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## THE PRIDE OF THE FLEET

By Russ Sample, Alton Fire Chief

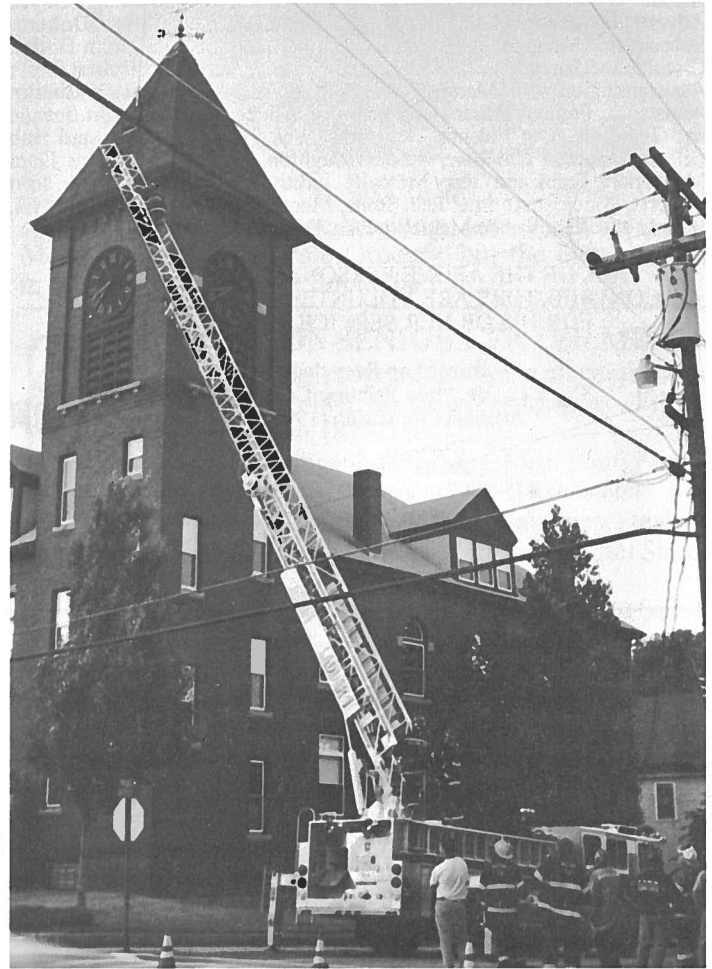
Foreseeing the need to replace the Fire Department's aging ladder truck, Alton's voters at the 1997 Town Meeting began appropriating capital reserve funds for the purchase of a new ladder truck in the year 2000. This year, when reviewing the needs for a possible ambulance and other major equipment, department officials became aware of a "pre-owned" 1989 75' ladder truck for sale. After considering this possible purchase as to condition and firefighting capabilities in respect to price, it quickly became apparent that this piece of equipment would be a tremendous value for the Town of Alton.

Albeit purchased one year ahead of schedule, this was an opportunity the Town could hardly let go by. This vehicle has the capability of functioning both as an engine company AND a ladder truck simultaneously. It is a 1989 KME/LTI 75' Quint ladder/engine combination truck in excellent condition. Alton was able to obtain it for \$241,000, as compared to a likely price of \$450,000 (plus?) for a new model next year. By the Fire Wards and Selectmen acting quickly on an opportunity of the moment, Alton realized a savings of approximately \$200,000. Softening the blow on the Town's budget is the fact that the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was due to reach \$260,000 this year, thereby making it a lot easier to release \$180,000 to help in the truck's acquisition.

Alton has accomplished a major upgrade in its firefighting capability with the 1989 combination truck. Forty-three years old, the 1956 Mack 75' ladder truck being retired was limited to carrying two firefighters in the cab while the 1989 model is capable of carrying nine. The much newer replacement's 75' aerial ladder has a prepiped waterway, thereby making firefighting water available at the top of the ladder as soon as it is in position. Additionally, the truck has a 1,500 GPM pump, a 7,500 watt built-in diesel generator, and on-board lighting capable of providing power and lights to a large emergency scene. A minimum of two firefighters can safely and effectively put into service all of its functions from the operator's panel.

The question has been asked why Alton — with very few buildings greater than two or three stories — should need a fire truck with a 75' aerial ladder. The answer lies in firefighting methods where it is important to vent heat, smoke, and gases as products of combustion by cutting a hole in the roof to serve as a "chimney." In Alton there are many locations where even extra-tall residential structures would benefit from a 75' aerial ladder being readily available while also REDUCING THE RISK to the firefighters being willing to climb "up there" and do their job.

As the 1989 truck enters service it will be carrying breathing apparatus and fire suppression equipment for up to



nine firefighters. Most importantly, it will have the ventilation equipment necessary for the two top functions at a fire: the life safety of those involved, and the fire suppression tasks of the ventilation of heat, smoke, and gasses. All of these things can be done with less manpower than before due to the more efficient equipment on the newer truck. Alton's Fire Department will now be even better equipped to carry out its mission of preventing the loss of life or destruction of property.

The men and women of the Alton Fire Department extend our heartfelt thanks for your support in the purchase of this truck and help in making a very dangerous job somewhat safer and, most likely, a bit easier. We encourage any of you who might desire to provide a service to your neighbors and community to become a member of our department. We welcome your involvement with certified emergency medical needs on the ambulance and/or firefighting duties. You may do this by contacting department headquarters at 875-0222.

I look forward to answering any questions you may have. Thanks again.



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## SCHOOL SAFETY ISSUES

By Richard M. Pike, Superintendent of Schools

While Alton's recent brushes with school violence have raised the consciousness of the community, the school gun tragedies at the national level this year have underscored the need for policies, procedures, and practices that are legally sound and defensible in preventing and confronting school violence. One area discussed at length at the school board's two recent forums was school discipline.

In survey after survey parents continue to identify school discipline as a priority. While recent statistics show a declining school crime rate across the nation, school disruption remains an important issue for educators. In the past eight years significantly more school principals have identified student tardiness, absenteeism, class cutting, verbal abuse, and harassment as serious or moderate problems in their schools.

Research suggests discipline policies that protect students and staff from disruptive behavior, promote pride and respect, and hold students accountable without being oppressive or unfair translate to a positive learning environment. Safe, orderly classrooms mean fewer distractions for teachers and students so that more time can be spent on academic tasks.

In the weeks ahead the school board, the administration, staff, and citizens will continue to discuss and respond to the many issues raised at the public forums. A School Safety Task Force is being organized. If you are interested in becoming involved in some aspect of this initiative, please give me a call. I also invite you to attend a presentation by the Office of Emergency Management on July 12 as we continue to learn more about school safety issues and practices. This presentation will begin at 6 p.m. as part of the school board's regularly scheduled meeting.

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# Main Street's Inside Front Page



## STATE LEGISLATION VALIDATES ALTON'S MARCH TOWN MEETING ACTIONS

The annual Town Meeting held this past March turned down an article calling for a 10-wheel dump truck and later amended the sweep article to add, instead, a new 6-wheel dump truck. This action was challenged successfully to the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), even though a clear majority of voters locally approved the motion. DRA ruled that the Town could not purchase the 6-wheel dump truck.

With the initiative and support of Alton state representatives Robert Boyce and Stan Czech, H.B. 744 was amended to validate the action taken by Alton voters in the entire warrant. The house passed the bill very comfortably and on June 17th it was passed by the Senate. Once signed by the Governor, it will validate that the will of the Alton voters has been carried out and clear the way for the purchase of the 6-wheel dump truck.

This method saves the trouble and expense of a special town meeting to resolve the situation. Similar problems in other New Hampshire towns are "rectified" this way each year.

## PUBLIC ACCESS TV EXPANDS

Cablevision's LRPA-TV "lighted off" another channel last month. In addition to Channel 25, which has been telecasting public access announcements and programs since March 18, Channel 24 came alive with Laconia Motorcycle Week coverage.

At the conclusion of motorcycle week Channel 24 switched to running the bulletin board and calendar while Channel 25 is now the place to watch public access programs. Yet to come is a special video contest that will be run on channel 24, complete with prizes. Viewers will have the opportunity to submit their home videos for the contest. There will be many categories such as: funniest, most educational, best animated, best scenic, etc. Watch for details on Channel 24.

In addition, the Laconia Historical Society will be running the old videos of Laconia. Watch for this once-a-week program.

Remember public access cablevision depends on you — the public — submitting programs. LRPA-TV's staff is very small and is very busy just running the studio, so what goes on the tube has to come mostly from others.

## ARMY BAND CONCERT

The 39th Army Band, New Hampshire National Guard, will perform in concert under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Thomas G. Fisk on July 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. The program is sponsored by the Bay Church, Alton Bay. In case of rain the concert will be held in the Tabernacle at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

Stationed in Manchester at the State Armory located on Canal Street, the band is comprised of approximately 40 musicians representing many communities throughout New Hampshire. Many of the soldiers are professional music educators, as well as leaders in their respective towns and cities. The members of the 39th Army Band are dedicated soldiers whose high standard of performance is respected and anticipated whether in a parade or concert format.



## AND THE ROCKETS WILL GLARE!...

...with the "bombs" bursting in air, over Alton Bay on Saturday, July 3.

The Town of Alton, now gaining a reputation as the place with all the American flags flying on its Main Street, will be putting into the night sky its usual gala display in celebration of Independence Day on the evening of Saturday, July 3. (The rain date is July 10.)

But, there are a few other things happening prior to the fireworks. At 6 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission will be starting a "Family Scavenger Hunt." It's for the entire family, ages 6 and up. Billed as a mystery the mission is to work together to solve the clues that will lead to the "hidden treasure." There is no charge to get in the fun; just sign in at the Alton Bay bandstand by 6 p.m.

Next at the bandstand, starting at 7:30 p.m., the Down Home Dixieland Band comes on with a program of patriotic music. As they wind up with their crescendo about 9:30 p.m., the sky is scheduled to light up with Alton's own brand of fireworks — see above.

## A REMINDER, ON HOW TO CALL THE COPS

911

For those seasonal residents of Alton who are just now coming back up to speed on what has happened while they have been "away," things are a bit different on the best way to obtain police services. You can still get an Alton police officer on the scene by the "old-fashioned" way of dialing 875-3752. What's new is that by dialing 9-1-1 you can get a "one number" response to whatever the emergency needs are — whether police, fire, or medical.

What is even newer, and of consequence to those who rest their heels in a bit of Alton for awhile, is that if you only want to transact "routine" business with the Alton Police Department, their "business" phone answers during the office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. This number — for NON-emergency calls — is 875-0757.



## THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Holly Brown  
Librarian

### ANOTHER SUCCESS

We offer our most sincere thanks to the Friends of the Gilman Library and other community members for taking part in the "Town-wide Yard Sale" on behalf of the library. A wonderful variety of delicious baked goods were donated for sale. The Friends spent countless hours preparing for this sale, and we are pleased to say that it was a great success. Although no baked goods remain, we still have books, calendars, canvas bags, T-shirts, collectibles, prints and Afghans left to sell. As always, we are very grateful to all for helping to make the Gilman Library the best it can be.

Two meetings are scheduled for July, both in the meeting room. Friends of the Gilman Library will have a regular meeting on the 6th at 7:15 p.m. On July 14 please join us at 7 p.m. for a special program to honor the "grand old homes" of Alton. Bob Witham will be our guest speaker. The new calendars will be arriving soon with the theme "Home Sweet Home" for the year 2000. This event and the calendars are sponsored by the Friends of the Gilman Library.

We have a very special library display for the summer months. Amber Fielding, an Alton Central School student, is allowing us the great honor of displaying her model of The Gilman Library. Amber created this beautiful model as a class project. Make sure to check it out when you visit us. Thanks, Amber; we are very proud of your accomplishment.

The summer reading program will be starting after July 4, so stop in and join the fun. Don't forget to check at the library for upcoming events not contained in this issue.

## "DESIGN A MOTORCYCLE" CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED



The winners of the "Design A Motorcycle" contest, sponsored by Alton Central School custodian Kirt Hussey, were announced in time for Motorcycle Week in the Lakes Region. Left to right the winners in each category are: Row 1, Grades 2 & 3, Stephanie Roy, 1st and Megan Farrell, 2nd; Grade 1, Casey Beranger, 1st, Sarah Murphree, 2nd, and Scott Brunelle, 3rd. Row 2, Grades 5 - 7, Shane Gallentine, 1st, Dana Main, 2nd, and Brian Roy, 3rd; Grade 4, Dottie-Jean Bailey, 2nd and Caila Kantar, 3rd. Absent from the photo are Grade 4 1st place Scott Goulet and Grades 2 & 3 3rd place Tommy Pellowe. Best of Show went to Shane Gallentine, and Dana Main received the Kirt's Pick award.

Prizes were donated by Meredith Harley Davidson; Open Road Collectibles in Tilton; Chrome Specialties of Fort Worth, TX; Milwaukee Iron Inc. of Lynchburg, VA; Drag Specialties of Eden Prairie, MN; and Samson Motorcycle Products of Anaheim, CA.

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**BLOOD DRIVE ON JULY 13**

The Fifth Annual Mike Burke Memorial (see page 16) Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 13, from 3 until 7 p.m. at the Alton Central School. This blood drive is also being dedicated to the Deroche triplets. The Red Cross will provide all donors with a free T-shirt.

If you are 17 or older weighing at least 110 pounds you are eligible to donate every eight weeks. Besides making you feel good by helping others, studies have shown that men who give blood three times a year reduce their chances of heart attack by 50 percent as a result of lowering excess iron levels through blood donations. Some medical conditions prevent a person from donating; they include AIDS, angina, pregnancy, fever, flu, hepatitis, or body part piercing/tattoo within the last 12 months. For further information or questions about eligibility, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-262-2660.

Sponsors include the Farmington National Bank. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492 or Lisa Finethy at 875-7653.

**TWO AUCTIONS IN ONE DAY!**

Those who cannot resist bargains in the frenzy of an auction will have not one — but TWO — opportunities to go wild on July 10. The first will be the Alton Fire Department's classic auction, starting at 10 a.m (see separate story, page 14). On the same day the Town of Alton will put a few more significant items on the auction block. Primary among these is a 1994 Ford sedan, which has been used in police work, and the former Fire Boat, a 1986 Galaxy.

The Town's auction will be at Town Hall; other particulars have not been determined at press time. Call 875-2161 for the details.

**ALTON GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS**

**By Pat Merrill**

The Garden Club of Alton will be holding two meetings during the month of July.

On Tuesday, July 13, we will enjoy a Homes and Gardens Tour in the local area from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. During the tour refreshments will be served. Everyone is to meet at the Congregational Meeting House parking lot to receive directions. There will be a \$5 admission fee and guests of members are welcome. Margaret Birdsey, with eight ladies helping her, will host this event. Hope to see you there!

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 27. This will be very exciting as we are going to North Hampton for a Trip to the Fuller Gardens. Everyone is to meet at the Congregational Meeting House parking lot at 10 a.m. for directions and car pooling. A "dutch treat" lunch will be served at Yokens Restaurant, Route 1, Portsmouth. The "garden tour" will be held after the luncheon. Do come!

For further information on these events, call Margaret Birdsey at 875-5250.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

**By Kellie Troendle, Recreation Director**

Free concerts are held every Saturday from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. The one exception is the July 3 concert — see below.

So, come down to the bay and enjoy the following groups:

- July 3 Down Home Dixieland Band - Patriotic Music, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., fireworks following.
- July 10 Almost Cowboyz (Country and Western)
- July 17 Get Back (Music of the Beatles)
- July 24 Dan Shea (Pop and Rock 70's - 90's)
- July 31 The Shifter's (Rock and Roll)

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### DOG DAYS, AND WHAT TO DO

With the "dog days of summer" starting this month, what is one supposed to do?

The temperatures are rising in the local lakes and ponds, so they are best fished in the early mornings or late in the day, when they are cooler. As of July 1 the limit for bass is five fish by any method. Look for bass in deeper waters now around "structure." Small-mouth bass like rocks while large-mouth like weeds.

One way to find fish this month is to go snorkeling. A pair of swim fins and an underwater mask will get you there! Most lakes in the Alton area are clean enough to provide great visibility. In fact, we are lucky enough here to have most lakes providing from 14 to 18 feet of visibility. And swimming is good exercise, and fun too.

Canoeing is also a great sport to enjoy this month. This is a craft that is cheap to operate, is non-polluting, and provides good exercise. One can explore areas other watercraft cannot get into. And, as always, you might discover some new fishing hot spot!

We are fortunate to have unpolluted waters with excellent visibility. They don't stay that way by chance; it takes effort. Please remember, and pass the word to those who don't, our lakes are **not** for bathing. Soap, shampoo, and the like are some of the worst polluters. Help keep our waters clean so we can all enjoy Alton's Outdoors for a long, long time.

### MARY BATCHELDER SPEAKER FOR ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Jean Roberts

The Alton Historical Society is pleased to announce that at our July meeting Mary Batchelder will once again share the story of one of the long hikes she and her husband, Calvin, have taken since 1992.

Mary's pictures and narrative are always enjoyable. This evening she will talk and show slides about their hike on the Long Trail in Vermont.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Major Community Center on Route 11, next to the Fire Station, in West Alton. Our programs are always free and open to the public, young and old, and we serve great refreshments.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a Dateline News Annual Guest Luncheon on Wednesday, July 14, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Inn in Wolfeboro.

Danielle North, WMUR TV Reporter, will present the Special Feature, "Getting in the Know." Dr. James Bolin from Gilford will provide the Special Music, "More Newsworthy Notes." Bill Blount of Warwick, Rhode Island, will be the Special Speaker presenting "The Best News of All." Blount is a pilot, a member of the National Association of Broadcasters, and the president of four radio stations.

Reservations and further information about the luncheon and complimentary nursery may be obtained by calling Jan, 279-7151 by June 30. The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.



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**1999 HOBY AMBASSADORS**

**By Carol Murtagh, HOBY Senior Counselor**

HOBY? Ambassadors? What are you talking about? Well, I'm so glad you asked.

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership is an organization "helping young people make a difference and become positive catalysts for change." HOBY was started in 1958 by actor Hugh O'Brian after meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. More details can be learned by looking at [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org).

New Hampshire's 1999 HOBY Leadership Seminar was held at Rivier College in Nashua on May 21 - 23. Above are our local ambassadors who participated for the weekend. Representing Alton Central School is Kelsie Croes (right) of Alton Bay and representing Kingswood Regional High School is Lindsey Sprague (left) of New Durham.

**PLAYGROUND FUND RAISER**

**By Kathy Levasseur**

Don't forget! The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) will be having a fund-raiser at the New Hampshire International Speedway (NHIS) in Loudon, Sunday, July 11. At the end of the Winston Cup Race up to 50 volunteers will clean up, both litter and money — \$6 per person/per hour will be paid to the PTSA Playground Fund. Minimum age is 9 years with all children under 18 having a parent or guardian.

We meet at the Belmont Dog Track, take a bus ride to NHIS, and start earning money when we get off the bus. Clean up takes two to four hours. We have the potential to make between \$600 and \$1,200! Plan to wear old clothes, and bring drinks/snacks. Please participate in this clean up. Call Kathy Levasseur, 776-3276, to sign up your family.

**SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE BANDSTAND**

The 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Bandstand Services sponsored by the Bay Church will be continuing throughout the summer and into September.

The Fourth of July service will feature the patriotic singing of Alton Fire Chief Russ Sample and his daughter, Jamie, as well as a message, "Live Free or Die," by Pastor Bob Hett. On July 11, the speaker will be the Rev. Clayton Blackstone from Bangor, Maine. The soloist will be Mrs. Nancy Heald of Calvary Bible Church in Meredith.

Dr. Dean Ortner, Director of "Sermons from Science," an extension of Moody Bible Institute, will speak on Sunday, July 18, with Susan Farah of Meredith, as guest soloist. The Rev. Eliezer Gonzales with Leadership Resources International of Illinois will be the speaker on July 25. Mike and Elizabeth Mousso of Vermont, who share in a musical ministry called CHOSEN, will provide music that day.

Come by boat, car, or by foot and enjoy worshiping in the great out-of-doors at the bandstand each summer Sunday.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**WARREN B. HARRIS, Sr.**  
(1923 -1999)

A truly involved and caring Alton citizen passed away in late May. The Rev. Dr. Warren B. Harris, Sr., ordained in the American Baptist Church, chose Alton as his retirement community and served the town and area not only as a minister-at-large, but two terms on the Alton Budget Committee, a trustee for the Alton Cemetery Commission, and a volunteer staff member and advertising manager for our Main Street.



He always answered the call for ad hoc committees and found time for projects that would enhance the quality of life in Alton. He'll be genuinely missed by an appreciative and admiring citizenry of Alton.

RLC

**JAMES E. NEWTON**  
(1936 - 1999)

Another outstanding "town servant" will be missed sincerely with the recent death of James E. Newton. In healthier days he was heavily involved as a member and chairman of the Alton Budget Committee and the Alton School Board.

He was also extremely active in all affairs and events central to East Alton. A navy veteran of more than 20 years, he saw service in the Vietnam War and was a member of Post 72 of the American Legion. Jim Newton may be gone, but his volunteer service record in Alton will live on for a long time to come.

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**SCHOOL PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

**By Marcy Lowthian**

Eighty-seven Middle School students had a terrific time dancing to the tunes of DJ's "Image Craft" while raising over \$400 for the playground fund at the "School Dance" held May 21. The Playground Committee would like to thank McGrath's, Alton Circle Grocery, Rick and Sue Macduff, and Linda Monasky for their donations of snacks and sodas. A pleasant atmosphere was made possible by our chaperones and volunteers: Laurie Boyce, Sandy Currid, Pat Hanley, Natasha and Makina Itchkavich, Kristine Kenerson, Kathy Levasseur, Betsy Levesque, Cindy and Chris Loprete, Emily Lowthian, and Custodians Bob and Dave.

Many thanks to the organizer, Deb Burton, and the sponsor, Alton True Value, for the "Pennies for Playground" car wash held at Town Hall on May 29. We raised \$275 towards the fund and couldn't have had such a success without the help of our "crew" of student volunteers and "customers" who stopped by.

To all Alton Townspeople, we appreciate your continued support, and we'll keep you updated on our progress. If you would like to be involved in "Pennies for Playground" in any way, have ideas, and/or suggestions, please contact Marcy Lowthian at 875-7116.

**SERMONS FROM SCIENCE  
RETURN TO ALTON BAY**

People of all ages who have any interest in science will want to attend the Moody Institute of Science presentations, which will be done by Dean Ortner at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center the week of July 18. Mr. Ortner gave a series of presentations two years ago at the Conference Center, which enthralled all those who attended. He has a distinguished career as a scientist originating in Bio-nucleonics. Another area of interest for Ortner is aviation. He designed and built his own aircraft, he is a former skydiver, and was involved in aviation in the U.S. Army which lead to his being named an honorary member of the U.S. Army's special forces team, the Red Berets.

The topics and presentations are: Sunday, July 18, light with music on a laser beam; July 19, color with a liquid light demonstration; July 20, sense perception and God's laws with "statter machine" and floating metal; July 21, recording devices with frozen shadows; and July 22, Jesus' Resurrection with the million-volt demonstration.

The July 18 presentation begins at 6 p.m.; July 19 - 22 will begin at 7:30 p.m.. They are open to the public without charge. A free will offering will be taken. For information call 875-6161.

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**ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR**

The Alton Community church will be holding its annual church fair at the Congregational Church, Church Street, Saturday, July 3, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thank you for your support. For information call 875-5418.

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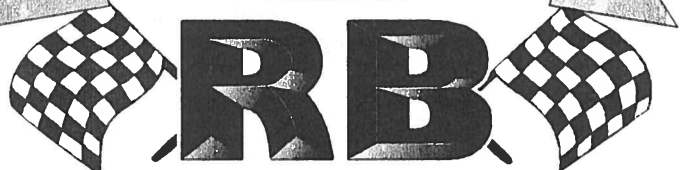
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## JULY EVENTS

- Sat. 3 ALTON COMMUNITY CHURCH FAIR, 9 a.m., see story  
 FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT, 6 p.m., "DOWN HOME  
 DIXIELAND BAND" CONCERT, 7:30 p.m.,  
 FIREWORKS, 9:30 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand  
 THE SOUTHERNAIRES IN CONCERT, Alton Bay  
 Christian Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!  
 STEVEN E. MERRILL, Special Speaker, Alton Bay  
 Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mon. 5 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
- Tue. 6 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, meeting, 7:15 p.m., see  
 Checkout Desk  
 JOHN UDALL, Magician, Alton Bay Christian  
 Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 7 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
 39TH ARMY BAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL  
 GUARD, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m., see story
- Thu. 8 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community  
 Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
- Fri. 9 SPAGHETTI SUPPER, American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m.,  
 see story
- Sat. 10 ALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUCTION AND FLEA  
 MARKET, 10 a.m., see story  
 TOWN OF ALTON AUCTION, Town Hall, see story  
 "ALMOST COWBOYZ" CONCERT, Alton Bay Bandstand,  
 7 p.m., see story  
 KEN FERNALD IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian  
 Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 11 CLAYTON BLACKSTONE, Special Speaker, Alton Bay  
 Christian Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mon. 12 ALTON SCHOOL BOARD, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY  
 MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION, Alton Central  
 School, 6 p.m., see story  
 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
- Tue. 13 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, Homes and Gardens Tour, 9 a.m.,  
 see story  
 MIKE BURKE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE, Alton Central  
 School, 3 - 7 p.m., see story  
 "IT'S MAGIC" with BILL BUEHLER, Alton Bay Christian  
 Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 14 LUNCHEON, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club,  
 Lakeview Inn, Wolfeboro, 11 a.m., see story  
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
 "GRAND OLD HOMES" OF ALTON, Friends of the Gilman  
 Library, 7 p.m., see Checkout Desk
- Sat. 17 CUB SCOUT CAR WASH, Edgewood parking lot, 10 a.m.,  
 see story  
 "GET BACK" CONCERT, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.,  
 see story  
 LENNY SIEDEL IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian  
 Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 18 DEAN ORTNER, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian  
 Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
 (also Mon. - Thu., 7:30 p.m.)
- Mon. 19 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
- Tue. 20 ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Mount Major  
 Community Center, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 21 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 23 THE AMERICAN YOUTH CHORALE IN CONCERT,  
 Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 24 EAST ALTON FIRE ASSOCIATION CHICKEN BBQ,  
 see story  
 "DAN SHEA" CONCERT, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.,  
 see story  
 THE ENVOYS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian  
 Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 25 PETE SCHWAIM, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian

- Conference Center, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mon. 26 BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7 p.m.
- Tue. 27 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, Trip to the Fuller Gardens,  
 10 a.m., see story
- Wed. 28 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 30 HAM AND BEAN SUPPER, American Legion Auxiliary,  
 6 p.m., see story  
 THE LIBERATED WAILING WALL IN CONCERT, Alton  
 Bay Christian Conference Center, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 31 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY, 9 a.m. - 12  
 Noon, see story  
 "THE SHIFTER'S" CONCERT, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.,  
 see story  
 THE CONTINENTALS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian  
 Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.

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### General Rules and Regulations

No entry without permit (\$1, proof of residency required)

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All loads are subject to inspection and refusal

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Use facilities at your own risk

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Furniture (\$4+), carpets (\$1+)

**Construction and Demolition Debris - Fees apply**  
 \$15/cubic yard, extra charge for sheet rock and shingles

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# Information Center

## SCHEDULES

### CHURCHES:

Alton Bay Christian Conference Center — Sun. services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sat. evening concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle. Weekday services, Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 9:30 a.m. and Mon., Tue., Thu., 7:30 p.m. at Moore Chapel. Sat. morning Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m. 875-6161.

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

Bay Church — Sun. morning service, 9 a.m., at Alton Bay Bandstand. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor, 875-6765

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

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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., Museum 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 — 3rd 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, Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.

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## OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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### NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Ray Burton, 271-3632 (Concord), 747-3662 (Woodsville)

### NH SENATE

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

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman, William Ryan, 875-2112

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**SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER**  
By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**Ah – July – would you lie about  
The splendor of your days  
As we lie in our hammocks  
In a lazy haze?**

Our appeal for better attendance at our meetings is being heard; we had over 30 members at our June meeting. However, with a membership of over 80, we need to do better, and if you are an "absentee" member, we wish you would try to attend future meetings. At the July meeting, the nominating committee will present a slate of officers for our election. If you would like to be a candidate for any office, call President Nardo at 875-3645 to have your name placed on the ballot.

The seniors will be traveling to York, Maine, on July 11 for Foster's Clambake. To get on the wait list call Ginny Myers at 875-8713.

CAP is sponsoring a picnic on July 21 at Ellacoya State Park. All seniors are invited. For \$3.50 you get a chicken/spare ribs/corn on the cob dinner. There will be live musical entertainment and Beano games with prizes galore. Call the center at 875-7102 to sign up for this fun-filled day!

Sign up now for the August 7 trip, a dinner at Patrick's Pub and the musical *WEST SIDE STORY* at the Meredith Playhouse. Call Ginny at 875-8713 for information.

Our revived Steering Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on July 14, and we welcome those who would like to be members of this committee, whose purpose is to oversee the financial and social activities of the association.

Our regular meeting will begin 1 p.m. on July 14. At its end A. R. Van de Meulebroecke ("Van") will explain and demonstrate the visual aid machine being used at the Gilman Library. This device is proving invaluable to those with low vision and other eye problems. Don't forget this meeting will have an attendance raffle and refreshments. It is not too late to bring annuals or perennials for our garden, too!

Happy Fourth of July to you all!

**FORMER GOVERNOR TO BE  
INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEAKER**

The Honorable Stephen E. Merrill, a former two-term Governor of the State of New Hampshire, will return to the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center on Sunday, July 4, as the special speaker for the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. services in the Tabernacle. All members of the public are invited to attend both the morning and evening services. For further information, call 875-6161.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The Community Church of Alton will be holding Vacation Bible School July 12 - 16 from 9 - 11 a.m. The topic for this fun-filled week is "The Wordless Book."

Sessions will be packed full of inspiring songs, scriptural lessons, fun games, crafts, and activities. Snacks and materials will be provided. Children are encouraged to bring their Bibles. Participants and families are invited to a picnic on July 16 at 1 p.m.

This great program is offered to children ages 3 to students entering grade 6. Those older than grade 6 are encouraged to sign up as helpers. To register call 875-5561 or 875-3704 and ask for Kim Dain. We hope to see you there.

**WOLFEBORO BIBLE FELLOWSHIP  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

By Scott Button

The Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship on South Main Street, Wolfeboro, will be having its annual Vacation Bible School, July 5 - 9 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. There will be a Special Closing Program for adults and children on Friday, 7 p.m. All children ages 4 - 12 are welcome to join us for a great time of Bible study, games, crafts, fantastic skits, contests, and lots of fun. Come and bring a friend if you can. For more information call 875-2865 or 569-6498.



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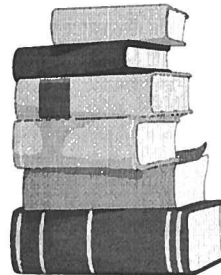
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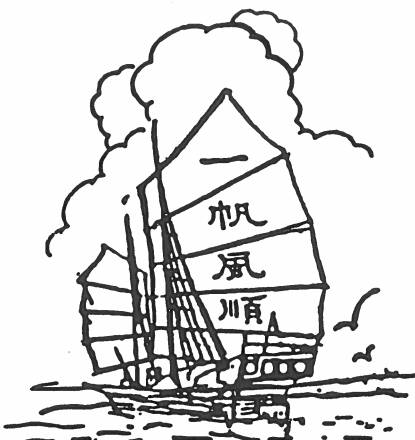
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## DON'T FORGET JULY 10! AUCTION AND FLEA MARKET

By Stark Liedtke

The Alton Fire Department will be holding its auction and flea market starting at 10 a.m. Come to the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 to see what bargains you can obtain. This event will happen RAIN or SHINE. We hope to see you there.

## ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

By Jean Roberts

The Alton Historical Society has a new home in the Gilman Library, ground floor, south wing. The museum will be open every Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2 - 4 p.m., July 7 through September 3.

Society members will be on hand to welcome visitors. We hope that interested persons will take advantage of this opportunity to visit our museum.

## EAST ALTON FIRE ASSOCIATION CHICKEN BARBECUE

By Maureen Gubitose

On Saturday, July 24, the East Alton Fire Association (EAFA) will hold its 25th Annual Chicken Barbecue. It will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. at the East Alton Fire Station (off Route 28), RAIN or SHINE!

All tickets are sold in advance. Adults are \$8 and children \$4. All 400 tickets are usually sold out so get yours early from one of the following people: Mark Northridge, 875-5255; Irving Roberts, 569-2629; Judy Fry, 569-3742.

Proceeds from this event will go towards equipment and benefit the fire department, as well as the firefighters. Donations are also greatly appreciated.

## CUB SCOUT CAR WASH

By Kelly Merchant

On July 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 53 will be holding a car wash at the Edgewood parking lot. Money from the car wash will help pay for the boys' camping trip to White's Lake Campground in Ossipee, August 13 - 15.

Please come and help them earn money for their trip. For more information call me at 875-4224. Thank you.

## ALTON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By Margaret Birdsey

After a month of concentrated effort, sometimes referred to as "hard work," the flowers we only envisioned in May have become a reality in June. Now there is something pretty blooming all over town.

I'm sure you have seen our wonderful gardens on either side of the Community House. Have you, however, taken a minute to find a parking spot and step down to the Shirley Ferry Garden? This beautiful perennial garden, not easily visible from the street, overlooks Lake Winnepesaukee and is a perfect spot to wile away some time this summer. Do take a minute for this treat and enjoy the beauty that is around us.

We want to thank Debby Beckett and Nancy McKone for their thoughtfulness and generosity in giving us the remaining funds from the disbanded Shape Up The Bay For Summer account. We will put this to good use in our continuing beautification commitment. Thank you.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

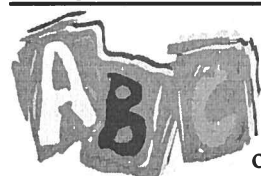
The American Legion Auxiliary of Alton will be holding a spaghetti supper on July 9 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Post on Main Street. The meal will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, coffee or soda, ice cream with strawberries, and sugar wafers. The cost is \$6 per person.

On July 30 the Auxiliary will hold a Ham and Bean Supper at the Post from 6 - 8 p.m.. The supper will include ham, home baked beans, corn muffins, cole slaw, coffee or soda, and Jello. The price per person is \$7.

**ANNUAL ACADEMIC FAIR**



Second-grader Ashley Lionetta explains her display to her mother, Tracy, and four-year-old brother, Michael, during the recent Academic Fair at Alton Central School. The Fair is an opportunity for parents and other community members to see the kinds of projects undertaken at all grade levels during each academic year.



**ALTON SECOND GRADERS  
RAISE FUNDS WITH  
SPELL-A-THON**

Students in the second grade classes of Diane Bolduc, Deborah Cook, and

Nancy Zappone at Alton Central School recently participated in a Spell-A-Thon to raise funds for field trips. Students obtained total pledges of over \$1,000 by learning to spell 50 very difficult words such as squirrel, beautiful, machine, stretch, and whistle.

First place winners in the contest with 100 percent of the words spelled correctly were Shaida Anderson, Marina Avery, Cory Dudman, Brittany Dwyer, Kaitlyn Kirchhoff, Thomas Pellowe, Elaine Pelton, Westen Stewart, Xavier Stone, and Kathleen Sykes.

Second place winners with only one word wrong were Emily Donahue, Kimberly Grant, Colin Hammond, Vincent Meuse, Crystal Murray, and Stephanie Roy.

Third place winners had 48 words correct. They are Erik Caron, Shannon Eagles, Katherine Gage, Justin Kantar, Coty Maciejewski, and Michael Stevens.

All participants received a certificate and ribbon for their hard work.

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Four seniors, three juniors, and six sophomores were recently named to the National Honor Society at Alton Central School. They are seniors April Boles, Andrew Fuller, Christy Holway, and Kimberly Noyes; juniors Korin Eagles, Jenny Martin, and Michael Murray; and sophomores Zachary Christy, Sara Dore, Renee LaFreniere, Katie Morrill, Meghan St. Cyr, and Emily Sydow.



A faculty committee consisting of five members chosen by the principal screens students. To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, and character.

Leadership is based on the student's participation in two or more community or school activities, or election to office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in three or more service projects in the school and community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with students and faculty.

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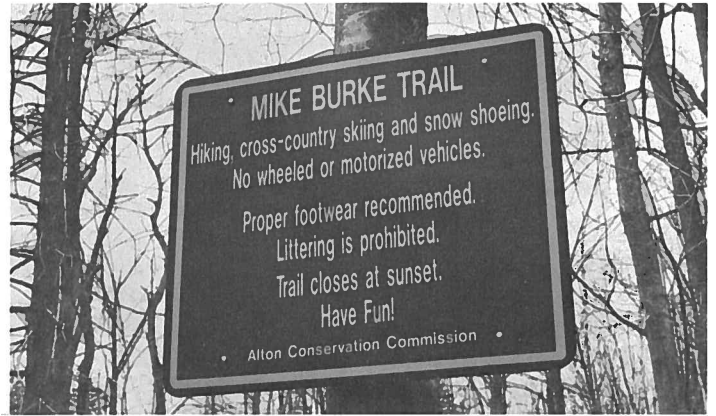
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**A TRAIL AVAILABLE FOR DISCOVERY**

**By Bob Longbaugh**

The above photograph shows a part of Alton's "wilderness" which gives a hint of a trail less followed. Thanks, primarily, to the Alton Conservation Commission, the 90 acres of Town Forest off Avery Hill Road has a one (+/-) mile trail for nature enthusiasts to explore and enjoy.

The Mike Burke Trail has, indeed, been a labor of love for the Conservation Commission with a great deal of support from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Staked out prior to 1994 by the late Mike Burke, Town Forester, and subsequently "bushwhacked" by Conservation Commission member James Washburn, it was declared "open for business" in 1997. There have been five "official" work sessions since that time (and a lot of unofficial work sessions in the interim with "believers" cruising the trail with loppers). The trail has now achieved the status of an Alton unrecognized treasure, gaining a bit more recognition with each new explorer.

There is a rudimentary parking lot at the trailhead on Avery Hill Road, just a short distance from Alton Mountain Road. The one-mile trail is a loop so that a moderate physical endeavor will get you back to the point of beginning without seeing the same scenery twice.

The Conservation Commission has been a "hands on" group in opening the Mike Burke Trail, another Alton "plus," for public enjoyment. They have, as individuals (supplemented by Fire Department volunteers, and MANY others), put in hours of labor clearing the trail to make it more "user friendly." The members of the Commission who have served over the years to make the trail a reality are: Lisa Erickson (Chairperson), Tom Hoopes, Justine Gengras, Patricia Merrill, and Jim Washburn. The trail is open — let's all enjoy it!

**THOUGHTS AT GRADUATION: YOUR IDEA  
OF A GOOD FRIEND WAS THE ONE WHO...**

In kindergarten...let you have the red crayon when all that was left was the ugly black one.

In first grade...went to the bathroom with you and held your hand as you walked through the scary halls.

In second grade...helped you stand up to the class bully.

In third grade...shared their lunch with you when you forgot yours on the bus.

In fourth grade...was willing to switch square dancing partners in gym so you wouldn't have to be stuck do-si-do-ing with Nasty Nicky or Smelly Susan.

In fifth grade...saved you a seat on the back of the bus.

In sixth grade...went up to Nick or Susan, your new crush, and asked them to dance with you so that if they said no you wouldn't have to be embarrassed.



In seventh grade...let you copy the social studies homework from the night before.

In eighth grade...helped you pack up your stuffed animals or old baseball cards so that your room would be a "high schooler's" room, but didn't laugh at you when you finished and broke out into tears.

In ninth grade...went to that "cool" party thrown by a senior so you wouldn't wind up being the only freshman there.

In tenth grade...changed their schedule so you would have someone to sit with at lunch.

In eleventh grade...gave you rides in their new car, convinced your parents that you shouldn't be grounded, consoled you when you broke up with Nick or Susan, and found you a date to the prom.

In twelfth grade...helped you pick out a college, assured you that you would get into that college, and helped you deal with your parents who were having a hard time adjusting to the idea of letting you go.

At graduation...was crying on the inside but managed the biggest smile one could give as they congratulated you.

Pass on to those friends of the past and those of the future...thank you for being a friend.

**I AM A BUILDING...**

**Research By Muriel Walker**

**Story By MaryBee Longabaugh**

...and oh, the sights, sounds, and smells I have experienced in my flooring, walls, and ceiling! My life has been full, and it seems it will continue.

My name used to be Alton Bay Pavilion, and I was brought into being in 1921. At that time I was two stories tall and contained a restaurant, movie theater, and dance hall, so there were lots of activities going on to keep me hopping. However, there was a mishap in 1928 — a fire completely destroyed me!

I was lucky though because I was rebuilt, but with only one story this time. Once again I had movies to watch and dancing couples. Then a new diversion came inside my walls. Both boxing and wrestling were introduced. It was an exciting time.

In 1940 I was sold. The new owners renovated me by installing a new ceiling, different lighting, and paneling. I saw another new activity at that time — roller skating. What fun! The dancing continued, which I always enjoy. My walls vibrated to the beat.

Dancing to the big bands in the 40's and 50's, oh, those were the days. I have seen and heard Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, Harry James and Vaughn Monroe. That was an era to remember. Some of that has continued with the Freese Brothers Big Band. The roller skating has been discontinued; it really did a number on my floor, but the participants did enjoy themselves.

In 1997 a dinner-theater experiment was tried and enjoyed for a summer. A seafood restaurant was in place in 1998, but I did not see them fish for dinner from the deck. I have never been a full-year enterprise for anyone. In the winter I just sit and watch the ice fishermen try their luck in their bob houses or see the planes come in to land in the Bay once the lake freezes. Winter carnival is always a fun day for everyone. I like seeing people have a good time.

I have now once again been undergoing renovation work — they found my original ceiling so my acoustics are back; the band stand will accommodate a 16-piece band, as well as the 6- to 7-piece house band, so my dancing days will continue; and I will have a new restaurant (ahh! new smells and aromas). I do like the activity. Come down and see me sometime so you too can become a part of my memories.



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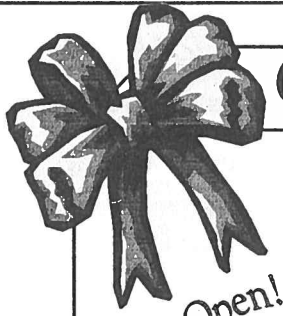
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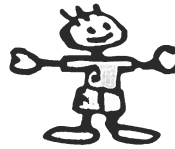
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**Big Wheels Drive-In Movie** - Thu., July 15, 6:45 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand, ages 3 - 10, accompanied by a parent. Fun obstacle courses to test your skills. Next, Community Center, 8 p.m., for movie "Babe - Pig in the City." FREE.

**Creative Drawing** - Drawing includes object/still life, western and atmospheric perspective, landscape, narrative, textured paper, and local field trips. Ages 10 - 13, Alton Bay Community Center, July 5 - Aug. 5, Mon. and Wed., 10 a.m. - 12 noon, \$21 for supplies/instruction. Sign up by July 1.

**"Pack the Park Night"** - Bring family and friends to Alton Bay for an evening of fun and games. Next enjoy the concert; bring a blanket or chair. FREE. Sat., July 17, 6 - 7 p.m.

**Great Canoe Caper** - July 10, 8 a.m., Alton Town Hall. Family canoe trip for all ages and abilities. Drive to Suncook River in caravan fashion. Includes flat, sluggish water, river paddling, possible portage, sightings of moose and deer possible. Bring canoe, life jackets, lunch, sunscreen and camera. FREE. Sign up by July 2.

**Tennis Lessons** - July 5 - Aug. 2, Mon. (rain date Tue.), Liberty Tree Park Courts. Children, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Adults, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. \$30/course, \$8/class. Sign up by July 1.

**Swim Lessons** - July 26 - 30, Alton Bay, \$7. Advanced 8 - 8:45 a.m.; Strokes and Dives 8:50 - 9:35 a.m.; Intro Strokes 9:40 - 10:25 a.m.; Beginner 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Space limited; register now.

**Wet and Wild Day** - July 8, Alton Bay Community Center, ages 6 - 11, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Water events/games, sports, swimming, arts/crafts, and more, \$5. Sign up by July 1.

**Outdoor Adventure Day** - July 14, Alton Bay Community Center, ages 7 - 12, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Explore for dinosaurs, field games, swimming, scavenger hunt hike, and more, \$5. Sign up by July 6.

**Hike and Swim Day** - July 22, Alton Bay Community Center, ages 8 - 12, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hike to Mt. Major summit, swim/water games, and more, \$5. Sign up by July 9.

**Mountain Bike Hike** - Sun., July 11, 8 a.m., intermediate/advanced riders 15 and older. +/- 11 miles of trail, technical riding/rocks, steep grades, and great mud, excellent workout! Trail directions/maps provided. FREE. Sign up by July 2.

**Soccer Camps** - Includes camp shirt. Ages 6 - 12: July 19 - 23, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, \$84, Alton School; Aug. 2 - 6, 5 - 8 p.m., \$88, Jones Field.

**Youth Soccer League** - U8, U10, U12, sign up before Aug. 6, \$15. Info sheet at Parks and Recreation. Need volunteers.

**Mike Burke Volleyball Tournament** - A Team, July 25; B Team, Aug. 1. Co-ed teams of four play for title. 10 a.m., Mike Burke Volleyball Court, \$15pp. Sign up by July 16.

**Grocery BINGO** - July 28, Pearson Road Community Center, 1 - 3 p.m. FREE.

**Country Line Dance Lessons** - New dances each week, Tue., Alton Bay Community Center, 2 - 4 p.m., \$3/entire summer session.

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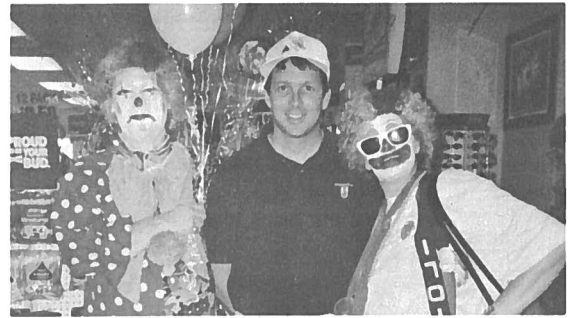
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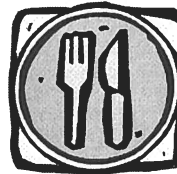
**CARD OF THANKS**

The American Legion Auxiliary of Alton would like to thank the local merchants for letting our members distribute poppies in front of their places of business. Once again, Thanks!

/s/Legion Auxiliary of Post 72



Customer Appreciation Day was fun for all when two clowns appeared to keep everyone laughing. One can identify Eric Morrison of Alton Circle Grocery, but the clowns are a mystery. Look for more fun in the Fall.

**ALTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS**

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

July 1 - 2: Thursday, Meat Loaf; Friday, Sloppy Joe's.

July 5 - 9: Monday, Closed; Tuesday, Salisbury Steak w/ gravy. Wednesday, Cod Fillet/Lemon; Thursday, Chef Salad/Ham and Cheese; Friday, Baked Stuffed Chicken.

July 12 - 16: BBQ Riblet; Tuesday, Manicotti/Meat Sauce; Wednesday, Cold Sliced Ham; Thursday, Hot Turkey Sandwich/Gravy; Friday Lemon Pepper Cod.

July 19 - 23: Monday, BBQ Chicken; Tuesday, Hot Dogs/Baked Beans; Wednesday, Picnic at Ellacoya Beach; Thursday, Tuna Salad Plate; Friday, Macaroni and Cheese.

July 26 - 30: Monday, Sirloin Cutlet/Gravy; Tuesday, Corned Beef; Wednesday, BBQ chicken; Thursday, Roast Pork/Gravy; Friday, Imitation Crab Meat/Tossed Salad.

**TEN YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Four hundred sixty graduates from the classes of 1915 through 1964 at Alton Central School came together for "The Big Reunion." They traveled to Alton from 22 states and two foreign countries to renew acquaintances with former neighbors and classmates . . . Andrew Shagoury joined the Alton Police Department . . . the summer reading program at the Gilman Library emphasized space, and included a trip to the Plymouth State College Planetarium . . . Old Home Week shirts and hats were available at many stores in Alton and Alton Bay.

**FIVE YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . A fourth grader, Matthew Currid, researched all of the towns named Alton listed in the United States; then he wrote to them and created a map showing their location and exhibiting the post cards he had received from the nine locations . . . as part of the Bi-centennial Focus, early education in Alton was explored — in 1797 there were just a few boys who received tutoring in the home, but by 1808 there were 15 school districts, each with their own school house, in the growing town of Alton . . . Pam Bothwick won second place in the Student Quilt Contest sponsored by the New England Quilters Guild with her attractive butterfly quilt.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ANNUAL COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon is when you can dispose of some of your hazardous wastes. This event is organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) and financed by participating communities and matching grant monies from the NH Department of Environmental Services.

The rules are as follows: Bring **ONLY** household products; there is a ten-gallon limit per household; **DO NOT MIX OR CONSOLIDATE ITEMS**; and participants are required to complete a short survey.

### What Can I Bring to This Annual Collection Event?

**From the house:** drain cleaners; oven cleaners; metal polish; arts and crafts supplies; photo chemicals; floor cleaners; dry cleaning fluids; old pills and medicine; radiator cleaners; unbroken florescent light bulbs. Most batteries (Non-rechargeable and Rechargeable) can be recycled at your local landfill, but Sealed Lead Acid (camcorder and cell phones) batteries must be brought to this event.

**From the garage:** used motor oil; antifreeze; brake fluid; old car batteries (limit 2 per family); engine and radiator flushes; gasoline; transmission fluid; old chemistry kits.

**From the yard and garden:** pesticides in one gallon or smaller containers; herbicides; insect sprays; rodent killers; pool chemicals; muriatic acid; no-pest strips; cesspool cleaners.

**From the workbench:** rust preventatives; wood

preservatives; wood strippers; oil-based paints using a petrochemical as a solvent (enamels, varnishes, shellacs, lacquers, and stains); paint thinner; solvents; degreasers; sealants.

### Items Not Accepted At the Collection

There are some products that you should not bring to the event. They are: latex paint and watercolors and empty aerosol cans (all of which can safely go to landfill, but the latex paint cans should be thoroughly dry first); tires; gas cylinders (including propane tanks larger than gas grill size); explosive materials; ammunition and fireworks; radioactive materials (smoke alarms); lithium batteries; solid waste; PCBs; asbestos. **DO READ THE LABEL** as older water-based paints contain lead and until 1990 mercury was added to some indoor latex paints. If this is the case, dispose of that paint/containers at the Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

### Collection Sites and Information

In Alton you can call Justine Gengras at 776-8558 or Town Hall, 875-2161. The two closest collection sites are: Gilford Public Works Garage, Route 11A or Wolfeboro Town Highway Garage, Route 109A. A phone number for Gilford is 527-4778 and Wolfeboro, 569-2073. Other sites include: Belmont, Bristol, Franklin, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, and Ossipee. Contact LRPC (279-8171) or town/city offices for specific directions.

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