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#### PUBLIC SAFETY BOAT PUT INTO SERVICE By Bob Longabaugh

The Town of Alton is 84 square miles in size. Of that total one half is water. Within the water area are 14 islands, eight of them having habitable structures and 391 taxpaying properties.

Until this month the Alton Police Department had to "hitch a ride" on someone else's boat if they were called to an island for any sort of emergency or law enforcement reason. Typically, they would call upon the New Hampshire Marine Patrol to pick them up and transport them to the point of need. Occasionally they would request the Alton Fire and Rescue Department to call out one of their personnel to cast off the fireboat and get them to the scene. Whichever course they chose, it took time to match up a boat with the police officer(s) needing to get to an island. Response times of an hour or more have occurred at times.

Neither were calls for police assistance on the islands rare. In 1997 (the most recent year for which there are complete data) there were 191 times that the Alton police were needed on an island or on the water. This was 4.6 percent of the police calls for that year, with most of them coming — not surprisingly — during the busy summer season.

Alton's Chief of Police Kevin Iwans had not been on the job for long before he identified the need for his officers to have their own means of getting to the islands and patrolling the waters adjacent to Alton's shores. The result was a citizens' petition to have the purchase of a police boat brought before the voters at the 1997 Town Meeting. A resident's letter to the *Granite State News* urging Alton readers to vote in favor of buying a boat was illustrated with the editorial cartoon on the left.

But 1997 was not the year for a boat to join the Alton Police Department. As these things happen, the town's Fire Department discovered that their aging fireboat was not up to another year of service. The town had little choice but to add the purchase of a new fireboat to the 1997 Town Meeting agenda. Reality set in, and the sponsor of the citizen petition for a police boat rose at Town Meeting to move that the police boat article be withdrawn from the agenda.

When the question was brought back to the 1998 Town Meeting, the proposal to spend \$32,000 failed on a show-of-hands vote. The prevailing sentiment seemed to be why should a police boat cost so much?

Chief Iwans heeded the voice of the people and started looking for a less expensive way for the police

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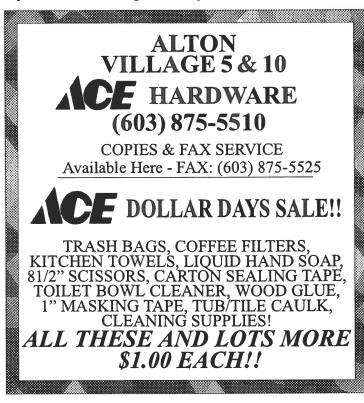
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#### TOWN HALL NOTES By Ray Houle Town Administrator

#### NEW ADDRESSES STILL A WAYS AWAY Many citizens have inquired about the status of

the E-911 system for Alton and about permanent addresses for our homes and businesses.

After meeting with officials of the state E-911 program, I must inform you that we are about nine months to a year away from a settlement of this matter. However, when it is finally in place, I am convinced it will be worth the wait. Here's what is left to do before the system can be totally implemented:

Preliminary maps are being prepared now and should be ready in about four weeks. Once these are ready they will be reviewed by the Town and corrected. In addition, all new properties will be entered on the maps. The Board of Selectmen will also review and officially accept them.

After this is done there will be a data conversion performed by Bell Atlantic. This is the point where the maps will be taken and converted to the telephone system for automatic address readings. The next step is for the Board of Selectmen to hold public hearings so that the citizens of Alton have some time to comment and make any additional changes they may wish on the maps. These could include changes in street names, adjustments, and other fine-tuning of the entire map process.

The Board of Selectmen will send a certified letter to each Alton property owner advising them of their address. While this is being done, the data will be transferred to the tax records and land records of the town for easier identification. At this point the system will be in place and ready to operate.

In the meantime please don't worry about an emergency. E-911 can still find your home! Also, do not hesitate to call Town Hall if the staff can help you with anything. Our telephone numbers are published in every issue of <u>Main</u> <u>Street</u>'s "Information Center."





## **Main Street's Inside Front Page**



#### NEW "SUPER" ON THE JOB By Bob Longabaugh

Why would anybody retire from 35 years of intensive labor and then go right back to doing the same thing with hardly any vacation time between? Because one loves the education business and does not want to give it up. At least that is the case with Alton's new Superintendent of Schools, Donald E. Parks. In June Parks retired as Superintendent of Schools in Cortland, New York, and on July 1 he picked up the responsibilities of leading Alton's School Administrative Unit ("SAU") #72.

Parks brings a broad background in education to SAU #72. He has a Masters in Education from New York's State University College at Potsdam. He started his career in St. Regis Falls, New York, as a teacher of high school Social Studies and English while also coaching the school's varsity basketball and baseball teams. From there he advanced through several administrative and management jobs in education in Virginia and Pennsylvania to become Principal for Secondary Education in Geneseo, New York. Superintendencies in Newcomb and Saranac, New York, culminated in the "retirement" from the Cortland position.

Education runs in the Parks' family. Not only are his three daughters, ages 29 -23, teachers or pursuing a masters degree in the field, but Parks can tally a total of 16 family members in the business!

Education is not quite all consuming in Parks' life. He does take time out for a bit of golf and he lists cooking as a serious hobby.

When asked "why Alton?" as the place to continue working in his chosen field, Parks cites the friendliness of the area and its quality life. After all, he points out, if one is going to "retire," one does want to enjoy going to the office and having an improved life style 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

#### ALTON OLD HOME DAYS AUGUST 12 AND 13 Old Home Day Craft Fair

On Saturday, August 12, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, August 13, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. there will be a craft fair at the Alton Bay Community Center and waterfront park area on Route 11. There is no admission charge. Featured will be handmade New England craft items including: stoneware pottery, fiber arts, fine wood crafts, jewelry, paintings, quilts, photography, fleece, canvas, dried floral, scroll saw fret work, Native American, fabrics, doll furniture, hats, handmade jams and jellies, and much more.

#### **Old Home Day Concert**

Say ZuZu, a NH Country Rock Band from Durham, will be performing at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Route 11 on Saturday, August 12, from 7 - 9 p.m. The concert is free and all ages are welcome.

#### Old Home Day 5K Road Race

Sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation and Bank of New Hampshire, this is a brand new 5K USATF Certified Race Course NH00015WN through downtown Alton, flat, fast paved roads. Race date is Saturday, August 12, 9 a.m., Alton Bay Bandstand. Registration fee is \$10; register race day at 7:30 a.m. Computerized timing provided by Tri-State Racing Services; results and photo finish posted on line. Cool, colorful t-shirts to all runners who pre-register before August 2. A limited number of shirts available for post-registered runners on a first-come, first-served basis. Categories include overall male and female, first Alton male and female, and male and female age categories; walkers welcome. Prizes to be awarded. Refreshments and raffle open to all registered runners. Call 875-0109 for registration form or information.

#### **CAREGIVER DRIVERS NEEDED**

<u>Main Street</u> readers have had the opportunity to follow the creation and growing operation of the Alton Community Services Program (see report on page 10). What is much less apparent is that the success of the Alton program has had a ripple effect on a neighboring organization, Caregivers of the Wolfeboro Area. For over ten years Caregivers has been arranging transportation to medical appointments, among other services, for an area that includes Alton.

The Alton Community Services Program does not attempt to arrange rides to doctors and medical services but, instead, refers Alton residents to Caregivers. Quite obviously, the Alton volunteers who supply their time and vehicles for Caregiving service are now being called upon more frequently on behalf of their fellow townspeople.

Caregivers now has an immediate and urgent need for more drivers who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments and health care facilities. Mileage reimbursement will be made if requested. Call 569-6780 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to volunteer.









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APPRAISAL DAY PLANNED BY ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY By Bob Calvert

Alton's version of the Antiques Road Show will come to town on Tuesday, August 15, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center under the auspices of the Alton Historical Society. This program feature of the month will include guest appraisers Gary Wallace, Generalist and Fine Arts; Maureen Kalfas, Jewelry and Silver; George Cooper, Militaria and Revolutionary War; Elaine Miller, Glass, China, and Toys; Michael Daum, Books, Paper, and Documents; and Phillip Stevens, Stamps, Cards, and Ephemera.

Donations are suggested at \$4 per appraised item, or three for \$10. All donations will support the Historical Society Museum and the summer programs of the Alton Historical Society, a New Hampshire non-profit organization.

#### ALTON GARDEN CLUB By Betty Locke

"Insects and Their Effect on Gardens" will be the program offered at the August 22 meeting of the Alton Garden Club. Robert Woodward of Laconia will speak on this subject and show slides. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Congregational Meeting House.

Hostesses are co-chairmen Betty Finethy and Alice Matthewman; Agnes Coney, Polly Finch, Fran Guttormsen, Mel Guttormsen, Peggy McLellan, and Doris Selfridge.

#### EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY

There will be a pot luck supper and annual meeting on Saturday, August 26, at 6 p.m. sponsored by the East Alton Meeting House Society. It will be held at the Meeting House at Gilman's Corner. Bring a casserole, salad, or dessert for the food table. Remember to bring your own place setting and dinnerware.

On Sunday, August 27, at 4 p.m. there will be the annual service and hymn sing. As they have so successfully in the past, members of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center will conduct the service.

#### **COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM**

The idea behind the program is simple: put people from Alton together with the health care providers so all can understand and support the needs of each other. Participants will be Denise Merritt, M. D., Alton, and representatives from LRGHealthcare. They will present information about the health services they provide and then take part in a forum with the audience to answer questions and listen to what the health care needs of the community are. This will be an opportunity for you to be heard.

This program will be held on Thursday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library. Call the library at 875-2550 to RSVP. Childcare will be available at the Community Church on Church Street. For more information, or if you need a ride, contact Dick or Carol Wallace, 875-8221.

#### **GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP OFFERED BY VNA HOSPICE**

The VNA Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity is offering a grief recovery group led by Wanda Harris, the hospice's Bereavement Coordinator. The group is open to all who have experienced the death of a loved one. They will meet weekly for eight weeks, and there is no charge. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the VNA-Hospice office at 569-2729.



#### THE UNOFFICIAL PARADE MOVES INTO THE NEXT CENTURY By Judy Fry

Alton's "Unofficial Independence Day Parade" carried its tradition into the new millennium as friends and neighbors came together in East Alton to celebrate our nation's "birthday" on the Fourth of July. Eager parade participants lined up at the north end of Roberts Cove Road to move out promptly at noon with others joining the group along the way. It was the seventh anniversary of Alton's Unofficial Parade. Irving Roberts, the Unofficial Parade Organizer, set the

Irving Roberts, the Unofficial Parade Organizer, set the pace along Roberts Cove Road, including visits to Lakeside and Cedar Cove. The distinctive sound of his bright red calliope was heard continuously along the parade route. The seat beside Irving was vacant this year as our Unofficial Grand Marshal for the past six years, Mr. George Stone, passed away in June. He will be missed by all.

Spectators along the route watched a variety of entries pass by, including a truck full of Groucho Marx look-a-likes, bicyclists and motorcyclists, fire trucks (modern and antique), as well as antique trucks and modern cars, a colorfully decorated golf cart, a restored tractor, and a cheerful sounding hand cranked siren. Many American flags were displayed on the vehicles, adding to those waved by the spectators along the route.

The parade wound its way through Lakeside and Cedar Cove proceeding along Roberts Cove Road to its final destination, the home of Nancy and Mark Northridge, at Gilman's Corner for a delicious cookout.

The parade participants, totaling 20 entries, agreed it was a great way to spend the Fourth of July holiday — "unofficially," of course.

#### FLEA MARKET AND FOOD SALE By Betty Locke

The Alton Garden Člub will hold a Flea Market and Food Sale on August 12 at the corner of Main Street and Barnes Avenue from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The rain date will be August 13. There will also be a raffle with prizes, including a painting by Loran Percy.

The committee members are Mary Lou Brown and Daryl Czech, co-chairmen; Paulette Alden, Margaret Birdsey, Peter Bolster, Ellamarie Carr, Kay Connolly, Shirley Copeland, Virginia Dore, Mary Downing, Betty Finethy, Donna Flodin, Grace Genova, Mel Guttormsen, Betty MacKay, and Doris McGrath.

#### THANKS TO <u>Main Street</u> Letter from Eric Morrill

"I would like to thank you for choosing me for the <u>Main</u> <u>Street</u> Journalism Award. I am very grateful for the money, and it will really help me in Arizona. I hope you continue to give this scholarship in the future and provide as much joy as you gave me to someone else. Once again I thank you, and I promise to use your money wisely in Arizona."





#### INFO FOR ALTON STUDENT ATHLETES

Alton Central School (ACS) has released the following information as to which sports will be offered in the fall season and their opening days of practice.

Elementary Coed Soccer: Girls grade 5, boys grades 5 and 6. Coach Jim LaFreniere. First practice - Wednesday, August 30 at 3 p.m.

M.S. Girls Soccer: Grades 6 - 8. Coach Charlene Martin. First practice - Wednesday, August 30 at 3 p.m.

M.S. Boys Soccer: Grades 7 and 8. Coach Matt Locke. First practice - Wednesday, August 30 at 3 p.m.

M.S. Girls Volleyball: Grades 6 - 8. First practice -Wednesday, August 30 at 3 p.m.

Varsity Girls Soccer: Grades 9 - 12. Coach Brian Hikel. First Practice - Monday, August 14 at 8 a.m., meeting in gym with practice to follow.

Varsity Boys Soccer: Grades 9 - 12. Coach Gary Noyes. First Practice - Monday, August 14 at 8 a.m., meeting in gym with practice to follow.

JV/Varsity Girls Volleyball: Grades 9 - 12. Coach Jon Caley. First Practice - Monday, August 14 at 8 a.m., meeting in gym with practice from 5 - 8 p.m.

H.S. Golf Team: Girls and boys, grades 9 - 12. Coach Mark Murphy. First Practice - Monday, August 14 at 8 a.m.,

#### Requirements

To be eligible to participate each athlete must meet the following requirements:

1) Have a current sports physical on file with the school nurse. Physicals are good for one year from the date of the exam, i.e., 8/1/99 would expire 8/1/00. Physical forms are available in the main office of ACS. 2) Turn in a medical/ insurance sports permission form. Athletes are required to have insurance to participate on the teams. Insurance is available through ACS; check with the main office for details. 3) Turn in an athletic agreement form signed by both athlete and parent. Agreement forms are available in the main office of ACS. Questions should be directed to Scott Hutchins, Athletic Director at ACS, by calling 875-7500 or 875-0386.



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#### MORE THAN PADDLING AROUND By Judith Pellowe

I had the pleasure of taking a paddle around Merrymeeting Lake in a *hand crafted* wooden canoe. I was taken in by the beauty of the lake, enhanced by the beauty of the canoe, the feel of the canoe gliding through the water, the liquid sparkling off the paddle. As remarkable as the experience, the story of the builder is even more so.

The canoe craftsman, Bob Aimes (shown above with his student and paddle maker, Shirley Kennedy), made his living as a drilling fluids engineer, working in oil fields from Alaska to off-shore Louisiana. He also worked as a truck driver, and spent some time buying houses to refurbish and resell. He's been disabled for the past ten years with Progressive/Recessive Multiple Sclerosis ("MS"). Living in West Palm Beach in 1990, Bob saw an article in a magazine about building wooden canoes, and he decided to give it a try. In the ten years since then, he's built ten to fifteen more. Presently living in the Alton Housing for the Elderly complex, Bob continues to build canoes in his living room, using a small table saw, a router, a handsaw, and a file. The canoes are made mainly with cedar strips, which he cuts and glues by hand. He's also planning to build a kayak using okoume, an African mahogany that he uses on the canoes. He uses cherry for the trim, and hand cuts decorative trim to make his canoes unique. He enjoys the process, and has helped other people build canoes for themselves.

Determined not to let MS get the better of him, Bob continues to be active and has a lot of plans for the future. He's hoping that at some point soon he'll be able to go to Acadia National Park and paddle around. He has some difficulty getting into and out of his canoe, so he's always hoping for a paddling partner to go out with him. Ideally, he'd like to have a bigger space to work in. He builds when he can, but has to take frequent breaks, sometimes leaving a project for long periods of time. Yet his enthusiasm for his work never falters. He showed me plans for several sizes and types of canoes and kayaks, and talked about wanting to build a canoe with a sail. His love for his projects shines in his eyes and is apparent in his grin.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Cornerstone Christian Academy announces that due to a generous contribution many scholarships covering up to \$2,300 (70 percent) are now available to moderate-income families. Alton parents with children in Kindergarten through Grade 8 should submit their applications no later than August 14. The scholarship recipients will be chosen on August 15 at an open lottery drawing at 10 a.m. at the school. Call 539-8636 for more information.



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#### ALTON ON-LINE By Joe Harris



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#### THE COST OF WEB SITE MAINTENANCE

Many businesses that have gone on-line to promote their services are discovering that it is difficult to maintain an edge on their competition. This month <u>Main Street</u> focuses its "On-Line" column on how and why many have fallen victim to lack of web site maintenance.

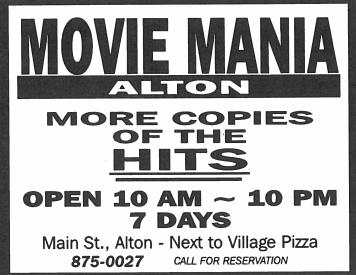
A professionally designed web site can be a considerable expense for a small business. Although any computer savvy person can create their own web pages, many businesses opt to have a more professional appearance. Computer consultants and free-lance designers offer services that can range from reasonable one-time fees to rates exceeding \$100 and more per hour. But the research, design, and set up of a web site is only the first step to the Internet.

Slick and flashy designs attract browsers to web pages, but in the case of merchants and services that choose to go on-line, current information is the key to their success. Web sites that are not updated soon lose potential customer's interest and are visited less frequently. Out-dated pricing, incorrect business hours, or services and products no longer available can lead to frustration and detract from an otherwise good business. Just as restaurants constantly change their menus and offerings, so too should an on-line business change the information on its web site. But again, the cost of maintaining a site by a professional can be formidable.

Numerous web sites are designed to link with sites of similar content or interest. Businesses that choose to offer this as part of their own web pages should be monitoring these sites on a regular basis. Out-dated, irrelevant, or misinformation can be harmful to a well-designed site.

Many on-line companies are very sensitive to e-mail, whether it is received as an inquiry, a criticism, or a complaint. This can be used as a way for businesses to improve their services, update or eliminate information, and expand their customer base. Those that choose to ignore or fail to keep open lines of communication with its customers via the Internet take the risk of losing them to the competition.

For those who choose the Internet as a way to access and communicate with its customers, current information is the key to their success. But don't always judge a business by its web site. Many simply can't afford the up keep required to maintain a web site.



#### ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club regrets to announce that the annual Penny Sale, which was scheduled for August 11 in Alton Bay, has been postponed until April, 2001. The members of the club wish to thank all patrons for their understanding and continued support and look forward to seeing everyone in the spring.

However, the club is raffling a 16-foot Bear Creek canoe with paddles and life vests, thanks to the generous donations of Rines Electric, Arthur Hoover Law Office, Parker Marine, and Alton Video. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased from local merchants or members of the club.

If you have any questions, contact either Cecile Chase at 569-8999 or Arthur Hoover at 875-2800.

#### **CURRID AND GRANT REACH STATE FINALS**

Two local boys, Dave Currid and Jimmy Grant, have qualified for the NH Cal Ripken Baseball State Championship. They are members of the Suncook Valley All-Star Team which won the District 6 League Championship on Sunday, July 9. The Suncook team won the championship by beating the all-stars from Kingswood 8 - 4 in the final game.

The Suncook Valley All-Star Team is comprised of six local towns: Barnstead, Alton, New Durham, Chichester, Pittsfield, and Gilmanton. Currid and Grant have been key to the team's success forming the starting middle infield with Currid at shortstop and Grant at second base. The two boys were selected from a field of over 100 boys throughout the eight Suncook Valley regular season teams. The all-star team they represent, made up of 11- and 12-year-old boys, roared through the district playoffs. They beat last year's defending champs, Kingswood, and last year's runner-up, Mount Washington Valley. The team ended with a tournament record of 6-1.

The state championship is held in Rochester's Roger Allen Park facility. Nine district champions, representing the entire State of New Hampshire, will compete for the title "2000 NH Cal Ripken All-Star State Champions." This is the first Suncook Valley team ever to qualify for the state championship.

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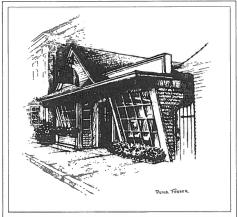
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#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2000 at 6:30 p.m.

Please call Holly at the Library at 875-2550 to RSVP. Childcare will be available at the Community Church on Church Street.

For more information or if you need a ride, please contact Dick or Carol Wallace, Incorporators of LRGHealthcare, at 875-8221.

#### SUMMER AT ACSP By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) served 22 adults and 13 children in its food pantry during the month of June, with many visiting the pantry at least twice during the month.

The ACSP asks Alton's summer residents to remember us as you close your homes for the season. Consider donating any unopened foods to the Alton food pantry.

We want to thank all of those citizens who have assisted Caregivers in providing Alton residents with transportation to and from medical appointments. Additional volunteers are still needed (see story on page 3). Could you provide one ride per month? Volunteers are also needed to assist in our food pantry on Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. Please call 875-2273. Food donations can be left in the Welfare Office in Town Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the food pantry between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The ACSP would like to say thank you to the caring

volunteers who provide us with assistance on a regular basis and to all those who provide donations to our food pantry. Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated.

#### **PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY By Joe Harris**

Trying to figure out what to do with all those extra zucchinis? Or how about the bushels of ripe tomatoes? Most

home gardeners have excesses of one crop or another every year. This season, why not grow a crop or row for the needy. "Plant a Row for the Hungry" is a service project of the Garden Writers Association of America working with many communities to help less fortunate people that sometimes don't have enough to eat. Closer to home, you can help those who

are in need of fresh produce by donating garden surpluses to our local food bank, ACSP (call first, 875-2273). Alternatively, you can contact the UNH Cooperative Extension new Family Home and Garden Center's Info-line toll-free at 1-877-EXT-GROW for a list of agencies and organizations in the area that accept fresh produce to feed the hungry.

Donate vegetables that keep well, such as carrots, cabbages, beets, onions, squash, tomatoes, and peppers. Harvest your produce at its peak of ripeness and clean it thoroughly. Bring your fruits and vegetables to the local food bank or other drop-off point and help those who need a helping hand.

#### PONDS AND SOILS PROGRAMS

The Belknap County Conservation District will be offering two programs to the public to educate them on how to build a pond and identify what soils are in the area. For more information on either program, call 528-8713.

The Pond Clinic will be held on August 3, with pre-registration due by Monday, July 31. The fee is \$5 a person and \$2.50 for each additional household member. Being held at the Muehlke Family Tree Farm in Gilford, this clinic is for anyone interested in building a pond or learning about the care and maintenance of one. The topics will include placement, design, permits, weed and algae control, and best management practices for a variety of pond uses. The uses include fire suppression, ornamental, irrigation, wildlife and livestock watering, fish habitat, and recreation.

The program on soils in this area will be open to the public on August 23. The Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates that Belknap County will be getting about ten new soil names due to its location in a "frigid" region. If you cannot attend, the office has soils information readily available.

#### **100 YEARS YOUNG**



The American Legion Auxiliary wishes Miss Ella Adams a Happy 100th Birthday which took place on July 19. She is the only living Charter member of the Auxiliary.

#### BANDSTAND SERVICES By Bob Hett, Pastor, The Bay Church

The Bay Church is continuing its unique boat-in, drive-in, walk-in services at the Alton Bay Bandstand right through Labor Day weekend, beginning 9 a.m. each summer Sunday.

Speakers for August include Bay Church Associate Pastor John Fogell (August 6), Pastor Paul Johnson of Searoad Advent Christian Church in Kennebunk, Maine (August 13), Pastor Bob Hett of The Bay Church (August 20), and Pastor Bruce Wall from the Dorchester Baptist Temple in Massachusetts (August 27).

Music will be provided by the host church on August 6, followed by guest soloists, Rick Harmon of Eastern Nazarene College (August 13), Tavia Cushing Williams, wife of the pastor of the Farmington Advent Christian Church (August 20), and Katie Hett, the pastor's niece (August 27).

#### **COVERED DISH SUPPERS** By Bob Hett, Pastor, The Bay Church

Starting Wednesday, August 16, and continuing each Wednesday into the fall, The Bay Church (and the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center) will sponsor a "Covered Dish Supper" in the dining hall of the Lombard Center on the Conference Center grounds. The "Pot-Faith" supper (each family brings a dish to share) begins at 6 p.m., followed by a fellowship event at 7 p.m.

Guests on August 16 will be the Rev. Earl and Martha Wright, missionaries to India representing the Advent Christian Churches of North America.

On Wednesday, August 23, a 40-voice choir of Christian musicians from the Lakes Region will present the musical "God With Us" in the C. O. Farnham Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m. Dona Lynn Curry, director of the musical, says: "Don't miss this incredible worship experience! Invite your family, friends, and churches to be part of this evening of praise."

friends, and churches to be part of this evening of praise." On August 30 at 7 p.m. Dr. Oral Collins of Berkshire Institute of Christian Studies in Lenox, Massachusetts, will share about his latest archaeological "dig" at the presumed site of the ancient Israeli city of Ai. Everyone is invited to join in these special evenings of food, fun, and fellowship.

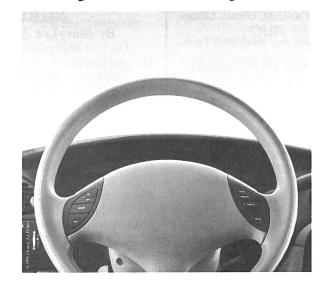
#### REMEMBERING OUR DEAR DEPARTED By Ron Lariviere

Would you be willing to help out in a volunteer manner to clean up some of the local family cemeteries in Alton?

If I can get the permission of the property owners to go in and try to restore some of the grave sites in these neglected areas, I would like to start a volunteer group to do just that. If you would be willing to help, please send your name and address to Ron Lariviere, HCR 72, Box 122, Coffin Brook Road, Alton, NH 03809, or leave a message at 875-6828.

If you are a property owner who has a family cemetery in need of care, please contact the above address or phone.

## You say his name often on the highway. Why not say it in church?



You"ll feel much better using the Lord's name in prayer. Not in traffic. Worship 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

#### AUGUST EVENTS

Wed.	2	BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Thu.	3	AUTHOR, DUKE SOUTHARD, Gilman Library,
		7 p.m., see Checkout
Sat.	5	DIESEL DOUG & THE LONG HAUL TRUCKERS,
		Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m. see story
		THE CONTINENTALS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay
		Christian Conference Center (ABCCC), 7:30 p.m.
Sun.	6	REV. RON WALTON, Special Speaker, ABCCC,
		10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Moņ.	7	BINGO, West Alton Fire House, 7 p.m.
Tue.	8	FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Meeting,
		7 p.m., see story
Wed.	9	BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Thu.	10	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community
		Center, 10:30 a.m 12 noon
Fri.	11	CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER, 6:30 p.m.,
		see story
Sat.	12	FLEA MARKET AND FOOD SALE, Alton Garden Club,
		9 a.m., see story
		OLD HOME DAYS 5K ROAD RACE, 9 a.m. start,
		see story
		OLD HOME DAYS CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay,
		10 a.m 5 p.m.
		SINGER/STORYTELLER SAMMIE HAYNES, Gilman
		Library, 10:30 a.m., see Checkout
		SAY ZUZU CONCERT, Alton Bay Bandstand,
		7 p.m., See story
		THE JACOBS BROTHERS IN CONCERT, ABCCC,
		7:30 p.m.
Sun.	13	OLD HOME DAYS CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay,
		9 a.m 3 p.m.
		PASTOR DOUG ANDERSON, Special Speaker, ABCCC,
		10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Mon.	14	BINGO, West Alton Fire House, 7 p.m.
Tue.	15	ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPRAISAL DAY,
		Alton Bay Christian Conference Center,
		5:30 - 7:30 p.m., see story
Wed.	16	BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Thu.	17	COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM, Gilman Library,
		6:30 p.m., see story
SAT.	19	HAWGMAUL CONCERT, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.,
		see story
		THE LAPOINTES IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
Sun.	20	DR. KENT HILL, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m.
		and 6 p.m.
Mon.	21	BINGO, West Alton Fire House, 7 p.m.
Tue.	22	ALTON GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM, Congregational
		Meeting House, 1:30 p.m., see story
Wed.	23	BINGO, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
		THE LAKES REGION CHORUS IN CONCERT,
		Presenting "God With Us," ABCCC, 7 p.m.
Fri.	25	THE PARKER TRIO IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
Sat.	26	EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY POT
		LUCK AND ANNUAL MEETING, 6 p.m., see story
		EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE, Alton Bay Bandstand,
		7 p.m., see story
		THE ENVOYS IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
Sun.	27	REV. BRUCE WALL, Special Speaker, ABCCC,
		10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
		EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY SERVICE
		AND HYMN SING, 4 p.m., see story
Mon.	28	BINGO, West Alton Fire House, 7 p.m.
Tue.	29	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! Alton Central School
Wed.	30	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.

#### LOOKING AHEAD PRIMARY ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 12 By Bob Calvert

Tuesday, September 12, is the date of the State Primary Election, the fourth of five major elections scheduled in New Hampshire for the year 2000. Three are already behind us. The General Election follows on Tuesday, November 7, which will see the election of Governor, State Representatives and Senators, and President, as well as U.S. Representatives.

#### **Staffing the Polls**

New Town Moderator Mark Northridge begins his active duty with the September 12 Primary Election and will be happy to hear from potential new volunteers who may be willing to take a four-hour tour of duty at the Central Fire Station between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. A group of election volunteers are expected to continue to serve, but there is usually a need for more. Northridge can be reached at 875-5255. He brings a rich experience to his new role, having served as Assistant Town Moderator for the past two years, and for several years has moderated the annual Candidates Night program, sponsored by <u>Main Street</u>.

#### Sales Space

At each election a small amount of space for a table and chairs is made available for non-profit and charitable groups to sell products during the election. To check on space available and/or to make reservations, call the Town Clerk's office at 875-2101 well in advance of the election day.

#### State Representative Primary Update

Last month <u>Main Street</u> listed (page 16) the candidates for the primary race in September. Too late we were informed there is a third candidate from Barnstead who will be on the ballot for State Representative. His name is Robert Kaplan and he is running on the Democratic ticket.

#### NH HUMANE SOCIETY By MaryLee Zitzow, Fundraising Director

Do you enjoy listening and dancing to Reggae music? Do you like to eat spicy Caribbean food? Would you like to get your hair braided and beaded at the same time?

Come to the Bay View Pavilion in Alton Bay on Saturday, September 9, to hear "Jam Down" from Boston perform great Reggae, energizing Calypso, and awesome Soca.

The doors open at 6 p.m. and the first set starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 a person up to September 1; after that it will cost you \$20. You can purchase your tickets at the Humane Society in Laconia at 1305 Meredith Center Road or call me at 524-8236 and pay by credit card.

ALL proceeds benefit the unwanted, lost, neglected, and abused animals at the shelter.

#### **ALTON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Alton residents you are needed! The Planning Board, which meets on the second Tuesday of the month, plus occasional other meetings, needs volunteers to serve as alternates. Also, the Capital Improvement Programming Committee (CIPC) needs participants. They will probably meet once a week from the end of August to the end of November. Help out your community by becoming involved. Contact Andy Locke by phone at 875-5095 or e-mail landuse@worldpath.net to state your preference.

## **Information Center**

#### **SCHEDULES**

#### CHURCHES:

- Alton Bay Christian Conference Center Sun. Services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Saturday Evening Concert, 7:30 p.m., Tabernacle at Conference Center; Weekday Services, Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 9:30 a.m. and Mon., Tue., and Thu., 7:30 p.m., 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., Alton Bay Bandstand;
- Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor, Rev. John Fogell, Assoc. Pastor Community Church - Sun. Services, 8:30 and 10 a.m.; Baptist
- Meeting House, Main Street; 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 --- Weekend Masses in Tent by Parish Hall; Services, Sat., 5 p.m., Sun., 8 and 11 a.m., Weekday Masses in Parish Hall; 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
- Mon. and Wed., 11 a.m. 7 p.m.; Tue. and Fri., 9 a.m. 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Thu. and Sun.
- SENIOR MEAL SITE: 875-7102
- Mon Fri., 10 a.m. 2 p.m.; Pearson Rd. Community Center SOLID WASTE CENTER: 875-5801
  - Sun., Mon., Fri., and Sat., 7 a.m. 4:45 p.m. Closed Tue., Wed., and Thu.
    - Rines Road Pit Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m. 3 p.m.
- TOWN HALL: 875-2161
  - Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.
  - Parks and Recreation 875-0109 for info and appts.
  - Planning Director 875-5095 for hours and appts.
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** 
  - Alcoholics Anonymous Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
  - American Legion 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
  - American Legion Auxiliary 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
  - American Legion Jr. Auxiliary 1st Tue., 6 p.m., Legion Hall
  - Boy Scout Troop 53 Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station 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, 293-7041. 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.

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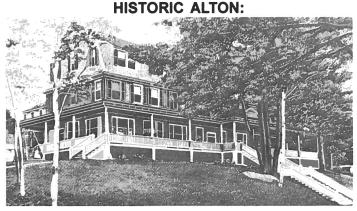


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### **THE OAK BIRCH INN**

By Judy Fry Editor's Note: "Historic Alton" columnist Judith Pellowe reported in our June issue on the 21 essays covering various aspects of Alton's history that were prepared for the town's Bicentennial celebration. The following report, edited to fit this space, was originally prepared by Judy Fry as part of that series.

The Oak Birch Inn was built in 1903 as a hotel and restaurant on what is now known as Route 28A. It had the flavor of New England and served as home away from home for many faithful visitors over the years. The Inn was loved by many for its charm and character. It had the capacity to seat 148 in its theater. Silent movies flashed on its screen over a half-century ago. In recent seasons the theater offered all the latest box office hits.

Rooms were on the second and third floors. The all-time favorites were on the top floor where the view stretched up the Bay toward the White Mountains. Guests enjoyed watching the Mount Washington on its daily trip to Alton Bay.

The dark paneled dining room was very popular with the local residents. In the evening a guest could motor or sail to the dock, have dinner, enjoy a fun-filled evening at the movies, or visit the lounge. Some of the older residents even remember the days of the big bands and dances, with ladies in long dresses sweeping down the staircase. The bowling alley was also fondly remembered by bowling enthusiasts - guests at the Inn or town residents.

When Richard and Myde Stocker of Peabody, Massachusetts, bought the Inn in 1982, they were determined to preserve the historic qualities of this landmark. The rustic pine wainscoting and massive brick fireplaces were highlighted with additions from old hotels that had been demolished. They added chairs and chandeliers from the old Narragansett Hotel in Kennebunkport, Maine, and tavern chairs from the famous Wentworth-by-the-Sea hotel in New Castle.

There was a large porch that wrapped around the sides and front of the Inn. When the row of white rocking chairs was sighted, it was a sure sign the Inn was opening soon and ready for another busy summer season.

This seasonal ritual came to a sudden and tragic ending on the afternoon of April 3, 1989. Neighbors reported seeing smoke coming from several areas of the building shortly before 3 p.m. One hundred fire fighters from eight mutualaid towns fought the blaze. The Inn was not open at the time of the fire. It was of suspicious origin.

The lot stands empty now. Fire consumed the entire historic structure. Many long-time visitors and townspeople felt they had lost a friend. Although the building itself is gone, there will always be many memories to treasure.





#### WHAT KIND OF SUMMER FOR YOU?

The lazy, hazy days of summer continue this month in Alton's outdoors. For the outdoor person, there is still plenty to do.

Cold water fishing is at its slowest this month as these species of fish are in the coolest water they can find. In the "Big Lake" that means DEEP. Anywhere from 60 to 100+ feet deep is where the lake trout, salmon, and rainbows will be found. Down riggers and deep running wire lines are needed to catch these fish. Vertical jigging with heavy lures and deep live-bait fishing can also produce fish. One must have a good knowledge of the lake bottom or use a fishfinding sonar to be successful.

Before the popularity of fish finders, two "old timers" I have known continually fished Winnie successfully. One trolled the 60-foot contour depth line with lead line with Davis Spinners or large trolling flies. The other used monell wire line to fish at the 110-foot depth. They would often catch salmon in the 5 - 7 pound range, and lake trout in the 11 - 14 pound range. Yes, there were fish that big in Winnie.

Are there any big fish left? There sure are! Last March a knowledgeable ice fisherman pulled a 17 pound, 37 1/4 inch lake trout out of Winnie's depths. Have you ever seen one this big? He wasn't done! He also pulled in the third largest lake trout caught this century — a 24.97 pound (call it 25 pounds?), 41 172 inch long, 23 inch girth lunker. The big ones are still there and growing! Good luck trying to find one.

August is also a peak month for fishing for stripped bass

and bluefish along New Hampshire's coast. Some very large stripped bass (called "cows"), between 40 - 50 inches, are being caught in good numbers near the NH-MA border. If you fish for this species, hold tight! This fish really pull back when you hook one.

For the hunter, August is a get-ready month. Hunting season for black bear opens September 1. Sighting in rifles or bow, scouting for bear hang-outs, and obtaining land owner permission for tree stand use and/or baiting sights, are all activities to keep you busy this month. I've heard reports of a VERY large bear in this area and observed large fresh bear tracks while turkey hunting this past May. Don't be too "lazy" this month as there is still plenty to

do in Alton's great outdoors.

#### ENERGY CO-OP UPDATE

The energy co-op has chosen the two low bidders for propane and, as last year, the prices are fixed — they cannot increase during the year. The bids for heating oil and kerosene will take place in the future as it is hoped that the prices will drop. Membership in the co-op is open to any resident or business. There is a small fee to support the activities.

#### Main Street SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT

Many families have students going off to college this fall. These young people might like to keep informed about what's happening in Alton, and we have the perfect going-away gift idea for you. Surprise them with a year subscription to Main Street. For only \$10.50 you can send them 12 issues—they will be just as informed as you each month.

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#### ST. CYR WINS ESSAY CONTEST

Meghan St. Cyr, who attends Alton Central School, was one of three Grade 11 students in the state chosen to represent the New Hampshire Electric Co-op and the State of New Hampshire at the 2000 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June. The winners, chosen based on essays and personal interviews, enjoyed a week sight-seeing, education, and socializing in Washington D.C. with more than 1,400 students representing electric co-op's from 46 states.

The students visited many sites in Washington, including the Smithsonian Institute, the Lincoln Memorial, the Holocaust Museum, and the war memorials. The students also met with members of New Hampshire's congressional delegation.

The Co-op's Youth Tour Essay Contest is open to all students in Grade 11 whose home or school is served by the New Hampshire Electric Co-op.

#### HONOR ROLL FOR FOURTH QUARTER

#### (As Received From Alton Central School)

Alton Central School recently announced the students earning High Honors and Honors for the fourth quarter of the 1999/2000 Academic Year. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects while Honors calls for a grade of at least 83.

#### **High Honors**

Grade 4: Jesse Lane. Grade 5: Jane Farrell. Grade 6: Owen Laurion, Taylor Peterson, and Daniel Pitman. Grade 7: Anne Farrell and Christina Jamieson. Grade 8: Lyndsey Caron, Dylan Laurion, Stephanie Tanguay, Daniel Quinn, and Krista Shibley. Grade 9: Stephanie Hillsgrove, Terese Hopper, and Amanda Jones. Grade 10: Scott Blair and Marissa Peterson. Grade 11: Katie Morrill, Zachary Christy, and Renee LaFreniere.

#### Honors

Grade 4: Hayley Barnet, Tony Castagnaro, Chelsea Hawkins, Alina Loynd, Jason Tanguay, Joshua Austin, Chris Moutlon, Corine Pearce, Brianna Tidd, Kelsey Crathern, Ryan Gillan, Dan Hopper, Tyler Houghton, Chris Loprete, Amanda Pellowe, Chris Stewart, and Caitlin Wenzlau. Grade 5: Ashley Finethy, Nathan Fogell, Leann Fuller, Kim Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Josh Liedtke, Nick Lundy, Marc Roy, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeff St. Cyr, Dottie-Jean Bailey, Jennifer Boucher, Charlotte French, Suzy Sherwood, Kelsey Tinkham, Hannah Barnet, Daniel Jalbert, Dan Lampman, Carmen Niquette, Hope Shafer, Wesley Taggett, and Ty Tremblay. Grade 6: Michelle Fulp, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Johanna Dickson, Allyson Dudman, Kathryn Pellowe, James Grant, Patrick Quinn, and Amber Richardson.

Grade 7: Shayna Randall, Derek Rondeau, Amanda Boudreau, and Whitney Marston. Grade 8: David Currid, Kindsay Kenerson, Tonya Prescott, Meredith Roy, Matt Sydow, Elspeth Dana, Tamara Cornelissen, Carl Dickson, Kyle McAuliffe, and Cherie Royer. Grade 9: Jill Feger, Kelly Jalbert, Erin Wood, Hilary Ballentine, and Katie Brooks. Grade 10: Dana Lang, John McAuliife, Kayla Ballentine, David Benedetto, Joshua Carr, Morgan Fuller, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, David Shibley, Dennis Sweeney, and Jane Varney.

**Grade 11:** David Osborn, Geoffrey Scholl, Ashley Southwell, Emily Sydow, May Varney, Tonya Alden, Katie Boles, Ashley Conrad, Sara Dore, Tara Elliott, Will Goodrow, and Shawn Hillsgrove. **Grade 12:** Kim Collins, Korin Eagles, Terry Feger, Jerusha Hayward, Jenny Martin, Buffy Quindley, Jon Russo, and Victor Stone.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER By Nancy Mooney Hebert

August, we will be aghast Should you not provide Pleasant days to last Throughout our summertide-However, we do appreciate The bounty that you yield Before we close the garden gate And gaze upon a frosty field.

Election of officers was held at the July meeting; thanks to Dom Giuliano for his competent handling of the process. The results were: Evelyn Nardo re-elected as President; Ginny Myers as vice-president; Peg Bowman continues as secretary with Helen Stanford as assistant; Liz Roberts defeated Jeanette Barton for treasurer; Aubert Giles is assistant treasurer; and Claire Fitzgerald chosen as auditor. Fred Bowman won the attendance raffle; thanks to Helen Stanford and Liz Roberts for the refreshments.

Our annual meeting will be held at Sandy Point Restaurant on August 9 at 4 p.m. with an inauguration dinner in honor of the newly-elected officers. Dom Giuliano will conduct a special swearing in ceremony. Members who wish to attend must sign up at the center by August 2. For more information, call Evelyn at 875-3645 or Ruth Giles at 875-2876.

Ginny Myers has posted our August trip. We will leave the center at 4:30 p.m. on August 6 for dinner at Patrick's Pub, then on to Meredith for the musical "Singin' In The Rain." Cost is \$34. Call Ginny at 875-5713 for more details.

The senior citizens will hold a flea market on Saturday, September 2, at the Alton Bay Community Center. Please bring items to the senior center on Pearson Road on September

1. We appreciate your help.

Thunder and lightning and flickering lights could not deter the seniors from playing bingo on July 14! We are very grateful to Kelly Troendle and Helen Sullivan of the Parks and Recreation Department for sponsoring "Christmas in July" bingo for the 30 seniors who attended. Special teddy bear prizes were won by many. Congratulations to Marion DeCowski for winning the jackpot, a set of beautiful steins, and Ginny Myers for winning our Fourth of July picnic basket raffle, which she donated to a needy family. We thank all those who purchased raffle tickets.

A hearty welcome to Judy Carmel who recently joined our organization. We urge all seniors who are new to Alton to visit the center on the Pearson Road to see what we offer.

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Alton, once again, has said a fond farewell to a civic leader, this time in the person of Nancy Moore. She had been active in an earlier period on the Alton Planning Board and served with distinction as its chairman while husband Bill was a Town Selectman. She had also served as chairman of the Chelsea, Massachusetts, School Board, and was active in the Alton-New Durham Lions Club and former president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion in Alton. She was former owner and operator of the Mama Rina's Restaurant on Route 11 in New Durham.

Nancy has left a "work hard" legacy to her large family and many friends in Alton and this general area. She will be genuinely missed by all of us.

(RLC, for the Main Street Editorial Board)



#### NEW AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY

#### FICTION

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Patterson, James Peters, Elizabeth Saul, John

NONFICTION

Binchy, Maeve Bryson, Bill Snyderman, Nancy VanPraagh, James LARGE PRINT Poitier, Sidney

CHILDREN Blackstone, Stella Cordes, Helen

Gaines, Isabel Garland, Michael Innes, Brian

Lound, Karen Pilkey, Dave

Strickland, B. & B. Strickland, B. & Fuller, T.

Swan-Jackson, Alys

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Aches & Pains In a Sunburned Country Necessary Journeys Healing Grief

The Measure of a Man

Bear About Town Girl Power in the Classroom Girl Power in the Mirror Tigger's Family Tree Icarus Swinebuckle The Bermuda Triangle Powers of the Mind Girl Power in the Family Captain Underpants & the Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants Wishbone:Gulliver's Travels Jack & the Beanstalk:Wishbone Early Years #1

Wishbone:Terrier of the Lost Mines When Your Parents Split Up:How to Keep Yourself Together

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Koontz, Dean Roberts, Nora

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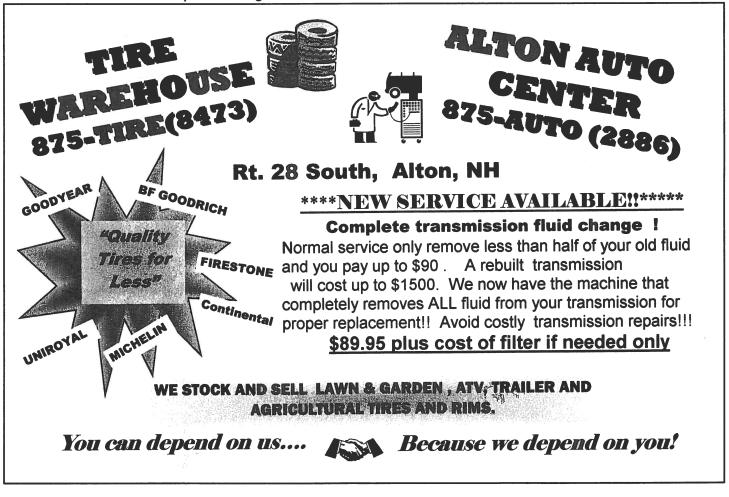
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#### THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian

#### THE CALENDARS ARE READY

The Friends of the Gilman Library calendar for the year 2001, entitled "Beauty Of Alton" and featuring the work of Brenda Griffin of the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, is now available for purchase (\$5 each) at the Gilman Library and the Alton 5 & 10. Pick up your copy today and keep in mind that a 2001 calendar makes a great gift. Speaking of great gifts, we also have Alton Village prints, afghans, collectibles, bricks, canvas book bags and t-shirts available.

It is always a pleasure to meet an author and to learn his/ her inspiration for writing. This is especially true when that author is a New Hampshire resident. We are very pleased to welcome Duke Southard of Tuftonboro, a retired teacher from Kingswood High School in Wolfeboro to discuss his first novel entitled *A Favor Returned*. Join us for his presentation entitled "A First Novel — The Process, the Pain and the Pride" on Thursday, August 3, at 7 p.m. in the Agnes Thompson meeting room at the library. Mr. Southard was featured in the April 26 issue of *The Granite State News* so you may have read about how he came to share this story with us and/or you may have read the book. If not, you may be interested in one or both of these items which are available at the library. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Gilman Library. Admission is free and all are welcome.

We will celebrate the close of another summer filled with reading and fun with Singer/Storyteller Sammie Haynes. Sammie has been performing for adults and children for many years at schools, special events, and festivals. Her music reflects children's likes/dislikes, self-esteem, sharing, and just having fun while encouraging active participation from members of the audience. Join us on Saturday, August 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the library. This event is also sponsored by the Friends of the Gilman Library. Admission is free and the entire family is welcome.

The book discussion group will be meeting to discuss A Dog's Life by Peter Mayle. For more information as to time and place of the program and for a copy of this book, please call the library at 875-2550 or stop in and see us.



#### HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS by Ken Roberts Highway Agent

#### AND THE ROAD WORK CONTINUES...

Welcome to summer everyone! It has been a wet one. Reconstruction of Fort Point Road is now underway; it should take approximately 12 weeks to complete this project. We appreciate your patience while this is being done.

The end of July should see us starting the widening of Rines Road, the dirt section going up to the New Durham line. We apologize for any inconvenience. In August we will be widening Lily Pond Road and Miramichie Road.

Our ditching operations are still in progress. Please expect delays.

Do not hesitate to call us at 875-6808 for any problems you may see. Thank you for your understanding. Remember, Public Safety Is Our #1 Concern



#### PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

#### (As Received From Alton Central School)

Alton Central School's Perfect Attendance Awards for the school year 1999/2000 were bestowed upon the following students:

Grade 1: Lauren Whalen. Grade 2: Sarah Adams, Hollie Couture, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, Levi Liedtke, Calvin Tenander, and Bradley Cyr. Grade 3: Jillian Taylor. Grade 4: Amber Couture. Grade 5: Megan Burwell. Grade 6: Jacquelyn Piaseczny, Dana Fuller, and Matt Snell. Grade 7: Brian Roy, Jacob Ford, Sarah Tinkham, and Sonya Itchkavich-Levasseur. Grade 8: Elspeth Dana, Crista Perkins, and Cherie Royer. Grade 9: Zachary Shea, David Bailey, and Jennifer Carr. Grade 10: Ben Jensen and Josh Carr.

#### ALTON SCHOOL RECOGNIZES GOOD CITIZENSHIP

#### (As received from Alton Central School)

For the fourth quarter of the 1999/2000 academic year the following students have been recognized for citizenship by the Alton Central School:

Grade 1: Lindsey Malone, Joel Dore, Jake Rochette, Ashley Herrick, and Andrew Kim. Grade 2: Ashley Barsanti, Scott Brunelle, Ashley Dellapiana, Megan Hopper, Stephanie Moulton, Kyle Kleeburg, Sarah Adams, Zachary Whissel, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, Levi Liedtke, Nikoli Logan-Goodwin, Caitlin Hussey, Lindsey Daniels, and James Goodwin. Grade 3: Erik Caron, Marina Avery, Felicia Drewniak, Amber Gagnon, Samantha Golden, Andrea Hillsgrove, Katelyn Ordway, Caitlin Sylvester, Shaida Anderson, Megan Farrell, Steven Giani, Kim Grant, Micheal Jensen, Maegan Rojek, Stephanie Roy, Michael Stevens, Weston Stewart, Kathie Sykes, Olivia Varney, Casey Beranger, and Brittany Dwyer. **Grade 4:** Robyn Shibley, Emily Folan, Tony Castagnaro, Amber Couture, Chelsey Hawkins, Caitlin Wenzlau, Erin Brackley, and Ryan Gillan.

Grade 5: Dottie-Jean Bailey, Mara Cook-Hamer, Ashley Dwyer, Charlotte French, Courtney Marston, Donny McGee, Suzy Sherwood, Kelsey Tinkham, Kyle Belanger, Kris Callahan, Dan Jalbert, Melissa Pryor, Jake Ridner, Hope Shafer, Ashley Sweeney, Wes Taggett, Ty Tremblay, Jeff St. Cyr, Courtney Goodwin, Jane Farrell, Caila Kantar, Kim Hannafin, Leann Fuller, and Ashley Finethy. Grade 6: Dan Pitman, Marie Phelan, Katie Pellowe, Ashley Hubbard, Allyson Dudman, Johanna Dickson, Nick DiVito, Jamie Bilodeau, Shannon Cornelissen, Michelle Fulp, Peter Kaszynski, Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion, Taylor Peterson, Aimee Terravechia, Joshua Casoni, Chris Frost, Rebecca Golden, Joshua O'Neil, Pat Quinn, Amber Richardson, Sara Talon, and Jimmy Grant. Grade 7: Amanda Boudreau, Crystal Cleasby, Travis Hopper, Elizabeth Husak, Christina Jamieson, Whitney Marston, Sarah Tinkham, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Erin Hannafin, Shayna Randall, Derek Rondeau, Brian Roy, and Lyndsey St. Laurant.

#### **COOTS WINS AWARD**

Laura Ann Coots, daughter of Laura C. and Walter V. Coots, received the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the spring 2000 semester at Colgate University. A 1996 graduate of Alton High School, Coots graduated from Colgate in May 2000 with a B.A. with concentrations in Geography and Sociology.



#### BELKNAP COUNTY FOCAL POINT IS HERE

By Marjorie Obrotka

Focal Point is a new supportive information and referral service addressing the needs of elders and adults with disabilities and/or chronic illness. This service provides a central place (one call) to access information, education, support, advocacy, linkage, and follow-up services.

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To access this service, citizens can call or visit us at our central site in the Healthlink Building, Beacon Street, Laconia. Outreach services are available if someone is unable to leave their home. If you have a question, "Ask Lisa" (Morris) at 527-7009 or toll free at 1-888-339-5419.

#### **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER**

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring "A Guest Night Dinner" on Friday, August 11, 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford. "The First Stop at Grand Junction Station" is the Special

"The First Stop at Grand Junction Station" is the Special Feature by Paul Turner, Berry Mill Complex Historian, Wolfeboro and Richard Parshley of Clickity Clack Railroad of Wolfeboro Falls. "The Whistle Stop Music" is by a mystery guest. Keep us on "The Right Track" will be presented by Special Speaker Alan Paselle from Essex Junction, Vermont. Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling Jan in Meredith at 279-7151. The Lakes Pagion Christian

Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling Jan in Meredith at 279-7151. The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational group with no formal membership.

#### FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY By MaryBee Longabaugh

The Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring several programs during the summer which are listed in "Checkout Desk." However, for the Friends to be able to do that, they

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have to have monthly business meetings so members can agree on how to fund any necessary expenses connected with these programs.

YOU, the members of the Friends, are the people who vote on what we should or should not do. We will be having a meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 7 p.m. at the library. We need to discuss needs for August meetings, the fall mum sale, and our Holiday Tea in December.

Please come; express your wishes/opinions; help us make the library a better place. We cannot operate without YOU.

#### A REMINDER TO ADVERTISERS

The DEADLINE for placing new ads in <u>Main Street</u> is the 15th of the month, or the first business day thereafter. PAYMENT for new ads, or for continuing an existing ad, is due at the same time.

As of July 1, 2000, the cost for ads is \$12.50 a column/ inch. If you wish to take out a contract for 6 or 12 months, you have to pay in advance, receiving a 10 percent discount off the cost. Monthly billing is being discontinued.

It is up to the advertiser to get copy and payment in by the 15th. Send them to the Advertising Manager either by placing them in the rural mail box in the Bank of New Hampshire in Alton or to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, NH 03810.

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

#### **AUGUST FUN IN ALTON**

The following events are scheduled for August. If you have any questions, call 875-0109.

Alton Recreation Soccer League (Register by August 4): Sign up today for the Alton Parks and Recreation Soccer League Program; the deadline is August 4. Grades 1-6; one practice during the week and games every Saturday morning in New Durham. Season runs August 19 - October 28. Registration fee \$15 includes a team shirt. Volunteer coaches needed. First practice Saturday, August 19, Jones Field at the following times: Grades 1 & 2 (U8) 8 - 9 a.m.; Grades 3 & 4 (U10) 9 - 10 a.m.; Grades 5 & 6 (U12) 10 - 11 a.m. All players must have shin guards, water bottle, and soccer ball; cleats recommended. There will be a coaches/assistant coaches meeting Monday, August 14, Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. and a coaches training session, Jones Field, Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

**Dinosaur Egg Hunt**: August 9, ages 6-10, Alton Bay Community Center, 1 - 3 p.m., \$3. Help us find dinosaur eggs hidden in the park. Program includes a craft, snack, and "Dino-mite" time. Space limited. Sign up today at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Stuart Little Pajama Party: August 25 come dressed in your favorite PJ's prepared for a night of excitement. We will have fun with crafts, stories, pizza, ice cream sundaes, and much more! Parents take this time to go out to dinner and enjoy yourselves. PJ Party is Friday, August 25 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center, \$4. Register before August 11.

#### **ALTON BAY CONCERTS**

Every Saturday night from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand you can enjoy a concert. Here are the groups for the month of August. August 5-Diesel Doug & The Long Haul Truckers (original NE Country); August 12-Say ZuZu (NH Country Rock); August 19-Hawgmaul (Hip Rockabilly & Country); August 26-East Bay Jazz Ensemble (Jazz and Swing favorites).

#### AND THE WINNERS WERE ...

Parks and Recreation held its annual canoe race in June with 27 canoes competing. The five-mile race started at the Merrymeeting River and ended in Alton Bay.

Overall 1st Place in 25:56: Todd Boucher and Sean Rogers.

Recreational Men: Eric Smith and Dale Keirstead, 1st; Jim Washburn and Charles Westen, 2nd. Recreational Women: Mary Marren and Evie Jordan, 1st; Hallie Reinholz and Sara Roberts, 2nd; June Sanborn and Mary Lou Brown, 3rd. Recreational Adult and Child Under 13: Alan and Nathan Barrett, 1st; Stark and Joshua Liedtke, 2nd. Recreational Co-Ed: Alison Roberts and Charlie Roberts, 1st; David Monroe and Alison Monroe, 2nd; Peter Farrell, Gene Harkless, and Megan Farrell, 3rd. Recreational Single: Larry Douglas. Recreational Youth Pairs: Jeff Temple and Shane LaBar.

Kayak: Clive Roberts, 1st; Greg Lowell, 2nd; Jane Farrell, 3rd. Racing Men: Todd Boucher and Sean Rogers, 1st; Scott Ricker and Andy Ouellet, 2nd; Mark Peters and Dan O'Rielly, 3rd. Racing Women: Susan Amaral. Racing Co-Ed: Ron Keslar and Kim Russell. Racing Single: Bill

Bakes, 1st; Jim Bean, 2nd. Thanks went to L & C Springwater for donating water to all participants and to the volunteers who helped: Jack Bernard, Bill Lionetta, Tracy Lionetta, Ben Jones, Lisa Jones, and Jav Sydow.

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1986 SEA RAY RUNABOUT, 20', 260 HP Mercury 1/0, always in Lake Winnipesaukee, always under cover, full cockpit cover, full top cover, side curtains, original owner, all maintenance records, mint condition, \$7,500. 875-3206.

DINING TABLE, Trestle type, wood, seats 6, 4 chairs and bench upholstered, like new condition, \$250. 875-5753.

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#### In memoriam PAUL THOMAS WEZOWICZ

Paul Thomas Wezowicz of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died unexpectedly June 29 of heart failure.

He was the son of Joe and Kay Wezowicz and enjoyed his Sea Ray boat on Lake Winnipesaukee. Paul was a volunteer fireman and had friends in our department. He also had friends along the "Big Lake" and in Laconia.

He died at age 45 and will be deeply missed.

(Submitted by the Wezowicz family)

CARD OF THANKS We would like to thank all of our friends who attended our going away party. It was great to see so many people. Thanks so much for the cards and money tree. A big Thanks to Elaine and Ellie for all the work they did to make it such a nice party. John and I really enjoyed ourselves. Thanks again.

#### /s/Ellie and John Streeter

Continued from page 1 department to become waterborne. It took awhile. But finally in October of last year the Chief's information network tipped him off that there was a suitable boat in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard surplus equipment lot. In no time at all that boat, complete with trailer, took up temporary quarters in the Alton police garage.

One difficulty was that the U.S. Navy did not also have a surplus boat engine. The 2000 Town Meeting took care of this by authorizing the expenditure of \$9,000 for an outboard motor and associated hardware. The Police Department staff rehabilitated and painted the hull on their own time. They were supplemented by Ernie Gillan and his forces at Gillan Marine who donated significant labor and extras when installing the 175 hp Mercury outboard motor.

The front page photo shows the 21-foot McKee Craft ready to go. Not insignificantly, the boat is marked "Alton Public Safety" in recognition that the Building Inspector will also be using it when checking on septic installations and construction on the islands.

#### Main Street FIFTEEN YEARS AGO ...

. . A family lecture entitled "The Notch through the Ages" was sponsored by the Gilman Library . . . Town Historian Al Fisher was transcribing historical files of the years 1760 - 1880 to a computer record... "Be a Book Traveler" was the theme of the summer reading program of the Gilman Library . . . the Alton Chamber of Commerce appointed Donald J. Moore as Activities Director. **TEN YEARS AGO...** 

... Alton Central School graduated 41 seniors at its 1990 commencement ceremony; Peter M. Coots was class president and Cynthia L. Bibeault was valedictorian ... Main Street's original publisher, Bill Watkins, died of a cerebral hemorrhage while on his annual canoe trip in Maine.

#### FIVE YEARS AGO 🗰

... 35 seniors were awarded diplomas at the 1995 commencement exercises of Alton Central School . . . a welcoming article featured the appointment of Kellie McGrath (now Kellie Troendle) as the new director of Alton's Parks and Recreation Department . . . Fourth-grader Hillary Ballentine was named the Belknap County Robert Frost Youth Poet ... a memorial blood drive was being planned by the family and friends of the late Mike Burke.



The Thermal Imaging Camera Fund-raiser Dinner hosted 175 guests and as a result the camera fund balance stood in excess of \$12,000 on July 17. The fund's goal is \$22,000. Especially nice commemorative t-shirts and sweatshirts have been produced for the fund and are available for purchase at the Village 5 & 10.

The annual Fire and Rescue Department auction was held on July 8 and fun was had by all. Our auction Chairman Stark Liedtke and his wife Michelle deserve a round of thanks along with the rest of the committee for a job well done. The receipts for the day exceeded \$1,200.

I would like to thank all of you for your support for fundraising in these areas and encourage you to pass the word along about our Thermal Camera Fund-raising Program. Contributions to this fund can be made at The Bank of New Hampshire branch on Main Street or the Village 5 & 10 at the "circle." Make checks payable to the Alton Firemen Incorporated Thermal Camera Fund.

#### ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM OPEN FOR SUMMER

Summer hours are now in effect until September 3 for the Alton Historical Society Museum, downstairs at the rear of the Gilman Library. Hours are 2 - 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Volunteer docents will be on duty at all of these times. Come and visit many fascinating items.



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AMERICAN LEGION AWARD By Millie Pierce, Unit Secretary

The Alton American Legion Auxiliary president, Gwen Nadeau (left), presented member Peg Ahlin (right) with the volunteer of the year award recently. Ahlin has donated over 1,500 hours of volunteer time in the past year. As a volunteer she assisted counselors at Frisbee Hospital with special needs children. She also volunteers her time with the 12-step program by providing transportation to meetings and shopping for shut-ins. Our congratulations to Peg Ahlin for all her hours of being the person she is.



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