



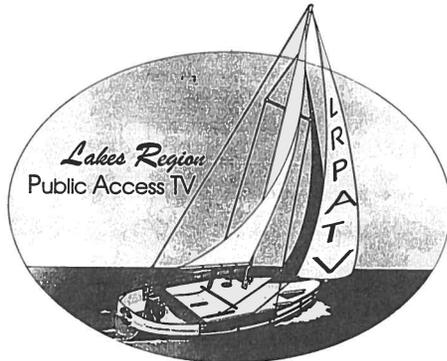
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WHAT YOU SEE ON CHANNEL 25

By Peter Pijoan

For Alton subscribers of MetroCast Cablevision the logo you see above should become a familiar sight in the days and years ahead. It is the symbol for LRPA-TV on Channel 25, the local public access channel that went "on the air" on March 18. Since that date cable viewers have been able to tune in on local events and public meetings in the ten communities served by LRPA-TV. When a program is not being telecast, the screen shows around the clock a bulletin board of upcoming events.

If you are not yet served by cable TV in Alton, there is hope. Terry Hicks, vice-president and general manager of MetroCast Cablevision, reported at the April 19 Selectmen's meeting that the company was now moving up Alton Mountain Road and that the Alton Shores area should be ready to take on subscribers "by the end of June." Lily Pond Road is also scheduled for early completion.

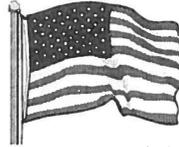
In the meantime LRPA-TV's channel 25 has lots of open time slots just waiting for public access material. "Public access" means YOU. You can be creative, be informative, be controversial, be educational, be poetical, be a travel-logger, be athletic, or — better still — just be yourself.

All you have to do is to call Bob Longabaugh (the public access channel coordinator for Alton) or Peter (the public access channel coordinator for the Lakes Region) at 528-3070 with your idea for program material. You will be led through the process, even given instructional courses on videography, editing, and other related subjects. You say you don't have equipment — no problem — we'll loan it to you.

Also LRPA-TV is looking for volunteers to videotape events or other interesting happenings in Alton. Again, just call you know who for how to volunteer.

Visit channel 25 to find out what's going on in the Lakes Region via our bulletin board. Perhaps you have something you'd like to put on the bulletin board. It's open for non-profit groups, government, or schools to make announcements.

Eventually there will be something for everybody on Channel 25. How eventually is up to YOU!



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED MAY 31

By Patti McMullen

Memorial Day exercises are being scheduled under the leadership of the Claude R. Batchelder Post 72 of the American Legion, along with the Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the Junior Auxiliary. All patriotic orders should meet at the Legion Hall on Alton's Monument Square at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m., after the invocation. The participants march down Main Street to Riverside Cemetery for services and then return to Monument Square for the final ceremony.

Everyone in Alton is invited to attend — bring guests and visiting family! The members of the American Legion are especially urged to be part of the services. Joining them will be the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League. The Alton High School Band will provide the march music.

Ceremonies at the cemetery will include the Veteran's Prayer, decoration of graves, a 21-gun salute to the departed, and the playing of taps. The services at Monument Square will include decoration of the five memorial monuments, a guest speaker, the final playing of taps, and the benediction.

Monday, May 31, is the day for us to remember our brave men and women who have served or are right now dedicating their lives for this great country in which we live. With so much turmoil in the world today, we need to show our support. Fly your flag on May 31! Be proud to be an American!

SHOW YOUR COLORS!





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**IN ORDER TO KEEP Main Street ALIVE AND
WELL WE NEED MORE HELP**

Your community newspaper, Main Street, is beginning to feel the lack of peoplepower to meet its monthly publishing deadline. As all of Alton knows, the paper is staffed by a group of volunteers; the advertisers pay the costs of printing and distribution. In this manner every mailbox in Alton receives a free copy of Main Street spreading the word on what's going on in our community, and when if it's an upcoming event.

Volunteer reporters are becoming fewer as people move away, or decide to do a different community service. At the present time there is a pressing need for persons to get the details on what is likely to be of interest to Main Street readers, and then write it up for publication. You do NOT have to be a professional writer — just have an interest and willingness to ask questions, make notes, and then follow through by the 15th of the month. The editors will help with the finished product, if needed, so that you may be proud of your by-line.

Another area that will need filling by July 1 is a Subscription Manager. This entails some computer skills and the diligence to stay on top of expiring subscriptions and producing about 400 mailing labels each month. Main Street pays for the materials, but you will be donating your time. Main Street will not close down without a Subscription Manager, but the persons on our mailing lists without 03809 or 03810 addresses (East Alton and West Alton especially) will notice a big difference for the worse in fairly short order.

Now is the time to heed this call to help Main Street in carrying out its mission to be the "Voice of Alton." If you are willing to donate a few hours a month to what we believe is a worthwhile community service, please call the editors at 875-5067. It is a great way to meet people around town.

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AMBULANCE UP-DATE

By Russell Sample, Alton Fire Chief

As reported in last month's Main Street, the Alton Fire and Rescue Department assumed the duties of emergency medical response in town on March 10. Since that time and up until April 19 the ambulance has been called out to perform these duties 21 times, or just about one response every other day.

This community service of the department will soon be enhanced inasmuch as arrangements have been worked out to use the ambulance of the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service. As soon as this newer piece of equipment is on line, the Alton Fire and Rescue Department will begin not only to provide emergency patient stabilization and care but also emergency transport.

The expanded service will now be able to assist all individuals within the community calling 911 for emergency care and transportation from motor vehicle accidents, trauma due to personal accidents/injuries, as well as illnesses or any other emergency medical needs. Non-emergency transports for doctors visits or trips to the hospital for pre-arranged medical procedures and other such needs should be referred to, and arrangements made with, a private ambulance transfer company.

With the ambulance being called out every two days, on average, the department could use more help. Please consider this article as a request to those individuals wishing to serve their community to step forward. You are needed as a member of the Alton Fire Department to assist with our Certified Emergency Medical service. All requests for information will be answered by calling the Fire Department at 875-0222.

You too could be in the scene shown above where Fire Lieutenant Scott Williams on the left and EMT Ed Consentino are preparing to "man" the department's rescue truck and ambulance.

AGNES B. EATON

WINS ICE OUT CONTEST

With a record 85 entries in the 1999 Main Street Ice Out Contest, Agnes B. Eaton of Alton came within 2 hours and 12 minutes of the precise Ice Out time on Thursday, April 8. Her prediction was 2:20 p.m. on that date, and the exact time was 4:32 p.m. Congratulations to Ms. Eaton!

She won dinner for two at the J.P. China Restaurant located in the Alton Bay Inn.

Only twice before in the 112 year history of records kept on Ice Out has April 8 been the winning date. That was in 1936 and 1991. The earliest recorded ice out was March 28 in 1921 and the latest was May 12, 1888.

NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR NAMED

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

The Alton Board of Selectmen are pleased to announce that a Planning Director has been hired and will begin his duties on May 6. Andrew Locke of McCall, Idaho, where he was serving as City Planner, was recently offered the position of Alton's Planning Director upon the recommendation of a search committee who considered 19 applicants.

Locke is originally from Gilford, and is quite familiar with Alton, having attended high school in the Lakes Region. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University in upstate New York with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Economics. Locke is currently completing his Master's Degree in Rural Town Planning at the University of Montana. He is an outdoor sports enthusiast and is very much looking forward to coming home while pursuing his career goals.

CARELESS? OR CONCERNED?

By Jack Miller

This month in "Alton Outdoors," I wrote about it being bass spawning time and removal of any bass from their beds hurts the future of bass fishing. "Hurting the future" made me think of how we act as sportsmen and women now can save us — or hurt us — for a long time to come.

Late this winter I ventured onto a 600-acre piece of land a local resident leaves open for the public to enjoy. There are many trails and the owner has even cut down trees in strategic areas to provide a fantastic panoramic view of our great town. Prior to my arrival someone had used the property with no respect for this rare privilege of enjoyment. They left empty beer cans strewn around the area.

The cans are no longer there for the landowner to find, because I picked them up and took them out. How would you feel if you were that landowner? What would you do if you found trash all over your property?

Similarly bothersome, this Spring I headed to one of my favorite "put-in" spots to go salmon fishing. Except this year I found a new gate closing off the access road. Having had permission to use this spot for many years, I sought out the manager to see what happened. Unthinking "sportsmen" had plowed their way into this private property over the winter to put their bob houses on the lake. In the process they snapped off two 4 x 4 posts and completely destroyed the landowner's canoe rack. The bob houses were also still on his beach, which he was trying to clean up and prepare for the opening of camp. Wouldn't you gate your property now, too?

We do have many concerned citizens who do care for and respect Alton's great outdoors. January's Main Street reported (page 3) on one such citizen. There is also a lady who walks the roads near my home for exercise. She is sickened by all the roadside trash that is appearing as the snow melts. She always picks up trash as she walks, making it more enjoyable for all who travel those roads. We should all be like this lady.

Won't you help pass the word to be responsible and respect our great treasures of the outdoors? The few amongst us who do not act responsibly affect us all. They cause roads to be gated, lands to be posted, and create eyesores to mar the beauty of our Alton Outdoors. Let's all be responsible.

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WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE DIFFERENT

Alton Central School students in kindergarten through grade 3 recently learned about children living with chronic illness. Asthma, cancer, and spina bifida were the topics presented through "Kids on the Block," a sensitivity puppet show coordinated by Enrichment Aide Sue Quinn.

As seen above, the show was performed by the Upper Valley Support Group of Parent-to-Parent in Hanover, and featured the puppetry of Barbara Whitman, Lilla Willey, Beverly Strout, Judy Thrasher, and Ann Justice.

"Kids on the Block" presents life size puppets designed to teach children and adults about what it is like to be different. There are over 30 different puppets that talk about such topics as deafness, blindness, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, child abuse, and epilepsy. These puppets have been used all over the world and there are active programs today in 50 states and in more than 20 countries.

For more information on bringing a "Kids on the Block" presentation to your organization, contact Luanne Ouellette, special projects coordinator, Community Health and Hospice of the Lakes Region, at 524-8444 or 1-800-244-8549.

ALTON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS *THE MOUSE THAT ROARED*

What would happen if a microscopic country in the Alps declared war on the United States and won? You'd get Leonard Wibberly's *The Mouse That Roared*, the rib-tickling comedy which will be presented by the Alton High School Drama Department on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 13 - 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alton Auditorium.

The play, adapted from Wibberly's novel by Christopher Sergel, tells the story of Gloriana, the Duchess of Grand Fenwick, and her attempt to keep her kingdom from bankruptcy by declaring war on the United States. The results are hilarious fun, a bit of wisdom, and a little romance thrown in for good measure.

The cast includes seniors Anna Varney, Andy Fuller, Greg Salvatore, Amber Locke, Joe Irving, Mike Langer, Becca Blair, Nadine Vailette, Shawn Blair, Vicki Peters, and Phil Best; juniors Katy O'Meara, Marissa Southwell, Jessica Benedetto, and Nicole Wentworth; sophomores Kelly Ferland, Kayla O'Brien, David Osborn, Deb Beaupre, Kristy McDonald, Bridgette McGovern, Zach Christy, and Derek Atwood; and freshmen Morgan Fuller, Tony Sanborn, Serry Hayward, Kristie Roberts, Leanne Kenerson, Jane Varney, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, and Jason Snell. Production stage managers are Brandi Smith and Meghan St. Cyr. Faculty member Elizabeth Lent directs the production.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. For an evening of impossibilities, see *The Mouse That Roared*.

CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE — WITHOUT THEM WE HAVE NONE!

By Richard M. Pike
Superintendent of Schools

As I write this (in mid-April) I am optimistic that by the time you have received this issue of *Main Street*, the Claremont funding crisis will have been resolved.

What finally ends up in the "market basket" is anyone's guess, but it would appear that a statewide property tax (probably in the \$6 range) will be implemented to raise 50% of the total amount. This revenue source, which will bring in the lion's share of the required funding, will more than likely be phased in over a four-year period. Beyond this, take your pick: cigarette tax, real estate transfer, auto excise tax, the tobacco settlement, a consumption tax on services — all are being considered as viable revenue sources.

What remains to be seen is how the new plan will impact Alton. Will we be a Robin Hood "donor" town? How much additional money will be required to operate our schools? Remember that the new funding plan will not address the total amount of funds needed to operate the Alton school system; it will only raise an amount equal to approximately \$4,200 per pupil. Needless to say, our district spends a much greater dollar amount on each of our students.

Other concerns, if the funding issue is not resolved, include: extended year services for special education students, regular summer school, loss of teachers to neighboring states, inability to order supplies for September, and the list goes on and on.

If you are still unclear about any of the issues, I would encourage you to call me (875-7890). I would be more than happy to talk with you about this matter or any other educational topic. If you are wondering what the title of this month's article has to do with all of this, I would say, "Everything!"

ALTON SCHOOL PLANS

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS NIGHT

Parents' Night for the parents of children entering kindergarten this September is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 7 p.m., Elementary Resource Center of Alton Central School. Parents, with children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 1999, should attend and bring with them the completed forms which they should have received in the mail. The staff will explain the required health immunizations and birth documentation. They also will discuss the kindergarten program and describe a typical day. There will be the opportunity to meet the kindergarten teachers.

Visitation day for next year's class is scheduled for Friday, May 28. Registered students will be assigned to one of the two kindergarten sessions for that day. They will come and spend a typical kindergarten day so they will know what it will be like next year.

In accordance with the health laws, the school must have a copy of each child's immunization record and the information sheet prior to Visitation Day. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

ACADEMIC FAIR SHOWCASE

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

On Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m., parents and other residents of Alton are invited to visit Alton Central School to view exhibits of student work. This Academic Fair has been presented for the past several years and allows students and teachers to showcase to the community the work that students have created during the current school year. All are welcome. We encourage you to attend this event dedicated to the recognition of student academic excellence.

FREE SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING SCREENING - PRE-SCHOOL

May is Better Speech & Hearing Month. There will be a free screening held to assess the speech, language, and hearing development of pre-school children ages three to six. Locations are: Laconia Clinic, North Main Street, Tuesday, May 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and ENT Associates, 85 Spring Street, Laconia, Wednesday, May 19.

The assessment takes about 30 minutes and examines speech sound development, vocabulary, sentence construction, and abilities to hear and understand spoken language. Parents of children with suspected difficulties will receive referral information for further diagnosis and services.

These free screenings are sponsored by the Communication and Swallowing Disorders Department at Lakes Region General Hospital, ENT Associates of NH, and the Audiology and Hearing Aid Center, Laconia Clinic. To make an appointment call the LRGH Speech Pathology Department, 527-2879.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

By Pastor Bob Hett

If you know of any youngsters who would like to attend camp this summer and could be prevented from doing so because of family finances, please contact us at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 875-6765. We have a limited number of scholarships available for children and youth.



P.T.S.A. INFORMATION

By Laurie Boyce

The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (P.T.S.A.) Walkathon that went off April 17 was fantastic. We had 46 walkers, from pre-schoolers to high school students, along with some older adults. They walked either one mile (around the school property) or five miles (up Rand Hill Road and back) on a beautiful day. Not only was the weather great, but over \$1,400 was raised towards the new playground. We had a good time and would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to Rehab #3 and to Castle Springs for their time and donations, and also to the Art Department for the signs. Thanks go as well to Laurie Griggs for chairing the event.

The P.T.S.A. will be having their next fund-raising meeting Wednesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in Mr. Folan's room. There will be directions once you get to the school. We need you there to make it happen. Please come to the meeting regarding the new playground.

PERSPECTIVES ON AGING

QUALITY OF LIFE IS PEACE OF MIND

This is a conference whose purpose is "to acquaint participants with the resources available in Belknap County to improve their quality of life." It is being run by the Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority, but will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Main Street, Belmont, Wednesday, May 19.

The program is designed for seniors, students, nurses, physicians, social workers, clergy, law enforcement personnel, and other individuals interested in the issues of senior health. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.

For more information on costs, directions, and space availability, call Charlotte DuBois, 524-2112.



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Using the federal funding offered through the Children's Health Program (CHIP), the New Hampshire Healthy Kids Corporation has expanded access to health coverage for your youngsters. NH Healthy Kids can now offer low-cost quality health and dental coverage. They are joining with local community organizations in an effort to get the message out to all those families with uninsured children.

There is a subcommittee for Alton. They met recently to make a list of resources for getting the information out on insurance options available. This article is one of the ways being used — expect to see posters around and speakers at various meetings. A presentation is on the agenda for the P.T.S.A. meeting on May 18, 7 p.m., Alton Central School.

There are a variety of programs through NH Healthy Kids. For more information, call Karen Stover, School Nurse, Alton Central School, 875-7500. She should be able to provide answers to your questions. There is also a toll-free number, 1-877-464-2447 if you wish to call Healthy Kids directly. The focus is on uninsured children, but there may be special circumstances which allow for others to be eligible.

ABOUT LAST MONTH'S "PAGE 22" ...

There was none, on purpose. Yes, Main Street, especially in light of being produced by volunteers, has been guilty of some real boners in the past. (Our most recent was "Give your doag a beaty treatment!" for not one — but TWO — months in a row!) However, the last issue being for the month it was we snuck in an additional April Fool's story. Traditionally we run one outlandish or incredible story for April First consumption. Many readers finding R. Lee Trevlac's story about the Blackfly Convention on page 3 then let their guard down and took J. F. Keffud's report on page 13 of Y2K computer problems more seriously than they might have otherwise. The final clue to the hoax, of course, was that the continuation of the "cliff-hanger" story on what to do about it was on page 22 of a 20-page newspaper.

Main Street did receive telephone calls and e-mail to advise us that we had erred, and we thank our earnest readers for their concern on how we could do better.

A clue for next year's April issue: in order not to be fooled, look for the author's byline with his or her name spelled backward.



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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**Amazing May delights our senses
As we plant our flowers and mend our fences!**

Greetings! This "snowbird" is glad to be back in Alton. Senior activities are beginning to pick up again, and I am happy to publicize news and events once more.

Our first trip of the season is on Sunday, May 2, to the Amesbury Dinner Theatre. Call Ginny Myers at 875-5713 to get on the wait list. Ginny is also open to suggestions for the June trip. At our April meeting, many expressed an interest in a jaunt to the Isle of Shoals. Please call her if you have a special place you think would make a good outing for us.

On May 26 join the seniors at Gunstock for the May Day Celebration. This is the International Year of Older Persons. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be entertainment, spelling bees, ageless heroes' awards, a barbecue, and many other activities, all free!

Our April meeting was well attended. President Nardo would appreciate input on fund raising activities that the seniors can sponsor this summer. Our annual flea market will be held in July, but we have decided not to put on dinners for the time being.

We would like to urge anyone over 60 to join us at the center on Pearson Road for a tasty and nutritious noonday meal supplied by Concord. Call Claire Fitzgerald at 875-7102 for information and reservations.

The seniors extend their deepest sympathy to the families of Edith Scott and George Smith, both of whom passed away recently. Their presence at the center and their enthusiastic spirit of volunteerism will be greatly missed.

Don't forget blood pressure screening on May 13.

Our next meeting is May 12 at 1 p.m. Besides the meeting, we have an attendance raffle, and delicious refreshments supplied by Stella Dore, Ginny Myers, and Connie Stevenson. Come join us!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Brenda Griffin, a volunteer for the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, will present the Special Feature at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 12, at the Conference Center off Route 11 in Alton Bay. Brenda has a display of her photos called "A Photo Legacy" at the Belknap Mill in Laconia.

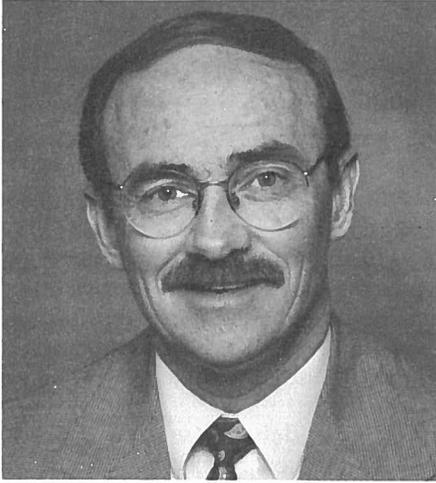
Heather Rushing from Moultonboro will provide music for the luncheon. The speaker will be Cid Davidson from Tampa, Florida.

Reservations for the luncheon and the available complimentary nursery may be made by May 5 by calling Janet Benedetto in Alton at 875-2032 between 2 and 6 p.m., or Laura Smith in Gilford at 528-2577. The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, an interdenominational group with no formal membership, is the sponsor of the luncheon.

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NEW PASTOR AT COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON

The members of the Community Church of Alton are pleased to welcome Reverend Peter Bolster (pictured above) as our new pastor. Originally a native of Maine, he grew up in New Hampshire and attended Pinkerton Academy. Presently, Reverend Bolster and his family live in Kittanning, Pennsylvania. His wife, Clare, is a Special Education teacher; their daughters Valerie and Beth Ann are married and live abroad; their son John attends college and lives at home.

Reverend Bolster brings over 30 years of experience to the church. The Bolsters have been actively involved in youth and outreach ministries, as well as community projects. Although his family cannot make the move until early June, Reverend Bolster will begin his ministry at the Sunday service on May 2. At that time members of the community can introduce themselves and welcome him to Alton.

ALTON COUPLE CELEBRATE 70TH! WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

By Katharine Eaton

Over 50 people, including family and friends, gathered April 16-18 at the home of George and Katharine Fairman on Miramichie Hill Road, East Alton, to honor the couple on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.

George W. Fairman and Katharine B. Ingalls were married April 16, 1929, in Chatham, New York. After a honeymoon on Martha's Vineyard, the couple lived in Massachusetts in the towns of Greenfield, Springfield, Stafford Springs, and Melrose. In 1954 they moved to Alton. They have enjoyed many summers at their camp on Jolly Island in Gilford, which has been in Mrs. Fairman's family since 1893.

The Anniversary Open House was hosted by the couple's six children and their spouses: From Massachusetts, Frank and Faith (Fairman) Conrad of Beverly, Lawrence and Lee (Fairman) Jones of Byfield, and John and Judith (Fairman) Rhome of Sudbury; Raymond and Mary Fairman of Granby, Connecticut; Charles and Roberta Fairman of Bedford, and Richard and Katharine (Fairman) Eaton of East Alton. Twelve of the Fairmans' 21 grandchildren attended, as well as several of their 32 great-grandchildren.

The Fairmans aren't through celebrating 1999, however; both are looking forward to their 90th birthdays later this year!

"PENNY CRUSADE" FOR MISSIONS

By Pastor Bob Hett

The Bay Church is presently in the midst of their annual "Penny Crusade." We have a goal of \$5,000 to be reached by June 13. Families are giving over and above their regular offerings for the cause of World Missions.

As a part of the Crusade the local congregation will host recently-retired missionaries to India, Marion Damon and Barbara White from May 20 - 23. Damon and White will attend the Bay-o-nets Mission Society (co-ed) Meeting, Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m., Youth Center, Christian Conference Center. They will also speak at a state-wide Women's Mission Society meeting in Rochester, Saturday, May 22.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, Damon and White will lead our congregation at the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service in their annual "Day of Prayer for World Evangelization." That evening they will be at the Calvary Bible Church in Meredith.

Mark your calendar now for The Singing Gaudet Family who will appear in a special Memorial Day Weekend Concert, Sunday, May 30, 6 p.m.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

By Bobby and Tanya Frost

We are offering opportunities for youth and adults to join in Bible studies. You can contact us at 875-6056.

Living' 4 Christ - Youth Group Meetings

We meet Saturday nights, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Not only do we have pizza parties, go roller skating, plan trips and other activities, but also we attack issues concerning the Bible. Do you have questions you want or need answered? Join us as we search the scriptures together to find the answers. We look forward to getting to know you!

Living Water Ministries Bible Studies

Alton residents, we invite you to a night of praise and worship and delving into the word of God. Bible studies are held Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 p.m. Pearson Road Community Center, except for the final Thursday when we meet at the Alton Bay Community Center. We look forward to seeing you!

IN MEMORIAM

AIDA BENNETT DOWNING

(August, 1899 - April, 1999)

Alton mourns the passing of one of its most selfless and long-serving community servants — native Aida Bennett Downing, holder of the BOSTON POST Cane.

From the time of her graduation from Alton High School in 1918, she played a major role in her beloved Alton. Past president of many organizations: American Legion Auxiliary (and 80-year charter member thereof), Alton Women's Club, Alton Garden Club, and Past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. She was also active in the Community Church of Alton, Wolfeboro Senior Citizens, Alton Historical Society, DAR, the Belknap Mill Society, and the Red Cross, among others.

We annually enjoy the famous Barbershoppers Weekend and Concert to this day because she and her late husband, Lester T. Downing, were instrumental in organizing it in 1950.

She leaves a legacy of community service unmatched in Alton in the 20th Century. All of Alton salutes the happy memory of this wonderfully uncommon lady!

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Main Street's

MAY EVENTS

- Mon. 3 ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S Non-Emergency
Phone Number, 875-0757, takes effect, see story
- Tue. 4 FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Monthly
meeting, 7:15 p.m., see story
- Wed. 5 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. 9 MOTHER'S DAY
- Tue. 11 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library Meeting
Room, 6 p.m.
- Wed. 12 LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club,
Christian Conference Center, see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Y2K Discussion, Gilman Library Meeting Room, 7 p.m.
KINDERGARTEN PARENTS' NIGHT, Alton Central
School, 7 p.m., see story
P.T.S.A. FUND-RAISING MEETING, Alton Central
School, Mr. Folan's Room, 7 p.m., see story
- Thu. 13 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community
Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
SPRING SENIOR SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Sandy Point
Restaurant, 5 - 7 p.m., see story
THE MOUSE THAT ROARED, Alton Central School, 7:30
p.m., see story
- Fri. 14 *THE MOUSE THAT ROARED*, Alton Central School, 7:30
p.m., see story
- Sat. 15 SCOUT WALKATHON, see story
THE MOUSE THAT ROARED, Alton Central School, 7:30
p.m., see story
- Tue. 18 HEALTH INSURANCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN, Alton
Central School P.T.S.A. meeting presentation, 7 p.m.,
see story
ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Sawyer Chapel,
Baptist Meeting House, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 19 PERSPECTIVES ON AGING CONFERENCE, see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 21 LAST CHANCE, to sign up for Town-Wide Yard Sale,
see story
- Wed. 26 ACADEMIC FAIR SHOWCASE, Alton Central School,
6:30 p.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 28 KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAY, Alton Central
School, see story
- Mon. 31 MEMORIAL DAY Parade 10 a.m., see story
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STREET NAME CHANGES ON "HOLD"

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

After being deluged with requests for street name changes, the Selectmen have recently voted to limit this activity to once a year. In order to keep the E-911 process moving, there will be no more street name changes in 1999.

In the future, all requests will be acted upon at a Selectmen's meeting in February of each year. Requests must be received by January 31 for consideration. Although the Selectmen are hopeful that eventually all Fire Lanes can be renamed and that residents will have an opportunity to pick names of their choice, the Board regrets having to pose time limits. This decision, however, will reduce the need for constant re-mapping that has become a convenient excuse for the NH Bureau of Communications to delay the completion of the E-911 address project.

Looking ahead, all residences in Alton should be receiving official notification of their new address with the tax bills to be mailed in the fall of this year.

IMPORTANT CIVIC INFO...

HERE'S HOW TO CALL THE COPS

Just a few years ago the State of New Hampshire began using the "E911 telephone system" for all emergency calls — whether for fire, medical, or police assistance. Because it was new and while people got accustomed to having 911 available, the Alton Police Department continued to handle directly those emergency calls that dialed the police station using the local number.

Now that 911 is widely known as the way to get help in a hurry, the Alton Police Department is making the final necessary transition, which is to route all high-priority calls directly to the Belknap County Dispatcher. What this means is that for all **emergency calls for service you should dial 911**, but if you should dial 875-3752 instead, it will be answered by the Belknap County Dispatch Center which will also send police, fire or medical personnel as needed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please note that, as before, if you call 875-3752 during non-business hours the Belknap County Dispatch Center will handle your request and relay it to an Alton Police Officer to contact you by phone or in person as needed.

What will be significantly different as of May 3 is that for all non-emergency or low priority requests for police services, you should call the Alton Police Department's new office phone number, 875-0757. It is important to note that **this number will be answered only during the Department's regular office hours: Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Examples of low priority calls for service are such things as when you need to have a police officer respond to your residence at a mutually convenient time, to report a minor incident, or to obtain information that does not require an immediate response.

The Alton "P.D." wishes to thank all local residents for their cooperation. If there are any questions, you should feel free to call. What number to call? Why 875-0757, of course, unless it's an emergency!

SPRING-CLEANING?

By Stark Liedtke

Looking to clean out unwanted items during your Spring cleaning? The Alton Fire Department will be holding an auction on July 10 and is now seeking donated items. If you will not be donating, then you should consider showing up and buying all the good bargains that you will find there.

The following is a list of people whom you can contact to collect donated items: Derek Atwood 875-3684; Tom Chagnon 859-7552 or 859-7928; Jeff Fontaine 875-5106; and Stark Liedtke 776-2124. Look for more info in future editions of Main Street regarding the exact time. Looking forward to seeing you there.

WHAT BURNING OUTSIDE REQUIRES

Residents of Alton should be aware that, as of April 1, all outside burning requires a burning permit. Permits can be applied for on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140, or at the Alton 5 and 10. Additional information is available by calling the Alton Fire Department at 875-0222.

Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
 Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Worship, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wed. Family Night Pitch-in Dinner, 6 p.m. in Lombard Center Dining Hall; Adventure groups, 7 p.m.; Sun. Worship, Moore Chapel; other services, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; Pastor Robert H. Hett
 Community Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Service, 11 a.m.; Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor
 First Free Will Baptist Church — Sun. School, 9:45 a.m.; Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason
 St. Joan of Arc — Sat., 5 p.m., Sun., 8 and 11 a.m., Mon. - Sat., except Wed., 8 a.m.; Confessions, Sat., 4 p.m. or by appointment; Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor
 Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. (Summer 10 a.m.); Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

Mon. and Wed., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Tue. and Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Thu. and Sun.

SENIOR MEAL SITE: 875-7102

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

SOLID WASTE CENTER: 875-5801

Sun., Mon., Fri., and Sat., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Tue., Wed., and Thu.

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

TOWN HALL: 875-2161

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

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

Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center

American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall

American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall

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

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

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

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

Flying Club — 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900

Friends of the Gilman Library — Watch for monthly article

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

Girl Scout Junior Troop 630, Wed., 5:30 p.m., Alton Sch. Cafe.

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

Community Center

Historical Society — 3rd Tue., Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., open by request, 569-2629

Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall

Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., 6:30 p.m., Edgewood Restaurant

Livin' 4 Christ Youth Group, Sat. 5 - 7 p.m., Pearson Road

Community Center

Living Water Ministries Bible Studies, Thu. 7 - 9 p.m., Pearson

Road Community Center; 4th Thu., Alton Bay Comm. Ctr.

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

P.T.S.A. — 3rd Tue., Alton Central School Library, 7 p.m.

Senior Citizens — 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road

Community Center

VFW — 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8:30 a.m., Chairman William Ryan, call 875-2161 for appointment.

*BUDGET COMMITTEE — 2nd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Scott Swezey, 776-5566.

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.

FIRE WARDS — Meet on call, Russell Jones, 875-7510.

GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.

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LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call, Chairman Ken Gilbert, 859-2021.

*PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — 1st Tuesday, 5:15 p.m., Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.

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*SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Deborah Burton, 875-6045.

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TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:30 p.m., Chairman David Countway, 875-2550.

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

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

*ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — May 13, then 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.

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

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MAY FLOWERS AND WHAT ELSE?

April showers bring May flowers and, lest you forget, BUGS. But, when the bugs bite, so do the fish! Most local waters have been stocked by now; there is a stocking list in the April issue of the free Hawkeye paper. Salmon will still be in the shallow waters with the rainbows as long as it doesn't warm up too fast. Early morning and late evening are the best fishing times, with late afternoon/early evening being the most productive. The warmth of the sun all day starts the aquatic insects hatching. Where the food is, the fish are.

Turkeys love to eat insects too. One may hunt them from May 3 - 31 this year. May 14 - 16 is the 18th Annual Winni Fishing Derby. Registration is \$30 and applications are available in the Hawkeye and many sports outlets around the Big Lake. After May 13 it will cost \$40 and one may register only at the Paugus Bay Sporting Goods Co. There are \$65,000 worth of prizes for this big event. Good luck!

For those who bass fish, May 15 - June 15 is catch and release only. This is bass spawning time and removal of any bass from their beds hurts the future of bass fishing.

Trout ponds are now open and we have some local ones that are fly fishing only. They are semi-remote, fish from shore or carry in only water craft. Try Coldrain Pond in New Durham or Jones Pond in Middleton for a scenic and peaceful outdoor fishing adventure.

Here is a "fish story," believe it or not! This year I tied up my first green colored streamer to try on salmon. It was working well, having caught two good fish. I decided I should tie more of these, but one Sunday morning it was hit on the Big Lake and the fish snapped the line. Nothing to copy now. Monday morning a local man was talking to my wife and said how he caught a salmon Sunday evening and it had a green streamer in it's mouth! It was caught in the same area I had lost mine. The big one that ALMOST got away was 23 inches and 3 pounds. I now have my fly back to copy. Think I'll copy a few for my fellow fishermen.

SENIOR SPAGHETTI SUPPER ON MAY 13

By Desiree Crossley

What's the most delicious part about spring? The Spring Senior Spaghetti Supper, of course! This year the event takes place on Thursday, May 13. As usual, the supper will be held at Sandy Point Restaurant on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

There is an added bonus this year in that the Apache Players will be presenting their play, *The Mouse That Roared*, on the same night starting at 7:30 p.m. The Spaghetti Supper has therefore been scheduled to be served between 5 and 7 p.m. so as to allow ample time between events.

Please support Alton Central School's Class of 1999 by attending the supper. Plans are already in place to make it just as delicious as the one held last fall, but the class needs your help to make it just as successful. All proceeds will help the seniors achieve their goal of a trip to New York City and Six Flags Great Adventure. Hope to see you there!



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LIONS CLUB PENNY SALE

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club held its annual Penny Sale and Jamboree last month and the winner of the door prize, a rocking chair donated by the Farmington National Bank, was Belinda DeFlumeri of Alton pictured on the right. Shown with her are her daughter, Michelle Prior, and Cecile Chase, Alton branch bank manager and treasurer of the Lions Club. Jim Fisher of New Durham won the major raffle prize, a Bose Wave Radio donated by Attorney Arthur Hoover and the law offices of Jones, Wensley, Wirth & Azarian of Alton.

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Jean Roberts

The Alton Historical Society is pleased to present Fred Dolan of Barnstead to be the speaker at our May meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., in the Sawyer Chapel of the Baptist Meeting House.

Mr. Dolan is a wood carver "extraordinaire," specializing in duck decoys and birds. His carvings are sold through the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's shops. He also is one of the featured craftsmen chosen to be part of the New Hampshire Exhibition at the 1999 Smithsonian Folk Life Festival to be held on the Mall in Washington, D. C. from June 23 - July 4.

Mr. Dolan will speak on the history of decoy makers in New England and show some of his own creations.

All the programs of the Alton Historical Society are free and open to the public.

FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY

By Mary Bee Longabaugh

The Friends of the Gilman Library had their annual meeting in April. It has been decided that, instead of just announcing the next meeting of our group through "The Checkout Desk," we will have a separate column to let everyone know what is happening/coming up.

The next get-together will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 7:15 p.m., in the meeting room at the library. At that time we will be looking toward June and the Town Yard Sale potentials, Young Authors meeting, joint meeting with the Alton Historical Society, and ways to promote our book bags, t-shirts, and calendars for the year 2000! Doesn't that boggle the mind?

We will need volunteers for the yard sale and refreshments for any events Holly and Cindy have scheduled. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call Mary Bee Longabaugh, 875-5067, or the library, 875-2550, to offer your time for these events. We would like to have more people involved — thus lightning the load for everyone.

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CONCORD CORNER
 By Rob Boyce
 State Representative

THE BUDGET ETCETERA

As I write this a committee of conference is sorting out the details of the Claremont solutions passed by the House and Senate. Now it is time for the rest of the House to devote our attention to the budget for the coming biennium and to all the other bills being considered in the House and Senate.

The finance committee is meeting with people from all the departments of government looking at their requests, how the Governor changed those requests, historically how much has been spent and how much revenue we expect to receive. From this will come the new state budget.

One education bill recently passed by the House would reform the teacher tenure system. This bill made it through the House and Senate last year, the difference is that this year the Governor has said she will not veto it.

Next month the Claremont solution should be in hand and I will try to explain what it will mean for the people and businesses in Alton. I can say that the Senate passed plan would cost us more in property taxes, particularly businesses and second homes. It also includes more business taxes than the House passed plan. Time will tell.

SALUTING RAY GESSNER

Ray Gessner of Alton was chosen by the New Hampshire Red Cross to represent all disaster volunteers on Legislative Day in Concord at the State House on March 24.

The Red Cross showcased their major programs through displays and various demonstrations. These were used to show the legislators what the volunteers actually do. Gessner with more than eight year's involvement was picked to represent all those who donate their time for these causes.

Gessner has been present at house fires, making sure the victims have clothing, medicine, and a roof over their heads. Last year he spent time educating people on preparedness, helped evacuate people during the Ossipee floods, spent time down south following the hurricane, and checked up on people during the January ice storm.

Currently serving a three-year term on the state service committee, Gessner is also on the New Hampshire State Disaster committee and is qualified to handle Red Cross public affairs.

SCOUTS' WALKATHON

The date for the Walkathon is Saturday, May 15. Registration is from 8 - 9 a.m. with the cannon firing the start of the race at 9 a.m. If one is participating or observing, you need to get to Heidleberg Harris in Durham. If you need directions, call Meg Jones at 875-6117.

This is a walkathon of a different color. You can hike, bike, or roller blade to accomplish your mission. Prior to the event there will be a safety demonstration on the use of roller blades and bikes. Please, be aware that the rules say: a helmet is needed for all bladers and bikers, no exceptions. Plus, bladers need elbow and knee pads, gloves, and wrist supports. Don't show up without them.

The races are of different lengths, depending upon whether you are a Cub Scout or Scout. We are also told that adults can enter, take pledges, and do the event in place of a scout. They are still taking pledges, so if you want to help, get involved in this worthwhile cause.

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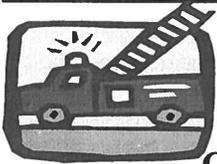
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FIRESIDE CHATS
by Stan Czech
Alton Fire Department

CHANGES AT THE DEPARTMENT

Since we last "chatted," many things have happened. I'm not what I used to be, now I'm something different, but — more importantly, fire department wise — we have a new chief. His name is Russ Sample and he is big and cuddly just like the last guy (sorry Russ, I just couldn't resist)! Sometimes you may call the fire department and hear this very pleasant woman's voice. Don't be shocked, it's Mary Jane Dascoli, the new part-time secretary, and she is a very welcome addition to our organization.

The membership of the Board of Fire Wards also changed as a result of the March elections. Joining Russ Jones on the board is Dick Quindley, replacing Russ Sample who chose not to seek re-election. David Jensen resigned on March 30, and the Alton Selectmen appointed David Birdsey to fill the vacancy.

The membership has decided to have an auction this year. It will be held on July 10 and the new chairman for the auction will be Stark Liedtke. Look for his story, "Spring-Cleaning?," on page 10 of this issue of Main Street.

GIRL SCOUTS GIVE BIG THANKS!

By Lisa Goodwin, Troop Leader

The Alton Junior Girls Scouts have many people to thank and want you to know how much they appreciate your support.

March Cookie Sale

Girl Scout Troop 630 would like to thank all the people in Alton who helped support the annual cookie sale. It was a huge success.

Girl Scout March Brunch

A very special thank you to all who made the brunch a nice time. First is the American Legion for letting us use their hall. Second is Alice Sherwood for all that good cooking she had done and had ready right on time. Lastly to all the girls for helping and doing such a good job putting the brunch on for their families. We hope everyone had a good time and plenty to eat.

It was a job well done by all. Thank you one and all.



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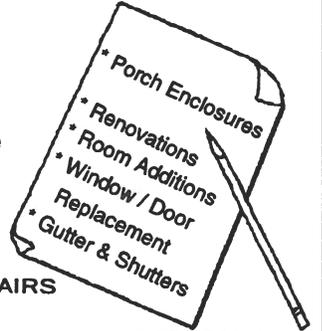
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

By Patti McMullen

The Alton American Legion was saddened by the loss of Aida Downing on April 9. Aida was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary for 80 years, giving faithfully of her time and efforts. A memorial service will be held on May 8 at the Alton Community Church at 1 p.m.

New officers for 1999-2000 are: Commander, Ken McMullen; 1st Vice, Don Parker; 2nd Vice, John Racine; Adjutant, Bill Fraser; Finance Officer, Warren Leary; Judge Advocate, Ray Nadeau; Chaplain, Norm Pauquette; Historian, Russ Noyes; Sgt. at Arms, Rob Wyatt; Director, Harold Murray. The Ladies Auxiliary: President, Gwen Nadeau; 1st Vice, Jane Rojek; 2nd Vice, Tina LeBar; Secretary, Millie Pierce; Treasurer, Lisa Rojek; Historian, Cindy LePoutre; Chaplain, Brenda Bowman; Sgt. at Arms, Sue Strout.

Installation of all new officers will be held May 1, 1 p.m., Alton Post Hall, for the Alton and Gilmanton Posts. All members are welcome to attend.

Get your reservations in immediately if you wish to be part of the luncheon on June 12 on board the MS Mt. Washington in support of Kris West and campaign 2000. The cost is \$15/member. For more information contact Lisa Rojek, Millie Pierce, or Tina LeBar at 875-3461.

Memorial Day will be observed May 31. See the separate story in this paper for all the details. Until next month...

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Holly Brown

Librarian



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We offer an open invitation to all to come and discuss the social, economic, and personal implications of Y2K. How will it affect your job, your family, the world? This meeting will be held on May 12, 7 p.m., in the meeting room at the Gilman Library.

We are celebrating the first annual Geranium Days which is being sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association - Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc. Orders can be placed for these lovely plants at the circulation desk until May 3. For more information call us at 875-2550 or stop in and see the display.

We are pleased to include the Commuters Library Comprehensive Classic Collection, a 24-volume set, as part of our audio collection here at the library. Those of you who enjoy our audio collection should be pleased with these unabridged classics. And if you have never listened to any of our audio collection, this might be a good time to start.

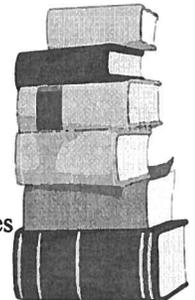
The next Book Discussion Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 6 p.m., in the meeting room at the library. Call 875-2550 or stop by for the next title to be discussed.

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FICTION

- Bar, Nevada
- Binchy, Maeve
- Clancy, T./Greenberg, M.
- Clancy, Tom
- Cook, Robin
- Gilman, Dorothy
- LaHaye, T., & Jenkins, J.
- Hoag, Tami
- LeCarre, John
- Leonard, Elmore
- Parker, Robert B.
- Rendell, Ruth
- Rice, Anne
- Roberts, Nora
- Sandford, John
- Silva, Daniel
- Stout, Elizabeth

- Liberty Falling
- Tara Road
- Power Plays: Ruthless.com
- Virtual Vandals
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- Thale's Folly
- Apollyon
- Ashes to Ashes
- Single & Single
- Be Cool
- Hush Money
- A Sight for Sore Eyes
- Vittorio, the Vampire
- River's End
- Silent Prey
- The Marching Season
- Amy & Isabelle



NONFICTION

- Morton, Andrew
- Orman, Suze
- Schiller, Lawrence
- Riverts, Joan

- Monica's Story
- The Courage to be Rich
- Perfect Murder, Perfect Town
- Don't Count the Candles, Just Keep the Fire Lit
- Making the Best of Basics, Family Preparedness Handbook
- Reaching to Heaven
- Yesterday, I Cried

Stevens, James T..

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A DEDICATED BUNCH

Pictured above are the nine employees of Alton's Highway Department. These are the people who were out during all hours of the night and on holidays this past winter keeping the town's roads passable despite the ice and snow that was experienced. Although snowfall for 1998/99 was approximately two feet less than the average five feet, the icing conditions were so extraordinary that the Town Meeting was called upon to increase the budget for an emergency purchase of more sand.

In the photo, front row (left to right) are Jame Teague and Ken Roberts, Highway Agent. The second row, from the left, has Lyndon Avery, Clark Stoddard, and Mark Divito. The four persons in the back row (left to right) are Mike Caverly, Joe Brennan, Louis Divito, and Mike French.

You might like to know which man was assigned to your particular road. Teague's territory went from Trask Road through Chestnut Cove and Roberts Cove Roads to Hidden Springs Road. Roberts handled Route 11D, Jesus Valley, Spring Street, Riverlake West, the various municipal facilities such as the Fire Station and wherever else needed extra assistance.

Avery ranged from Rand Hill and Lakewood Roads up Alton Mountain Road to handle the various shorter roads on Avery Hill and Sunset Shores. Stoddard runs from Letter S Road through School, Pine, Church, and Depot Streets winding up on Hutchins Circle. M. Divito takes on the roads from Old Wolfboro and Powder Mill Roads through Gilman's Corner and Drew Hill ending up on Stagecoach Road.

Caverly starts with Riverside Drive and proceeds to the southern part of town hitting Youngtown, Halls Hill, and Coffin Brook before doing Hamwoods Ext. and ending up on Lot Line and Proctor Roads. Brennan completes the southern chores starting with New Durham Road and Homestead Place and then proceeding to Range, Valley, Chamberlain North, and Hamwoods Roads followed by Prospect Mountain Road, Chamberlain South, Hollywood Beach, Muchado Hill, and all those in between ending up on Meaderboro Road. L. Divito specializes in cleaning up the village with the loader. French completes the town coverage with Pearson and Bay Hill Roads and then the various roads off Route 28, such as Lily Pond and Miramichie Hill Roads and finishing with the roads from Echo Point through Dan Kelley Drive.

All told the Town's Highway Department looks after a bit more than 81 miles of roads, or 429,984 lineal feet to be more exact.

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FOR THE FUN OF IT
 by Kellie M. Troendle
 Recreation Director

MAY IS THE MONTH FOR...

May is here and we are ready for outdoor activities. Check out the tennis courts in Liberty Tree Park where a new net was installed, along with court signs and a sign-in box — the courts are looking great. The Parks and Recreation Commission is working on plans for a new basketball court facility under the lights in Liberty Tree Park which will be constructed later this year. Stop by the Parks and Recreation Department and let me know what kind of facilities and programs you would like to see in Alton. Your input does make a difference.

Teen Dance: Grades 6-8, May 7, Alton Bay Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m.; doors close at 8 p.m. Space is limited to 100 people; \$3. Chaperones are needed, please call 875-0109 if interested.

Senior Citizen Bingo: May 19, Pearson Road Community Center, 1 - 3 p.m., free. Refreshments served. Prizes awarded.

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp: June 28 - July 2, Alton Central School Gym; includes camp T-shirt and basketball. Sign up by June 1 to avoid late fee. Session 1 - Grades 2-4, 8 - 10 a.m., registration fee \$55, after 6/1-\$75; Session 2 - Grades 5-8, 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., registration \$75, after 6/1-\$95. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Co-Ed Adult Softball League: Team captains meeting June 2, 6:30 p.m. to discuss league rules and schedule. Registration fee \$15/player; all fees, waiver forms and completed rosters must be turned in; late forms will not be accepted. Games begin June 21.

Body Works with Melanie Tidd, AFAA Certified: Join this fun exercise program with Melanie, a certified personal trainer. 30 minutes/aerobics and 30 minutes/ strength training. Classes held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center. \$3/class or \$20/month. Bring light hand weights, water, and mat. Drop in anytime.

Country Line Dancing Lessons: Adults of all ages, Tuesdays, Alton Bay Community Center 2 - 4 p.m.. \$3/six months to cover cost of handout materials. All levels of ability welcome. Classes are ongoing.

Foxwoods Trip: Ages 21 and up, Wednesday, June 16; bus leaves Alton Town Hall 6 a.m. and returns approximately 11 p.m. Deadline to register May 28. Registration fee of \$29 includes round trip deluxe motor coach, \$10 food voucher, and casino bonus package. Bingo will be played on the bus for \$5/packet.

Kinder Rec: Ages 3-5, June 1 and June 8, Alton Bay Community Center, 10 - 11 a.m., \$2/day. Children must be 3 as of 6/1/99. Program is a great social opportunity with cooperative and interactive play, games, and music. Deadline to register May 25.

Alton Canoe Race: Mark your calendar for the Annual Alton Parks and Recreation Canoe Race, co-sponsored by Parker Marine. The race will be held on Sunday, June 27, 10 a.m. Pre-register before June 16.

Fitness First: Drop-In Walking Club: Begins May 3, meeting Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Town Hall, 9 a.m., for a 30-minute brisk walk. Get exercise, fresh air, and reduce stress. Free.

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Alton residents may place classified ads in any issue of Main Street. As a public service ads are primarily for *noncommercial* private individuals who have items for sale (except real estate for sale or rent), items or services wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each noncommercial ad of 35 words or less. Each additional 35 words costs \$1. (There is no charge for "Cards of Thanks.") The rate for commercial ads is \$12.50 per column inch. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad, or edit it for length/style. Ads must be submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may also be placed in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Farmington Bank. Ads must contain a phone number.

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TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

By Kellie Troendle, Recreation Director

Mark your calendar NOW. A town-wide yard sale will be held in Alton on Saturday, June 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and you are invited to participate. Rain date is Sunday, June 13. All residents in Alton are eligible to sign up to be included in the town-wide event.

This is how it works. If you would like to have a yard sale on June 12, call Kellie at 875-0109 before May 21 with your sale location. Due to printing deadlines locations will not be posted on the map after May 21. We will provide a map of all the yard-sale locations to shoppers, thereby having a giant town-wide yard sale. Your sale will be one of many throughout Alton.

Completed maps will be available May 26 at the Town Hall and local businesses. There is no charge to have your yard sale listed and there is no charge to purchase the map. This is a fun community event.

ALTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS

This program is open to all persons age 60 and older. Meals served Monday through Friday at 12 noon (875-7102).

May 3 - 7: Monday, BBQ Riblet; Tuesday, Manicotti/Meat Sauce; Wednesday, Cold Sliced Ham; Thursday, Hot Turkey Sandwich; Friday, Mother's Day Dinner - Seafood Newburg.

May 10 - 14: Monday, BBQ Chicken; Tuesday, Hot Dogs/Baked Beans; Wednesday, Italian Sausage/Linguini/Sauce; Thursday, Tuna Salad Plate; Friday, Macaroni and Cheese.

May 17 - 21: Monday, Sirloin Cutlet/Gravy; Tuesday, Corned Beef; Wednesday, BBQ Chicken; Thursday, Roast Pork/Gravy; Friday, Imitation Crabmeat Salad.

May 24 - 28: Monday, Lemon Fish; Tuesday, Deli Turkey Plate/Cranberry Sauce; Wednesday, Chicken Parmesan; Thursday, Meat Loaf/Gravy; Friday, Sloppy Joes.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Freese Brothers Big Band performed at the High School Gymnasium, the final concert in the Gilman Concert Series for that year . . . Kelly Hall and Keri Pelletier were selected for the 12-member basketball team from New Hampshire to travel to Florida and compete in the AAU Junior Olympics Championship . . . Randy Hillsgrove was named the state's Wildlife Officer of the Year by the Shikar-Safari Club . . . the Alton-New Durham Lions Club presented a check for \$2,000 to the Playground Committee.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . A flea market to benefit Old Home Week was held at the Alton Bay Community Center over the Memorial Day weekend . . . one of the middle school teams that participated in Olympics of the Mind was selected to compete at the state level . . . the Alton High School Student Council sponsored the first High School Prom in many years — it replaced the Carnival Ball previously held in February.

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For security reasons, however, it is required that you bring in your latest registration or your reminder letter at the time you come in to transfer or renew your current vehicle registration. This information will save you time because if you do not have the requested information, we will not be able to complete your registration.

Also, starting in the middle of last month, this office resumed sending out the reminder automobile registration renewal notice to each person with a birthday in the following month. We will continue to send these reminders for your convenience.

Please be aware that all dogs were to be licensed by April 30. If they were not licensed by that time, there is a forfeiture of \$25 and a fine of \$1 per month. A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing.

My staff and I are very excited to be able to extent a helping hand by being able to complete your Motor Vehicle Registrations from this office.

**FIVE WAYS TO PAMPER MOM THIS
 MOTHER'S DAY**

This Mothers' Day break free from convention and give Mom something she's bound to remember. Heres a tip: steer clear of gifts that remind her of daily responsibilities — no cooking utensils or cleaning appliances allowed!

Think pampering instead. Here are some ideas:

Schedule a massage. Whether it's a 15-minute neck-and-shoulder rub, or a one-hour full-body massage, most massage therapists offer a variety of services to suit a wide clientele. Look in your local yellow pages under massage.

How about a make-over? From her hair to her makeup to her nails, give Mom a once-over at her favorite salon. Just for fun, take before and after pics!

Give her a day all her own. Pick a day when you can release Mom from all her duties; turn her loose to do whatever she wants with no time constraints — morning to midnight.

Pack a picnic. Select her favorite gourmet foods and a book by her favorite author and drive Mom to a nearby park where she can pass a leisurely afternoon. If the weather won't cooperate, opt for her favorite coffee shop instead.

Plan a night at the theater. When was the last time your Mother went to a play, or even a movie? Give her an excuse to dress up for a night on the town and enjoy some great entertainment.

Whatever you choose, today's busy Mom deserves some relaxation, freedom, and fun! A little pampering is a great way to say, "We love you!"

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