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"OUR TIME," AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

By Brian Lynch, AmeriCorps VISTA

With a mission statement "to provide affordable, quality out-of-school time programming for Alton's youth," a group of concerned parents in Alton have been meeting to discuss setting up an after-school program for the elementary school aged children. The program "Our Time" will provide a safe and productive place for children to be after school before the parents are home from work.

Involved in the project are Sharon Reed-Erickson, Elementary School Principal; a representative from PlusTime NH, a statewide non-profit assisting communities in the start up and expansion of after-school programs; Peter Bolster, Pastor, Community Church; Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director; and Don Parks, School Superintendent.

The Our Time committee, begun in November, has produced a survey indicating there could be 90 potential students in the program. The meetings that followed saw the group discussing possible space/sites and non-profit status/incorporation. New members are welcome, and everyone is invited. The next meeting is Monday, June 4, 6:30 p.m., Alton High School Library. I can be reached at (800) 432-5851.

DELAYS FOR HOW LONG?

By Bob Longabaugh, Co-Editor

Alton's Main Street (on the left) has been one mess since the beginning of May. Many motorists may have wondered as they sat waiting for the one-lane traffic to open for their turn to move why a sidewalk replacement project would disrupt traffic so much. The answer lies in drainage. The NH Department of Transportation is not missing an opportunity to "do it right" with respect to the storm sewers that will be under the new sidewalk and repaved roadway.

In the two-thirds of a mile of Route 11 that comprises the project, there are six cases of drainage pipes that cross under the road and are being replaced/upgraded. Each crossing requires half of the road to be closed while it is dug up and the sewer work done. After refilling the ditch the other half of the road takes its turn. After the subsurface reconstruction is completed, there will still be traffic delays while the sidewalk and curbing machinery occupies most of the easterly vehicle traffic lane.

The contractor, Lyman Construction Company, plans on having the project completed by July 12 with temporary shutdowns of work on June 13-15 during "Motorcycle Week" and around the Fourth of July. Alton Highway Agent Kenneth Roberts has expressed satisfaction with Lyman's progress and efficiency in minimizing traffic delays.

When completed Alton will have a continuous sidewalk on the easterly side of Main Street from Route 28A in Alton Bay to Ginny Douglas Park. The new 3,500-foot section will have a curb and be similar to the previously improved sidewalk that can be seen opposite the Alton Home and Lumber Center. The short stretch of existing sidewalk on the westerly side of Main Street near Levey Park will be retained. The roadway adjacent to the new sidewalk will receive a one-inch hot asphalt top overlay.

The contract let for the project came in at \$321,164. With significant federal and state financial participation taken into account, Alton's share will be about \$50,000, which has been previously approved at Town Meetings.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

By Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Once again, the Town of Alton is sponsoring the biggest and best opportunity for you to find that unique treasure. It's the annual Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The rain date is June 10.

Free maps with over 40 locations listed are available at the Parks and Recreation Department kiosk (located across from Levey Park), Alton Town Hall, Gilman Library, Alton 5 & 10, and Bank of New Hampshire.

Take part in this fun event. See how many bargains you can obtain. Happy Hunting!



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BELKNAP JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The Belknap Juvenile Justice Initiative (BJJI), a multi-disciplinary task force charged with making recommendations for systemic change in the current county juvenile justice system, is now holding public informational meetings in 11 communities.

On Wednesday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alton Town Hall, Police Chief Kevin D. Iwans and County Commissioner Christopher Boothby will introduce Sheila Weeks, Project Leader, and Sgt. Richard Batstone, Juvenile Officer with the Belknap County Sheriff's Department. The two speakers will outline the problems and the suggested changes.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Those who work with youth and anyone interested in the future of children and families in Alton are encouraged to attend. For more information call 528-3185 or visit <www.bccj.org>.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Donald E. Parks
Superintendent of Schools



NEW POLICY ON BULLYING

The New Hampshire Legislature passed a law, which became effective on January 1 of this year, setting up the Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Program. By enacting RSA 193-F the legislature required every school district in the state to enact a policy on bullying. This new "bullying law" was in response to the pervasive problem of bullying, teasing, and taunting affecting students at every grade level throughout the state. The law requires districts to take bullying seriously and respond in accordance with the new language in the statute. RSA 193-F is not a lengthy statute, but it contains two specific mandates, namely:

Develop a Written Policy

The law requires each local school board to adopt a written policy that specifically addresses bullying. According to the law, bullying is defined as "insults, taunts, or challenges, whether verbal or physical in nature, which are likely to intimidate or provoke a violent or disorderly response." Bullying may involve gang or clique behavior, hazing, threats, and violence. It may even rise to the level of harassment if it is severe, pervasive, and involves gender, race, or other personal characteristics protected by law. Bullying is not just limited to student-to-student. It may involve adults, such as school employees, parents or volunteers.

Require All Staff Members to Report Bullying

In addition the law contains a mandatory reporting requirement. All school employees, including teachers, support staff, administrators, bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers, coaches, school board members, and agents of the school — including independent contractors working for a school or school district — must report to the principal, or his/her designee, any bullying incidents of which they have first-hand knowledge or about which they have reliable information. The principal, in turn, must report in writing any bullying incidents to the superintendent. The superintendent of schools is responsible for informing the teachers, staff, students, and parents of this policy.

This article in **Main Street** helps, in part, to fulfill this responsibility.

The school district has discretion to determine a remedy for those who violate the policy. The district plans to conduct an in-service program for all employees of the school district in the 2001-2002 school year. I ask for parental and community support to help implement the district's policy, written last January and adopted by the school board in February. We must all take seriously the issue of bullying and work at eliminating it.

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Main Street's Inside Front Page



AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

By Joe Harris

The results are in! Main Street is proud to announce the winners of the First Annual Main Street photo contest. Winners were chosen in two categories, amateur and advanced, and were determined by votes cast by the viewing public ("The People's Choices"), and by the editorial board of Main Street ("The Editors' Choices").

The editorial board wishes to extend its thanks and congratulations to all the aspiring photographers who participated in the contest. The winners are:

First Place

People's Choices - Carol Murtagh (top left); Editors' Choices - Danielle Deagle (top center); Advanced - Brenda Griffin (top right).

Second, Third, and Fourth Places

People's 2nd Place [tie] - Danielle Deagle (top center); Editors' 2nd Place - Danielle Deagle (middle left); People's 2nd Place [tie] - Sarah Sanhage (middle center); People's 3rd Place - Brenda Griffin (top right); Editors' 3rd Place - Lisa Lafrenierre (middle right); People's 4th Place - Carol Holt (bottom left).

Honorable Mentions

Danielle Deagle, Shirley Zalenski, and Ed Beaulieu received Honorable Mentions for their entries (not shown).

Ribbons were awarded and placed on all the entries. The photographs with their awards will continue on display in the lower lobby of the Gilman Library until June 16. All contestants will be contacted to make arrangements for the return of their photos.

2001 ICE-OUT WINNER

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Co-Editor

This year's ice-out on the "Big Lake" occurred on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:50 p.m. The winner of Main Street's ice-out contest this year is Michelle Chagnon of Rand Hill Road, Alton Bay, with a date and time of May 1, 10:15 a.m.

We congratulate Michelle. She will receive dinner for two courtesy of Sandy Point Restaurant on Route 11.

The latest date for ice-out is May 12, 1888. There have been very few May dates with the previous one being May 2, 1972. Next year will be Main Street's 16th annual contest. Wonder who will win that one!

THE NEWEST THING ON ALTON'S ROADS

By Lt. Tracy R. Shattuck, Alton Police Department

Those Alton residents who attended Town Meeting in March may recall that the voters present gave approval for the Alton Police Department to purchase video recorders for the cruisers. Following through the department recently took delivery from Kustom Electronics of four state-of-the-art cruiser video recorders. They are being installed by Ossipee Mountain Electronics in Moultonborough.

These videos are a great tool for our law enforcement officers. The camera lens points out the windshield and records everything that happens. The officer wears a microphone that picks up what is said. If you have ever seen police videos on television, they came from this type of device. The beauty of this tool is that it records the events as they truly happen. It's hard to argue with a video recording.

The video records will actually have a couple of different applications. The first, of course, is to serve as evidence. When an arrest is made, the videotape will show the person as they were when the event occurred. In a "DWI" arrest, for example, the field sobriety tests will be preserved on tape so the judge can see for him/herself whether the person passed or failed. Anything said will also be on tape and admitted to the trial, which can be very effective in some cases. The way that the vehicle was being driven before being stopped will also be preserved for later judgement.

The other major use of the video is in cases of citizen complaints. If a person reports officer misconduct, the videotape can be checked carefully for validation of the complaint. At the present time the department has to rely on witnesses' statements and interviews to uncover a bad cop. A tape will show decisively what really happened. It does serve a double purpose, however, since false allegations will also be apparent. This should save the town money in the long-run because it reduces the department's exposure to liability and expensive lawsuits.

While the video recorders were purchased through a Special Warrant Article on the town budget, I am happy to report that the actual cost was only half of that expected. We applied for a grant through the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency, and it was approved! It's always nice to get some tax dollars back to benefit the town.

VOLUNTEERS, WAY TO GO!

By Laurie Boyce, Volunteer Coordinator

I have just finished the NHPIE (New Hampshire Partners In Education) report and ONCE AGAIN our school volunteers have done a tremendous job. As a matter of record, I am sure you would like to know some of the statistics.

We have more than 100 active volunteers who have put in over 6,500 hours service this year. We have three volunteers who have put in over 300 hours each, eight over 200 hours, 15 over 100, 32 with over 50 hours, and the rest have contributed an outstanding amount of volunteer time when needed.

Thirteen volunteers have put in over five consecutive years of time of which six volunteered over ten years and there is one volunteer, Judy Fry, who has donated 20 years of her time, usually putting in 200-300 hours every year.

I would like to THANK all the volunteers for an outstanding job once again. Enjoy the summer; I'll see you all next fall when I ask for your help again.



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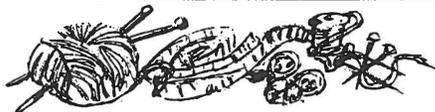
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PLANNING AHEAD
By Alan Sherwood
Planning Board Chair

WHAT DOES YOUR PLANNING BOARD DO?

"Planning ahead" is what your Planning Board does on behalf of the town. Therefore, it is an appropriate heading for what, in the future, will be a frequent column in Main Street dealing with current Planning Board activities. With that preface having been stated, we can now move on to the planning news for this month.

On May 1 of this year Alton joined the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) as a member town. This membership allows us to participate with the other 29 member towns in the Lakes Region on regional planning issues and also allows us access to LRPC planning staff resources. One of the LRPC senior planners is now providing part-time support to Alton in review of routine applications for subdivisions, site reviews, and special exceptions.

We are still without a Town Planner. The search committee and Selectmen came close to filling the position on two occasions, but now we are starting over again with new advertising. This has been a frustrating process for all involved. If you know of a good candidate, please have them contact me or Town Administrator Pam Arnold at 875-2161.

The Planning Board has started to review our subdivision regulations, which were last updated in 1991. These regulations need to be brought in line with current law, as well as reviewed for clarity and adequacy of the tools provided for dealing with complex subdivisions. By the time you read this, our update review should be ongoing. If you have comments to offer on the subdivision regulations, we would welcome them. Please bring your written comments to the Planning and Land Use office on the second floor of Town Hall or mail them to P.O. Box 659, Alton 03809.



TOWN HALL NOTES
By Pam Arnold
Town Administrator

CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION

The Route 11 sidewalk project is well underway, so please expect delays and detours due to equipment in the roadway and rough road surfaces. We have put out public service announcements to the radio stations in hopes that much of the traffic will try to use different travel routes.

Also in the same name of progress, you will be seeing survey and boring crews working on the Old Wolfboro Road for the next three months. Please use caution in this area.

On the Alton Mountain Road reconstruction project, we will be contacting various landowners about the work that will be done in their immediate area.

Please feel free if you have questions on any of the above to call us either at the Town Office, 875-2161 or the office of the Highway Agent at 875-6808.

The Town Office has for sale "The History of Alton." This is a magnificently done book with chapters on the very early history, first families, and cemetery records. It includes remarkable photographs. To quote the author, "Some fiction, fancy and a little bit of fact." Great summer reading or mail one to a friend who may have moved away and misses Alton. If you would like a copy, they are \$8. See Pat Rockwood at Town Hall and she will assist you.

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SENIOR CLASS BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The Senior Class of Alton Central High School announces a Baccalaureate Service to be held in the Baptist Meeting House on Main Street, Sunday, June 10, at 6 p.m. Members of the class will be sharing in music and the spoken word and have invited the Alton clergy to participate as well. Everyone in the community is invited.

ACS TEACHERS HONORED

By Sharon Reed-Erickson, ACS Assistant Principal
Alton Central School's (ACS) very successful sixth grade teaching team, consisting of Charles (Chuck) Downie, Roxane Weymouth, and Susan Leclerc, was honored in May by the New Hampshire Association of Middle Level Educators (NHAMLE), an affiliate of the New England League of Middle Schools. The team's recognition was for their superior middle level teaching practices.

This is a team that is determined to help every child make the grade, no matter where that child is when s/he enters sixth grade. They give unselfishly of their time and talents to help develop character and positive school climate. Moreover, they reinforce these concepts not only with their students but also with the rest of the faculty. They always look at what they CAN do rather than what can't be done.

This team recognizes and promotes practices that recognize the development of a humane individual, realizing that validation and positive self-concept create the starting place for learning. This is a very flexible team who uses many teaching strategies to accommodate different learning styles and multiple intelligence. They are constantly celebrating the successes of their students.

ACS is very proud of our sixth grade teaching team.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, an interdenominational group with no formal membership, will be sponsoring "A Once Upon a Time Luncheon" on Wednesday, June 13, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

Crystal Turner of Center Conway is the Special Feature. She will challenge you to capture those "Once Upon a Time" photos and memories with Creative Memories photo preservation albums. Special Speaker, Ruth Littlefield of Springvale, Maine, will share how her "Once Upon a Time" story became a "Happily Ever After" one.

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

MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

Changes have taken place for our prayer group here in Alton. Since one of our members has a beautiful new baby, we have been meeting at her home in Eagle's Rest. Until the end of the school year, we will meet Mondays, 8:30 a.m. Please call for directions if you wish to join us.

Schedule Change: this year we plan to meet over the summer. Even though our children aren't in school, they still need the guidance and protection of prayer. Carol Holt will hold the meetings, which I will lead, on Thursdays at 8 p.m. at her home. If you plan to join us, call me to make sure the meeting place has not changed. The evening meetings will begin Thursday, June 28, 8 p.m., probably skipping July 5.

I hope we may see some new faces join us for the summer. Words cannot express the lift of encouragement you will receive from this time of prayer.

PTSA

By Karen St. Laurent, PTSA Secretary

The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make Teacher Appreciation Week a success. Parents, students, and friends donated their time to cover the teachers' lunch duties for the week, as well as serve the teachers a luncheon sponsored by the PTSA. We thank you for helping us show our teachers how much we really do appreciate them.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM DR. MERRITT

Editors' note: The "For Sale" sign in front of Dr. Denise Merritt's medical practice on Main Street has brought some speculation in Alton about the future of having a doctor in town. Reprinted below, with Dr. Merritt's permission, is the letter that she has made available to the patients in her practice:

Dear Patient:

The Alton practice is in transition. Middle age, the horror of HMO's, the mounds of paperwork, and pure exhaustion have motivated my need to alter the practice volume and method.

I am leaving in September for a four-month volunteer tour at a remote outpost in Nepal. To accomplish this lifelong dream, a replacement doctor in Alton is required. The legal, financial, and malpractice ramifications of this decision demand that I turn the practice over to Huggins Hospital.

Since October the hospital has attempted unsuccessfully to recruit another physician. My intention had been to return from Nepal, join this new physician, and resume practice but in a more limited way. I had wished to remain in the office full time but wanted to eliminate the profound sleeplessness and midnight snowstorm travel associated with night call. My medical colleagues did not accept this option.

The next possibility is for the hospital to place a temporary physician (called a "locum tenens") for the duration of my "sabbatical." I would then resume the full job in January for at least a year while the search for a permanent physician continues. My employment beyond that year remains uncertain. The acceptance of this alternative is still under debate.

Meanwhile, I have approached the hospital about purchasing the office building. This would alleviate some of the financial burden of being without a salary for four months and potentially jobless in January. The administration of Huggins has expressed an interest but has not committed to an offer.

This leaves me in an irreconcilable situation. I believe a solo practitioner in a peripheral community cannot survive in the present political and financial climate. I remain committed to the volunteer work in Nepal. Employment upon my return is not secure, and a consensus with the medical staff and administration of Huggins Hospital has not been achieved.

Since I may be unemployed, I must be proactive. To that end, I must sell the office building at this time. One of the local hospitals will hopefully purchase it and a medical practice can continue within the building, although it is unlikely I will be part of it.

After nearly 20 years of service to the community, I hoped for a compromise solution granting my continued participation in the practice for the next ten years. I do not have a family of my own, and my practice has been a consuming life commitment. I do not relinquish it easily.

Sincerely,
s/Denise Merritt, MD

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PHANTOM SNOW PLOWER

By Don and Nancy Jordan

Several mornings last winter, after some of the lighter snowfalls, we were surprised to find evidence of a Phantom Snow Plower in our driveway. After keeping careful watch for a few days, we finally caught the phantom in the act.

A young neighbor was again clearing a fresh crop of snow from our driveway with a plow that he had fashioned and attached to his bicycle. It was complete with a means to raise or lower the blade while riding the bicycle. Shown above the industrious engineer demonstrates his invention.

Hats off to this clever young man and thanks, Stephen LePoutre of School Street, for helping us cope with the caprices of nature and adding a bright spot to a dreary winter.

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Holly Brown
Librarian



GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR LIBRARY

The theme for this year's summer reading program is "Octopi Your Mind...READ!" For more information regarding how we are celebrating summer reading, please stop by and see us during library hours.

The Gilman Library is looking for additional volunteers. If you have library experience, please consider donating some of your time to help us "make our library the best it can be."

The Friends of the Gilman Library have several events during the month of June. First, they will participate in the Town-Wide Yard Sale on June 9 selling book bags, bake goods, t-shirts, along with books for the library fund. On June 12 at 7 p.m. there will be a program meeting with State Senator Robert Boyce speaking on "Learning About Our Legislature." All are welcome to attend and admission is free. And finally, in conjunction with the Alton Historical Society, there will be a joint meeting on June 19 at the library. See the society's story on page 17.

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Monday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the library to share their thoughts on *Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat. If you need a copy of the book, please let us know.

For more information regarding other events involving the Friends of the Gilman Library, please pick up a copy of the "Friends Focus Newsletter" at the circulation desk or at Town Hall. Please note that you do not have to contribute to the Gilman Library Building Fund to be a member of the Friends, and the membership fee is just \$2 a year.

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JUNE IS FOR WHAT?

June is for fishing in Alton's Outdoors, that's what! To drive home that point Saturday, June 2, is "free fishing day" in New Hampshire. Resident or non-resident may fish without a license for fresh water sportfishing. All fishing regulations must be followed. The only type of fishing not allowed that day is Atlantic Salmon fishing in the Merrimack River—unless you have a permit. These are the simple rules. If you've got "an itchin' for fishin'," get out there on this day.

One regulation that changes this month is for bass fishing. Until June 15 bass may be taken with artificial lures and flies only, and all bass must be immediately released. June 16-30, fishing is by any legal method and two bass may be kept per day. The Big Lake has both smallmouth and largemouth bass in good quantities. Largemouth can be found mostly on the north end of the lake in the warmer, shallow coves amongst weeds and lily pads. Smallmouth like colder water and will be found around underwater "structure," mainly submerged rocks, boulders, and ledges.

A fish finder is helpful in locating these areas, but if you like swimming, get IN the water and get personal with the bass. A diving mask, snorkel, and swim fins allow you to explore the underwater world. This is fun, good exercise, and actually seeing a bass can get one excited about fishing for them. In quiet waters bass allow the diver to get quite close. I have gotten close enough to bass underwater to hear the "thump" bass can make with their lateral line (a nerve tissue running down the sides of all bass) as they flee a possible predator.

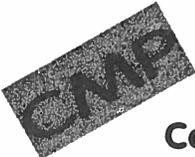
My wife, Cindy, actually caught a smallmouth *by hand* while snorkeling! She spotted a bass with a lure and line hanging from its mouth. (It had broken some fisherperson's line.) She got close enough to grab the dangling line and fight the fish underwater. True story — believe it or not! Besides fish, we often find fishing lures, anchors, nets, boat hooks, ice chisels, and even money while snorkeling.

If you are a trout fisherperson, head north this month. The Connecticut and Androscoggin Rivers are usually "real hot" now as insects hatch, and can produce some excellent fishing. As always, be sure to check the regulations for the waters you fish.

To catch fish you have to have a line in the water. Get out there and do it. Good luck.

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IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY
 By Chief Russ Sample
 Alton Fire Department



PROMOTIONS AND FIRE SAFETY

May was a busy time for the Alton Fire/Rescue Department. The outside fire conditions were unseasonably dangerous. The State closed fire permits due to conditions in the middle of the month when this column was written. The situation will vary throughout the summer and fall.

The fundraiser for our Thermal Imaging Camera is complete. The camera has been ordered and should be in service by the end of June.

As you can see by the photo and caption on page 22, there have been promotions within the administrative staff of the department. Congratulations to Lt. Hannafin and Deputy Chief Williams, as well as Lt. Michael Caverly who is now

the Officer in Charge of the Rescue Company. I extend my appreciation to each of these officers for their unselfish commitments.

During the middle of May many of you were aware of a large building fire on Main Street that took place. Again the men and women of the Alton Fire and Rescue and surrounding communities answered the call for service. Although hampered by conditions on the scene, efforts to suppress the inferno involved a motor vehicle and a 28x36' two-story barn, as well as 3/4 of an acre. All were totally involved upon arrival of the fire companies. Despite being in a tightly populated neighborhood, the fire was under control before affecting any other properties. One firefighter, Benjamin Warshaw, was treated and released for smoke inhalation.

Summer fundraising is upon us and on Saturday, July 14, will be the Firemen's Annual Action held at the Central Fire Station. See the story below. Plans are in progress for a Community Night Out to include dinner and a dance — stop by for upcoming plans.

JULY 14 IS AUCTION TIME

The Alton Fire Rescue Department will be holding their annual action on Saturday, July 14, commencing at 10 a.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station, Route 140. We are looking for gems and any good used items you would like to donate. Please, DO NOT drop off anything at the Central Fire Station. To donate auction items, please call Chairman Stark Liedtke at 776-2124 or call the Central Fire Station at 875-0222 to make arrangements. Once again, we look forward to a fun-filled day. Get involved; support your local Fire Rescue Department.

“Help Us To Help You.”



**CONCORD CORNER
By Senator Rob Boyce
and Representative Laurie Boyce
NEARING THE END**

At the end of May the legislature started running up against self-imposed deadlines and a constitutional one as well. The House and Senate both limit when bills will be accepted from the other body, and this even led to the Senate holding one session that lasted until midnight in order to get the last batch to the House in time. As it was some of those bills were too late for action by the House.

The budget being finalized by the Senate is due to be completed and sent back to the House for approval at the beginning of June. There will certainly be a “committee of conference” to iron out differences. There will also be action on other spending bills which have been delayed waiting to see how much is available after the budget is finalized.

The school funding front is getting the most attention in the state's daily newspapers, and we are not going to attempt to predict what will be in the headlines by the time you read this monthly column. It is better we devote this space to happenings in Concord that you are less likely to read about in the daily and weekly press.

Other than the budget and education issues, the legislature has dealt with bills varying from dog licenses and hunting deer over bait to handgun permits and the definition of a junk yard. Several bills dealing with reforming the courts are still in process as are some dealing with voting procedures.

By the end of June the budget and all regular business of the legislature should be completed so this month will be hectic at times. Redistricting of state and federal election districts will proceed this summer now that the census figures are in.

Feel free to contact us or your other representatives on any issues you have questions or comments about. See the Information Center on page 12 on how to reach us.

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SUMMERTIME DOLL SHOW AND SALE

By Ruth Messier, Happy Hobby Doll Club

Doll collectors from far and near will welcome summer in the Lakes Region by attending the 16th annual Summertime Doll Show and Sale to be held on June 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Alton Central School gymnasium. Sponsored by the Happy Hobby Doll Club, the show is returning to its original June schedule after having held it in April for three years.

Dealers from New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York will be offering a wide variety of dolls and doll-related items to tempt you and your pocketbooks. Many dealers are "veterans," some are returning because of the June date, and a number of sellers are coming for the first time.

Janice Ray of Willow Barn Porcelain Dolls & Ceramics of Plymouth will restring dolls as time allows. There will be door prizes, and lunch will be available on the premises catered by Jo-Li Dolls of Sanford, Maine. Add to that the ample on-street parking on School Street and handicap accessibility and you have a first-rate event. Anyone who has not experienced the awe and joy of a doll show should venture to Alton on June 24 — a veteran show-goer will tell you it is a thrilling way to spend a Sunday.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. For more information contact me at (603)875-6750 or e-mail <rutham@worldpath.net>.

ACS's SUMMER READING INCENTIVE

By Barbara Weatherbee, ACS Reading Director

As the last day of school approaches, let's think of warm summer days, breezes off the lake, and reading a good book under the shade of a maple tree. The students of Alton Central School (ACS) will soon be out of school to pursue other activities during the season that many people call their favorite. Since students may experience summer regression in their skills, reading on a daily basis is an easy way for kids to improve, maintain, and in most cases increase levels of reading growth reached in the classroom.

There are two incentives for students to participate over the summer. A suggested summer reading list will accompany each child's final progress report. Many of these books can be found at the Gilman Library or a favorite bookstore. Also included will be books NOT to read because teachers will be using them in the classroom. The second summer reading incentive program is from the U.S. Department of Education, called "America Reads Challenge." Parents should look for these two items when their child brings home his/her progress report and encourage reading throughout the summer.

At this time I would like to commend publicly the Title 1 reading and math staff for their outstanding dedication and commitment to ACS students. Parents can rest assured that their child is receiving the best reading and math services in addition to the classroom teaching. As my first year at ACS draws to a close, I wish to thank the faculty, staff, school board members, parents, and the community of Alton for their support and warm welcome. As the Alton School District continues to grow and improve, I look forward to growing and improving my position as the Reading Director right along with ACS.

SPENCER EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

Sara Spencer of Alton was named to the Dean's List for the spring term at Elmira College, NY. Majoring in Human Services and Psychology, Spencer is a 1998 graduate of Alton Central High School. She is the daughter of Linda Monasky of Alton and Michael Spencer of Binghamton, New York.



Main Street's Information Center

JUNE EVENTS

- Fri. 1 FANCY DANCE, Grades 6 - 8, Alton Central School, (ACS) 6 - 9:30 p.m.
- Mon. 4 OUR TIME, Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 6 MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS BANQUET, ACS, 6 p.m.
BELKNAP JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m., see story
- Sat. 9 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. 10 TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE, Baptist Meeting House, 6 p.m., see story
- Mon. 11 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout
- Tue. 12 HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BANQUET, ACS, 6 p.m.
FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Program and Meeting, 7 p.m., see Checkout
- Wed. 13 CLASS DAY, HS Grades 9 - 12, ACS Gym, 12 noon
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT, ACS Gym, 6 p.m.
- Thu. 14 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28, 6:30 p.m.
FLAG DAY
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Fri. 15 EGG DROP FESTIVAL, ACS, 1 - 2 p.m., see story
- Sun. 17 ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL GRADUATION, 6 p.m.
- Tue. 19 FATHER'S DAY
- Wed. 20 ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Joint Meeting with Friends of Gilman Library, 7:30 p.m., see story
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED
- Thu. 21 KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION, ACS, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 24 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28, 6:30 p.m.
SUMMER SOLSTICE, 3:38 a.m. E.D.T.
SUMMERTIME DOLL SHOW, ACS gym, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., see story
- Tue. 26 CANOE RACE, 10 a.m., see For The Fun Of It
ALTON GARDEN CLUB, Annual Spring Lunch, 12:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 27 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 28 ASSEMBLE Main Street, Pearson Road Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

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

TOWN CLERK NOTICE

By Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

The Alton Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Wednesday, June 20. Marie and I will be attending the Lakes Region Spring Workshop. We will resume our regular hours on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALTON WATER WORKS

POST OFFICE BOX 803, ALTON, NH 03809

The Alton Water Works will be flushing hydrants the 12th, 13th, and 14th of June between 3 and 6 a.m. During this time there could be some rust in the water; care should be taken in washing clothes.

We will be flushing in the Bay area on the 12th, the center of town and Route 140 on the 13th, and the south end of town on the 14th.

/s/Richard Quindley, Water Superintendent

SENIORS, TAKE NOTICE

HEIDKE ELDERLY SERVICES

By Lillian Phillips, HES Coordinator

In 1990 Bill Heidke left a grant to the Town of Alton to provide assistance for the elderly who wish to remain living in their homes despite advancing age and health problems. To be eligible you must be at least 65 years of age, a resident of Alton for at least five years, and meet certain income requirements. There is no charge for this service.

For more information call Pat Rockwood at Town Hall, 875-2161. Applications can also be picked up at Town Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. You can also call me at 875-0074. Please contact us if you, or anyone you know, needs assistance.

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Appliances (\$5-15); fuel tanks (\$5-10); metals (\$3-5);

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Construction and Demolition Debris - Fees apply

\$15/cubic yard, extra charge for sheet rock and shingles

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

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SUMMER



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.; Worship Services 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, Wed. night Family Supper, 6 p.m. and Fellowship Groups, 7 p.m., Lombard Center Dining Hall; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor, Rev. John Fogell, Assoc. Pastor
- Community Church — Sun. Services, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., fellowship time in between, nursery available on premises, Baptist Meeting House, Main Street; 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 at Baptist Meeting House, Main Street, Sat., 4 p.m. and Sun., 8:30 a.m.; CCD (Sun. School) 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Masses in Parish Hall; Mon. - Sat., except Wed., 8 a.m., with Rosary before at 7:30 a.m.; Confessions, Sat., 4 p.m. or by appointment; Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor. Sun. Mass St. Paul's in Barnstead, 10 a.m.
- 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

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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

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., 8:30 a.m., 875-2866

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

CALL 875-5067 TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- BOARD OF SELECTMEN — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 p.m.; Cable Channel 25 replay following Thursday, 7 p.m. and Friday, 9 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 Ruth Messier, 875-6750*
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES — Meetings posted at Town Hall and Post Office, Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Chairman Lisa Erickson-Harris, 364-6388.
- FIRE WARDS — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Central Fire Station, Chairman Kenneth Roberts, 875-6808
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE — Meets on call, Chairman Bill Crocker, 875-2161.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM — Meets on call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
- LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES — Meet on call, Chairman Dick Jones, 875-3855.
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- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Joyce Hopper, 776-8733
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- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — Meets on call, Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
- WATER COMMISSION — 2nd & 4th Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Water Department Office, Chairman Reuben L. Wentworth, 875-4200
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Chairman Fran Washburn, 875-5095.

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TO TOP IT ALL OFF



Photo by Joe Harris

At the end of April the 250,000 gallon reservoir for the Alton Water Works received a new "lid," as shown above. The reservoir, located at the top of Bay Hill Road at its intersection with Route 28, was originally constructed in 1938. A storm in late January of this year deposited a snow load that was more than the roof could support.

Interestingly, it was not the cover's surface that collapsed but rather the trusses that supported the roof structure. Call it "metal fatigue" of the superstructure that was installed in 1956 when the open reservoir was covered. Insurance covered the \$67,000 cost of the new aluminum roof.

HONOR STUDENTS REWARDED

By Linda C. Roy, ACS Guidance Office

The following high school students at Alton Central School (ACS) have maintained Honors or High Honors for the first three quarters of this school year. The students indicated with bold print have continuously maintained High Honors for all three quarters. All of those named will be rewarded with a fun-filled trip to Canobie Lake Park on June 1.

Seniors: Tonya Alden, Katie Boles, Kelsie Croes, Sara Dore, William Goodrow, Briahna I-Levasseur, Renee LaFreniere, Katie Morrill, Dave Osborn, Geoffrey Scholl, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St. Cyr, Emily Sydow, and May Varney. **Juniors:** David Benedetto, Megan Brownell, Dana Lang, and Marissa Peterson. **Sophomores:** Scott Baumgartner, Katie Brooks, Terese Hopper, and Amanda Jones. **Freshmen:** Lyndsey Caron, Tonya Prescott, Daniel Quinn, Meredith Roy, Krista Shibley, Mathew Sydow, and Stephanie Tanguay.

APRIL IN PARIS!

By Mary Bourgault, ACS French Teacher

Three students from Alton Central School (ACS), Robyn Ford, Kristen Murray, and Jane Varney, spent their April vacation on a tour of Paris, Normandy, and Brittany, France. The ACS students were accompanied by their French teacher, Mary E. Bourgault. Among the many sites visited the D-Day beaches of Normandy were particularly memorable.

THE CHANGING ALTON SCENE

By MaryBee Longabaugh

Over the past months there have been a number of changes along Main Street in the business community. A major move was when Maxfield Real Estate took over the vacated Citizen's Bank. Their former offices will now become the Lakes Region Tax Service. The Farmington Bank became a Bank of New Hampshire. On the corner of Main and Mooney Street is a collaborative effort, Positive Energy, while across the street is a second video store, Movie

Mania, and going towards the Bay, Title Pro has taken over a former real estate building.

To top it off the American Legion bought the former Edgewood Restaurant and moved in the middle of May. Their former hall will be remodeled into offices so there should be some more changes in the future. Nearby is Liberty Insurance. Meanwhile, down in the Bay Curry Realty is building up, Craft Cottage has moved to just one side of the building now owned by Prudential Spencer-Hughes (Wolfeboro) and their new Alton real estate office is in operation in the other side, complete with dock spaces. Alton's population has grown to 4,502 (2000 census) and it looks as if the business community is trying to keep pace.



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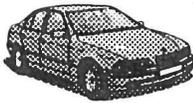
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The Alton Central School (ACS) has announced the students who have made the Honor Roll and been cited for Citizenship during the third quarter of the 2000-2001 academic year. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects, Honors a grade of at least 83, and Citizenship is based on attendance, no discipline, and no failing grades.

Following is the list printed exactly as received from the ACS Guidance Office, without editing by Main Street.

2ND GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Stephanie Burke, Ethan Ehler, Spencer Goosens, Lauren Whalen, Stephanie Pryor, Kelsey Hannafin, Danielle Beckett, Andrew Kim, Lindsey Malone, Jake Rochette, Gregory Tinkham, Vasillios Bessas, Sarah Clifford, Hannah Golden, Cassie Lamper, Lauretta Tremblay, Greg Vernal, Josh Dixon, Ashley Mann.

3RD GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Ashley Barsanti, Scott Brunelle, Lindsey Daniels, Tabitha Davis, Felicia Drewniak, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, Jimmy Goodwin, Megan Hopper, M-Margaret Houghton, Brian Jones, Danny Lang, Levi Liedke, Stephanie Moulton, Katelyn O'Toole, Emily Pellowe, Edward Rogacki, Kim Sykes, Kara Turner, Zach Whissel, Kayla Wyatt, Amber Gagnon, Kelsey Hopper, Caitlyn Hussey, Jacqueline LaBlanc, Joel Dore.

4TH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Shaida Anderson, Marina Avery, Casey Beranger, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Cory Dudman, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Katie Gage, Kim Grant, Jack Lafreniere, Ashley Lionetta, Ralph Minick, Stephanie Roy, Kathie Sykes, Katelyn Ordway, Katie Powers, Kristie Powers, Michael Stevens, Brendan Hussey, Weston Stewart.

4TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Kathleen Sykes.

4TH GRADE HONORS: Marina Avery, Nathan Barrett, Casey Beranger, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Joshua Crozman, Emily Donahue, Cory Dudman, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Danielle Fortin, Katherine Gage, Kimberly Grant, Andrea Hillsgrove, Jack LaFreniere, Ashley Lionetta, Katie Powers, Stephanie Roy, Weston Stewart, Joseph Whissel.

5TH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Erin Brackley, Rebecca Davis, Meagan DiVito, Courtney Emerson, Emily Folan, Makina I-Levasseur, Jesse Lane, Chris Loprete, CJ Moulton, Corrine Pearce, Amanda Pellowe, Tricia Perry, Robyn Shibley, Brianna Tidd, Caitlin Wenzlau, Daniel Hopper, Ben Jones, Andrew Levasseur, Zachary Macdonald, Ryan Gillan, Ryan Lougee, Karol Anne Mansfield.

5TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Brianna Tidd, Tony Castagnaro, Jesse Lane.

5TH GRADE HONORS: Joshua Austin, Erin Brackley, Kelsey Crathern, Meagan DiVito, Courtney Emerson, Emily Folan, Gary Ford, Ryan Gillan, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Tyler Houghton, Brian Jones, Chris Loprete, Ryan Lougee, Alina Loynd, Zach Macdonald, Karol Mansfield, Chris (CJ) Moulton, Corrine Pearce, Amanda Pellowe, Alisa Price, Robyn Shibley, Krystal Vigue, Caitlin Wenzlau.

6TH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Dottie-Jean Bailey, Hannah Barnet, Brad Bissell, Erin Donnelly, Jeff St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, Julie Thoroughgood, Kelsey Tinkham, Sara Scanlon, Suzanne Sherwood, Ryan Hussey, Jane Farrell, Kim Hannafin, Courtney Marston, Marc Roy, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Caila Kantar, Joshua Liedke, Melissa Pryor, Jacob Ridener, Nathan Fogell, Nick Lundy, Mara Cook-Hamer, Wesley Taggett, Kelly Main.

6TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Ryan Hussey.

6TH GRADE HONORS: Dottie-Jean Bailey, Hannah Barnet, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Charlotte French, Kimberly Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Nick Lundy, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Bryce St. Cyr, Kelsey Tinkham.

7TH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Josh Casoni, Nick Divito, Chris Frost, Jimmy Grant, Peter Kaszynski, Luke Lafreniere, Owen Laurion, Taylor Peterson, Dan Pitman, Pat Quinn.

7TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion.

7TH GRADE HONORS: Joshua Casoni, Nicholas DiVito, Allyson Dudman, James Grant, Peter Kaszynski, Taylor Peterson, Daniel Pitman, Patrick Quinn.

8TH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Crystal Cleasby, Anne Farrell, Cassanda Golden, Erin Hannafin, Travis Hopper, Christina Jamieson, Shayna Randall, Brian Roy, Amanda Boudreau, Alex Kaszynski, Derek Rondeau, Michael Tidd, Camille Niquette.

8TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Anne Farrell, Christina Jamieson, Alexander Kaszynski, Lindsey St. Laurent.

8TH GRADE HONORS: Amanda Boudreau, Erin Hannafin, Travis Hopper, Whitney Marston, Derek Rondeau, Michael Tidd.

9TH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Heidi Berube, Elizabeth Biddle, Lindsey Caron, Kara Castaldo, Tamara Cornelissen, Ryan Donnelly, Kate Dore, Jessie Gunn, Amber Johnson, Kristine Kenerson, Lindsay Kenerson, Melissa Kim, Vanessa Lampman, Chris Langer, Dylan Laurion, Kristy Lefebvre, Emily Lowthian, Kyle McAuliffe, Crista Perkins, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, Krista Shibley, Zachary Simone, Matt Sydow, Stephanie Tanguay, Isaac Tharpe.

9TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Lyndsey Caron, Krista Shibley, Stephanie Tanguay.

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10TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Terese Hopper, Scott Baumgartner, Stephanie Hillsgrove.

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11TH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Kayla Ballentine, Dan Bemis, Scott Blair, BK Brown, Megan Brownell, Joshua Carr, Jessica Chabot, Randi Desmarais, Michael Enright, Morgan Fuller, Caleb Gagne, Leanne Kenerson, Michael Kenerson, Dana Lang, John McAuliffe, Jon Nicastro, Anthony Nicastro, Ames Oickle, Jon Owen, Marissa Peterson, Anthony Sanborn, David Shibley, Jane Varney, Steven Wood, Jamie Young.

11TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Dana Lang, Marissa Peterson.

11TH GRADE HONORS: Kayla Ballentine, David Benedetto, Scott Blair, Megan Brownell, Jessica Chabot, Jon Owen, Jane Varney, Steve Wood.

12TH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Tonya Alden, Debra Beaupre, Katie Boles, Cory Burton, Samantha Coakley, Ashley Conrad, Kelsie Croes, Robert Daniels, Sara Dore, Tara Elliott, Joshua Foote, Allyson Fortier, Will Goodrow, Joe Hillsgrove, Briahna I-levasseur, Renee Lafreniere, Kathryn Mackay, Karine Marchand, Kristy McDonald, Bridgette McGovern, Katie Morrill, Beth Morse, Dave Osborn, Paul Russell, Geoffrey Scholl, Nicole Sell, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St. Cyr, Rachael Strickland, Emily Sydow, Tiffany Whitehouse.

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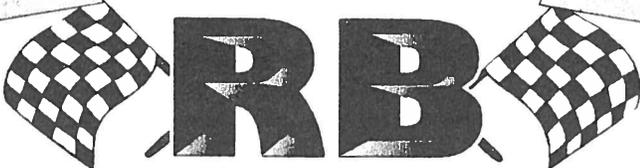
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ACS'S HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Alton Central School's (ACS) chapter of the National Honor Society is pleased to announce their new inductees for 2001. They are junior Tony Sanborn and sophomores Terese Hopper, Josh Carr, David Snell, Scott Baumgartner, Hilary Ballentine, Amanda Jones, Katie Brooks, and Erin Woods.

These students were selected by a faculty review committee based on their outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, service, and character. The candlelight induction ceremony was held on May 3 as a part of Alton's Academic Fair. Guest speaker for the night was Peter Boyd, Science Teacher. Other speakers included Russ Holden, Principal, and Donald Parks, Superintendent of Schools.

Current members who served as hosts for the evening presented membership cards, pins, and yellow roses to the new members. These included seniors: Renee LaFreniere, Sara Dore, Katie Morrill, Meghan St. Cyr, Ashley Southwell, Emily Sydow, May Varney, Kelsie Croes, Tara Elliott, and Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, and juniors: Marissa Peterson, Kayla Ballentine, Jon Owen, Dana Lang, Scott Blair, and Jane Varney. These students were also responsible for introducing each of the new individuals, planning the evening, and serving refreshments. National Honor Society members also hosted an ice cream sundae party for the middle school on May 4.

Congratulations to all!

ART AWARD FOR MORRILL

By Joan Burns, ACS Art Teacher

Katie Morrill, a senior at Alton Central School's (ACS) High School, has received notice that she is one of 11 students from New Hampshire to be selected for a national silver award from the 2001 National Scholastic Art Competition. Her winning entry, "Faded Dreams," is a canvas painting in sepia and gray tones about the Nazi concentration camps. Her painting will be on exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. The NH Scholastic Art Competition was formerly the Boston Globe Art Competition, and Katie has been a frequent award winner during her high school career.

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ALTON AUDITIONS FOR OPERAFEST! OF NH

By Jane Cormier & Carlos Martinez, Directors

OPERAFEST! is planning several musical events for the community this summer. Recently relocated to the Wolfeboro area, the organization will be holding auditions for children between the age of 9 - 13 for gingerbread cookies/angels for the opera, "Hansel and Gretel." The auditions will be on June 3, 2 p.m., at 27 School Street, Alton. The performances will be in Wolfeboro in August. There is also summer vocal instruction through July and a week-long institute at Brewster Academy August 12 - 19 for ages 15 - 19, plus two free community concerts. For more information call 875-1906.

"GROWING UP IN ALTON"

On Tuesday evening, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. the Alton Historical Society and the Friends of the Gilman Library will present the program, "Growing Up in Alton."

Three friends, Edna Twombly, Isabel Fowler, and Estelva Larrabee, who grew up in Alton together will tell us about their young lives in a small New England town in the 1920's and 1930's and beyond.

Our meetings are free and open to all. Refreshments will be served. Do come and bring your friends for an evening of reminiscing.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Ruth Nickerson, Secretary

The annual Spring Luncheon of the Alton Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 12:30 p.m. at the Congregational Meeting House. Members are to bring a casserole or salad and a place setting.

Pam Arnold, Town Administrator, and Christopher Boothby, County Commissioner, will present an "Update Report on Town and State Planning." The business meeting will follow.

Hostesses are Esther Emerson, chairman, Barbara Critchley, Heather Donahue, Madeline Griffin, Michelle Hanley, Shirley Lane, Jeanette Leach, Betty MacKay, Ruth Nickerson, and Pat Northup.



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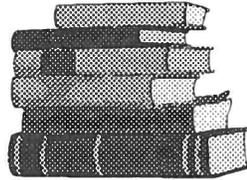
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LAFRENIERE WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Competing against more than 9,600 students from throughout the United States, Renee LaFreniere, an Alton Central School senior, has won a National Honor Society (NHS) award that includes a \$1,000 scholarship. The award is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

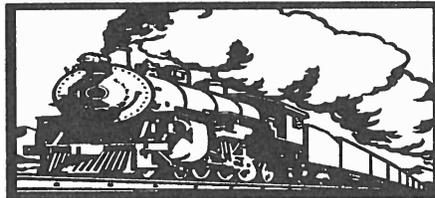
Each high school NHS could nominate two seniors, based on their leadership, scholastic achievement, character, and service. Nominees submitted a form outlining their participation in school organizations, clubs, academic accomplishments, employment experience, and community service. Renee has demonstrated outstanding ability in her academic work and service to her school and community.

While at Alton Central School Renee has been senior class president, captain of the basketball and track teams, president of the National Honor Society Chapter, a member of the band and chorus, Student Council Vice-President, on the S.A.D.D. Executive Board, a member of the Mock Trial that won 1st place in the Regional Competition and a finalist at the State level, and a volunteer staff member of the New Hampshire Teen Institute. This fall she plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to study Kinesiology.

A POSITIVE PLACE IN TOWN

Positive Energy, a new place of collaborative effort on Main Street, is now offering community services, including Red Cross CPR, Baby Sitter Training, free Reiki Workshops, Teen Safety and Personal Awareness for Young Women, and children's summer workshops. Also being offered are various forms of self improvement, including Karate and Dance Yoga, T'ai Chi, and toning. Call 875-1130 for more information on these and many more exciting programs. Think Positive!

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ACS AT GLOBAL COMPETITION

By Laura Dwyer, ACS Enrichment/G&T Coordinator

Last month's Main Street reported (on page 19) that one of Alton Central School's (ACS) "Destination Imagination" teams would be advancing to the "Global" competition in Tennessee. The team, Descending Determined Divers, left on May 23 for four days of top level competition. Unfortunately, press deadlines dictate that readers will have to await next month's issue to learn the outcome.

While in Tennessee the team was scheduled to assemble their structure and perform their award-winning skit for the ultimate challenge. Coached by Peter Farrell, the group consists of six dedicated sixth graders: Jeff St. Cyr, Jane Farrell, Carmen Niquette, Ashley Finethy, Juli Minnick, and Leann Fuller. They took Alton to new heights by being the first team ever from the town to compete Globally. The school and the community share this honor; together we can do more than read about success — we can succeed.

ACS would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in the community who have generously contributed their time, supplies, and money to the Destination Imagination trip. Even at this late time we could still use more help. If you would like to donate to the trip fund, please call ACS at 875-7500.

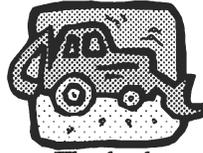
MOCK TRIAL OMISSION

From The ACS Guidance Office

Last month's Main Street contained an article (page 16) about Alton Central School's (ACS) Grade 5 Enrichment/G&T mock trial team. Tony Castagnaro's name was accidentally left out of the article. Tony played the plaintiff, Alex Strusa, and was instrumental in the success of the entire team. His enthusiasm and positive energy kept us all motivated and focused. Thanks Tony!

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent



FINALLY ...

The buds are out! Old man winter went south. Green grass, raking leaves and letting the sunshine in . . .

The plows have been sanded, primed, and painted; they are put away ready for next winter. We are now out grading, cold patching, and raking and cleaning ditch lines and culverts. Because of the enormous amount of water we had, the road limit signs are being removed carefully, starting with the paved roads first; this is because the conditions of the roads are soft at the edges and will easily be torn up from heavy trucks traveling over them. Since graveled roads take longer to dry, we are out raking and grading them to help the process, plus removing ruts that occur from vehicles.

Starting Monday, June 4, the highway crew will be working four 10-hour days.

The bids are out for the projects on Alton Mountain and Anniversary Hill Roads. The proposed date of starting Alton Mountain is June and Anniversary Hill will start in September. We do not have the exact dates; we will keep you posted.

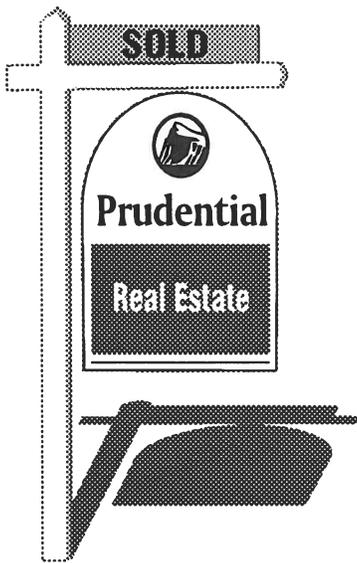
Thank you for your phone calls during this severe winter. Your help was appreciated.

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The Alton Cemetery Trustees announce that the Alton Cemetery Department is about to dispose of the Old Riverside Cemetery fence that was replaced several years ago. If you have an interest in any part of that old wrought iron fencing, please contact Shirley Lane at 875-5874. It should be removed by June 30 at the latest.

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By Kellie M. Troendle
Recreation Director

SUMMER SCHEDULE

For information or questions, 875-0109 or e-mail
<altonpnr@worldpath.net>.

The summer schedule will be available June 1 and will be distributed through the Alton Central School to grades K - 8 or you can obtain one at the Parks and Recreation Department (located across from Levey Park), Alton Town Hall, or the Gilman Library. Parks and Recreation has a full schedule of summer activities planned including: Canoe Race, Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp, Old Home Day 5K Road Race and Craft Fair, pre-school program theme days, grade school program theme days and afternoons, Major League Soccer Camp, Play Soccer Camp, Swimming Lessons, Volleyball Tournaments, Adult Co-Ed Softball League, Alton Hiking Club, Youth Soccer League, Concert Series, Senior Bingo, Country Line Dancing Lessons, and more. The Parks and Recreation Department is also selling discount tickets to the following attractions: Water Country in Portsmouth, \$22 (savings of \$4.95/ticket) and Attitash Alpine and Water Slide in Bartlett, \$18 (savings of \$6/ticket). Please call in advance for ticket availability.

Parks and Recreation Grounds and Maintenance Department: This department is responsible for planning, organizing, and running the town's recreational programs and activities and landscape, maintenance, and general care of town parks, grounds, facilities, and buildings. Please get in touch with us to report concerns.

Looking For Something To Do Today?: Get out and enjoy the great parks and activities in town. Check out Liberty Tree Park: have a picnic, launch a canoe, go fishing, play tennis, volleyball, or basketball, or go skateboarding at the great new park. Bring the kids to Jones Field or the Alton Central School playground for challenging play (climb, slide, and swing); it is a lot of fun. Cool off at one of the town's swimming areas: West Alton swim area (call Kellie for directions), Alton Bay Swim Dock, and Town Beach. Lifeguards will be on duty at the Alton Bay swim areas beginning June 25.

Alton Canoe Race: The Alton Parks and Recreation Canoe Race, co-sponsored by Parker Marine, will be held on Sunday, June 24, at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Temple parking lot located off of Route 28S. Canoe the scenic Merrymeeting River into Alton Bay, two portages. Register before June 11 and receive a race t-shirt, limit two per canoe. Categories include: recreational, racing, and kayak. Prizes will be awarded to category winners. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department or on the day of the race at 8:30 a.m. \$15 per canoe and \$10 per single/kayak. Volunteers are needed to help with the race so call 875-0109 if you can help.

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp: Program will be held Monday - Friday, July 9 - 13, at the Alton Central School gym. Participants entering grades 2 - 4, 8 - 10 a.m., \$75. Participants entering grades 5 - 8, 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., \$110. Program includes a camp basketball and shirt. Daily schedule includes: skill work (shooting, dribbling, offense, and defense); rules and game concepts; group activities; and more. Bring a water bottle and snack; grades 5 - 8 also bring a light lunch. Dress to play in sneakers, socks, shorts, and t-shirt. Please no jewelry or gum. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department; please make checks payable to Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp.

Country Line Dancing Lessons — Adults of all Ages: Country Line Dancing Lessons are held every Thursday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Learn new dances every week. Great exercise and opportunity to meet new people. Beginners are welcome. Program fee is \$3 for the season.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE

1995 PARK TRAILER, Breckenridge, 40' with pop-out, 2 bedroom and pull-out couch Queen-size master bed, A/C, heat, full bath, good condition, \$10,500. 364-0606.

1998 CELEBRITY, 230 V Cuddy Cabin, 21' 6" length, 8' beam, 270 HP I. O., trim tabs, \$8,500. 617-484-8523.

BLACK WOOD SCREEN, beautiful, carved oriental design, excellent condition, \$125; Armoire, solid wood, use for TV or storage, beautiful carved wood and design, 82" tall, \$600. 875-8221.

FISH TANK, 55 gallon, wet/dry filtration, full hood, custom cedar stand, and some accessories, \$300 or BO. 875-6119.

SCREENED LOAM, Stone, Gravel, Mulch, same day delivery. 569-3736.

WEEK-LONG YARD SALE, Monday, June 18 through Saturday, June 23, furniture, beds, kitchen stuff, books, lots of other odds and ends. Route 28 south 4 1/2 miles from Alton Circle, green colored house on left.

WANTED

TO RENT HOME; professional couple with children seek to rent large comfortable home, not summer rental. Reply by phone or fax to 875-7740 or P. O. Box 1621, Alton, NH 03809.

INFO on Alton Bay Train Station (or area model train club). 364-6388.

FOUND

BEAUTIFUL SIAMESE CAT, female, altered, approximately 2 years old, very affectionate; someone is missing her, I hope. 875-3442.

HELP WANTED

**Cleaning seasonal housekeeping cottages
at Boulder Lodge in Alton Bay.
Please call to inquire, 875-5990.**

HELP WANTED

**Part-Time Clerical Position
For Construction Business in Alton
Some computer experience is necessary.
Please call to inquire, 875-2714.**

CARD OF THANKS

The staff at Century 21 Gemini Realty and I would like to thank the residents of Alton and surrounding towns for their donations and support of our first ever statewide Family Yard Sale. With your generous support our offices will be donating the proceeds raised directly to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center with a goal of supporting the wonderful hospice programs they offer for families from all over New Hampshire that are battling with cancer. Jan's House of Hope will be in Portsmouth May 31 - June 3. For information on the event schedule, visit <www.janshouseofhope.com>.

/s/Kathy Jenks

SENIOR MEALS

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

May 31-June 1: Thu., BBQ Chick; Fri., Amer.Chop Suey. **June 4-8:** Mon., Creamed Chipped Beef; Tue., Eggplant Parmesan; Wed., BBQ Riblet; Thu., Breaded Beef Cutlet; Fri., Chicken Salad. **June 11-15:** Mon., Veal Roulard; Tue., Sliced Ham or Turkey; Wed., Italian Sausage or Meatballs; Thu., Shepherds Pie; Fri., Father's Day Lunch - Chicken Cordon Bleu. **June 18-22:** Mon., Salisbury Steak; Tue., Chicken ala King; Wed., Corned or Roast Beef; Thu., Keilbasa or Hot Dog; Fri., Crunchy Seafood Newburg Fish Filet. **June 25-29:** Mon., Salad Plate; Tue., Herb Baked Chicken; Wed., Fish & Cheese Filet; Thu., Spaghetti/Meatballs; Fri., Veal Cutlet.

**IN Main Street
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Robby Witham was named overall winner at the School Science Fair . . . the Alton School Support and Awareness Group offered family portraits as a fund raiser . . . the Class of '86 went white water rafting as part of their Chemical Free Graduation Program . . . Bill Heidke Day was celebrated June 28 . . . the Old Home Week Committee sponsored a town-wide Clean-Up Day.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Brook and Bridle Summer Homes hosted the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours . . . the Alton Senior Community Center on Pearson Road was dedicated . . . Frank Metcalf was appointed to the Board of Selectmen replacing Bob Calvert who resigned . . . thirty-six members of the Class of 1991 graduated from Alton Central School with Rori Boyce as Salutatorian and Jacqueline Doubleday as Valedictorian . . . Nancy Moore and Connie Quindley became the first female members of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . On June 16 the Bicentennial celebration had a kickoff breakfast, an open house at noon at Town Hall, a gala program emceed by Bob Calvert at 2 p.m. at the Alton Central School, culminating with family picnics at the Bay, the Freese Brothers Big Band, and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. . . . Alton Central School Odyssey of the Mind team of Anne Farrell, Travis Hopper, Michael Tidd, Kelly Eagles, Erin Hannafin, and Stephanie Tanguay won a Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award at the state level competition . . . Eighth grade students, along with AmeriCorps volunteers, repaired environmental damage to the Merrymeeting River banks caused by the dam breach in March . . . Camille Niquette, grade 3, Alton Central School, won the Best Environmental Award at the NH Young Inventors' Celebration . . . Bob Calvert was honored by the NH Library Trustees Association with a special citation.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS



Recently promoted within the Alton Fire Department are Lt. Sharon Hannafin who will be in charge of the Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services and is the first woman to become an officer in the department and Scott Williams who was elevated to Deputy Fire Chief.

THE TOP TEN IN THE ACS CLASS OF 2001

Alton Central School (ACS) has announced the names of the top ten graduates in the Class of 2001. They are: 1. Renee L. LaFreniere; 2. Sara A. Dore; 3. Katie L. Morrill; 4. Meghan K. St. Cyr; 5. Emily E. Sydow; 6. Ashley R. Southwell; 7. May A. Varney; 8. Shawn H. Hillsgrove; 9. Loretta A. Helie; 10. Kelsie L. Croes.

FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS!

By Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director
On Tuesday, July 3, at 9:30 p.m., rain date Saturday, July 7, the Town of Alton is sponsoring Independence Day Fireworks in Alton Bay. Other scheduled free events taking place at the Alton Bay Bandstand include the Family Scavenger Hunt from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Almost Cowboyz Concert from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

There will be Labor Day Fireworks on Saturday, September 1, at 9 p.m. following the Alton Bay Concert with band Rhumboogie; rain date is Sunday, September 2.

Come watch the sky light up over Alton Bay.

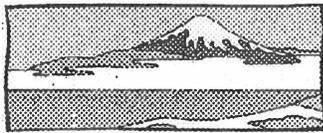
EGG DROPPING: HOW HIGH IS TOO HIGH?

By Laura Dwyer, ACS Enrichment/G&T Coordinator
This month the entire Grade 5 class at Alton Central School (ACS) will take part in an "egg drop festival." Each student's mission is to design an egg container, no larger than a shoe-size box, that will sustain one fresh egg when dropped from the top of the fire department's ladder truck.

The challenge involves creative thinking, science, math, and problem-solving skills. Most importantly, it's a lot of fun! The students are encouraged to decorate and name their containers. There will be several prizes awarded, first place going to the container that protects its delicate passenger and is the lightest and an award for the most creative container. Please, come by ACS and observe the big event on June 14 from 1 - 2 p.m. See if it's all that it's cracked up to be.

ACS's Enrichment/G&T department would like to thank the Alton Fire and Rescue Department for volunteering their time and energy to help this educational adventure become a reality. Talk is cheap, action is priceless!

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