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A SAD DAY FOR ALTON

By Bob Longabaugh

Thursday, May 11, 2000, is a date that will long be remembered by Alton residents, especially the members of the St. Joan of Arc Parish. Shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon, the heat from a plumber's soldering of pipes in an air conditioner unit ignited adjacent combustibles and a fire ensued that quickly leaped beyond the ability of the few nearby people to put it out.

Rev. Richard Wegman, pastor of the church, was next door in the rectory when he noticed smoke coming from the building. He picked up the phone to get the fire department on its way and then rushed to the burning church to remove whatever he could from harm's way. The statue of St. Joan of Arc was one of the first things he carried out.

The Alton Fire & Rescue Department received the call for help at 2:24 p.m., and five minutes later Ladder Truck 1 was on the scene with Deputy Fire Chief Bob Witham assessing the situation. He called immediately for additional support with the ultimate result being that Barnstead, Gilford, Gilmanton, New Durham, and Wolfeboro all had equipment and firefighters reinforcing Alton's first string in short order. At the height of the fire there were 23 Alton firefighters and

no less than 18 mutual aid personnel on the scene.

Alton's first firefighters to arrive undertook both to remove precious artifacts from the building and squelch the fire. Hoses were brought into the first floor sanctuary which was filled with unusually thick smoke. Great difficulty was experienced in locating the exact location of the fire and where to train the hoses.

When Fire Chief Russ Sample assumed command, it was evident that the church roof was in danger of collapsing, and he evacuated the building. The Alton and Wolfeboro ladder trucks became the main assault units, putting their heavy streams of water onto the flames emitting from the roof, while other hose lines from firefighters on the ground attacked lower hot spots. At 3:55 p.m. the fire was declared under control, but not much remained of the Alton spiritual and physical landmark formerly recognizable as the St. Joan of Arc church.

So complete was the devastation that what remained of the structure had to be demolished the next afternoon in order not to be a hazard. A few things were saved. According to Joanne Towle, Parish Secretary, the mahogany altar rail that was the gift of Al Jolson in memory of his wife Ruby Keeler,

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REPLAY OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

If you missed the highly educational and entertaining meeting of the Alton Historical Society held on May 16, you will have one more chance to "tune in." This was the meeting featuring Dorothy Barnes and Archie Horn reminiscing about life in Alton over the last 60 years.

LRPA-tv's Channel 25 will have its last re-broadcast of the meeting on Wednesday, May 31. There will be showings at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on that date. If you do not have cable TV, the videotape will be available at the Gilman Library commencing June 5.

Appreciation is due to Alton resident Frank DeCostis for donating his time recording the event. Frank is a LRPA-tv volunteer who does most of the videography for the Alton events that appear on Channel 25.

APOLOGIES AND UPDATES

By **MaryBee and Bob Longabaugh, Co-Editors**

Do you believe that events come in threes? Main Street is proving it with last month's issue.

To begin, on page 5 we had an article about the joint meeting of the Historical Society and Friends of the Gilman Library where Archie Home and Doris Barnes were to reminisce. Our sincere apologies go to **Archie Horn** for the misspelling of his last name.

On page 17 we had a picture of a young woman who was to have a 60th birthday on May 12. Little did we realize that with the clues we gave, people would congratulate the wrong person. Our sincere apologies to **Linda Troendle** and all the others who were wished a happy birthday — by the way, the *celebrant was Pat Rockwood*.

And finally, on page 3 we reported that **Mal Simonds'** last day of employment would be June 20. We were wrong. His last day at the Solid Waste Center (SWC) is actually June 10. Happy Retirement to you, Mal.

We are sorry for the mistakes, but we hope that you still enjoy reading about what is happening in Alton.

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Main Street's Inside Front Page

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE OF ALTON

From Father Richard Wegman

Too often in life we are unaware of the love which surrounds us. Then in illness, grief, or loss, love becomes tangible — very real — in the people around us. On Thursday, May 11, at two o'clock in the afternoon, we of the St. Joan of Arc faith community were struck by tragedy. Our church building went up, and down, in flames. It was a nightmare for those who witnessed it. But, even as the fire raged, the love around us was then apparent. There was hand holding; there were embraces; there were tears in the eyes of everyone, members of our parish or not; and there was a mutual support being extended to all by all.

Particular mention must be made of the love shown to us by Pastor Peter Bolster of the Community Church and Pastor Bob Hett of the Bay Church. Our gratitude knows no boundaries. With the help of God we will rebuild. We have lost our church building but not the Church, for WE are the church! Please keep us in your hearts and your prayers. Accept our loving gratitude for the support you have already given and, we know, the love you will continue to show as we go through the difficult days which are ahead of us.

/s/Father Dick and the people
of St. Joan of Arc Parish

A REALLY BIG HIGH SCHOOL REUNION?

By Alton Alumni Association

The 1965-1976 Alton High School Reunion is fast approaching, and we are hard at work on the final plans and preparations. The time has come to remind you of some of the details, share some new information, and give you the opportunity to register for the evening.

Our reunion will be held Saturday, July 29, 6 p.m. - midnight, at the Gunstock Recreational Area in Gilford. The charge per person is \$30 which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner with entree choice, dessert, all-night coffee, and dancing to 60's and 70's classics provided by B & B Entertainment. A cash bar will be available.

Class pictures (12 in all) at a cost of \$15 each will be taken beginning at 6:45 p.m., so please plan to arrive early. There will be photographers available throughout the evening for candid shots at \$5 each.

Due to arrangements with Gunstock, we must have your registration forms and checks no later than June 10. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate unregistered guests or classmates wishing to pay at the door, and we will not be sending out any further reminders of this event. If you have misplaced your registration form, did not receive our previous letter, or need further information, contact either Elaine MacDonald (P. O. Box 73, Alton Bay 03810) at 875-6389 or Crystal Newlin, 875-5741.

Hopefully, you are looking forward to the evening as much as we are. Don't miss this opportunity to catch up on the last ten years!



THE IMAGINATIONS

WILL THE 51st BE THE LAST?

By Bob Longabaugh

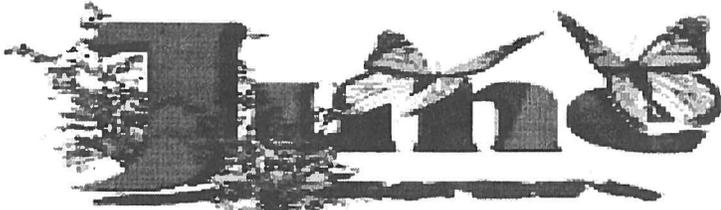
The Alton Bay Barbershop Jamboree will convene for the 51st time on June 9 - 11, but it may well be the finale to a half century of summer four-part a cappella harmony in Alton.

Nashua's Granite Statesmen (the 1999 Northeastern District Chorus Champions) has been the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. organizer of the musical part of the annual event for the last 26 years. Various Alton groups — primarily the Downing family until just a few years ago — have been the local sponsor. Times are changing, however, and the Nashua singers are looking for another Barbershop group to assume the leadership in carrying out the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. role in the jamboree.

Meanwhile, in Alton, there is no formal group to uphold the host community's part of the bargain.. The Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce was the last organization to provide the home base logistics, but they are no more. Last year and this year it has been an informal latch up of individuals who have taken care of the support work in Alton to make it all work. Counting on dedicated individuals to come together almost spontaneously and then be efficient in getting the local arrangements accomplished is a heck of a way to run a railroad — or even a single jamboree.

This year Cecile Chase, manager of the Bank of New Hampshire's branch in Alton, took up the cudgel and enlisted a few other good people to take care of Alton's commitments in making the Barbershoppers feel at home. Cecile is willing to be the initial contact point for anyone and everyone willing to carry on Alton's part of the jamboree in 2001 and beyond. Next year and beyond, however, also depends on Nashua's Granite Statesmen finding a S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. group willing to do what they have been doing for more than a quarter of a century.

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The Program For This Year

The 51st Jamboree starts on Friday, June 9, with registration and informal singing in the evening around the Alton Bay Community Center located in the former railroad station adjacent to the M/S Mount Washington pier. Information and tickets to all events will be available at the headquarters in the Bay Community Center.

Saturday, the 10th, will feature a barbecue starting at 4 p.m. and the main event — the Annual Show — starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle on the grounds of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center in Alton Bay. "After-glow" will be back at the Bay.

Sunday morning a breakfast cruise will wind down the weekend.

Tickets for the main event are \$7.50 and are available at the Alton office of the Bank of New Hampshire, the Alton Bay Market, Alton Village 5 & 10, and Maxfield Real Estate on Main Street.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

By Kellie Troendle, Recreation Director

On Saturdays in July from 7 - 9 p.m. and on Monday, July 3* from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. (with fireworks to follow) at the Alton Bay Bandstand, there will be free concerts. Bring a blanket, chair, and picnic supper. All ages are welcome. In case of inclement weather, free performances will be held inside the Bay View Pavilion. So that you can mark your calendar early, the July schedule includes:

- July 1: Stan Moeller & T. S. Baker — Pop and Folk
- July 3:* Almost Cowboyz — Country and Western (fire works follow the 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. concert)
- July 8: Dreadnaught — Groovy Alternative Rock
- July 15: Memorial Bridge All Stars — Swing and Jazz
- July 22: Roll & Tumble — Rhythm and Groove
- July 29: Racky Thomas Bank — Soulful Blues

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TOP TEN GRADUATES

The Alton Central School has announced the top ten graduates in the Class of 2000. They are: 1) Jenny L. Martin, Valedictorian; 2) Frederick T. LaCrosse and Victor J. Stone, Co-Salutatorians; 4) Korin L. Eagles; 5) Elizabeth A. Quindley; 6) Katharine J. O'Meara; 7) Michael W. Murray; 8) Eric A. Morrill; 9) Jessica A. Benedetto; 10) Amanda M. Coughlin.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES COME TOGETHER FOR ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

The Alton Historical Society will join with similar groups from Belmont and Gilmanton on Tuesday, June 27, at 7 p.m. in the Old Town Hall in Gilmanton Iron Works for a very special program in which Elenea Dodd IS Eleanor Roosevelt.

"Mrs. Roosevelt" will appear as private citizen and First Lady of the World covering her experiences as journalist, world traveler, chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights, and advisor to the Democratic Party.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

By Laurie Boyce

We would like to thank all the school volunteers who have put in over 8,000 hours. We still have a month of school to go. But, since I had to do the volunteer-hour report, I thought I'd tell the town how fantastic the school volunteers program has been.

From working every day at the school to doing every once-in-a-while needs, we have over 120 active volunteers this year. I have been associated with the school volunteer program for the past 13 years, and every year seems to be better than the one before. With the number of students who attend Alton School, volunteers are always needed. So, take the summer off and think about joining this outstanding program in the fall. We'd like to THANK all the current volunteers again for an outstanding year. See you in September.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Betty Locke

Mary and Calvin Batchelder will speak about "A Walk in Scotland" at the June 27 Alton Garden Club meeting. It will be held at the Baptist Meeting House at 1:30 p.m.

The hostesses are Ester Emerson, Chairman; Shirley Copeland, Mary Downing, Dorothy Folsom, Jacqueline Freese, Barbara Ingoldsby, Poncy Sherburne, and Margaret Favreau.

In April the Club welcomed as guests a group of home-schoolers and parents and also two new members, Sandra Boutilier and Ruth Nickerson.

BUY IT! BAG IT! BITE IT!

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Friends of Gilman Library

Once again the Friends of the Gilman Library will participate in the Alton Town-Wide Yard Sale which will be held on Saturday, June 10 (rain date June 11). The Friends will be selling books, book bags, t-shirts, last year's calendar for the summer cottage visitors, and home-baked goods for that treat you are craving.

At the upcoming meeting on June 13, the Executive Committee is still looking for ways the Friends can raise money so as to give the library staff needed funds for programming. Also a brochure is in the works for enticing more members to join our group, at only \$2 a person — Such A Deal!

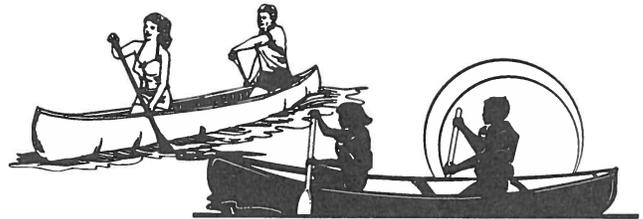
Back to the June 10 sale. We, the Friends of the Gilman Library, need workers for that day to person the sales tables, and we also need people willing to sign up to bake for us. The sign-up sheets are at the library checkout desk. Please, help us out on this fund-raiser.

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HISTORIC ALTON:

DELVING INTO THE HISTORY OF ALTON

By Judith Pellowe

Perhaps the best known source for information about the history of Alton is the book by Barton McLain Griffin, published in 1965. Copies of this work are still available in the Town Hall at a price of \$8. There are a number of other, less well-known, sources for information on Alton's history. Albert V. Fisher wrote a history of Alton contained in three notebooks, which can be checked out from the Gilman Library.

Additionally, as part of the Alton Bicentennial celebration, a series of essays were written. This was a cooperative effort with many contributors on a number of topics. The Gilman Library has a set of these essays, which can be used in the library but not checked out, and the Historical Society Museum also has a set. The essays cover such topics as Alton's Indian Heritage; Religious Congregations; Farming in Alton; Taverns, Hotels, and Stage Coach Stops; Education in Alton; and many others. There are a total of 21 separate essays that provide a wealth of information about Alton's past and the growth of the town. During the 1996 Bicentennial year some of these essays were reprinted in Main Street.

A REALLY PUBLIC PUBLIC HEARING

On June 1 at 7 p.m. LRPA-tv will be bringing Alton homes with cable TV into the 21st Century. Viewers tuning to Channel 25 at that time will be able to participate in a public hearing from the comfort of their living room. It's as simple as watching and listening to the presentation and then picking up the phone to ask a question or make a statement for the record. The television set will actually talk back to you!

The subject of the public hearing will be the renewal of Metrocast's franchise to serve its area. Metrocast is the cable company serving the town of Alton, among others. If you are a Metrocast subscriber and have a view on whether their franchise should be renewed, or under what conditions, this will be an opportunity for your voice to be heard.



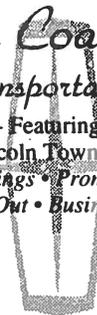
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**COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM
COULD USE MORE VOLUNTEERS**

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) will be holding a meeting for its volunteers and anyone who may be interested in volunteering on Tuesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall. Shirley Bentley from "Caregivers" in Wolfeboro will be joining us to provide information on Caregivers and to seek volunteers from Alton who can assist with helping Alton residents get to their medical appointments. There are many volunteer opportunities available through the ACSP. Please join us on the 13th to learn more.

The ACSP completed the month of April having served 43 adults and 35 children in its food pantry. Referrals for financial assistance continue to be made to the various agencies where volunteers are represented in the ACSP.

The food pantry, which has its regular hours on Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m., will be open during the Memorial Day parade for viewing only. Come see our facility and join us for a cup of coffee.

For emergency assistance the ACSP can be reached at 875-2273 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 7 days a week.

BLAIR WINS COMPETITION

By Linda Roy, ACS Guidance Office

Scott Blair, a student from Alton Central School, attends the Kingswood Regional Automotive Service Technology Program taught by Scott Jamieson. On April 14 Scott competed in the USA-VICA Job Skills Demonstration at Pease Air Force Base in Newington.

He took first place overall for the State of New Hampshire.

The competition, sponsored by the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), consisted of preparing a five-to-seven minute performance of an occupational skill explaining a topic through the use of experiments, displays, or practical operations in which the student is training. Scott's choice was performing an oil change.

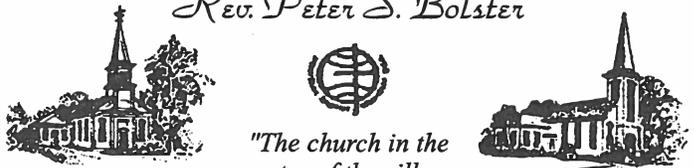
His first place finish earned him the right to compete in the National Skills-USA-VICA Competition that is to take place at the H. Roe Bartle Conference Center in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 29. Scott will join more than 4,000 students from across the country who are competing in 70 occupational and leadership skill areas.

Skills-USA-VICA is an applied method for preparing America's high performance workers in public vocational-technical programs. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes, and communication skills.

We, in Alton, are very proud of Scott and wish to say CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!

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Watch for the Friends of the Gilman Library's 2001 calendar entitled "The Beauty of Alton." It will arrive soon. Meanwhile, if you need a current calendar for your summer cottage or camp, the year 2000 calendar "Home Sweet Home" is still available at the Gilman Library or the Alton Village 5 & 10. Get your copy while supplies last.

The theme for this year's summer reading program is "Reading Cats and Dogs." Information regarding the program will be available at the Gilman Library on June 1.

The Wednesday afternoon Preschool Story Hour at 1:30 p.m. will not be held during the summer. The last day of Story Hour will be June 14; the date to resume the program in the fall will be announced at the end of summer.

The Book Discussion Group will be gathering on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Postcards* by Annie E. Proulx. Everyone is welcome. If you are in need of a copy of the book and/or would like to attend, please call 875-2550.

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BOATING SAFETY COURSE OFFERED

By Joe Harris

The New Hampshire Bureau of Marine Patrol is offering Boating Safety Courses during the summer months as part a nation-wide campaign to promote safety afloat. The courses will be offered in Concord and Gilford during July and August, as the June courses have been filled. Each course consists of two four-hour sessions. The courses offered in Gilford will be held on July 11 and 18 (Tuesday evenings), August 4 and 11 (Friday evenings), and August 9 and 16 (Wednesday evenings).

Classes will also be held in Concord on July 22 and 29 (Saturday mornings) and on August 19 and 26 (also Saturday mornings). Classes are planned for this coming fall at other locations throughout the state with dates and places to be announced.

National Safe Boating Week occurred in May with this year's emphasis on the importance of wearing life jackets. Each year more than 800 people die in boating-related accidents, and the majority of victims were not wearing a life jacket. The goal of the continuing campaign is to promote the use of life jackets and reduce accidents on the water.

For further information or registration in the upcoming courses, contact the Boating Education Office at the Marine Patrol in Gilford. They may be reached at 293-0092 or 1-888-254-2125.

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Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

THE KIDS CLUB



Photo by Judith Pellowe

The Alton Community Church's "Kids Club" ended the year with a trip to Levey Park. The members learned about the history of the park, participated in a Scavenger Hunt, and also picked up trash in and around the area.

TWO JUNIORS TO ATTEND

ADVANCED STUDIES AT ST. PAUL'S

The Principal of Alton Central School, Thomas Parker, is pleased to announce that Meghan St. Cyr and Renee LaFreniere, both Juniors at Alton High School, have been accepted to the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School. The St. Paul's School in Concord founded the Advanced Studies Program in 1957 to provide talented high school students from New Hampshire schools with challenging educational opportunities otherwise unavailable to them. Students apply in the fall of their junior year for attendance in the summer before their senior year of high school.

COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMER DAY CAMP

By Rev. Peter Bolster, Alton Community Church

The Community Church of Alton will offer a day camp program this summer. The camp, "Kids Club," will be on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The program will include field trips, Bible study, songs, and recreation.

Each Wednesday a bus will take us to various locations throughout the area (see picture left) where we will provide a day of exciting activities. All children entering kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to participate.

Miss Harley Dain is the day camp director and a staff of volunteer adults will assist her. The cost of the camp will be \$5 registration and \$10 for each day the child attends. The first day of camp will be June 28. We will continue through August 23. To register or ask for further information, call 875-5561 or 875-3704.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring "A Berry Summer Luncheon" on Wednesday, June 14, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Look at the 'Berries'" is the Special Feature with Carol Lee Bratt from Bratt's Crafts in Moultonboro. "Scrumptious Cool Whipped Notes" is the Special Music with Susan Farah of Meredith. "Bring You The Berry Best" will be presented by Special Speaker, Marjorie Donovan from Southington, Connecticut.

Reservations for the lunch and available complimentary nursery may be made by calling in Alton, Janet, 875-2032 between 2 - 6 p.m. or Kim, 875-8173; in Gilford call Harriet, 524-7194 or Faith, 293-8073.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.

Will it take six strong men to bring you back to church?



Our church welcomes you no matter what condition you're in, but we'd really prefer to see you breathing. Come join us in the love, worship and fellowship of Jesus Christ this Sunday.

The Christian Churches of Alton
The Bay Church ~ The Community Church ~ St. Joan of Arc
(see Information Center for worship times)



Main Street's Information Center

JUNE EVENTS

- Thu. 1 SPRING CONCERT, Grades K - 3, Alton Central School (ACS), Gym, 7 p.m.
CHANNEL 25: Interactive Public Hearing on Metrocast Cable TV Franchise Renewal, 7 p.m.
- Fri. 2 8TH GRADE RECOGNITION AND FANCY DANCE, ACS Gym, 6 - 9:30 p.m.
SPAGHETTI SUPPER, American Legion, see story
- Sat. 3 HOUSE/YARD SALE, benefit Mt. Major Community Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
- Tue. 6 FINAL DAY TO CHANGE PARTY BEFORE PRIMARY, see Check This Out
- Wed. 7 CELEBRATE NH FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, June 7 - 11, Hopkinton Fair Grounds
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 8 HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DAY, ACS Gym, 8:15 p.m.
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - noon
- Fri. 9 ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY, ACS back fields, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
BARBERSHOP JAMBOREE BEGINS, see page 3
- Sat. 10 TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
BARBERSHOP JAMBOREE CONTINUES
BARBERSHOP JAMBOREE CONCLUDES
- Sun. 11 LIONS CLUB MINI-GOLF, Blue Jay Miniature Golf, Alton Bay, 5 - 8:30 p.m.
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m., see story
- Tue. 13 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM, meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m., see story
FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, meeting, Library, 7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 14 FLAG DAY
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED, see notice
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 15 KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION, ACS Gym, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 16 HIGH SCHOOL FIELD DAY, ACS back fields all day
- Sat. 17 ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL GRADUATION, Gym, 9 a.m.
- Sun. 18 FATHER'S DAY
- Tue. 20 SUMMER SOLSTICE, 9:49 p.m.
- Wed. 21 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 24 DINNER/DANCE, Alton Fire & Rescue Fund Raiser, 6 p.m., see story
- Sun. 25 ANNUAL CANOE RACE, 10 a.m. start time, see story
- Mon. 26 BINGO, West Alton Fire House, 7 p.m.
- Tue. 27 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, meeting, Baptist Meeting House, 1:30 p.m., see story
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, group meeting in Gilmanton Iron Works, 7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 28 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:
(1) P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810 or (2) Farmington National Bank (Main Street box). **Be sure to include a phone number.**

ALTON'S ANNUAL CANOE RACE

Canoe the scenic Merrymeeting River into Alton Bay with two portages. If you register before June 13, you will receive a race t-shirt — limit of two per canoe. Categories include: recreational, racing, and kayak. Prizes will be awarded to category winners. If you cannot register before the day of the race, do so on that day at 8:30 a.m. Everyone will meet on Sunday, June 25, at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Temple parking lot on Route 28 South to launch across from Alton Auto Center. The registration fee is \$15/canoe, \$10/single. Even if you do not participate, you can come watch this fun event. For further information, call Parks and Recreation at 875-0109.

CIVIC NEEDS AND REMINDERS . . .

ARE YOU READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Alton parents, is your child going to be age 5 by September 30? Are you planning to register him/her for kindergarten? If so, please call Alton Central School at 875-7373 to learn what you need to do.

TOWN CLERK NOTICE

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed all day Wednesday, June 14, so that the staff can attend the Lakes Region Spring Workshop. The office will resume its regular hours on Thursday, June 15.

BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Budget Committee announces that there are two vacancies which need to be filled. This is an opportunity for individuals to learn about our town government, our school system, and the budget process. Please contact Alan Sherwood, committee chair, 293-7041 or e-mail <alans@tiac.net> if you are interested.

A SAFETY CONCERN

A friendly reminder to all who use the Alton Solid Waste Center. Refrigerators and freezers **MUST** have the **DOORS REMOVED** before disposal the center. Your cooperation is appreciated.

CHECK THIS OUT!

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Supervisor of Checklist

Please remember that Tuesday, June 6, is the **FINAL** day for voters to change their party designation for the State Primary vote. The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold hours at Town Hall from 7 - 9 p.m. for anyone who cannot get into the Town Clerk's Office during the day.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD

The Alton Board of Selectmen have begun the process of scheduling a special Town Meeting. It is a "process" because the approval of the court is necessary before the date and time of the meeting can be set.

The meeting is necessary to approve the cost items associated with the new AFSCME contract for the Highway Department's employees. The Town finished negotiations on the contract in March, which was too late for inclusion of the cost items in the Warrant for the annual Town Meeting.

The voters at the special Town Meeting will be asked to approve an increase in the Fiscal Year 2000 budget of approximately \$11,346 that is to cover changes in wages, Medicare, F.I.C.A., N.H. Retirement, workers' compensation insurance, and uniforms. By the time the special meeting Warrant is drawn up, there may be other agenda items for the voters to act upon.

Check this space in future issues of Main Street for the public notice giving the date and time of the meeting.

BAY VIEW PAVILION DISCOUNT PASS

By Kellie Troendle, Recreation Director

Alton residents, here is a good deal for you. Discount passes are available to Alton taxpayers at the Parks and Recreation Department. This pass entitles you to a discount off the admission fee for performances at the Bay View Pavilion. For more information, call me at 875-0109.



Main Street's Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
 Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Sun Services, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; Wed., Family Night Supper, 6 p.m., followed by Fellowship Groups, 7 p.m.; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor, Rev. John Fogell, Associate Pastor
 Community Church — Sun. Services, 8:30 and 10 a.m.; Church Street Meeting House; Wed. Day Camp, June 28 - August 23, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; 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 — Will meet until further notice at Meeting House on Main Street; Services, 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.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

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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
 Community Services Program, Sat., 2 - 4 p.m., 875-2273
 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 — 2nd Tue. (in season), Library Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House
 Girl Scout Jr. Troop 630, Wed., 5 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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

Historical Society — Watch for announcements of programs, Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629

Knights of Columbus — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

Lions Club — 1st and 3rd Thu., Foxy Johnnie's Restaurant, New Durham, 6:30 p.m.

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

Moms In Touch — Mon., The Bay Church, 9:30 a.m.

P.T.S.A. — 3rd Wed., 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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- ADDRESS COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Russell Jones, 875-7510.
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 p.m., 5th Monday, 8:30 a.m., Chairman James C. Washburn, call 875-2161 for appointment.
 BUDGET COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 p.m., Chairman Alan Sherwood, 293-4701.*
 CEMETERY TRUSTEES — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris, 364-6388.
 FIRE WARDS — 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-2910
 GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
 LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
 LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call, Chairman Dick Jones, 875-3855.
 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets on call, Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
 PLANNING BOARD — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Bonnie Dunbar; call 875-5095 for appointment.
 SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Joyce Hopper, 776-8733
 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meets on call, Chairman MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.
 TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:45 p.m., Chairman David Countway, 875-2550.
 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
 WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8 a.m., Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.
 *DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION
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OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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SUMMER

ALTON ON-LINE By Joe Harris



OUR ELECTED STATE REPRESENTATIVES

This month's On-Line column focuses on Alton's elected New Hampshire State representative's websites and e-mail addresses.

State Representative Rob Boyce (R) of Alton maintains a web site that can be accessed by going to the Worldpath home page and selecting from the list of USERS. He can be contacted directly by e-mail at:

rboyce@worldpath.net

Representative Boyce's web site is well organized and a very user-friendly site on Worldpath Internet Service. From the home page one can access a wide range of topics, issues, and information about New Hampshire government. Browsers can read about issues such as the Income Tax debate, a School Accountability Bill, the Capital Gains Tax, or the Tobacco Tax by clicking on "Press Releases." The web site also offers access to other links such as the GOP Platform and political organizations. By clicking on "NH State Representative" or "Senator," users access the site of the 156th Session of the NH General Court. From this page one can find almost anything that is happening in New Hampshire politics. Current legislation, bills before the House and Senate, Legislative Services, and a complete list of Representative's e-mail addresses are just a few of the offerings found at this link.

Although he does not maintain a web site, Representative Stan Czech (R) of Alton is on the Internet and may be contacted by e-mail at:

sdzech@worldpath.net

Also representing the Belknap County Fifth District, which includes Alton, is Representative David Russell (R) of Gilmanton Iron Works who can be reached by e-mail at:

russells@worldpath.net

Gordon Bartlett (R) of Belmont represents Belknap County's Sixth District, a multi-town district that includes Alton. At this time he does not have an e-mail address.

State Senator Leo Fraser, Jr., (R) of Pittsfield represents District 4, which includes Alton. He has a web site and can be accessed by going to:

www.state.nh.us/gencourt/ngencourt.html

This will bring up the 156th Session of the NH General Court homepage. By selecting "Senate," one can access "Members" to get to Senator Fraser's home page.

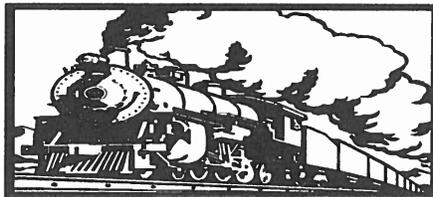
All of the elected representatives, above, have their telephone numbers listed under "Our Elected Officials" in Main Street's "Information Center" on page 12.

Whether one is interested in a specific public issue, checking on a voting record, or seeking information about our state government, our representatives can be accessed via the internet as described above. As you can see, the home pages offer a wealth of information on-line.

WEST ALTON COMMUNITY HOUSE/YARD SALE

On Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. the West Alton community house/yard sale on Route 11 West will be operating full blast. It had been hoped to include this sale as part of the Town-Wide Yard Sale a week later, but the building had been previously rented out and therefore not available. Proceeds from the sale will be dedicated to the ongoing improvements being made to the building, perhaps better known as the Mt. Major Community Center.

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The Dave Berry Band - Fri., June 23rd & Sat., June 24th

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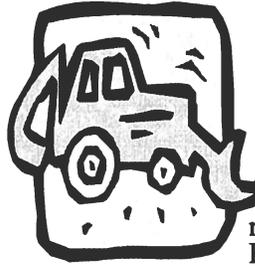
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The plans on Fort Point Road are out to bid. Bid openings will soon be announced. The contractor will let us know the dates for the construction, and we should have these dates in the July Main Street.

We are still cleaning all the ditch lines out on all graveled roads to keep the water from running over the roadways. Please expect delays.

Alton has 84+ miles of roadway and at times we may not see all the problem areas. If you see hazards and or any problems, please call us at 875-6808.

I'd like to thank you ahead of time for your patience and understanding for the inconvenience.

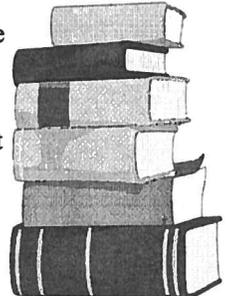
Hope everyone has a safe and happy spring. Remember safety is our number one concern.

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Chevalier, Tracy
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Fielding, Helen
Gash, Jonathan
Lewis, Beverly
McCaffrey, Anne
Oates, Joyce Carol
O'Dell, Tawni
Parker, Robert B.
Perry, Anne
Quick, Amanda
Plain, Belva
Rutherford, Edward
Smiley, Jane
Steel, Danielle

Deep South
Girl With a Pearl Earring
Before I Say Goodbye
Bridget Jones: Edge of Reason
A Rag, A Bone & A Hank of Hair
The Sunroom
Pegasus in Space
Blonde
Back Roads
Hugger Mugger
Half Moon Street
Wicked Widow
After the Fire
The Forest
Horse Heaven
The Wedding



NONFICTION

Atkins, Robert C., MD
Chopra, Deepak
Eggero, Dave

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How to Know God
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Alton Central School is proud to honor its Students of The Month. These students have displayed acts of respect, courtesy, responsibility, or cooperation at a higher than usual level in a natural manner. The students pictured (front row, left to right) are Hollie Couture, Lyndsay Bishop, Lindsey Malone, (second row) Megan Burwell, Kate Dore, Scott Goyette, and Logan Hopper. Missing from the picture are Ashley Hubbard and Bradley Bechard.

THE CLASS OF 2000 EXPRESSES THANKS

The Alton Central School Class of 2000 would like to offer a special thanks to the Masonic Temple who hosted the Spring Spaghetti Supper. Also, thank you to the following local businesses that donated gift certificates for the raffle.

- 2 \$15 certificates for Shibley's at the Pier
- 2 \$10 certificates for Alton 5&10
- \$25 certificate to Dockside Restaurant
- \$10 certificate to J.P. China
- \$20 certificate to Shibley's Ice Cream.

The Seniors say
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ALTON AMERICAN LEGION

By Millie Pierce, Unit Secretary

The Junior Auxiliary have had their elections and incoming officers are: Honorary President, Leanne Kenerson; Secretary, Ashley Waterman; Treasurer, Kristine Kenerson; 1st Vice, Crystal Deckert; Chaplin, Courtney Rojek; Sgt. of Arms, Kim Russell; Historian, Danielle Lepoutree.

In the past year the Juniors donated monies to the school playground, New Beginners domestic abuse center, and Tilton Veterans Home. They made and sent cards for all occasions to the Veterans at the Manchester VA Hospital and the Tilton Home. They decorated pumpkins for senior citizens and the Tilton VA and went Christmas caroling. The girls raised the money for their donations by holding a teen dance and raffles.

Hope you joined us for the Memorial Day parade with our guest speaker Ray Burton, Executive Councilman for the State of New Hampshire, District 1.

The upcoming June events are: 1) June 2, the Auxiliary's all you can eat Spaghetti Supper, \$6/adult, \$3/children 10 and under; 2) The Junior Auxiliary's Fathers' Day Raffle with a first prize of four tickets to a Portland Seadog baseball game; 3) The Auxiliary's raffle of two tickets to the Winston Cup Jiffy Lube race on July 9, the drawing being held on July 1. Donation is \$2 or 3/\$5. Proceeds will help with our community projects; 4) The State Convention in Manchester June 23-25.

Bingo is still every Wednesday night starting at 6:30 p.m.

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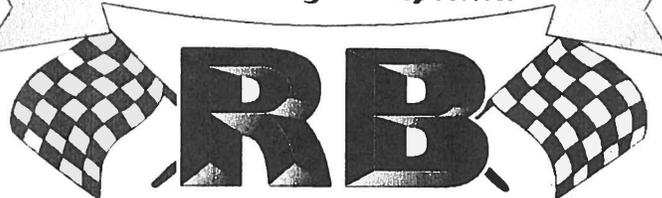
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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER
By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**The sweet delightful days of June
Might inspire us to dance or croon
But if she decides to change her tune
We'll stay inside and quietly swoon!**

Our May meeting seemed like Old Home Week as most of our "snowbirds" (including yours truly) have returned from southern climes and were seen eagerly catching up on the news with their hardier stay-in-Alton friends.

Trip coordinator Ginny Myers has a list of special trips lined up for us. We are now ready to sign up for an outing on June 27 to Fuller's Gardens in Rye with dinner out-of-pocket in a nearby restaurant. Pay Ginny \$13 and be ready to leave on the bus from the center at 11 a.m. The ever-popular Foster's Clambake will take place on July 11 with \$34 covering expenses. Get on the lists now for both these great trips. For further information, call Ginny at 875-5713. Read our column next month for information about future trips.

President Evelyn Nardo announced that we will have a Fourth of July picnic basket raffle. Tickets will go on sale June 1 with the drawing on June 30. The basket will contain all you need to celebrate the Fourth (except fireworks!) — from paper napkins, meat gift certificates, potato chips, and condiments to beverages and desserts. We greatly appreciate your support of this raffle.

If you are thinking of joining the Alton Senior Citizens Association, the month of June would be a good time to "due" it as our \$5 dues are payable now. Those who do not pay on time lose special privileges, so tie that string around your finger! Liz Roberts, acting treasurer, will be happy to help

you become a member. We invite all potential new members to consider eating their noon meal at the center. Call Claire at 875-7102 to check out the menus and procedures.

We have some avid card and bingo players who would be delighted to have people join them. We extend a hearty welcome to our new members: Lucille Woollett, Elizabeth Locke, Ellen Reinholz, and Robert and Virginia Marchand. May you find your membership pleasurable and fulfilling.

Recently, our long-time treasurer Warren Nott and his wife, Bea, moved back to Massachusetts. He will be missed for his loyal service to our group; we wish them well. Also, a fond farewell to Roland and Rena LaPierre who decided to live full-time in Ocala, Florida. We hope they are happy there, but we also hope they will come back to visit periodically.

Thanks to Laurie Hagen and Jean Seushi for the tasty refreshments. Our next meeting will be June 14 at 1 p.m. The nominating committee will be set up for our annual meeting, and if you would like to be a candidate for an office, please let the committee know. See you there!



**HONORS FOR OSBORN,
DONAHUE,
AND MILLER**

Three Alton residents were recognized at the Honors Convocation held at UNH on May 7. This convocation is for juniors and seniors who have maintained a consistently high cumulative average. Stephanie Osborn received an award for "Presidential Scholar" with a 3.7 or higher average. Heather (Brown) Donahue and Rebecca Miller each received "University Honors" for maintaining a 3.2 or higher cumulative average. Congratulations to these hard-working students.

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**"RECYCLED PERCUSSION"
VISITS ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL**

On May 4 the band "Recycled Percussion" performed two concerts for Alton Central School students as a means to promote healthy life-styles and positive living environments. The band uses all recycled materials for their instruments in touring New England to send the message not to use drugs or alcohol.

The effort from the middle school group "PHAT" (People Helping Alton Teens) was responsible for arranging for this fun and motivating activity for students. PHAT members are 8th graders: Lyndsey Caron, Dylan Laurion, and Dan Quinn; and 7th graders: Amanda Boudreau, Alex Kaszynski, and Brian Roy. The faculty advisors are Heather Buckels and Kitty Croes.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS FOR THIRD QUARTER

The Alton Central School has announced the following students earned Good Citizenship Awards for the third quarter of the 1999/2000 academic year.

Grade 2: Ashley Barsanti, Scott Brunelle, Ashley Dellapiana, Megan Hopper, Stephanie Moulton, Marissa Brooks, Lindsey Daniels, Sarah Fraser, James Goodwin, Nikolai Goodwin, Levi Leidtke, Zachary Whissel, Tabitha Davis, Kelsey Hopper, Brian Jones, Mary Margaret Houghton,

Daniel Lang, Joey Monasky, Emily Pellowe, and Kim Sykes.

Grade 3: Shaida Anderson, Brittany Dwyer, Kim Grant, Michael Jensen, Maegan Rojek, Stephanie Roy, Kathie Sykes, Olivia Varney, Casey Beranger, Michael Stevens, Lyndsay Bishop, Shannon Eagles, Stephanie MacDonald, Will MacDuff, Katie Powers, Kelsey Scerra, Willie Wenzlau, Rick Yeaton, Erik Caron, Andrea Hillsgrove, Kristie Powers, and Felicia Carter.

Grade 4: Chris Moulton, Tricia Perry, Brianna Tidd, Corine Pearce, Jeremy Kim, Erin Brackley, Makina Itchkavich Levasseur, Jesse Lane, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Andrew Levasseur, Christopher Loprete, Amanda Pellowe, Alisa Price, Jennifer Shafer, Caitlin Wenzlau, Hayley Barnet, Derek Chase, Rebecca Davis, Chelsea Howkins, Courtney Emerson, Tony Castagnaro, Amber Couture, Emily Folan, and Alina Loynd.

Grade 5: Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Leann Fuller, Kim Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Marc Roy, Jeff St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, Dottie-Jean Bailey, Ashley Dwyer, Charlotte French, Kelsey Tinkham, Courtney Marston, Mara Cook-Hamer, Bradley Bissell, Ty Tremblay, Hope Shafer, and Melissa Pryor.

Grade 6: Shannon Cornelissen, Michelle Fulp, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LeFreniere, Owen Laurion, Taylor Peterson, Aimee Terravechia, Chris Frost, Rebecca Golden, Jimmy Grant, Patrick Quinn, Amber Richardson, Nicholas DiVito, Johanna Dickson, Allyson Dudman, Dana Fuller, Kate Pellowe, Marie Phelan, Daniel Pitman, and Jamie Turner.

Grade 7: Amanda Boudreau, Crystal Cleasby, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Erin Hannafin, Christina Jamieson, Ashley Marren, Shayna Randall, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, Tara Loprete, and Lyndsey St. Laurent.

Grade 8: Lyndsey Caron, Megan Pichard, Tonya Prescott, Krista Shibley, Stephanie Tanguay, Tamara Cornelissen, Lindsay Kenerson, Cherie Royer, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, and Tony Godbout.

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HONOR ROLL FOR THIRD QUARTER

Alton Central School has announced the students on the Honor Roll for the third quarter of the 1999/2000 Academic Year. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects and Honors a grade of at least 83.

Grade 12 — High Honors: Victor Stone; **Honors:** Jessica Benedetto, Kimberly Collins, Korin Eagles, Brian Fuller, Jerusha Hayward, Jenny Martin, Katharine O'Meara, Jonathan Ross, Jon Russo, and Thomas Teague.

Grade 11 — High Honors: Sara Dore and Katie Morrill; **Honors:** Zachary Christy, Kelsie Croes, Tara Elliott, William Goodrow, Shawn Hillsgrove, Renee LaFreniere, David Osborn, Geoffrey Scholl, and Meghan St. Cyr.

Grade 10 — High Honors: Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Marissa Peterson, and Scott Blair; **Honors:** Kayla Ballentine, David Benedetto, Joshua Carr, Randi Desmarais, Rebecca Howard, Dana Lang, David Shibley, and Jane Varney.

Grade 9 — High Honors: Terese Hopper; **Honors:** Hilary Ballentine, Scott Baumgartner, Katie Brooks, Jennifer Carr, Jill Feger, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Kelly Jalbert, Amanda Jones, David Snell, III, and Erin Wood.

Grade 8 — High Honors: Lyndsey Caron, Stephanie Tanguay, and Krista Shibley; **Honors:** Tamara Cornelissen, Lindsay Kenerson, Dylan Laurion, Tonya Prescott, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, Matthew Sydow, and Dakotah Walker.

Grade 7 — High Honors: Anne Farrell; **Honors:** Amanda Boudreau, Crystal Cleasby, Kelly Eagles, Vanessa Gilbert, Christina Jamieson, Alexander Kaszynski, Ashley Marren, Whitney Marston, Brenna Quann, Derak Rondeau, and Sarah Tinkham.

Grade 6 — High Honors: Owen Laurion, Taylor Peterson, and Daniel Pitman; **Honors:** Jamie Bilodeau, Nicholas DiVito, Johanna Dickson, Allyson Dudman, Dana Fuller, Rebecca Golden, James Grant, Ashley Hubbard, Peter

Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Kathryn Pellowe, Marie Phelan, Patrick Quinn, Amber Richardson, and Katrina Tidd.

Grade 5 — High Honors: Jane Farrell and Kimberly Hannafin; **Honors:** Dottie-Jean Bailey, Hannah Barnet, Jennifer Boucher, Ashley Finethy, Daniel Jalbert, Caila Kantar, Daniel Lampman, Joshua Liedtke, Kelly Main, Donald McGee, Jr., Melissa Pryor, Marc Roy, Hope Shafer, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Wesley Taggett, Kelsey Tinkham, Ty Tremblay, and Joshua Vlk.

Grade 4: Joshua Austin, Hayley Barnet, Tony Castagnaro, Derek Chase, Kelsey Crathern, Meagan DiVito, Courtney Emerson, Emily Folan, Gary Ford, Ryan Gillan, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Jesse Lane, Christopher Loprete, Chris Moulton, Corine Pearce, Manda Pellowe, Jennifer Shafer, Robyn Shibley, Christopher Stewart, Brianna Tidd, Krystal Vigue, Caitlin Wenzlau, and Jonathan Yelle.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SAY THANK YOU

By Tony Limanni, Special Education Teacher

The Alton Middle School students, their teachers, and aides conducted a "donation" car wash on the afternoon of May 5. By 7 p.m. the dedicated laborers had netted \$362! The students were not only greatly excited at the return from their hard work, but were also moved with deep appreciation by the support of the Alton Community and Alton Central School Staff who contributed so generously to this event.

The proceeds will go toward an educational field trip to Boston, including the Museum of Science, food shopping at the famous Haymarket Square, and dining at a well-known Italian Restaurant in the famous North End.

An early June trip is now a reality. THANK YOU again from the Alton Middle School students and staff.

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ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

WHEN THE WATERS WARM UP

June is a fishing month in the Alton area. The waters of our local lakes are warming up to where all the species of fish are now on the move. Salmon and lake trout go deep this month and trout are enjoying their ideal water temperatures. The warm water species (bass, pickerel, perch, sunfish, etc.) are on the move, as most are spawning.

I particularly look forward to catching small mouth bass this month. They are in the shallows readily protecting their spawning area and will strike anything that invades that territory. They are a blast on a fly rod as they jump out of the water often and may even perform their tail walk for you. One must remember that this is catch and release fishing only, with artificial lures only. As always, be sure to check the regulations.

If you'd like to try your hand at fishing, Saturday, June 3, is free fishing day in New Hampshire. You can give fishing a try without buying a license, but be sure to pick up a 2000 NH Freshwater Fishing Digest. This is the book of rules and regulations, available for free at any store that sells fishing tackle. Even though you do not need a license that day, all the regulations and catch limits must still be followed.

National Fishing Week is June 5-12 with various fishing activities offered nationwide. If you have never fished and want to learn, call 603-271-3512 to find out when a "Let's Go Fishing" course is offered. It is offered free from the NH Fish & Game Department and teaches the basics of fishing. For the kids, Farmington Fish and Game Club is holding the Annual Kids Fishing Day on Sunday, June 4, 8-11 a.m. It is held at Club Pond in New Durham for kids ages 3-12. A

free lunch and lucky number door prizes will be the main highlights, along with the chance to catch some fish. Children must register at the clubhouse and get a "lucky number" tag before they start to fish.

Having had a good salmon season in April and a good turkey season in May, Alton is a great place to enjoy the outdoors. See you out there.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

By Kellie Troendle, Recreation Director

This can be a great way to spend your day! It is an entertaining and exciting event. The third annual Town-Wide Yard Sale will be held on June 10 (rain date June 11) from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., with over 40 yard-sale locations to visit. Everyone is invited to participate, so spend the day in Alton; see if you can find that treasure you have been looking for. Free maps are available at the Alton Town Hall, Bank of New Hampshire, and Alton 5 & 10. See how many yard sales you can cover in the six hours!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

By Laurie Boyce

May 15 started Teacher Appreciation week. At that time we got the chance to let the teachers know how much we appreciate them taking the time to educate the youth of Alton.

The volunteers worked in the lunch room all week to give some of the teachers a break in this duty. On Thursday the Food Preparation Class fixed an outstanding meal for the entire staff. On Friday the PTSA sponsored a luncheon for the staff with the food being donated by town businesses.

The PTSA would again like to THANK J. P. China, who were joined this year by Bay View Pavilion, for their outstanding donation. When you visit these businesses, let them know how much they are appreciated.



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FOR THE FUN OF IT
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USA Tennis 1-2-3 — Lessons With Tom Moore

USPTR (United States Professional Tennis Registry) Certified Professional, Tom Moore of Gilford Hills, Instructor. Tom has coached professional tennis players and is bringing his knowledge and experience to the Tennis Recreation Program. Inclement weather policy: if raining on the day of lessons, classes will be at the indoor courts at Gilford Hills.

Registration deadline for all classes is June 16. There will be racquets available upon request for the youth and adult classes except Adult Advanced participants are expected to have their own racquets..

Youth Beginner: Fun classes are designed to cover the fundamentals of the sport, including proper grips, ground strokes, footwork, volleys, serving, scoring, court etiquette, and basic rules. Choose a session. Session I - Tuesdays, June 20 - July 25, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Session II - Thursdays, June 22 - July 27, 4 - 5 p.m. \$50/session, \$10/class.

Youth Advanced: For the more experienced player. Includes fundamentals, proper grips, basic forehand and backhand strokes, footwork, volleys, flat serve, scoring, court knowledge and rules. This class provides a solid foundation for future play. Session is Thursdays, June 22 - July 27, 5 - 6:30 p.m. \$75/session, \$15/class.

Adult Tennis Lessons: Tennis fundamentals, proper grips, basic forehand and backhand strokes, footwork, volleys, flat serve, scoring, court knowledge and rules. This class provides a solid foundation for future play. 18 years and up. Session is Tuesdays, June 20 - July 25, 5:30 - 7 p.m. \$75/session, \$15/class.

Adult Advanced: Basics are reviewed and drills and targets used to improve stroke development and control. You'll concentrate on game situations, strategy, and etiquette, along with specialty shots, such as spin serve, lobs, approach shots, overhead and drop shots. All players must have a racquet. 18 years and up. Session is Thursdays, June 22 - July 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m. \$75, \$15/class.

Other Exciting Opportunities

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp: June 26 - 30, Alton Central School Gym. Session I - boys and girls entering grades 2 - 4, 8 - 10 a.m.; Session II - boys and girls entering grades 5 - 8, 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Registration fee includes camp t-shirt and basketball. If you register after June 1 Session I, \$75; Session II, \$95

Water Country Tickets: New this year, Parks and Recreation has tickets available for the Water Country theme park in Portsmouth with a savings of \$4.95 per ticket. Tickets are good for any day, anytime, and are on sale at the Town Hall for \$22; at Water Country they are \$26.95.

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. . . William Fraser was named the new Post 72 American Legion Commander with Archie Thiebeault and Steve Temple as first vice and second vice commanders respectively . . . Susan Roberts and Shawn Bernier were welcomed to the Alton Police Department as new officers by Chief Tom Mynczwor . . . Alton School's Young Astronaut Club held a big rocket "launch" . . . and the Ice-Out winner was Joyce Kissel of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

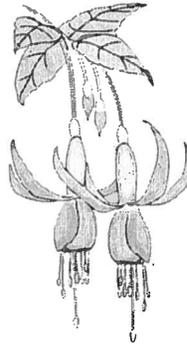
FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . A revaluation of all Alton property by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration was just getting underway . . . The Gilman Library Building Campaign received an anonymous \$61,000 gift . . . David Overall and Dakota Benedetto were elected King and Queen at the Alton School Prom . . . and the Happy Hobby Doll Club's 10th annual Summertime Doll Show and Sale was featured.



CONCORD CORNER
By Rob Boyce
State Representative
WRAPPING UP

The legislative session is almost done. Most bills have been dealt with and the last major issue -- court hearings -- is scheduled to end soon. This being an election year gives members of the legislature an added incentive to finish up and think about the primary and the election this fall.

**CARD OF SORROW**

The V.F.W. Post 11163 of Alton expresses their sorrow over the death of Tony Mariano who died in April. His virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory. We say, sleep our brother and peace be with you.

/s/ A. LaPierre for the Alton V.F.W. Post

The members of the Alton Senior Citizens Association are mourning the loss of Tony Mariano and Robert Scott, both of whom passed away recently.

We will never forget Tony and the great dinners he organized and prepared for the citizens of Alton to benefit the senior citizens association. His energy seemed boundless, he was extremely generous with his time, and he participated in countless activities for our good. He could do anything! Our hearts go out to his wife Florence and his family.

Robert Scott donated many, many hours of service to the seniors and the meal site program. He was a great gardener, too, and many of us were grateful recipients of his garden's bounty. The seniors express their deepest sympathy to his family.

/s/ Alton Senior Citizens Association

SENIOR MEALS

Program is open to all age 60 and older (875-7102). Meals served Monday-Friday, 12 noon. Suggested \$2 donation.

June 1 - 2: Thu., BBQ Chicken; Fri., Lasagna.

June 5 - 9: Mon., Sliced Turkey; Tue., Chicken Filet/Roll; Wed., Sausage Links/Onion Gravy; Thu., Macaroni 'n Cheese; Fri., Yankee Pot Roast/Gravy.

June 12 - 16: Mon., Stuffed Veal Roll; Tue., Chicken Fricassee; Wed., American Chop Suey; Thu., Fish Filet/Lemon Slice; Fri., Roast Pork Loin.

June 19 - 23: Mon., Chicken Pot Pie; Tue., Tuna Salad Plate; Wed., Meat Loaf/Gravy; Thu., Sliced Turkey/Gravy; Fri., Manicotti/Meat Sauce.

June 26 - 30: Mon., Herb Baked Chicken; Tue., English Shepherd's Pie; Wed., Spaghetti/Meatballs; Thu., Roast Beef; Fri., Fish and Cheese Filet/Roll.

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was not completely destroyed. The section that bore the inscription plaque emerged greatly charred, but recognizable. Another section was not in the church, having previously been placed in storage. The four stained glass windows at the rear of the church, the altar's Jesus On The Cross, and the chalices and blessed sacraments were among some of the other significant items that were saved.

When Fire Chief Russ Sample was asked later about the trial that the Alton Fire & Rescue Department was put through in trying to save St. Joan of Arc, he extolled the dedication and skills of the department's personnel and those of the adjoining mutual aid communities. He went on to say "As the activity simmered down, we all, especially me, contemplated the effect this destruction would have on the congregation of parishioners. However, in the midst of the emergency, the Christian community had already begun to meet the needs of Father Wegman and his church family, truly a testimonial to [his] ministry and the small town of Alton."

Editors' note: St. Joan of Arc's normal schedule of services now held at the Meeting House on Main Street.

On that subject, anyone contemplating running for office should know that June 6 is the last day to change party affiliation and the filing period is from June 7th thru June 16. The primary this year is Sept. 12 and election day is November 7. Remember to vote!

ALTON FIRE & RESCUE DINNER/DANCE

A Thermal Imaging Camera is the newest and hottest item on the wish list at the Alton Fire & Rescue Department. If you read your May issue of Main Street, on the back page you saw a firefighter with one.

This dinner/dance is a fund raiser for that piece of equipment. The event will be held on Saturday, June 24, 6 p.m. - midnight, at the Bay View Pavilion. Tickets are \$30 per person which includes dinner, a door prize, and your donation to the Thermal Imaging Camera Fund. At 6 p.m. there will be a cash bar and a demonstration of the camera; dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Music for dancing and listening will be provided by the Spectra's, a ten-piece band..

Tickets are being sold at the Alton Village 5 & 10. Also, remember, the Wal-Mart Company has agreed to match the funds earned at a fund-raiser. Make this a big success and the amount is doubled automatically. Support your Fire & Rescue Department by going out to dinner and dancing the night away — at least until midnight.

JUST HOW OLD WAS ST. JOAN OF ARC?

An intriguing question arose in doing the research for the page one article on the fire that consumed the St. Joan of Arc church: Just when was the church built?

Other newspaper reports of the fire quoted people saying construction was as early as 1918. One book on the subject is *The History of Alton, New Hampshire* by Barton McLain Griffin, published in 1965. It says (page 64) "...enough [money] was raised to purchase a small lot ... for the erection of a small building. It remained unfinished in the interior ... The year was now 1931."

The *St. Joan of Arc Parish, 1999* booklet contains a photo of the church captioned "Late 1920's." *Alton, A Town to Remember* (1987), page 30, has the same photo labeled "first constructed in 1931." However, *The Historical Churches of Belknap County* by David Ruell, et.al. cites newspaper articles which has the building being erected, shingled, and painted in 1923.

So, to return to our headline: Just how old was St. Joan of Arc? If you have a lead, call 875-5067 with a **final** answer.



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