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50th ANNUAL
 ALTON BAY
 BARBERSHOPPER'S
 JAMBOREE
 THE BIG 50th!

By Bob Longabaugh

It all started in 1949 when eight guys in a boat broke out in song off Minge Cove in Alton Bay. They were so appreciated that every summer the song-fest grew until now Alton finds itself the host to the 50th annual Barbershop Jamboree! This year the event is being "orchestrated" by the Nashua Chapter of the SPEBSQSA and local businessman Steve Sheldon with the cooperation of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. (Just in case you didn't know, SPEBSQSA is "short" for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.)

The fun begins Friday, June 11, at the Alton Bay Community Center. Registration and ticket sales open at 3 p.m. and run until 10 p.m. From 5 p.m. until closing there will be a snack bar and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. If past customs prevail, there will be a lot of informal and impromptu harmonizing around the Center's grounds at this time. The impromptu entertainment will get a bit more organized at 6:30 p.m. when the groups move inside the newly renovated Bay Pavilion for an "open mike" night with live instrumental music following.

On Saturday, following the Great Town-wide Yard Sale, which runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and the singing Scavenger Hunt, the "Barbecue at the Bay" starts at the Community Center at 4:30 p.m.

The BIG event - the 50th Annual Barbershoppers' Show - starts at 7:45 p.m. at the Tabernacle on the grounds of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Featured in the show, among all the outstanding groups, is "The 5th Element." Following the big event tradition has an "Afterglow" at the Bay where the snack bar will be open.

The weekend's activities do not end with Saturday night. Sunday morning sees an open-air church service at the Bay Bandstand (see separate story) starting at 9 a.m. Before that, at 8 a.m., and repeating at 9:30, the cruise boat "Doris E." will take off from the Bay dock with a one-hour breakfast cruise. Not only will patrons enjoy pancakes, but also the

Nonpariels will be supplying the live music.

Tickets for all events go on sale at the Alton Bay Community Center on Friday, June 11, at 3 p.m. with the Barbershoppers' Show being \$7.50 and the Sunday breakfast cruise at \$15. There is an "early bird" special price for show tickets at \$5 if purchased before the 11th. Locations around town where these tickets can be purchased are the Alton Village 5 & 10 at the "circle," the Farmington Bank and Alton Video on Main Street, and Alton Bay Lakeview Market at the Bay.

Additional information concerning the 50th Jamboree can be obtained by calling Steve Sheldon at 875-5600, or Dennis Cushman of SPEBSQSA's Nashua Chapter, 424-7880.

1999 BARBERSHOP WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 11

- 3 - 10 p.m. Quartets Registration and Ticket Sales
Alton Bay Community Center
- 6:30 p.m. "Open Mike" and live entertainment
Alton Bay Pavilion

Saturday, June 12

- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration and Ticket Sales
Alton Bay Community Center
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Town-wide Yard Sale
(see map available at Community Center)
- 4:30 p.m. Barbecue at the Bay
Alton Bay Community Center
- 7:45 p.m. 50th Barbershoppers Jamboree
ABCCC's Tabernacle
- "After" The "Afterglow"
Alton Bay Community Center and environs

Sunday, June 13

- 8 & 9:30 a.m. "Doris E." Breakfast Cruise
Alton Bay Town Dock
- 9 a.m. Open Air Church Service
Alton Bay Bandstand



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The (volunteer) Co-editors' "contract" with the Voice of Alton Corporation calls for them to edit "not more than 11, nor less than 10," issues of Main Street per year. This is one of those issues where the Longabaughs are "off duty." Filling in for Editor of this issue is **Rob Boyce**, assisted by proofreaders **Marge and Bob Gilson**. MaryBee and Bob give a VERY respectful nod of appreciation to volunteers Rob, Marge, and Bob for giving them this month off to do a "few other things."

A SALUTE TO THE ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By **Bob Calvert**

President Jean Roberts and her "officer team" of the Alton Historical Society are charging into the 21st century with a new and enlarged body of volunteers, helpers, and members. A recent open house in their new quarters or museum, downstairs in the Gilman Library, brought out a sizeable and enthusiastic new group of people, many of whom signed up to take tours of duty at the museum this summer, as well as do research on selected items and projects.

Alton is uniquely favored with great volunteerism, and the Alton Historical Society is an outstanding current example of this strength. But make no mistake, any group can always use more volunteers. If you missed the earlier sign-up and would like information or to join this great and growing team, call Jean Roberts at 569-2629.

Their public programs for the year (April - October) are all set and rate a "Triple A." For instance, the next meeting will be June 15 at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street at 7:30 p.m. This is a joint meeting with the Friends of the Gilman Library. David Buckman is the speaker and he will cover the history of the Gunstock Ski Area.

Following that, on July 20 at the Mt. Major Grange Building, the subject will be Hiking The Long Trail in Vermont; August 17 at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center on Summer Folks and Tourism during the Gilded Age; September 21 at the East Alton Meeting House at Gilman's Corner on the topic of Archeology in New Hampshire. All except their annual meeting are on a Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

A hearty salute to the Alton Historical Society! It's groups like this that make us say: "It's great to live in New Hampshire and especially Alton!"

YOU "OUGHTA" BE IN PICTURES

By **Laurie Boyce**

St. Joan of Arc Parish is "putting together" a Parish Directory. They would like to have pictures of the whole Parish to demonstrate they are truly a "family." Everyone will get their picture taken FREE, as well as receive a free 8" x 10" print and directory for themselves. You will have the opportunity to get additional copies of the picture, but that will be totally up to you. The pictures will be taken July 22, 23 & 24, so that we can also get all our "summer" parish members. You just need to make an appointment to have your picture taken. Please call Joanne Chagnon at 859-7928. PLEASE PARTICIPATE.

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Main Street's Inside Front Page

FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY BUY IT! BITE IT! BAG IT!

By MaryBee Longabaugh

On Saturday, June 12, (rain date June 13) the Friends of the Gilman Library will participate in the Town-wide Yard Sale. The theme being used (see the posters around town) is Buy It! Bite It! Bag It! a.k.a. Book Sale, Bake Sale, Bag Sale. There will be lots from which to choose on that day. If any of you are willing to bake or be available on the day to help out, please sign up at the library desk.

There is a new Executive Committee as of May 4. The new Chairman is Lucille Saglibene, Vice-Chairman, Barbara Ingoldsby, Recording Secretary, Dorothy Folsom, Corresponding Secretary, Pat Merrill, and the Treasurer remains Shirley Bishop. Show your support by attending meetings and volunteering to help when its needed.

Events in June include: (1) regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, June 1, 7:15 p.m.; (2) a joint meeting with the Historical Society, Tuesday, June 15, Congregational Meeting House, 7:30 p.m. (3) Young Authors Days in the library meeting room from 1 - 3 p.m. — Grades 4 - 5 on Friday, June 4 and Grades 1 - 3, Tuesday, June 15. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults to listen to the stories written by the youngsters in the elementary grades; they read their books and show their illustrations.

Don't forget! There are many gift items for sale at the library that benefit the Friends' programming costs and the building fund: T-shirts, book bags, calendars, afghans, collectibles, poster of Alton, and books.

ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS

EVENTS TO HELP NEW DURHAM FAMILY

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will hold its annual Golf Night on Tuesday, June 8, at the Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course in Alton Bay. The course will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. This will be an evening of fun at the special reduced price of \$1 per person for 18 holes.

On Saturday, June 19, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m., the Lions will put on a Pancake Breakfast at the Alton Bay Community Center. Tickets will cost \$3.50 a person. You can enjoy a delicious meal and leave the clean up to the Lions..

These two events are your opportunities to help a neighbor. All proceeds are being donated to help the Puglise family of New Durham. Mr. Puglise was recently in a serious automobile accident, and the family faces mounting medical and household bills without the support of insurance. There are four school age children in the family.

Stop by on the eighth to have fun and/or the 19th for breakfast, help a neighbor, and find out how you can become a member of this important community service organization.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

By Kellie Troendle, Town Recreation Director

What a great way to spend the day at this entertaining and exciting event. On June 12 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Alton will be having its second annual Town-wide Yard Sale; rain date is June 13. Everyone is invited to participate. Pick up a free map at the Farmington National Bank, Town Hall, or Alton 5&10. There will be over 30 yard sale locations with great items to buy. You are sure to find something you are looking for — or something you were not looking for, but can't resist buying. Check out as many yard sales as you can in six hours and have a fun weekend in Alton.

PTSA HAPPENINGS

By Laurie Boyce

The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) had a very positive walk last month. We made over \$1,400, and then the McDuff family over-matched all the sponsor amounts and made a donation of \$1,500 towards the playground. We would like to thank them tremendously as their contribution helps us get closer to the amount needed for the new playground.

The "Box Tops for Education" that the whole community has been handing in will help a lot and also the "Pennies for Playground" donation containers located throughout the town. The Playground Committee would like to THANK the townspeople for all their help.

During the week of May 5 the state observed "Teachers Appreciation Week." This was a time to show the teachers from our school how much they are appreciated. There were breakfasts Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of fruit, danish, and coffee. On Tuesday J.P. China made a GENEROUS food donation, giving the whole teaching staff (over 90 people) a complete lunch. The PTSA would like to THANK J.P. China for their contribution. On Thursday Linda Monasky's "home ec" students went out of their way (or was it possibly a "good grade?") and made a lunch for the teaching staff of salads, munchies, and desserts while the School Board donated trays of meats and cheeses to make it a successful luncheon.

The PTSA would like to THANK the following for all the help they gave to make "Teacher Appreciation Week" such a success: J.P. China, Dunkin Donuts, McGrath's Food Center, the volunteers who gave their lunch time to cover the cafeteria for the teachers every day, and the cafeteria staff who did a tremendous job of "helping" while also doing their regular duties.

For the future the PTSA is having a "Garage Sale" on the weekend of the Town-wide garage sale. It will be at the Monasky's home, which is just behind the Taxidermy/Karate building across the street from St. Joan of Arc parish, just off Main Street. If you have any used toys, books, games, or puzzles that you would like to get rid of, the playground committee would like to help you. The items can be dropped off at the Monasky's house. We would like you to price the items. If you would like anything returned that is not sold, it will have to be picked up at the Monasky's before 3 p.m. as anything left will be donated to the Goodwill. For more information, call 875-2781, or contact Mrs. Monasky in the "Home Ec" room at school.

MOUNT MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER YARD SALE

The West Alton Mount Major Community Center will hold an indoor yard sale Saturday, June 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parking will be available at the West Alton Fire Station. There is no parking on the street.

Tables (approximately 8' x 3') are available to rent at \$10 per table. Donations are gladly accepted. You can drop off items at the center on June 9 and 10 from 6 - 8 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to see the inside of this former Grange Hall which is available to rent for meetings, functions, etc. Call Kitty Croes at 875-7165 if you have any questions.

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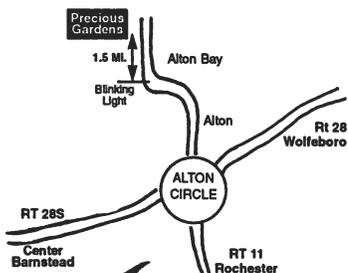
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ANOTHER KIND OF "DONOR"

By Richard M. Pike

Superintendent of Schools

"H.B. 117" was passed into law and is now known as Chapter 17, Laws of 1999. As a result of the new law Alton IS a donor town! Figures released from the Department of Revenue Administration on May 12 reveal that Alton will "belly up to the bar" for an additional \$543,924 (Excess Education Tax). Don't expect to see any major increases in your next tax bill strictly as a result of the new law, however, as the first year phase in will be only 10 percent, or \$54,392.

Contrary to what you may have heard, there will be NO increase in what Alton will pay next year as the law provides that adequate education grants remain at the same level for school years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. The good news is that we will be able to budget accordingly, knowing that the half million dollar excess education tax will remain unchanged for two years. Also, unless changed by the legislature, the formula established in the law will remain in effect for "the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and every biennium thereafter." Of the \$824 million statewide amount, \$417 million raised by the state education property tax of \$6.60 per \$1000 of equalized evaluation will be retained by municipalities and paid over to school districts.

Keep in mind that this is not entirely a "done deal," as there is still the small matter of several million dollars (approximately \$68 million) more that needs to be generated by some other revenue source. Stay tuned!

ALTON'S ANNUAL CANOE RACE

By Mary Doherty

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring their annual canoe race on Sunday, June 27, at 10 a.m.

The starting line is on Route 28 at the Hotel Bridge with parking at the Masonic Temple. From there one follows the Merrymeeting River through two portages (carry your own canoe) to the finish line at Alton Bay.

There are 13 categories for various prizes. Register at Town Hall before June 16 and receive a free t-shirt (limit two shirts per canoe), or register from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. on the day of the race. It is \$15 per canoe and \$10 if you go it alone.

Don't forget to bring your life jackets, sunscreen, and a paddle. Any questions? Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109. Come out and cheer for your favorite canoe.

RAY BURTON WILL SPEAK TO UNITED ASSOCIATIONS OF ALTON

The United Associations of Alton will hear a presentation by Governor's Executive Councilor Raymond S. Burton at its June 26 meeting at 9 a.m. in the Alton Bay Community Center. Representatives of the various "associations" around the lake and from the islands come together twice each summer for programs related to local and state government and issues of special interest to Alton's many summer homeowners.

Over the years, this group has contributed a great deal in Alton to zoning, master plan fact-gathering, lake monitoring, and all things good for this community. The second meeting will be staged on Saturday, August 28 — same time and place.

President Bob Calvert will preside and give a short newscast of local actions, developments, and town government plans since the last meeting of this group. Ray Burton will update everyone on the latest from the State of New Hampshire and take questions. While planned with the United Association membership in mind, interested year-round residents are cordially invited and urged to attend.

**BAY CHURCH RESUMES
BANDSTAND SERVICES**

On Sunday, June 13, at 9 a.m., the Bay Church will launch another season of boat-in, drive-in, walk-in services at the Alton Bay Bandstand. This will be the fourth summer season that the church has conducted these brief, half-hour, inspirational services. Interest and support for them has increased each year.

On the opening Sunday one of the visiting Barbershop quartets, IMAGINATION, will provide the Gospel singing in their unique style. The host pastor, Bob Hett, will bring the devotional message on "Sweet Harmony" from Psalm 133.

On Sunday, June 20, at the conclusion of "Bikers' Week," New Hampshire Christian Motorcycle Club President Joe Street will bring the message while the Bay Church Men's Trio (Pastor Hett, the Rev. David Northup and David Snell) will provide the music.

Katie Hett, a grandniece of the pastor who will be touring with the Young Continentals this summer, will be guest soloist on June 27. The speaker that Sunday will be the Rev. Bryce Whiting of Alton.

The list of July speakers and musicians will be published in the next issue of Main Street.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The next meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held June 22 at the Baptist Meeting House on Main Street. Starting time is 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Alton's Town Clerk, Diantha Moulton, addressing the topic "The Future of Our Town."

Chairman is Donna Flodin. Hostesses are Donna Carefoot, Ruth Conway, Shirley Copeland, Mary Downing, Claire Fitzgerald, Judith Huss, Jeannette Jones, Doris McGrath, Arlene Roberts, and Addie Pickett.



**AUCTION AND FLEA
MARKET
SUPPORT THE ALTON FIRE
DEPARTMENT
By Stark Liedtke**

This is a reminder for all those who are looking to clean out their closets or basements. The Alton Fire Department is still looking to receive donations for their auction and flea market to be held on July 10 starting at 10 a.m.

We are looking forward for a good time with you all, but the donations need to come in. Remember the proceeds could go towards purchasing new equipment for the Alton Fire Department to serve you, the townspeople, better.

Any questions? Feel free to contact me at 776-2124 or any one of the fire fighters.

**BOATING EDUCATION
COURSES**

By Mary Doherty

The Bureau of Marine Patrol would like to express their welcome to residents and vacationers. They have noticed that boating has become more popular and would like to inform everyone that marine education is readily available and free of charge for anyone wishing to attend.

Weekly courses are offered to individuals, clubs, businesses, or organizations wishing to sponsor their own boat safety education. The patrol also offers the New Hampshire Boating Guide to anyone requesting it. You can write Marine Patrol Headquarters, 31 Dock Road, Gilford, New Hampshire 03246-7627, or call (603)293-2037.



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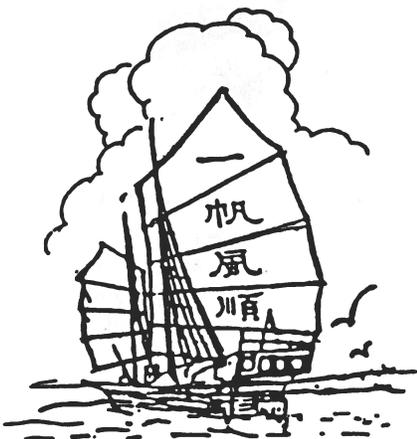
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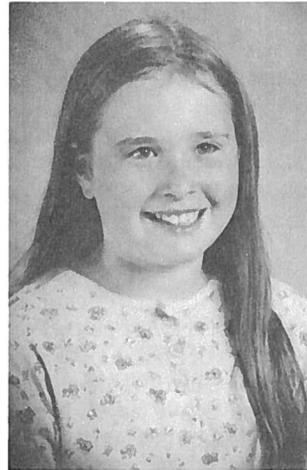
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A CAUSE FOR SHORN HAIR

By John Duffek

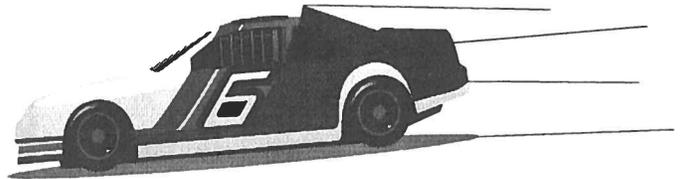
Why would a pretty 11-year-old cut off 14 inches of her beautiful hair that took years to grow? And why would her family be so proud of what she did?

Erin Hannafin, a student in grade six at Alton Central School, did just that and for a very unselfish reason. One day, while reading a teen magazine, she noticed a story about a group that collects human hair to create wigs. "Locks for Love," an organization in Florida, prepares wigs for those who have lost their natural hair due to cancer treatments. Erin remembered her Dad's close friend who had leukemia and lost his hair. She then realized that her waist-length hair could mean so much to someone else and she decided, with her parents' approval, to cut off 14 inches.

According to Erin, "Dad was reluctant at first. He loved my long hair. But then he agreed. Mom was for it all along." When asked if she would recommend this to others, Erin said, "Yes, I would. But you have to cut off at least 6 inches to donate to this program."

Erin is a member of the middle school track team, participating in running events, discus, and shot putt. She also was a member of the Gunstock swim team.

Erin is the daughter of Sharon and Gary Hannafin of Alton. She has two sisters, Kimberly in fourth grade and Kelsey in kindergarten.



PLAYGROUND FUND RAISER

By Kathy Levasseur

The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) will be holding a fund-raiser for the playground by helping with the cleaning of New Hampshire International Speedway (NHIS) in Loudon on Sunday, July 11, after the conclusion of the Winston Cup Race. We need 50 volunteers to clean from 2 p.m. until it's done.

To date we have raised over \$3,300 for the playground. Please try to participate in this clean up. You may call Kathy Levasseur at 776-3276 for more information and to sign up your family.



A MURAL — A CREATIVE STATEMENT

By MaryBee Longabaugh

On Friday, April 23, a group of 11 high school art students, with paints and brushes in hand, set out at 8:30 a.m. to leave a legacy for the town to enjoy. Under the direction of their teacher, Joan Chase, these students completed a mural on the store front of the Alton Home and Lumber Center.

This was not a project that just happened overnight. The students began studying the long horizontal photos of the big lake, taken from Mt. Major and provided by Ms. Chase. Next they practiced and pre-planned the whole event, i.e., what approach to use, how to deal with unexpected problems and where to leave their legacy. Reuben Wentworth has donated supplies to the program in the past, and his store front was the size needed.

While the students had some experience doing artwork inside the school, and one wall outside, they found new situations to overcome the day they converged on the site — a lot of traffic going by, pulling in, pulling out; the weather was first too damp and cool — the paint was not drying; then the weather became warm and the paint was drying too fast. Still at 2:30 p.m. they were finished and cleaned up.

The outcome was a lot of self-satisfaction. Applause and thanks go to Kimberly Collins, Andrea Guttormsen, Joe Irving, Dave Jensen, Emily King, Dana Lang, Katie Morrill, E. "Buffy" Quindley, Emily Sydow, Nadine Vaillette, and Anna Varney. The picture above shows the reader what to look for on Route 11, but one needs to see it in living color.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

By Patti McMullen

With the summer months upon us, we find that the Bingo Hall fills up with the avid players. We are finding it harder and harder to get the help to make the Bingo games a complete success. If you can spare at least one Wednesday night a month to assist us, please stop in. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a Past Commanders and Past Presidents' night coming up the near future. The date is set for September and will be held at Foxy Johnny Restaurant in New Durham. There will be entertainment for all to enjoy. All members of the American Legion are cordially invited to attend.

The Alton Post 72 wishes all of you a safe and enjoyable summer season. Until next month...

ASTRONAUTS TO LAUNCH ROCKETS

By Mary Doherty

The young astronauts at the Alton Central School are busy assembling their rockets for launching. At the school on June 12, 10 a.m., the students will have 24 rockets ready to fire off. Anyone interested in helping out or just watching, feel free to join this imaginative group at their blast off.

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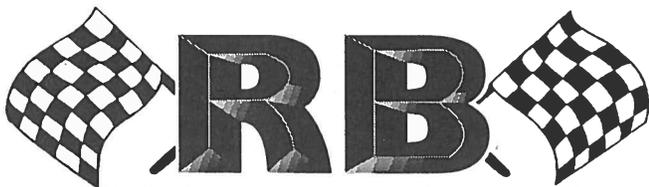
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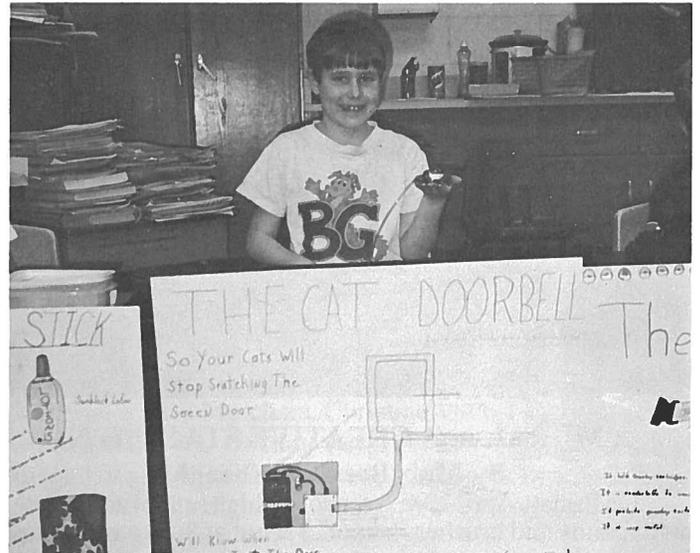
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The Cat Doorbell requires a flat air bag with a mat over it placed outside the door. When the cat steps on the mat the air is pushed from the bag through a tube to a pressure sensor inside the house. The sensor closes an electrical connection to a battery that sets off a buzzer. When you hear the buzzer, you know the cat is ready to come in. And ... no more cat scratches on the door.

Gary was invited to represent the school at the State Invention Celebration at Merrimack Valley High School last month where he received a Certificate proclaiming him a "problem-solver and creative thinker." The NH Young Inventors' Consortium sponsors the program.

ALTON SOCCER CLUB NEWS

By Peter Clifford

The LRSC (Lakes Region Soccer Club) kicked off its spring season with five games in Wolfeboro on Sunday, May 9 at Brewster Academy.

Exciting soccer was played by our youth teams. Alton's U12 (under 12) number one squad coached by Matt Locke won their first game against Wolfeboro's number one team 1 - 0. The goal was scored by Taylor Peterson. In their second game, the team was held to 0 - 0 draw against Wolfeboro's number two team.

The other Alton U12 youth team, Alton's number two squad coached by Doug Rojeck, won both of their games against the two Wolfeboro teams. Alton's number two team came out very strong against both teams, holding their lead all the way. The first win was 3 - 2 against Wolfeboro's number two team, with goals scored by Chris Ryan (two) and Chris Finethy (one). The second game was against Wolfeboro's number one team with a 3 - 1 win for Rojeck's team. Goals were scored by Chris Ryan (one) and Danny Sprague (two).

The adult soccer game was accompanied by much jollity by both players and spectators. It was a very exciting game with great moves shown by both sides. The Alton adult team coached by Matt Locke was happy to be out on the field once again kicking the ball about. Alton scored the first goal with a fine effort from Eric Waterman. Halfway into the second half Wolfeboro's Kevin French scored to even the match at 1 - 1. That is how it ended — tied.

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 King, Stephen
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 Perry, Anne
 Quick, Amanda
 Roberts, Nora
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 Shatner, William
 Steel, Danielle
 Updike, John, Ed.

FICTION
 Agatha Raisin & The Wizard of Evesham
 Abide With Me
 A New Song
 The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon
 Annie's Rainbow
 Bedford Square
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 Divine Evil
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 Stephanopoulos, George

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 Beauty Fades, Dumb is Forever
 All Too Human, A Political Education

Brown, Marc

 Brown, Margaret Wise
 Chalet, D. & Russell, F.

CHILDREN
 Arthur & the Popularity Test
 Who's in Love With Arthur?
 Arthur Rocks With Binky
 Little Donkey Close Your Eyes
 The Safe Zone: A Kid's Guide to Personal Safety
 Moving is Hard
 Mom & Dad Break Up
 What's Heaven
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Prestine, Joan

 Shriver, Maria
 Tanaka, Shelley

AUDIOCASSETTES
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 The Testament (unabridged)
 Night Whispers
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Braun, Lilian Jackson
 Grisham, John
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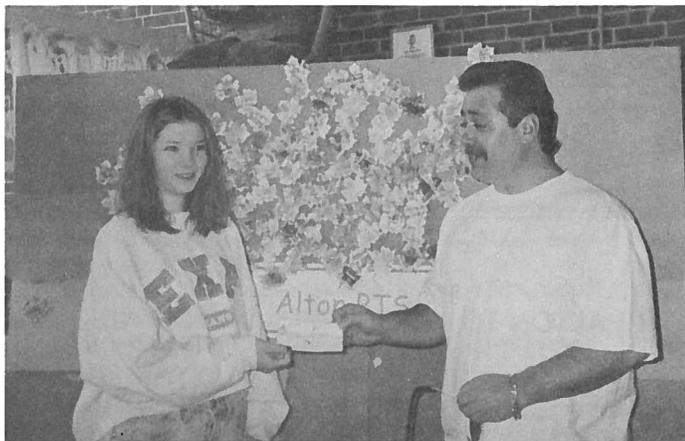
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PLAYGROUND FUND GETS MORE SUPPORT

Leanne Kenerson (pictured above on the left) of the Alton American Legion Junior Auxiliary is shown presenting a check to Bob Loprete, president of the Alton Parent Teacher Student Association for the playground fund. The money was raised from a dance the junior auxiliary held.

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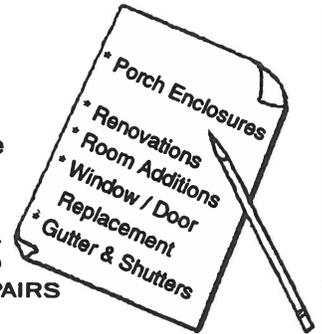
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JUNE EVENTS

- Tue. 1 FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY MEETING, 7:15 p.m.
- Fri. 4 YOUNG AUTHORS, Gilman Library, 1 - 3 p.m., see story
- Wed. 2 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. 6 ALTON SOCCER (LRSC — Lakes Region Soccer Club), games at Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, 2 - 5 p.m.
- Tue. 8 LIONS CLUB GOLF NIGHT, Alton Bay, see story
- Wed. 9 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED, see notice
- BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 10 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - noon
- Sat. 12 TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., over 30 locations. Includes: West Alton Mt. Major Community Center Sale, Friends of the Gilman Library Sale, and PTSA Sale, see stories
- YOUNG ASTRONAUTS ROCKET LAUNCH, Alton Central School, 10 a.m., see story
- Sun. 13 ALTON SOCCER (LRSC), soccer games at Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, 2 - 5 p.m.
- Mon. 14 FLAG DAY, Show Your Colors!
- Tue. 15 YOUNG AUTHORS, Gilman Library, 1 - 3 p.m., see story
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY/FRIENDS OF GILMAN LIBRARY, Joint Meeting, Congregational Meeting House, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 16 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 19 LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Alton Bay Community Center, 7:30 a.m., see story
- Sun. 20 FATHER'S DAY
- ALTON SOCCER (LRSC), soccer games at Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, 2 - 5 p.m.
- Mon. 21 SUMMER SOLSTICE, 3:50 p.m. E.D.T.
- Tue. 22 ALTON GARDEN CLUB MEETING, Baptist Meeting House, 1:30 p.m., see story
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL — Have A Great Summer!
- Wed. 23 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 26 UNITED ASSOCIATIONS OF ALTON, Alton Bay Community Center, 9 a.m., see story
- Sun. 27 ALTON'S ANNUAL CANOE RACE, see story
- Mon. 28 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
- Wed. 30 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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There are some new NO PARKING areas on Main Street that are posted with "no parking" signs. If you are caught parking in the no parking areas, you may receive a parking ticket and/or have your vehicle towed. So, make sure you park only where allowed. With all the traffic in the summer, this should help free up Main Street somewhat.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the bicycle rodeo on May 22, and also the "You and the Law" end-of-the-year field trip with the police department on June 4.

Have a great summer and stay safe.

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Diantha S. Moulton
Town Clerk

Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Bandstand Service (starting June 13), 9 a.m.; 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; Fellowship 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

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ORGANIZATIONS:

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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

PTSA — 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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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney Hebert

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The seniors are getting ready for a busy summer! On June 15 we will take a boat trip to the Isle of Shoals (we will not debark) and then stop for lunch at Yoken's in Portsmouth. The bus leaves the center at 9 a.m. Transportation is \$15 with lunch on your own. Call Ginny Myers at 875-8713 for further details about this trip and other trips planned for the summer.

At our May meeting the seniors unanimously voted to change the meeting quorum from 30 percent of the membership to 15 percent. This will allow us to conduct business during the winter months when attendance is lower. We have 82 members, and we would urge those who do not get to meetings to please make an effort to do so in the future, as your input is needed!

Membership dues of \$5 should be in by June 1. If you do not pay on time, you will lose voting privileges and have to reapply for membership.

Thanks to Jeanette Barton and Aubert Giles, the Arthur Saulnier Memorial Garden at the center has been prepared for planting. If you have any perennials to donate to the center, your offering will be greatly appreciated. Bring them to the center any weekday morning and join us for a cup of coffee!

The card party club is picking up steam. Bid-whist is played on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Your \$1 fee goes into a "kitty," which enables the members to "dine out" periodically. Come join us for fun and refreshments. Bingo is played on the other days.

The Steering Committee will meet June 9 at 10:30 a.m. This committee is responsible for the financial planning and social activities of the senior citizens association. Volunteers are needed so we can revitalize this group. Call Chris Russell at 875-5920 for information.

If you are a senior new to the area, we would encourage you to sign up for the noon day meal at the center. Call Claire Fitzgerald at 875-7102 for reservations and the menu.

Our next meeting is June 9 at 1 p.m. After the meeting we have an attendance raffle and refreshment. Join us!

TOWN FOREST TRAIL SPRUCED UP

By Kellie Troendle, Town Recreation Director

The Alton Parks and Recreation Commission joined forces recently with the Conservation Commission to sponsor a clean up day in the Town Forest. The event was held in conjunction with "March for Parks" and "Earth Week" to benefit the loop trail located in the Town Forest on Avery Hill Road near Alton Mountain Road.

The trail was started by the late Mike Burke, Alton's Town Forester, and after his passing in 1994 the Conservation Commission wanted to continue Mike's work on the trail. The Conservation Commission completed the one-mile trail in 1997 and volunteers have worked on the trail at four work sessions by clearing it and making it ready for use.

On April 25 six volunteers participated in the project and cleared the trail of debris and sticks. The trail is marked with blue double zeros and loops around to the starting point. The trail is a great hiking trail where one can see evidence not only of deer, but bear and moose use. Volunteers are also working on opening another trail at the same location to be used for snow shoeing, skiing, and hiking.

A special thank you to the following volunteers: Jay Sydow, Jim Washburn, Lisa Erickson-Harris, Joe Harris, Sheila Marston, and Chelsey Marston. Thank you also to Mount Washington Valley Natural Spring Water for donating water for the volunteers to slake their thirst.

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HONORS GOOD CITIZENS

Students in grades two through five received special recognition in ceremonies at Alton Central School. Awards were presented to those students who earned good citizenship status for the third quarter of the school year. They are:

Grade Two – Shaida Anderson, Marina Avery, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Shanelle Chagnon, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Steven Giani, Samantha Golden, Kim Grant, Colin Hammond, Andrea Hillsgrove, Michael Jensen, Justin Kantar, Kaitlyn Kirchhoff, Jack LaFreniere, Ashley Lionetta, William Macduff, Heidi McGlone, Joshua Merchant, Christine Mills, Crystal Murray, Thomas Pellowe, Britney Perkins, Katie Lynn Powers, Maegan Rojek, Stephanie Roy, Kelsea Scerra, Michael Stevens, Westen Stewart, Amber Stone, Kathleen Sykes, Caitlin Sylvester and William Wenzlau.

Grade Three – Andrew Barthel, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Derek Chase, Amber Couture, Jacob Dore, Courtney Emerson, Ryan Finethy, Emily Folan, Laura Goulet, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Travis Hunter, Makina Itchkavich-Levasseur, Jesse Lane, Andrew Levasseur, Christopher Loprete, Alina Loynd, Samantha MacDonald, Karol Anne Mansfield, C. J. Moulton, Chantal Pearson, Amanda Pellowe, Jessica Porter, Tara Prescott, James Richardson, Matthew Rojek, Jennifer Shafer, Brianna Tidd, Olivia Varney, Krystal Vigue, and Caitlin Wenzlau.

Grade Four – Megan Beaupre, Bryan Bishop, Kristopher Callahan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Ashley Dwyer, Jane Farrell, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Courtney Goodwin, Kim Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Courtney Marston, Melissa Pryor, Marc Roy, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, Julie Thoroughgood, and Kelsey Tinkham.

Grade Five – Johanna Dickson, Nicholas Divito, Chris Frost, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Brittany Moore, Kathryn Pellowe, Daniel Pitman, Patrick Quinn, and Katrina Tidd.

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**THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL
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The following students were named to the honor roll for the third quarter at Alton Central School. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects and Honors requires a grade of at least 83 in all subjects.

Fourth Grade – High Honors: Jane Farrell and Ty Tremblay; Honors: Dottie Jean Bailey, Mara Cook-Hamer, Ashley Dwyer, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Caila Kantar, Nathaniel LaFleur, Daniel Lampman, Joshua Liedtke, Nicholas Lundy, Kelly Main, Donald McGee, Kelsie Moore, Melissa Pryor, Jacob Ridener, Marc Roy, Bryce St.Cyr, Jeffrey St.Cyr, Hope Shafer, Travis Staples, Merrill Stone, and Wesley Taggett.

Fifth Grade – High Honors: Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion and Patrick Quinn; Honors: Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Peter Kaszynski, Brittany Moore, Kathryn Pellowe, Taylor Peterson, Daniel Pitman, Amber Richardson, Jessica Rothwell, and Katrina Tidd.

Sixth Grade – High Honors: Anne Farrell and Stephanie Tanguay; Honors: Jacob Bemis, Amanda Boudreau, Melissa Cray-Sullivan, Kelly Eagles, Vanessa Gilbert, Sonya Itchkavich-Levasseur, Alexander Kaszynski, Leilani LaFleur, Tara Loprete, Ashley Marren, Brenna Quann, Brian Roy, and Michael Tidd.

Seventh Grade – High Honors: Tonya Prescott and Krista Shibley; Honors: Lyndsey Caron, David Currid, Carl Dickson, Dylan Laurion, Dakotah Nixon, Daniel Quinn, and Matthew Sydow.

Eighth Grade – High Honors: Terese Hopper, David Snell III and Erin Wood; Honors: Hilary Ballentine, Scott Baumgartner, Katie Brooks, Jennifer Carr, Jill Feger, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Amanda Jones, Marc Levasseur, Dane Peterson, and Patrick Quann.

Ninth Grade – High Honors: Joshua Albair, Rebecca Howard, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Dana Lang, Marissa Peterson, and Jane Varney; Honors: David Benedetto, John McAuliffe, and Jonathan Owen.

Tenth Grade – High Honors: Sara Dore, Renee LaFreniere, and Katie Morrill; Honors: Amy Beauregard, Kelsie Croes, Tara Elliott, Lorin McGovern, Ashley Southwell, and Meghan St.Cyr.

Eleventh Grade – High Honors: Danielle Moore; Honors: Jenny Martin, and Victor Stone.

Twelfth Grade – High Honors: Jennifer Emanouil, Amber Locke and Amanda Pacheco; Honors: Daniel Alting, Rebecca Blair, Carly Blanchard, April Boles, Laura Cannon, Desiree Crossley, Andrena Dore, Tonia Elliott, Ennasea Guyette, Christy Holway, Joseph Irving, David Jensen, Sarah McDonald, Kimberly Noyes, Christopher Ouellette, Dylan Pappas, Brandi Smith, and Anna Varney.

**CONGRATULATIONS AMY RUSSELL
ATHLETIC AWARD WINNER**

Pine Manor College athletic department presented its Athlete of the Year Award on April 29, which this year was shared by two juniors. Amy Russell of Alton Bay was one of the two to receive this prestigious award.

Russell was also the only athlete to be presented with the coach's award in two sports at the Annual Awards banquet. She received this honor for achievement and attitude in both volleyball and basketball.

The Athletic Director stated that Russell is unique in her combination of immense athletic talent, superior work ethic, and her diligence and success as a student.



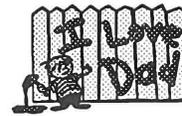
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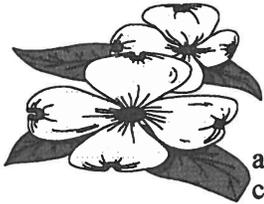
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ALTON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By Margaret Birdsey

Every year the Alton Garden Club adds another dimension to its community beautification effort. This year, along with caring for the gardens and flower barrels at Alton Bay, our focus is on Alton proper. Our first and foremost new project is coordinating efforts with the Town's Administrative Services Department to revitalize the landscaping at the Police Station. Some of our members are busy adding another garden there with new shrubs and flowers. Other members are continuing to care for the gardens at the Ginny Douglas Park, the Gilman Library, and the Town Hall. We will also assist local businesses in planting and maintaining their flower barrels. We will complement the present barrels with six new ones to give a colorful flower display on the sidewalks of Main Street.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters whose unprecedented generosity of labor, products, or money is very much appreciated. Thank you to Pete Rockwood and Harry Waterman of Administrative Services for meeting with us and implementing our many requests; we really appreciate your help. Thank you to Sunflower Gardens for their wonderful contribution of flowers for the barrels. Thank you to Blake Equipment Company for a generous contribution to help fund our beautification projects. A heartfelt thank you to Ann and Arthur (Skip) Moulton for your generous memorial contribution in memory of your loved one. Thank you all.



HERE'S HOW TO CALL THE COPS

A few years ago the State of New Hampshire began using the "E911" telephone system for all fire, medical and police emergency calls. Now that dialing 9-1-1 is widely known as the way to get help in a hurry, the Alton Police Department has completed the transition. All high-priority calls are now being routed directly to the Belknap County Dispatcher. This means **you should dial 911 for all emergency calls**. If you should happen to dial 875-3752, it will also be answered by the Belknap County Dispatch Center and they will send police, fire or medical personnel as needed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They can also have an Alton police officer contact you by phone or in person.

What is most different now, 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, which **will be answered only during regular office hours**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Examples of low priority calls are: you need to have a police officer come to your address at a mutually convenient time; you need to report a minor incident; or you wish to obtain a police service that does not require an immediate response.

The Alton "P.D." wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation.

If there are any questions, what number do you call? Why 875-0757, of course, unless it's an emergency! And what numbers do you use for an emergency? Start again with paragraph one, above.



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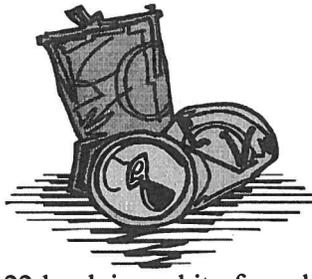
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SPRING CLEAN UP

By Mary Roberge

In early April a cheery-looking letter headed: "Hi Neighbors!!!" appeared under the doors of the residents on Coffin Brook Road. It was from Chantal Houghton suggesting we celebrate Earth Day on April

22 by doing a bit of much-needed cleanup along our rural route. She proposed each family pick up debris along our property lines and as far past them as our strength and will dictated. She and Dave asked us to sort and bag the litter as best we could and leave it curbside for them to pick up to take to the dump. To sweeten this dull chore of cleaning up the litter, Chantal and Dave generously invited us all to a barbecue at their house.

This was an offer we couldn't refuse! Cleaning up our road was something Warren and I had attempted alone on a previous Earth Day — a discouraging task. There are long empty stretches between the 24 houses scattered over the two-mile length, with an especially littered area along a stretch of swampland. Though we wouldn't be able to attend the barbecue, we began enthusiastically to clean up. What an unpleasant sight greeted us when, after picking up on our own property, we drove to the swamp! Besides the usual complement of beer cans, fast food wrap, and soda bottles, there were several large bags of trash thrown far into the marshland. It seemed they could be reached only by boat and a grappling hook. However, a few days later when I walked the area, marveling at its new cleanliness, the unsightly bags of trash were gone from the swamp.

When I congratulated Chantal on the success of her public-spirited idea, she told me one of our brave neighbors (a woman) had donned hip boots and retrieved some of the swamp trash; Dave and another man had somehow reached the rest. The barbecue was a great success with neighbors socializing and comparing notes on their work. The road was still clean several weeks later. I'm planning to bring a bag along occasionally to try and to keep it that way.

Thanks, Chantal and Dave, for taking so much time and effort to make Earth Day 1999 such a memorable one on Coffin Brook Road.

SIMONDS RECEIVES AWARD

At the May 17 meeting of the Alton Board of Selectmen Mal Simonds, the Town's Director of Solid Waste Operations, was summoned before the board. Simonds, not knowing why his presence was requested, was confronted by Selectmen Chairman William Ryan and handed an envelope. No, not a "pink slip." The following Certificate of Appreciation was read into the record, which explained the envelope:

Be it known that a \$100 merit bonus is hereby bestowed upon Malcolm F. Simonds

as Director of Solid Waste Operations upon a nomination by the Town Administrator in recognition of your relentless efforts and ultimate success in an attempt to obtain long-term cost savings to the Town for disposal of plastic waste products.

It was further explained to the audience that Simonds had researched alternatives for reducing the costs of transporting plastics to the recycling facility. As a result of his initiative he has put in place equipment and methods that will be saving the town thousands of dollars in the future.

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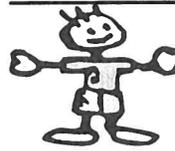
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WHAT, ANOTHER PUBLIC ACCESS TV CHANNEL?

By Bob Longabaugh

Last month's *Main Street* reported on the newest addition to Alton's cable TV line-up of channels — Public Access on Channel 25. Well, it hasn't taken long at all for the demand to exceed the supply so that Alton cable TV subscribers will see Channel 24 come "alive" in June. With two Public Access channels LRPA-TV will be able to display the community bulletin board and related notices on one channel while using the other channel for telecasts of public meetings and local events.

LRPA-TV continues to seek volunteers to videotape community events for later viewing on the Public Access channel or you can produce and videotape your own show if it meets the public access criteria. Call 528-3070 for more information or to volunteer as a videotaper of local events. LRPA-TV is scheduling instructional sessions so that persons within their viewing area can qualify to put their very own work on the tube.



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

GET YOUR BROCHURE

Summer brochures for the Parks and Recreation programs will be ready June 11. They will be distributed through the school to students and will also be available at Town Hall and local businesses or you can call 875-0109 to have a brochure mailed to you.

The summer program is full of fun with excellent programs and family activities, including trips to Canobie Lake, Sea Dogs Game, 5K Road Race, Great Canoe Caper, Pack the Park Night, and much more. New programs to look for this summer include: Family Scavenger Hunt, Outdoor Adventure Day, Hike and Swim Day, Wet and Wild Day, Creative Drawing, Moby Duck Tour, Mountain Bike Hike and expanded Tennis Program.

Pick up a brochure and check out the Rec-Pak Program, Family Discounts, and Special Value offer. Please remember to sign up early for programs.

Youth Soccer League

Join the soccer program and participate in the fastest growing team sport. Alton teams will play teams from New Durham and Gilmanston. Registration forms are being accepted now for the soccer program. Participants must register at the Parks and Recreation Department by August 6 — late registrations will NOT be accepted.

Teams will be divided into all boys and all girls teams and will be categorized by age. The soccer program is open to all participants 6-11 years old. Games begin August 21. Registration fee is \$15 per player. Players will need shin guards, black shorts, black/red socks, soccer ball, and water bottle. Volunteer coaches and team helpers are needed; training is provided. Please call 875-0109 to volunteer.



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By Bobby and Tanya Frost

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*OBITUARY*

The Downing family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the expressions of kind sympathy extended to them upon Aida B. Downing's death.

/s/Judson H. Downing and Nancy Merrill

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . A Community Clean-up Day was organized to clean up the roadside and other public areas of Alton and Alton Bay . . . Open House was held at the Pearson Road Center, allowing residents to see the facility and volunteer time, money or materials for its completion for use by senior citizens and other organizations in town . . . Glen McLean was named the Alton Town Planner . . . the Alton Garden Club planned a trip to the Cook House Gardens in Barnstead and the Audubon Society center in Concord, stopping for lunch on the way.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Trustees of the Gilman Library announced the formation of a "Kitchen Cabinet," a group that will ensure public input and reaction during the library's expansion program . . . First Grade classes observed Earth Day by planting trees on the school grounds . . . The Happy Hobby Doll Club was planning its annual show featuring Michelle Malpica and her Native American dolls . . . the Alton Historical Society met to hear Dana Philbrook discuss the Coheco Railroad that went from Dover to Alton Bay in 1851.

GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE**LAKES REGION SOCCER CLUB**

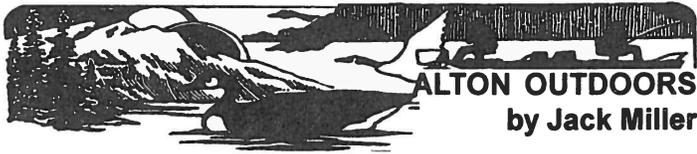
Alton has several teams in the Lakes Region Soccer Club (LRSC) and resident Peter Clifford is seeking assistance in making a success of local participation in the club. For one, this month there will be Fall Travel Team try-outs, and just as important as players, referees and coaches are urgently needed.

The try-outs for the Fall Travel Teams will be held on June 23 and 26 at the Brewster Academy, Lower Clarke Road field in Wolfeboro. Players who wish to try out for the LRSC teams "Under 12," "Under 14," and "Under 16" are invited to show up between the hours of 6 and 8:30 p.m. on June 23, and 9:30 a.m. to noon on the 26th.

With respect to becoming a referee or coach, courses are being offered on June 12, 17, and 19. The New Hampshire Soccer Association Referee Course will be held at the Wolfeboro Library on the 12th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the fee being \$15. Bring your own lunch. Anyone aged twelve and over can attend this course. If you want to learn more about the game and be a referee, this course is for you. Register with Peter Clifford, 569-6362, before June 9.

On June 17 the two-part coaching course begins. The cost is \$55 for the New Hampshire Soccer Association Coaching Course "E" License. Part 1 covers the theory of coaching and will take place at the Wolfeboro Library from 6 to 9 p.m. on June 17. Part 2 on June 19 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. takes up the practical aspects of coaching. This course is a *must* qualification for Travel Team coaches and assistant coaches, as well as players who want to know more about the game and coach a team in the future. Candidates must be 15 years of age or older. Again, register with Peter Clifford, 569-6362.

Other LRSC events of possible interest to Altonians in June are the post season tournament on the 27th from 2 to 5 p.m. at Brewster Academy. There will be a presentation of medals to youth players, and the awarding of the Challenge Cup to the winning adult team. On June 30 the club's Annual General Meeting will take place at the Wolfeboro Library, starting at 6 p.m. All players and their parents/guardians are invited.



ALTON OUTDOORS by Jack Miller

AH, THOSE LONGEST DAYS

June is the month with the longest days with June 21, the summer solstice, being the longest day of sunlight in the whole year. Therefore, there should be no excuse; everyone should be out enjoying Alton's outdoors.

If the long daylight hours are not enough incentive to get you out fishing this month, try a free fishing day. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department gives us all a free fishing day on June 5. The state of Vermont also has a free fishing day for residents and non-residents alike on June 12. These are both in conjunction with National Fishing Week from June 5-12. One may fish without a license, but all other rules and regulations must be followed. So, no excuses — get out there and have fun!

June 15 ends the catch and release period for bass. The "babies" can make it on their own now. From June 16 - 30 the daily limit is two bass; the limit increases to five per day on July 1 and runs through October 15.

June not only has the most daylight but also it has the peak of the bug population. Fly-fishing is at it's best now — a great time to give it a try. Sunfish are spawning this month and will rise eagerly to a fly. They are found in most lakes and ponds and can grow to 8-9 inches. The fillets from 6 to 12 sunnies make a delicious meal. If you've never had them, give them a try.

As trout fishing slows here with the warming waters, a trip north can still provide some excellent trout. Try the Saco River in North Conway, the Androscoggin from Errol to Berlin or the Connecticut River in Pittsburg. Last year I fished all three rivers in one day and caught trout in each one. With the long days of June, you can too.



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This years summer reading theme is "Once Upon A Summer Reading". For more information regarding the program please stop in and see us.

The book discussion group will continue to discuss No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 1999 at 6 PM and will be held in the meeting room at the Gilman Library. If you are interested in taking part in the discussion and need a copy of the book, please contact the library.

Don't forget to check out the new "Friends of the Gilman Library Column" located in this issue of the Main Street for more information regarding the many activities they are sponsoring for the month of June 1999. We greatly appreciate the time, effort and support that our "Friends" provide. We welcome our new "Friends" and, as always, we honor our old.



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