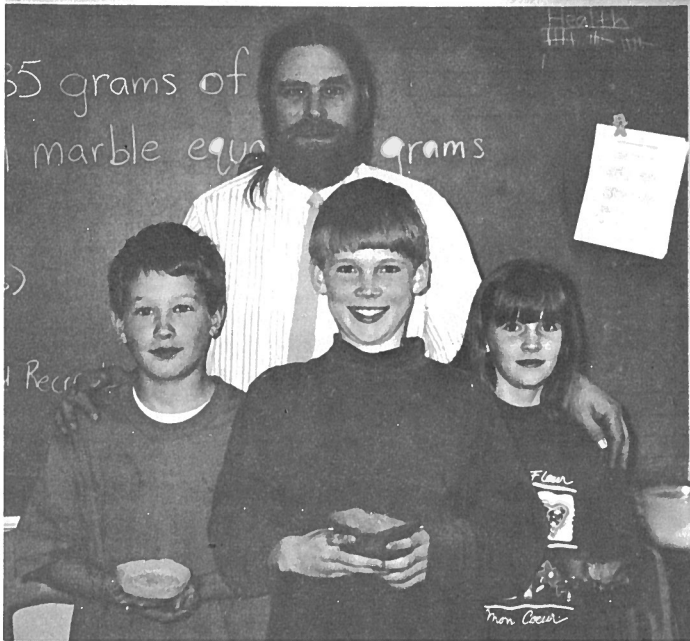
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KIDS — TRY THIS AT HOME!

by John Duffek

Take a block of clay weighing 35 grams and some marbles that each weigh five grams. Mold the clay into a shape that will float in water and see how many marbles your clay boat can hold before it sinks.

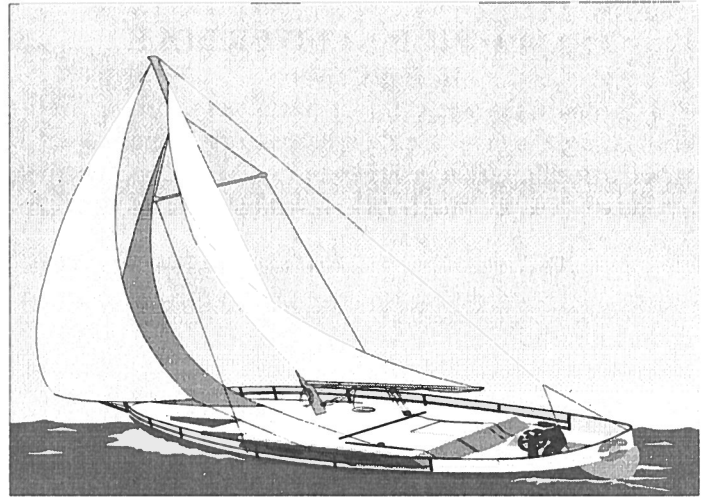
Each year, students in Richard Kirby's fourth grade science classes at Alton Central School are presented with this challenge. This year's "float-off" was won by Michael Tidd, son of William and Melanie Tidd of West Alton. Michael was not only this year's champion, but he set a new school record when his clay boat held 59 marbles.

Runners-up were Andrea Sell, daughter of Mitchell and Richelle Sell of Alton, and Dana Main, son of Lauri and Bruce Main of South Alton.

BAY CHURCH PLANS SERVICES

The Bay Church will hold services at the bandstand in Alton Bay each Sunday from 9:30 to 10 A.M. Visitors can attend by boat, by car or by walking in. The schedule for this month is July 6: music by Jaime Lee Sample and message by Pastor Roy Ames; July 13: music by The Blanchards and message by David Thomas; July 20: music by The Cushings and Message by Pastor Roy Ames; and July 27: music by Marcy Alves and message by Rich Hardison.

Bunkhouse: Political headquarters.



HELP WANTED ON JULY 31

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor Bob Longabaugh at 875-5067.

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ONE HALF OF A GREAT VOLUNTEER TEAM ASSUMES EDITOR ROLE

by Bob Calvert

With this issue Main Street has a new editor. Well, actually more than a new editor, because the "team" of Bob and Mary Bee Longabaugh is just that — a highly productive team in every sense of the word, and an outstanding example of volunteerism at its very finest.

In addition to being the unpaid advertising manager for Main Street, Mary Bee is Treasurer of the Friends of the Gilman Library, Secretary-Treasurer of the Gilman Museum, an alternate member of the Alton Zoning Board of Adjustment, and a volunteer with Caregivers of Wolfeboro (serving Alton). Bob has been a star reporter for Main Street, also a Caregiver, Secretary for the Town's Engineering Needs Study Committee, and Secretary of Alton Housing for the Elderly.

This former transportation planner for the State of New York at Albany and Mary Bee came to Alton in 1994. Their first year was rather low key. With a smile they explain that they spent almost twelve months unpacking 409 boxes of their own doing, and some 75 boxes of the movers. But they have been heavily involved and on a fast track ever since.

They chose Alton as a retirement home after drawing one-hour and two-hour circles on the map from North Reading, Mass., where granddaughter Franconia and family reside. It seemed natural to "return" to New Hampshire because both graduated from colleges in the Granite State where they met, he from Dartmouth and she from then Colby Junior College (now Colby-Sawyer). Their love of New Hampshire is quite



obvious and now, especially, Alton.

And what does our new editor see as the prime role of Main Street? "It has been aptly called the 'Voice of Alton,'" he says, "and it is a fine paper. I like to think of it as a chronicle of the good life in Alton." When Bob came to Alton and decided to pick up a glove and "get in the game," he wanted to do something totally different than the planning role he played professionally. Journalism was always an interest, and he had accumulated some experience in writing. Nevertheless, he views his later life conversion into an editor as his most challenging volunteer effort yet.

Bob is highly innovative and we'll see some changes over time. We'll probably notice some experimentation with type faces and logos early on. He raises thought-provoking questions and gets many people involved in discussion of the events and issues of the day. "More people make this town work than are visible," says Longabaugh. He suggests a recognition program to honor many individuals and organizations, and we'll probably see this evolve in the time ahead.

It's really very reassuring to see people like the Longabaughs move into Alton and work for the common good. We're all extremely fortunate to welcome them as our neighbors and friends who are so people- and service-oriented. All hail to our new editor who follows another great individual in the person of John Duffek.

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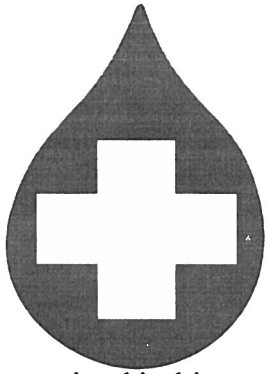
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BLOOD DRIVE JULY 14th

by Ginny Lynch

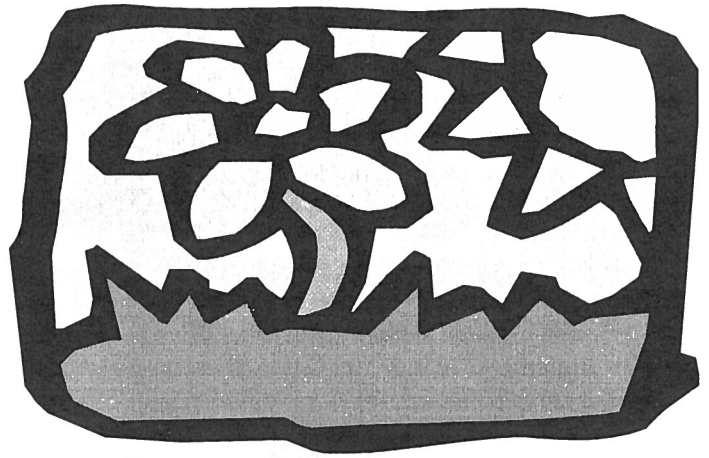
The third Annual Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive will be held Monday, July 14, from 3 to 7 P.M. at the Alton Central School gym. This blood drive is sponsored by the Farmington National Bank. There is a full staff to accommodate all donors. No one will be turned away. Ann Norman Burke is working hard to organize this drive and you may call Ann at 875-5492 for information and to volunteer. Volunteers are crucial to making the drive a success. Ann would like to help others receive blood in their time of need. Think about it: one donation can help as many as four patients.

If anyone has any general health questions, there will be information at the Alton Central School, or you may call a toll free number: American Red Cross Blood Services 1-800-262-2660 and Scott Chisholm, Coordinator, or other staff members will answer all your questions.

Donating blood is a simple, safe, and relatively painless procedure. After one pinch, it doesn't hurt at all. A good nights sleep the night before, drinking plenty of liquids, and eating a good breakfast or lunch before the donation will help the procedure go smoothly.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The Alton Historical Society will meet Tuesday, July 15, 1997, at the East Alton Meeting House, starting at 7:30 P.M. Mr. David Ruell, historian from Ashland, will speak on the "Historic Churches of Belknap County," based on the book he has written. Hostesses are Ann Bodwell and Shirley Poynter. The public is cordially invited. Additional information can be obtained from Nancy Mooney at 875-3374.



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VOLUNTEERS' CORNER

by the editor

This year has seen a new emphasis at the national level on volunteerism. One has to wonder what took the nation so long? Volunteerism has been a way of life in New Hampshire since the first settlers put down their roots in the Granite State. No place can claim to be better at it than Alton.

Here is your chance to show how much you want to be part of the action in making your home town really special. Listed below are some of the efforts and organizations who have recently let it be known that they could use additional volunteer help in getting their job done. Look at it as a menu of the wonderful array of choices from which you can pick to satisfy your interests while also benefiting your neighbors.

In no particular order, with a number to call:

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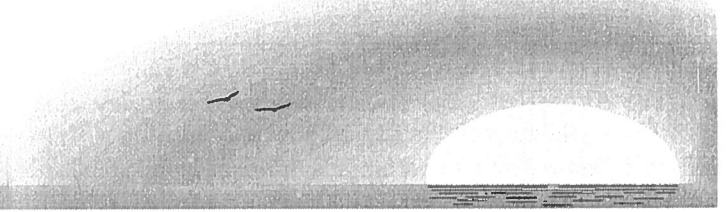
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