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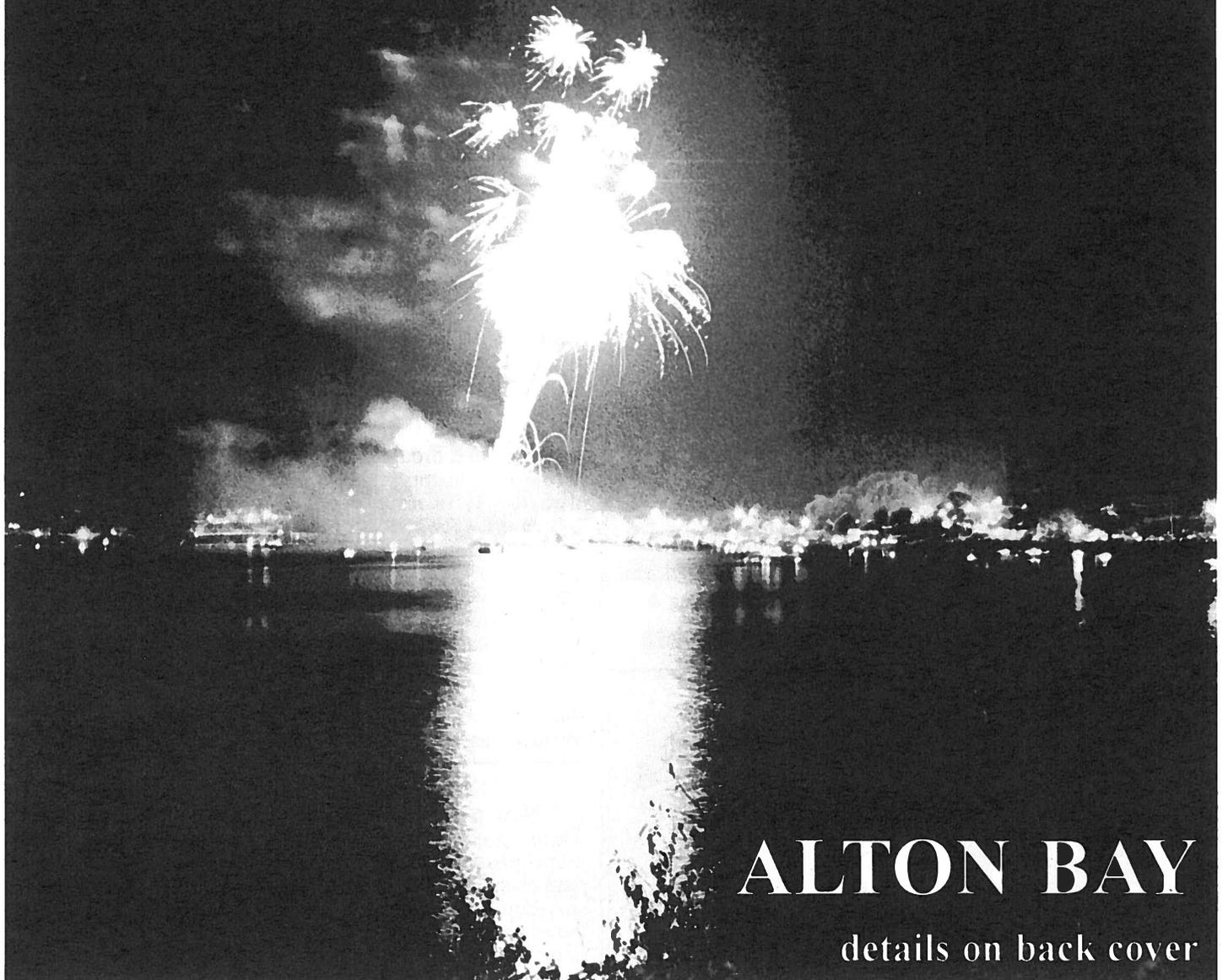
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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Donald E. Parks
Superintendent of Schools



**TWO IMPORTANT APPROVALS FOR
ALTON**

This spring Alton Central School (ACS) received some very positive news about the approval of two programs that do not get a lot of attention in the press, nor are they highly visible on a day-to-day basis. They do, however, have a significant impact on the overall quality of our school.

The first approval was the continuation of the school's accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the removal of the school from warning status from the Standards on Instruction. The NEASC's Commission on Public Secondary Schools cited progress by ACS for addressing previously cited deficiencies.

The second approval was by the New Hampshire State Department of Education. It was for the district's Master Plan for Professional Development for teachers. Our state has 82 School Administrative Units (SAU's) and Alton is one of only eight that has had its master plan approved at this juncture in the school year. Every school district in New Hampshire is required to have a five-year plan on file with the State Department of Education outlining the process for professional growth and development of the teaching staff in the district. The ultimate goal is a highly trained staff that will result in improved learning experiences for all students. It is our mission to provide the best education possible for the students at Alton.

The approval of these two critical documents should continue the district's journey on the path to excellence.

**IT IS NOW THE CALVERT
JOURNALISM AWARD**

Main Street, as a not-for-profit corporation, devotes any revenues not required to sustain the production and distribution of its publication to charitable and civic purposes. The hallmark contribution over many years now has been an award to an Alton Central School graduating senior who has met high requirements in addition to showing an affinity for journalism.

This year, in recognition and in memory of two of the stalwarts that brought Main Street into being and nurtured it through its history, the corporation's directors renamed the award. It is now the **Bob and Catherine Calvert Journalism Award**. Catherine was one of five founders of Main Street in 1985 and until her death in 1995, was the low-profile worker who was a major factor in the publication's success. Bob started in his usual low-key mode as a writer and reporter, but by the time of his death in December of last year, he was the mainstay of the operation serving both as the corporation's president and publisher of Main Street.

At the Class of 2001 Senior Awards Night last month the first winner of the Bob and Catherine Calvert Journalism Award was Renee LaFreniere. Congratulations Renee!

"SCHOOL DAZE" AT TOWN HALL

Now playing at Town Hall through July 6 is "School Daze," a collection of high school photographs of a sample of people who are now notable in the town of Alton. Stop in and check the display opposite the Town Clerk's office.

You'll find personalities from A (Arnold) to Z (Zitzow); however, you'll have to recognize them as they were so many long years ago when they were bright and spiffy for the high school yearbook photographer. Can you?



Main Street's Inside Front Page

SCHOOL BOARD REVIEWING BUILDING PLAN OPTIONS

By Wayne D. Fraser, Alton School Board

As many people may remember, one of the outcomes of the exit polling done on election day in March was that many people expressed an interest in having the Alton School Board examine the possibility of forming some type of cooperative school with another town. For that reason the board has begun to look at what options are available to the district.

One of the first steps in this process was to invite a member of the New Hampshire School Boards Association to speak to the board about what types of joint school arrangements the State of New Hampshire recognizes. Presently there are three options: A cooperative school, an AREA agreement, and a joint maintenance agreement. The three differ in several important ways which the board will analyze closely before deciding which, if any, is the best option for Alton.

With this knowledge in hand the board next sent two members and Superintendent Don Parks to meet with two members of the Barnstead School Board and their superintendent. The outcome of this meeting was that all agreed the two full boards should meet and further discuss this issue because there appears to be many common interests to further explore.

The first meeting of the two full boards was not only cordial, but productive. It served as a give-and-take forum with both boards trying to fully understand the needs and concerns of the other. The most significant decision made so far is that the two boards will continue to meet throughout the summer to gather and examine information about a possible joint high school. In September the boards will hold two public forums, one in Barnstead and one in Alton, to determine the strength of the desire of the communities to enter into some form of cooperative agreement. Thus far the feedback the Alton board has received about this type of solution to the overcrowding problem in the Alton Central School has been mostly positive.

Check the bulletin boards at school and in the post offices for notices of school board meetings on this subject. I will be reporting on significant developments in future issues of Main Street. Try to stay informed of what's going on with this issue during the summer and be sure to let the Alton School Board know how you feel. Ultimately the final decision of whether to pursue a joint school venture or a school just for Alton will be determined by the feedback received from the community.

MIKE BURKE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HELD ON JULY 16

The 7th Annual Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 16, at the Alton Central School. The drive will run from 3 - 7 p.m. FREE Red Cross t-shirts will be given to every donor! The Red Cross will be staffed for a goal of 100 pints so give the gift from the heart, donate blood!

For further information contact Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492 or the American Red Cross at (800) 262-2660.

SUMMER

CUB SCOUTS WIELD PAINTBRUSHES



Have you noticed the newly painted hydrants around town? The Cub Scouts in Pack 53 shown above have been busy beautifying Alton; they painted over 25 fire hydrants in bright red and white colors. This was done to enable the firemen to locate the hydrants faster in an emergency. From left to right are: Scott Quigley, Aaron Wilkinson, Roger Boucher, and Jacob Van Malden at a hydrant on Church Street.

DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE ON JULY 28

By Joe Harris

The 2001 annual Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, July 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until 12 noon at nine locations throughout the Lakes Region. The one-day collection is free for residents of participating towns. As in previous years the collection locations closest to Alton are the Town Highway Barn in Wolfeboro, located on Route 109A, and the Public Works Garage on Route 11A in Gilford.

The collection sites accept most hazardous products found in the home and are commonly labeled poisonous, toxic, flammable, or dangerous. Oil-based paints, thinners, wood preservatives and stains, motor oil, transmission fluids, antifreeze, old gasoline, automotive batteries, pesticides, most cleaning products, and pool chemicals are among the many items collected. Household batteries, both non-rechargeable and rechargeable, are also accepted. Check with Alton's Solid Waste Center first, as many battery types can be deposited there for recycling and disposal. However, older alkaline, button cell, lithium, nickel metal hydride, and sealed lead acid batteries should be disposed of at the collection sites.

Last year over 2,300 households from 27 participating towns took part in the annual event.

For additional information and a detailed list of what is accepted, contact the regional office at 279-8171, or click on to the Lakes Region Planning Commission's web site at <www.lakesrpc.org>.

ALTON BAY BANDSTAND CONCERTS

Saturdays from 7 - 9 p.m. (except for July 3, 7:30 p.m.) there will be free concerts at the bandstand. Bring a blanket, chair, picnic supper, all ages welcome. The dates and bands are as follows:

Almost Cowboyz, Country and Western (July 3), East Bay Jazz Ensemble, Swing and Jazz Favorites (July 7), Amy Gallitan and StillWaters, Bluegrass, Country, Folk, and Swing (July 14), The Buzkers, Jazz, Swing, Celtic, Tex-Mex Polkas, Old Pop, and Folk (July 21), The High Range Band, Pop, Jazz, Contradance, Cajun, Western Swing (July 28).

WHAT'S WITH "911"?

By Joe Harris

During the Alton Selectmen's meeting of June 18, Town Administrator Pam Arnold distributed a letter to the board that described the status of the move toward the establishment of a statewide emergency response telephone number, commonly referred to as "911." Her letter stated that following a meeting with Bruce Cheney, Executive Director of the N.H. Bureau of Emergency Communications, and Engineering Technician Sean Goodwin, Alton is a *very long way* from completing the 911 process.

Prior to completion of 911 maps must be prepared. Currently, state employees have been working in the town for the past few weeks attempting to match phone numbers and addresses. When these maps are completed they are to be presented to the Board of Selectmen. A letter notifying 911 of their approval must be forwarded once an official vote has been taken to accept the maps. If the maps are deemed satisfactory and accepted, they must then wait for scheduling for data conversion with the telephone company. This process

could be lengthy, depending on how many communities are in the conversion process when Alton submits theirs.

Once this phase is completed, the town must send certified letters to all Alton residents advising them of their addresses. The Board of Selectmen must also hold a public hearing allowing for changes in addresses. The town must then include the data on tax records, land use records, and any other town documents. The town will have to allow for any changes of street names, adjustments, and fine-tuning of the entire mapping process. The town is also responsible for advising 911 of all new construction and assigning street numbers accordingly at the time of the permitting process.

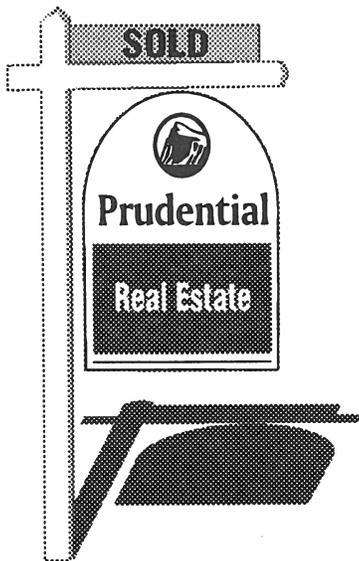
Arnold informed the Selectmen that the process is moving forward. Currently, Alton residents dialing 911 are connected with the Belknap County Sheriff's Department, who in turn dispatches the information to the local ambulance, fire, or police department — as appropriate — for emergency response.

NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Susan A. Blair was appointed to the Assistant Principal's position in Grades K - 7 at a recent Alton School Board meeting, effective July 1, at a salary of \$53,000 for 220 days. Mrs. Blair has taught in the district since 1985 and has 22 years experience in education.

She received her BS degree in Early Childhood Education at Salem State College in 1977 and has taken a number of graduate courses over the past several years. Currently she is pursuing a certification in school administration. "Blair brings a wealth of knowledge and experience...as well as a high degree of energy and enthusiasm. She will be a major asset to the district," said School Superintendent Donald E. Parks.

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COMMUNITY-WIDE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By Pastor Bob Hett, The Bay Church

The week of July 16-20 marks the first ever community-wide Vacation Bible School (VBS) to be held in the tent at St. Joan of Arc Church. The school for children entering grades 1 - 6 is sponsored by the three churches of Alton (St. Joan, Community Church, and Bay Church).

Directed by Tim Rendle of Children First Ministries in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, the theme of the daily lessons will answer the question: "Who Is Jesus?" Mr. Rendle will be assisted by six young adults from Children First, as well as co-workers from each of the sponsoring churches.

Each weekday session will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. There is no registration fee and every child is welcome. For more information call: St. Joan (875-7191), Community Church (875-5561), or Bay Church (875-6765).

MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

Reminder! Our prayer group will meet during the summer this year on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. beginning June 28 (skipping July 5). Carol Holt, who lives on Chamberlin Road, will host our weekly meetings. Call 875-2866 for directions.

There are many reasons to pray for our children this summer. The Alton area churches are actively planning some summer programs. I plan to be involved with the Bible School Program at Saint Joan of Arc July 16 - 20. I encourage you to watch for more details and keep us in your prayers as we plan. This promises to be a wonderful week of fun and growth for our children. I feel blessed to be in a town whose churches (regardless of denomination) work together for our community.

BIBLE SCHOOL

By Pastor Bob Hett, The Bay Church

Following the community-wide Vacation Bible School (VBS) to be held in the St. Joan of Arc tent July 16-20, there will be three weeks of VBS for children entering grades 1 - 6 at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (ABCCC) with weekday sessions from 9 - 11:30 a.m., July 23 - August 10.

Flashing lights, blaring horns, and sirens will signal that VBS is rallying to the alarm at ABCCC. Grab your gear! Get on board, kids! Your teachers will be letting you know how you can make a difference, set an example, and step out for Jesus in your homes, schools, and communities. Don't miss this five-alarm fun at VBS. For information, 875-6161.

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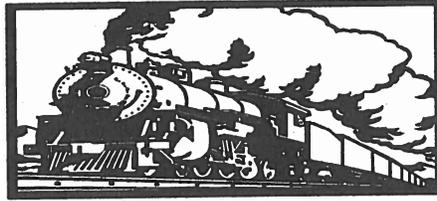
By Pastor Bob Hett, The Bay Church

The summer season at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (ABCCC) will kick off with the theme "A Healthy Church for a Healthy Nation" the week of July 1 - 6. Dr. Steven Macchia, President of Vision New England, will be the keynote speaker on Sunday, July 1, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and again on Monday, July 2, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dr. David Alves, Director of Church Health for the Maranatha Conference of Advent Christian Churches, will continue the theme Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., as well as Thursday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

In between the ABCCC will feature the singing of guest soloist, Karen Coke, on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and a special July 3 concert by The Family Circle at 7:30 p.m. prior to the Alton Fireworks.

Events will continue daily throughout the summer until Labor Day. For a calendar of events or a copy of the weekly newsletter, call 875-6161 or visit the Conference Center office.

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

By Pastor Bob Hett, The Bay Church

Beginning Saturday, June 30, and continuing every Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday (7:30 p.m.) through September 1, there will be free concerts on the grounds of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (ABCCC). See Events, page 12.

The Southernaires will kick off the season on June 30. The July schedule includes "Only By Grace" (July 6), Karen Coke (July 7), New Heart (July 13), Burt Kettinger (July 14), Donny Woodbridge (July 20), Down East (July 21), The Morgan Sisters (July 27), and Les and Linda Green (July 28).

These concerts will be held in the C. O. Farnham Memorial Tabernacle. A free-will offering will be received for the participants at each concert.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

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

Darlene Clark of Delmar, New York, is the Special Feature and Speaker. Join us in an Uncle Sam Sing-A-Long and listen to her "Story of Freedom." Darlene is a nurse, married to a doctor, and teaches music and sign language. She made her husband a prisoner of her expectations.

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 Karen at 875-8144; in Gilford: Harriet at 524-7194 or Faith at 293-8073.

ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

By Elizabeth Sweeney

The Alton Community Services Program (ACSP) completed the month of April having served 25 adults and 18 children in its food pantry. The month of May showed an increase in families served with 26 adults and 20 children.

The ACSP is working with an increasing number of homeless families and are desperately seeking rentals. If you are aware of available rentals, please keep us informed. Many of our families are displaced as a result of the properties they occupied having been sold.

We would like to thank all of you who have been so faithful in supporting your community with donations of food, funds, furniture, and appliances. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

New volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in helping on Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. in our food pantry, please give us a call at 875-CARE (2273).

SENIOR CITIZENS AND SECOND GRADERS

MEET FOR TEA

Eleven second grade students from Alton Central School (ACS) met with their senior citizen pen pals for a delightful afternoon tea in June. The students have each been corresponding with a senior from Alton's Senior Center since last September. ACS Second Graders Stephanie Burke, Ben Casoni, Kelsea Dahood, Joshua Dixon, Carter Golden, Spencer Goosens, Emily Stone, Gregory Tinkham, Kendra Thibeault, Lauretta Tremblay, and Greg Vernal enthusiastically sampled tea and shared conversation for a memorable day. The event was another community program run in conjunction with ACS's Enrichment Department.

ACS's TOP GRADS

Pictured above are the Alton Central School (ACS) seniors who graduated at the top of the 2001 class. In the front row (left to right) are Sara Dore, Katie Morrill, Emily Sydow, and Ashley Southwell. The middle row has Meghan St. Cyr, Renee LaFreniere, May Varney, and Briahna Itchkavich-Levsseur, while in the back row are Shawn Hillsgrove, Kelsie Croes, and Loretta Helie.

ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The July meeting of the Alton Historical Society will feature Mary and Calvin Batchelder telling about their hike on the Southwest Coast Path in England. At 600+ miles it is the longest of the British hiking trails. This area of England is interesting because it faces the Gulf Stream and is called the British Riviera because of its mild climate.

The meeting will be held at the Mt. Major Community Center, formerly the West Alton Grange, on Route 11 in West Alton, on Tuesday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. Their meetings are free and open to everyone.

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AUCTION

Don't forget! Saturday, July 14, the Alton Fire and Rescue Department will be holding their annual auction. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140. To donate auction items, call Chairman Stark Liedtke at 776-2124 or the fire station at 875-0222 to make arrangements. Join in the fun-filled day. By doing so you will be supporting your local fire and rescue team.

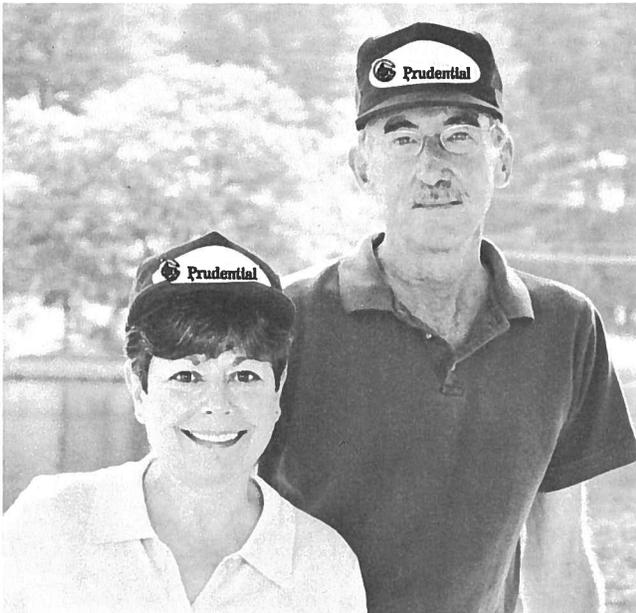
THE "UNOFFICIAL" INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE MARCHES AGAIN

This will be the eighth year for the neighbors and friends along Roberts Cove Road in East Alton to put together an assemblage of tractors and eccentric or colorful vehicles to make their own July 4 parade. The group will step out from the north end of Roberts Cove Road at 12 noon on July 4 and proceed toward Route 28, winding up at Gilmans Corner.

"Unofficial" parade organizer, Irving Roberts, encourages others to participate; enter your fire truck, bicycle, float, whatever to the festivities. Observers please park on the east side of the road. Call him at 569-1800 for further information.



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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2001

Alton Central School announced the following list of graduates for the Senior Class 2001.

Renee Lynn LaFreniere (Valedictorian), Sara Ann Dore (Salutatorian), Tonya Marie Alden, Christopher Lawrence Alting, Derek Thomas Atwood, Debra Leigh Beaupre, Amy Lynn Beauregard, Katie Grace Boles. Michael E. Brown, Cory A. Burton, Samantha Jean Coakley, Ashley Diane Conrad, Kelsie Lauren Croes, Robert L. Daniels, Jonathan F. Douglas, Tara A. Elliott, John Henry Fenner, Joshua Thomas Foote.

Allyson Ruth Fortier, William Joseph Goodrow, Loretta Ann Helie, Joseph L. Hillsgrove, Shawn Henry Hillsgrove, Jeremy S. Howe, Briahna Pauline Itchkavich-Levasseur, James M. Laurin, Ryan Evan Loynd, Robert W. Levesque, Kristy Lynn McDonald, Kathryn Lynn MacKay, Karine Parish Marchand, Katie Lynn Morrill, Bridgett A. McGovern.

Beth Ann Morse, David W. Osborn, Kayla Marie O'Brien, Paul Robert Russell Jr., Shawn Joseph Sanders, Geoffrey Allan Scholl, Nicole Renee Sell, Tobias Michael Shea, Ashley Ryan Southwell, Meghan Kristi St. Cyr, Jonathan L. Strickland, Rachael Leigh Strickland, Emily Elizabeth Sydow, May Anita Varney, Tiffany A. Whitehouse, Nicholas C. Woodbury, and Ryan Bruce Yelle.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB — TWO EVENTS

By Ruth Nickerson, Secretary

The Alton Garden Club has two meetings scheduled for the month of July.

Home and Garden Club Tour

This event will take place on July 17 (rain date July 18) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Alton Garden Club members and guests are welcome. There will be an admission charge of \$5. Those interested should meet at the Congregational Meeting House to purchase tickets and get directions.

Refreshments will be served. Hostesses for the meeting are Margaret Birdsey, Paulette Alden Brooks, and Shirley Copeland, Co-Chairmen, Peg Bennett, Donna Carefoot, Sally Clark, Donna Claveau, Kay Connolly, Winnie Dolliver, Ann Hoagland, Judy Huss, Pat Merrill, and Belle Stocker.

"Pond Gardens"

At the July 24 meeting Jeff Crary of Crary Waterfalls in Center Barnstead will speak on "Pond Gardens."

The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street. Hostesses are Betty Locke, Chairman, Sandra Boutilier, Mary Downing, Fran Guttormsen, Ruth Latham, Doris McGrath, Peggy McLellan, and Arline Roberts.

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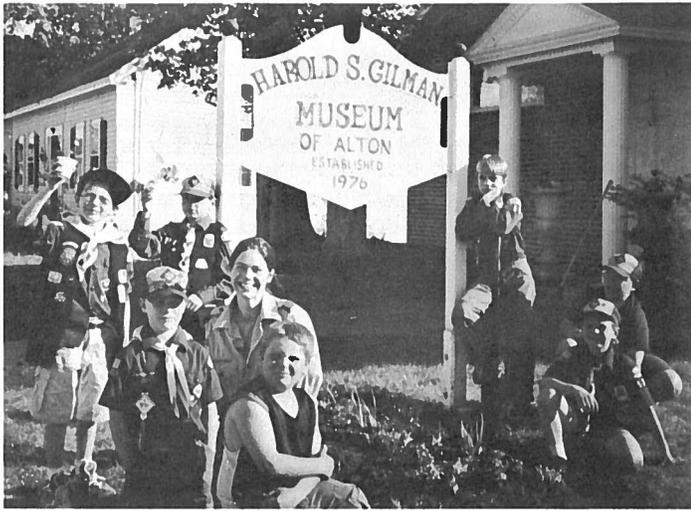
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The Den 3 Cub Scouts helped clean up the Gilman Museum grounds. The flowers they planted were either grown by them or purchased. This helped them meet a "Landscaping" requirement and "taking care of the planet" achievement. Shown left to right are: Back - Eric Peloquin, Scott Quigley, Jacob Van Malden; Middle - Aaron and Renee Wilkinson, Zachary Whissel; Front - Roger Boucher, Joey Monasky.

ALTON'S TWO MUSEUMS

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Co-Editor

Are you aware that there are two museums in the Town of Alton? Perhaps not, since the Historical Society's "Museum of Alton History" is housed in the lower level of the Gilman Library and the Gilman Museum, which features antiques given to the town by Harold and Pearl Bassett Gilman, has been closed for two years due to structural problems.

It is hoped with this article that more of you will become aware of the opportunities offered for you to either learn more about Alton's history or experience the chance to visit a museum of antiques.

Alton Historical Society - Museum of Alton History

The Museum of Alton History, housed downstairs in the Gilman Library, will be open Wednesday and Friday afternoons, 2 - 4 p.m. from July 6 to August 31. This is your chance to learn more about Alton and its history. For further information, call Jean Roberts at 569-2629.

The Gilman Museum

The Gilman Museum is located on the corner of Main Street and Route 140. Due to work in progress not all exhibits are featured at this time, but the committee is committed to trying to be open for visitors during the month of July. Since those dates are not yet firm, watch for the OPEN FLAG or a notice at the Town Hall and Alton Post Office as to day and time. Go in for a visit.

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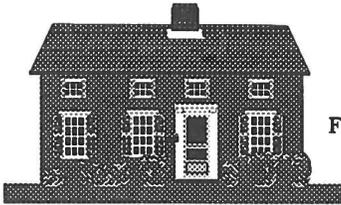
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ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

WHAT ABOUT SUMMER?

July is the month that brings us summer. With long daylight days, warm temperatures and warm waters, there is ample time and plenty to do in Alton's Outdoors.

If you were lucky enough to be picked for the October Moose Hunt, NOW is the time to start scouting your assigned area. Begin by obtaining topographical maps where you should look for large tracts of forested land. Also look for swamps with nearby ridge tops. Moose spend lots of time in the summer on the ridge tops where the air is cooler. Drive the back roads, skidder roads, and dirt roads looking for moose tracks. Once you find moose tracks, get into those woods and start walking, looking for favorite moose spots. The easiest sign to find are their droppings and where they have stripped the bark off of young smooth barked maple trees. These two signs allow you to judge how often they frequent the area, and also how recently.

If you find moose rubs (trees that moose have rubbed their antlers on) and small bushes and trees that have been smashed, you have found a bull moose breeding area. Start practicing moose calling as bull moose may be called in from long distances when they are mating in October. Good luck.

For the fisher-person the warmer waters mean fish will be heading deeper so the use of deep running tackle is in order. If you don't have downriggers or electronic fish finding gear, try following these examples of the old-timers' success. One old-timer I knew would troll the 60-foot contour line on the depth maps of the Big Lake using lead core line and streamer flies. Another used Monel wire line to troll small flasher-dodgers and red or yellow streamer flies at 110-foot depth. Both would frequently take 6-8 pound salmon and 11-14 pound lake trout.

To practice up for the September Archery Season, try the Farmington Fish and Game Club's Thursday night 3-D target shoots. It runs through the summer, and registration is 5 - 7 p.m. for a cost of \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members. There is also a 40-target 3-D shoot on July 1 at the club in New Durham. That registration is between 7 - 11 a.m. Trophies will be given for each class, and food will be available. For more information call 859-FISH.

Get out there and enjoy the summer, you know it well: Alton Outdoors!

TRAIL MAINTENANCE ANYONE?

Volunteers are needed for trail crews to perform beginning-of-season maintenance on several of the town's scenic hiking trails. Just about all of the town's nature trails require upkeep following a prolonged winter snow cover that caused trees to fall onto the paths, necessitating the removal of branches and clearing small brush and weeds now restricting passage on the trails. Weekend work details will be scheduled and announced in the coming weeks.

The first weekend work detail will focus on the Mike Burke Trail, located at the Town Forest on Avery Hill Road. The trail has fallen into disrepair this past winter and spring. Anyone willing to volunteer his or her time is asked to contact Kellie Troendle, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 875-0109, Lisa Erickson-Harris, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission, at 364-6388, or Joe Harris at 364-6388. This is one of those cases where a little bit of effort by more than a few persons can make a big difference.

ACS IN GLOBAL COMPETITION

From The ACS Enrichment/G&T Department

Alton Central School's (ACS) Destination Imagination team, "Descending Divers," placed 19th out of 50 creative teams from around the world at the Global competition that took place in Tennessee in late May.

The excited team members, Juli Minnick, Jeff St. Cyr, Carmen Niquette, Ashley Finethy, Leann Fuller, and Jane Farrell, competed like true champions and scored a perfect score for their skit performance. Their structure weighed in at an impressive 50 grams. The team placed Alton respectfully among the finest Destination Imagination teams in the world. Although the competition is over, the honor will stay with Alton indefinitely.

The team and their coach, Peter Farrell, want to thank everyone again for their support and inspiration. They hope it will continue into the 2002 season as they look forward to another invigorating year. They would like to welcome new coaches and volunteers. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a dynamic team experience.

HOW FAR CAN AN EGG DROP?

By Laura Dwyer, ACS Enrichment/G&T Coordinator

The fifth egg drop was a success! There were a total of 58 distinctive egg containers dropped at Alton Central School (ACS) on June 14. All of them plummeted from a height of 65 feet, thanks to Alton's Fire and Rescue Department who graciously donated their ladder truck and time.

The winner, whose egg and container survived its heroic journey with the raw egg still intact, was Kelsey Crathern whose container weighed 21.7 grams. There were a total of nine containers which survived the 65 foot drop. The other proud designers were Brianna Tidd, Erin Brackley, Rebecca Davis, Joe Destine, Stephen Talon, Tyler Houghton, Dan Hopper, and Amanda Pellowe. Thanks must be extended to Mrs. Pelletier, Mrs. Quinn, and our very enthusiastic Mr. Thornton, who all contributed greatly to a successful day.



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

SUMMER!

Not too long ago the weather was cold nights and hot days, more like fall. Now it looks like summer is here.

We offer our apologies for any inconveniences while the highway crew is out ditching the graveled roads all through the town and while the sidewalk project is being done. There are traffic delays while the crew is working; we do appreciate your understanding. The sidewalk is looking great and moving right along on schedule.

The excavator will be here at the end of July for two months. The projects to be accomplished are Coffin Brook Road, Chamberlain Road (Stockbridge Corner side), and Prospect Mt. Road.

The bid for Alton Mountain Road has been awarded to North East Earth Mechanics Company for the sum of \$1,217,081.70. The contract started in late June.

We are looking for experienced truck drivers to work at the Highway Department in a full-time position. Please call 875-6808.

Another happening is that our secretary Fran exchanged vows with David Widerstrom on Lake Winnepesaukee Friday, June 29 on their boat, "Me Again III."



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JULY EVENTS

- Sun. 1 DR. STEVE MACCHIA, Special Speaker, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (ABCCC), 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Tue. 3 FIREWORKS AND MORE, Alton Bay Bandstand see story at right.
THE FAMILY CIRCLE IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!
"UNOFFICIAL" JULY 4 PARADE, 12 noon, see story
- Fri. 6 ONLY BY GRACE IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 7 EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.
KAREN COKE IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 8 DAVID ROSS, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mon. 9 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Gilman Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout
- Tue. 10 GOSPEL MAGIC WITH JOHN UDALL, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 11 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Conference Center, 11:30 a.m., see story
BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 12 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Fri. 13 NEW HEART IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 14 AUCTION, Alton Fire & Rescue, 10 a.m., see story
AMY GALLITAN AND STILLWATERS, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.
BURT KETTINGER IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 15 RAYMOND PENNEY, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mon. 16 MIKE BURKE BLOOD DRIVE, 3 - 7 p.m., see story
- Tue. 17 GARDEN CLUB, Home and Garden Club Tour, 10 a.m., see story
ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Mt. Major Community Center, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 18 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 20 DONNY WOODBRIDGE IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 21 CRAFT/YARD SALE, American Legion Hall, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
THE BUZZKERS, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.
DOWN EAST BOYS IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 22 RON THOMAS, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Tue. 24 GARDEN CLUB, "Pond Gardens," 1:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 25 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28, 6:30 p.m.
NH ROLE IN THE CIVIL WAR, The Gilman Library, 7 p.m., see Checkout
- Thu. 26 ASSEMBLE Main Street, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 27 THE MORGAN SISTERS IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 28 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, see story
THE HIGH RANGE BAND, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7 p.m.
LES AND LINDA GREEN IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 29 ELIEZER GONZALES, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m. and 6 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.**

SCAVENGER HUNT, CONCERT, FIREWORKS

These are the events for Tuesday evening, July 3, at the Alton Bay Bandstand, beginning at 6 p.m. The Scavenger Hunt is fun for the entire family. Where is the treasure? It's a mystery for you to solve. Meet at the bandstand at 6 p.m. for directions. It is free and prizes will be awarded.

Next on the agenda is the Almost Cowboyz Country and Western Concert from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic, chair, blanket, and just enjoy. The grand finale will be the Alton Fireworks extravaganza which will commence at 9:30 p.m. **Don't miss out on the fun.**

GOVERNMENTAL INFO . . .

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL ALTON TAXPAYERS

At the March 2001 Town Meeting it was voted to fund an update of all assessments for the tax year 2001. This process began on June 25.

Appraisers from Earls, Neider, Perkins, LLC, will be conducting the update with a focus on homes and properties that were sold in the last two years. They will be looking at several things, i.e., general quality of construction, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and type of floors, interior walls, and heat or fuel source, plus others. Homeowner's input is encouraged, and if the owner knows something about the property or sale that may not be apparent, let them know. No property will be entered unless there is someone at least 18 years of age at home. If no one is at home, a letter will be sent asking for an appointment.

When all inspections of sale properties are complete, the appraisers will set values based on the recent sales data and taxpayers will be notified. There will be an opportunity to meet with the appraisers. When the process is complete, values will be finalized and tax bills will be based on the new figures with a new tax rate for the Tax Year 2001. If the taxpayer disagrees with the new value, an appeal in writing may be made to the Selectmen on or before March 1, 2002.

M. V. REGISTRATION REMINDER

By Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office would like to remind you of a registration change mandated by the State of New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Department which has been in effect since January 1. "Any 1988 or older vehicle registered on or after January 1 will require in addition to the bill of sale one of the following documents:

- Previous issued NH Registration
- Valid Out-of-State Title
- Verification of VIN (Form 19A), RSA 261:1-a."

This means prior to registering a non-titled vehicle the "vehicle identification number (VIN)" must be verified by a NH inspection station, NH licensed auto dealer, or a NH law enforcement officer unless a valid NH registration can be presented. Before buying or selling a non-titled vehicle, please come to the Town Clerk's office first and pick up a bill of sale and the "VIN verification form" for an easier registration process. Please call 875-2101 if you have any questions or 271-3111 if you would like to speak to someone in the Title Bureau in Concord. NH inspection station, NH licensed auto dealer, or a NH law enforcement officer unless a valid NH registration can be presented. Before buying or selling a non-titled vehicle, please come to the Town Clerk's office first and pick up a bill of sale and the "VIN verification form" for an easier registration process. Please call 875-2101 if you have any questions or 271-3111 if you would like to speak to someone in the Title Bureau in Concord.

Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Alton Bay Christian Conference Center — Sun. Services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Fri. Eve. Concert, 8 p.m. and Sat. Eve. Concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle at the Conference Center; Weekday Services Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m. and Mon.-Thu., 7:30 p.m., Fri., 8 p.m., at the 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. Services, 9 a.m., Alton Bay Bandstand; 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 in Tent by Parish Hall; Services, Sat., 5 p.m., Sun., 8 and 11 a.m.; No weekday Masses; Eucharistic services on Mon. and Fri., 8 a.m. in Parish Hall. Confessions, Fr. Richard Wegman, Pastor, 875-7191. Sun. Mass St. Paul's in Barnstead, 9:30 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

SOLID WASTE CENTER: 875-5801

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Rines Road Pit — Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m. - 2:45 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

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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PLANNING BOARD — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Alan Sherwood; call 875-5095 for appointment.

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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.

*DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION

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Robert Boyce, 875-7371, E-mail: rboyce@worldpath.net

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Stanley Czech, 875-3815, E-mail: sdzech@worldpath.net

Dave Russell, 364-7449, Fax: 7448, E-mail: russells@worldpath.net

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Christopher D. Boothby, 527-5400

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UPDATES

By Millie Pierce, Unit Secretary

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a craft/yard sale on July 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the American Legion Hall on Route 28 North. Tables, \$15 a space, are available to anyone interested. Contact me at 875-2838.

The Auxiliary also has raffle tickets for the Winston Club race in July. The drawing is to be held on July 10. See an Auxiliary member for tickets.

Congratulations go to Leanne Kenerson who was elected Jr. President for the State of New Hampshire and Courtney Rojek elected Sgt. Of Arms. Good work to you both.

The Auxiliary will continue to meet on the second Monday of the month at the Post Home on Main Street until further notice. We would like to thank everyone for his/her donation to the Poppy Fund.

MILLER EXCELS AT UNH

Rebecca Miller, daughter of Cindy and Jack Miller of Alton, recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of New Hampshire. Her major was Spanish with a minor in Race, Culture, and Power. She was honored by the Foreign Language Department with the Fourth-Year Spanish Student Award for Academic Excellence. Additionally, Rebecca was inducted into Theta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the Hispanic National Honor Society. Congratulations Rebecca.

SHIBLEY ON YOUTH TOUR

By Marilyn St. Cyr, ACS Guidance Director

David Shibley, a junior at Alton Central School (ACS), 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 2001 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June. The winners were based on essays and personal interviews. The Co-op's Youth Tour Essay Contest is open to all students in Grade 11 whose home or school is served by the NH Electric Co-op. David joined more than 1,400 students representing electric co-op's from 46 states.

WORK STUDY IN THE THIRD GRADE

By Loretta Helie, ACS Senior

For one period a day I worked in the third grade as part of a work study program arranged by the high school. I was with these students throughout the year, and received one credit. Depending on the day, I either worked with groups of students or individuals, and there was a wide range as to what I did. Sometimes I helped them with their work, read with them, did projects, or played games.

We made a video tape of the students to send to their pen pals in Arizona. They had been writing to them since the beginning of the year. The teacher asked if I could make the movie for them; the students from Arizona were making a movie also. In our movie each student told a little about him/herself and then they gave a tour of the classroom. They showed their animal section where they have fish and cockroaches. Next was the listening center where they listen to stories on tape followed by the huge birthday cake on the wall that lists when the students' birthdays are. They pointed out the reading section where all their books are kept. Last was the computer center where they have three computers they're allowed to play games on. Each student took a section of the room and explained it on the tape.

Working with the third grade was the highlight of my day! I recommend this kind of a work study program; interested students should see Mrs. Felipe, the coordinator.

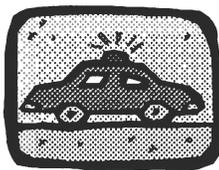
FREE TECHNOLOGY FOR SHOPPING ON LINE

By Karen St. Laurent, PTSA

The Parents Teachers Students Association (PTSA) is excited to announce our participation in a great program that will help our school to earn FREE technology for our children without students selling or asking you to buy anything extra! Shopping on the Internet will automatically earn us up to 20 percent off every purchase toward the free technology.

1) Go to www.Technology4Kids.com and bookmark it as your first stop for all your on-line shopping. 2) At the site register to our school; you only have to do it once. 3) After you are registered, just click on your favorite store and do your normal shopping.

The credits we earn can be used to purchase computers, printers, software, audio-visual equipment, and much more. Please tell all of your friends and relatives because they can help. Get hold of a notice at the school which details everything so you can join us in this venture. We will be coming out with a "wish list" soon.



TO PROTECT AND SERVE
By Detective Glenna Heath
Alton Police Department

WATCH FOR THE "SMOOTH TALKER"

We were called by an elderly lady living in Alton recently who reported that a man had come to her door and offered to seal her driveway for \$200. The lady told us that the man was in his 30's, drove a black pickup, and was a "smooth talker." Even though the information she gave us was not enough to identify the man and follow up any further, we were glad that she contacted us so that we can get the word out to the rest of the community to beware of unsolicited offers from strangers. You might become a victim of a scam. Luckily for this lady she was able to tell him she wasn't interested before she lost any money. She suggested that her fellow senior citizens in town be made aware of the incident.

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ACS AT STATE MATH COMPETITION

By Thann Chase and Sandy Found
ACS Math Teachers

Alton Central School (ACS) was welcomed for the first time to participate in the 29th Annual State Mathematics Competition. Although we had no grand champions, the students performed well for their first time entering the competition. It involved group, as well as individual, work, and it required the students to really work together and efficiently since this was a timed competition.

The following students participated in the competition: Scott Baumgartner (Grade 10), Tom Malone (Grade 10), Terese Hopper (Grade 10), Dana Lang (Grade 11), David Benedetto (Grade 11), Marissa Peterson (Grade 11), Renee LaFreniere (Grade 12), Emily Sydow (Grade 12), Meghan St. Cyr (Grade 12), and Geoff Scholl (Grade 12).

CURRID RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Currid, the son of Michael and Sandra Currid of Alton, is a junior at Bishop Brady High School in Concord and recently received good news. He was awarded a \$32,000 scholarship to attend Clarkson University. This award is usually presented to graduating seniors and is presented in recognition of leadership and academic achievements. Currid intends to pursue a degree in engineering.

CZECH HONORED

Stanley E. Czech recently received the Kenmore West Corridor of Honor from his high school in upstate New York. This award is given to former students and staff who, throughout their lives, have exhibited those values, qualities, and characteristics traditionally held and encouraged by Kenmore West High School.

Czech, after receiving a B.S. and a Masters, became a member of the Air Force where he achieved the rank of Colonel. Upon retiring to Alton he became a firefighter, was elected to a three-year term as Selectman, becoming the chair his final year, and is now in his second term as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives.



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Main Street IS NOW A NEWSMAGAZINE

By Bob Longabaugh, Co-editor

Discerning readers will have noted on the cover of this issue of Main Street that we now describe our publication as "A Monthly Newsmagazine." Why the change?

The dictionary defines a "newspaper" as "a paper that is printed and distributed, *usually daily or weekly* and contains news, ... and advertising." Because our publication frequency is monthly and in lettersize format, many wordsplitters were referring to Main Street as a "newsletter." Such a reference would cause your co-editors to wince with exasperation because we like to think that our week of solid effort each month results in something more than a newsletter.

The corporation's directors responded to the plea of the co-editors and have authorized Main Street relabeling itself as a newsmagazine. Given the size and format of the product and the quality of the paper on which it's printed, "magazine" does seem a legitimate description of what shows up in every mailbox in Alton at the beginning of each month.

INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR USE OF COMMUNITY CENTERS

In May it came to the attention of the Town's Selectmen "that the Town's liability insurance coverage is not in effect on organizations not affiliated with the Town of Alton." Consequently, the users of Town facilities are being advised of "the need to provide a liability insurance policy to the Town."

In a subsequent letter to groups that are presently using either of the town's two community centers they were told that "The Board would like you to know that if this creates a financial hardship for your group, that we would like to hear from you so that we may assist you in complying with this request." Recipients were advised to call Town Administrator Pam Arnold at 875-0102 if they would like to discuss the matter further.

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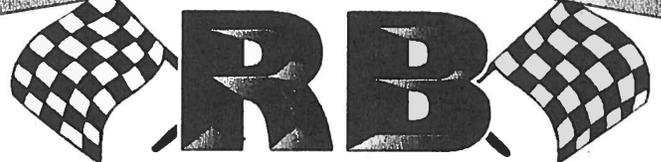
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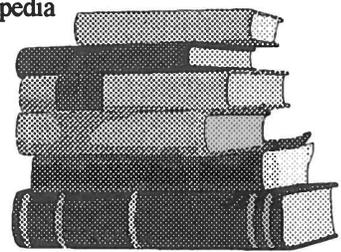
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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . 1st New Hampshire Bank hosted a Business After Hours meeting . . . School Principal Sherwood Fluery was named Superintendent of the Governor Wentworth School District . . . a new fire truck was assigned to the East Alton station . . . the Fire Department exhibited its newest life-saving device — the Jaws of Life . . . over \$2,000 was raised by the Chamber of Commerce for assault victim Lorraine Scott.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Stephanie Osborn received the Valedictory Award with Diane Carr as Salutatorian of the Class of 1996 . . . the Alton School Board received approval to form their own SAU . . . Jessie Gunn, Jonathan Choquette, David Roberts, Joshua Simonton, Joshua Ahlin, Bradley Bissell, Felica Jones, and Crystal Pruitt represented the Alton Central School at the NH Special Olympics bringing home 11 gold, 7 silver, and 4 bronze medals . . . Paulette Alden, a teacher for more than 31 years, was honored on retirement from the Alton School.



TOWN HALL NOTES
By Pamela Arnold
Town Administrator

WHERE DO I FIND WHAT?

We often receive calls asking us who does what. Do I want highway, water, cemeteries, maintenance, or solid waste? Here is a brief description of some of our departments.

The Highway Department consists of a dedicated group of eight workers responsible for maintaining the town's roadways. This responsibility requires them to plow and treat the roads, trim the side of the roads, build and maintain catch basins and roadways, patch potholes, and install, repair, and replace signs. As if this is not enough, this hard-working crew also maintains the town's equipment (truck, tractors, trailers, etc.). This department additionally provides support to all the other town departments.

The Cemetery folks provide maintenance to the cemeteries consisting of mowing, raking, trimming, along with tree planting and access road maintenance. Just makes you exhausted listing all the work they do!

The Water Department stands by itself with no revenue's from taxpayers. The water system serves much of the downtown area, as well as Alton Bay, with town water and approximately 55 fire hydrants. The department supplies approximately 250,000 gallons a day. Water bills are sent quarterly — January, April, July, and October.

The Maintenance Department does not get much notice but has a very important function. The staff is responsible for cleaning, repairing, snow removal, and general upkeep of the town buildings, plus outside areas and parks.

The Solid Waste Center (SWC), a transfer/recycling facility, is an operation that falls under the general supervision of the Director. The SWC is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 7 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Access to this area is by permit only. Permits are available from the Town Clerk during regular business hours or at the facility when it is open.

We hope this will enlighten folks and give some insight into our departments.



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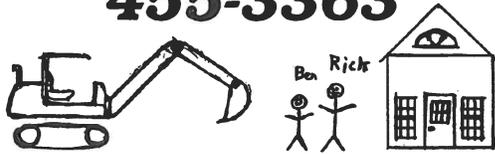
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By Holly Brown
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SUMMER HAPPENINGS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of the Gilman Library for their efforts to help make our library the best it can be. June was a very busy month for them. They sponsored a program entitled "Learning About Our Legislature" which was recorded by Channel 25, co-sponsored a program with the Alton Historical Society, and held a car wash where donations were gratefully accepted. Several "friends" donated baked goods, as well as time, to ensure that the library could take part in the Town-Wide Yard Sale. Great things are possible when the library has "Friends."

Many thanks to all of you who made purchases during the yard sale and/or allowed us to give your car a bath!!! Welcome to all the new members! We reduced the price of the 2001 calendar, entitled "Beauty Of Alton," to \$2.50 and the Friends T-shirts to \$5. Canvas book bags are \$5. These items can be purchased at the library and the Alton Village 5 & 10. For more information on Friends of the Gilman Library, you can pick up a copy of the "Friends Focus" newsletter at the library or the Town Hall.

The Summer Reading Program 2001, entitled "Octopi Your Mind...Read!," will run July 11 - August 15. This year's program is for children ages 4 - 13. Participation in the "Family Treasure Hunt," which is just one event that will take place during the program, is limited. More information regarding the program is available at the library and Town Hall.

Join us at the library on July 25 at 7 p.m. to learn about "New Hampshire's Role In The Civil War." This program will be presented by Historian Duane E. Shaffer and is sponsored by the Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund.

The Book Discussion Group will meet at the library on Monday, July 9, 6:30 p.m., to discuss *The House Of Sand And Fog* by Andre Dubus III. If you would like to join the group or need of a copy of the book, please let us know.

ST. PAULS ACCEPTS TWO ACS STUDENTS

By Linda Roy, ACS Guidance Office

Marissa Peterson and David Benedetto, who will be seniors this fall at Alton Central School's (ACS) High School, are attending the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School in Concord, which started in June and continues through this month. While in the program each student concentrates on a major subject and takes a writing workshop. This intensive five-week program offers talented New Hampshire high school juniors challenging educational opportunities otherwise unavailable to them. Students apply in the fall of their junior year for attendance in the summer before their senior year.

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Because of an e-mail breakdown (one of the perils of our high-tech society), our June column did not appear, so this month's "Corner" covers news for both May and June.

President Nardo reminds everyone that June is dues month. If you did not pay your \$5 at the June meeting, please do so now or risk losing your voting privileges. Our annual election of officers takes place at the July meeting. Jeanette Barton is chair of the nominating committee. If you wish to run for office, leave her a message at the center.

We pray for a return to good health for Ginny Myers, our trip coordinator. She is still trying to get some trips together. Please call the center at 875-7102 for information or come check the bulletin board.

On a sad note we express our deepest sympathy to Peg Bowman and her family on the loss of Fred Bowman, husband and father, who died April 27. Fred was one of our staunchest members and a faithful volunteer, always willing to help us out. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathy also goes out to Warren Nott, formerly of Eagle's Rest, whose wife Bea died May 5. They were long-time members of the Alton Senior Citizens until they moved to Massachusetts last year.

We welcome two new members, Barbara Malo and Violet Jacques. Violet won the raffle drawing at our June meeting which was a beautiful lap Afghan made by Jerry Bertolini, one of our "crafty" members. Congratulations to Lester Grigg for winning the attendance drawing.

Do you have a bookcase you do not need? The seniors would like one to accommodate the many books that are donated to us. Call 875-8256 if you can help.

We congratulate Jeanette Barton for the wonderful care she has given to the Arthur Saulnier Memorial Garden at the center. She has spent many hours designing, planting, weeding, and watering to achieve the beautiful results you see at the entrance to the center.

If you are a senior new to Alton, we cordially invite you to join our card party club which plays whist on Mondays and Thursday or bingo played after lunch on Tuesday and Friday. We also invite you to sign up weekly for the daily noon meal sponsored by Community Action Program (CAP). Menus are usually printed in Main Street (see page 23 in this issue). Call Claire at 875-7102 for reservations.

Let President Nardo know if you have ideas for trips or fund raising. We are always open to suggestions. Please try to attend the July 11 meeting at 1 p.m. We would like to see an increase in attendance. Refreshments will be served.



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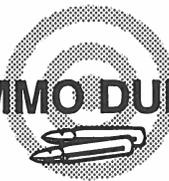
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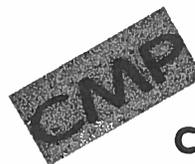
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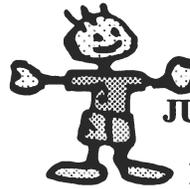
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie M. Troendle, CPRP
Recreation Director

JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Happy Parks and Recreation Month. July is the official month to celebrate and recognize the importance of Parks and Recreation in your life and community. Sign up for a program, learn something new, take your family for a hike. There are so many things to do; for information on ideas in the area call 875-0109 or e-mail <altonpnr@worldpath.net>.

Summer Programs

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department (PNR) is sponsoring many programs and activities this summer. Pick up a yellow summer brochure at the following locations: Parks and Recreation Department Kiosk, Town Hall, and Gilman Library. Featured programs include: Outdoor Concerts in Alton Bay; Hiking Club; Talent Show; 5K Road Race; Swimming Lessons; Soccer Camps; Scavenger Hunts; Volleyball Tournaments; Adult Softball League; Country Line Dancing Lessons; Senior Bingo; Pre-School Programs; Youth Activities — Craft and Ice Cream Social, Cooking Lessons, Art Adventures, Wet and Wild Day, Crazy Carnival Day, Outdoor Adventure Day; Youth Soccer League and much more. The department is selling discount tickets to Water Country for \$24, at the park, \$27.99 and Attitash Alpine and Water Slide for \$18, at the park, \$24.

A.V.A.S. Public Park

The Parks and Recreation – Grounds and Maintenance Department is now located in the former Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service (A.V.A.S.) Building. The Parks and Recreation Commission wanted to name and establish a public park for passive recreation at the site and wanted to acknowledge and recognize the ambulance volunteers who made the facility possible. The commission proposed a park design and a suggested list of park names for the Board of Selectmen to approve. The Selectmen approved the park and the name “A.V.A.S. Public Park.” The park will include: picnic tables, benches, perennial gardens, and shrubs. The A.V.A.S. monument, dedicated in memory of Leo and Marion MacDonald, will be a focal point of the park.

Welcome New Staff

The department would like to welcome the following new staff members for the summer: Meghan St. Cyr, Lifeguard; Steven Warren, Lifeguard; Keith Waterman, Lifeguard; Amy Jordan, Program Assistant; Karen St. Laurent, Youth Program Coordinator; and John Fleming our new Grounds and Maintenance employee.

Recreation Soccer League

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Recreation Soccer League for children 6-11 years old. The deadline to register is August 3; LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Register at the department; forms are available in the office when open or the kiosk 24 hours a day; use the drop slot after office hours. Soccer games are held on Saturdays in New Durham and one practice a week in Alton. The first practice starts Saturday, August 18, at Jones Field at the following times: ages 6 & 7 at 8 a.m.; ages 8 & 9 at 9 a.m.; ages 10 & 11 at 10 a.m. Volunteer coaches are needed; training will be provided. Please call if you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach or assistant coach. Registration fee of \$15 includes team shirt. Equipment needed: shin guards, age appropriate soccer ball, black shorts, black/red socks and water bottle. Soccer cleats are recommended.

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" and "Ride Sharing" classifications.) 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 to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may also be placed in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Bank of New Hampshire. Ads **must** contain a phone number.

FOR SALE

1986 SEARAY, 22A, full cabin, sleeps 4, galley with sink and icebox, head with porta-poti, excellent condition, very low hours, with 1992 double axle trailer \$8,995. 776-7931 or 569-8080, ask for Dave.

1988 CELEBRITY, 230 V Cuddy Cabin, 21'6" length, 8' beam, 270 HP I.O., trim tabs, \$8,500. 617-484-8523 or 875-3486.

ALUMINUM BOAT, 14' Starcraft Deep Vee, model SF-14S, 15 HP, Mariner OB, galvanized noreastern trailer, all 1988 but stored inside, unused for last 7 years, like new, \$2,200. 875-3206.

KIMBALL ORGAN, like new, asking \$800. 875-1011.

2 OVERHEAD GARAGE DOORS, white insulated, 9' x 7', 6 months old, new cost \$1,130, will sell for \$750. 875-0033.

1987 CROWN VIC, 350 V8, 4 door, 150K, asking \$500 or BO. 875-2866.

ALUMINUM BOAT/OUTBOARD MOTOR, boat 11', rarely used, motor stored inside house, \$500 or BO. 875-4277.

2 UPGRADED COMPUTERS, used, great for college students or novice computer users, \$250 each or reasonable BO. Ken at 875-4658.

ANDERSON THERMAL WINDOW, new, 2'6" x 4'2", with screen, \$150; Old Spool Bed, 3/4 size, \$200. Leave message, 875-2436.

COBRA CB RADIO, 142 GTL, 40 channel, with side band, Dynamite Plus Model CA-61, amplified base microphone, 51.5' cable RG-8 AWG, Type CL2, 18.9' antenna, 10' mast with chimney brackets, \$200. 776-1466.

19" COLOR TV, RCA, box never opened, won as a prize, Model #F19424, \$140. 293-7105.

AIR CONDITIONER, Sears Model 78098, 8000 BTU, used one summer, \$250. 875-5961.

AIR CONDITIONER, York central air system, 24,000 BTU Used only 3 years \$150. 875-7371

4 TIRES, Remington XT-120, P255/70R15, mounted on 6 lug rims, almost new, \$100 for all; 1 Cooper Lifeline, P205/75R15, only 225 miles, \$40; 1 Folding Steel Step, for RV, \$20; Bicycle, 15 speed, 26", almost new, \$50; LP Gas Floor Furnace, was working, needs no electricity, 5" flue pipes, \$100. 293-7105.

2 AIR CONDITIONERS, room-size, \$25 each; Papasan Chair, with new green cushion, \$75. 776-1466.

ROTILLER, Hahn Eclipse, 4 HP, \$25.; Atlas Table Saw, 10", on table, \$50; Sears Craftsman Shredder Bagger, 8 HP, \$25. 364-7350.

MARINE TOILET, like new condition, \$50. 569-6040.

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

CARD OF THANKS

To Officer Lewellyn and the Alton Police Department, our sincere thanks for the assistance given on the morning of May 20 at a time of great urgency. Once again, help was available when we needed it most.
/s/Peter Rice and Marie Lawson

SENIOR MEALS

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

July 2 - 6: Mon., Cheese Omelet; Tue., Hot Dog; Wed., 4th of July. Closed; Thu., Teriyaki Chicken/Baked Chicken; Fri., Tuna Salad. July 9 - 13: Mon., Chicken/Stuffing/Gravy; Tue., Stuffed Peppers; Wed., Cold Salad Plate; Thu., Macaroni/Cheese; Fri., Baked Meat Loaf/Gravy. July 16 - 20: Mon., Chicken Filet/Gravy; Tue., Deli Roast Beef; Wed., Potato Crunch Fish Filet; Thu., Cold Salad Plate; Fri., Italian Stuffed Shells/Meat Sauce. July 23 - 27: Mon., Pub Burger/Mushrooms; Tue., Pork Sausage/Gravy; Wed., Golden Lite Fish Filet; Thu., American Chop Suey; Fri., BBQ Chicken. July 30 - Aug. 3: Mon., Turkey ala King; Tue., Chicken Salad; Wed., Chicken Parmesan/Sauce; Thu., Breaded Veal Cutlet/Gravy; Fri., BBQ Riblet.

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.

FREE

DOUBLE OVEN STOVE, great shape; 1 wood storm door, 36"; 2 aluminum storm doors, 30"; 2 new wood panel doors, 15"; 1 new wood panel door, 24"; 3 aluminum windows, 36" x 64"; 2 jalousy windows, 45" x 60"; 1 TV antenna. 364-7309 to arrange pick up.

LOST

CAT, white and buff long hair, last seen on Stockbridge Corner Road on May 9, 3 children really miss her, tail is all buff and fluffy. 875-2866.

FOR RENT**FOUR-ROOM APARTMENT****FOR SINGLE PERSON****Call 859-5191****FALL COACHING POSITIONS****Alton Central School**

The Alton School District is soliciting applications for the following fall coaching positions:

Varsity Volleyball, Jr. Varsity Volleyball, Jr. Varsity Boys Soccer, Middle School Volleyball, Middle School Boys Soccer

Interested applicants should send a letter of intent to:
Scott Hutchins, Athletic Director

Alton Central School
PO Box 910
Alton, NH 03809

FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN WANTED

Pittsfield Middle High School, Pittsfield, NH
2nd shift school year, 1st shift school vacations.
Responsible for overall cleaning of school with some minor maintenance.

Please call George Szelest at 435-6701.

INVITATION TO BID

The Gilman Library Trustees are presently accepting bids for painting the exterior trim of the library. Opening of bids will be Monday, July 23, 2001, at 4 p.m. at the library. Direct any questions to Holly Brown or Cindy Miller at 875-2550.

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**IT WILL BE A BLAST OVER
ALTON BAY!
(THE FIREWORKS ON JULY 3)**

By Bob Longabaugh

Alton will celebrate another year in the history of Independence Day with fireworks over Alton Bay. It is not easy, however, to get a good number on how many years it has been since this tradition began. Suffice to lead off that in the year 2001 the tradition will continue on Tuesday, July 3, at 9:30 p.m., or when the concert in the bandstand concludes — whichever is later.

The rain date is Saturday, July 7. **If there is any question on whether the fireworks are being postponed, call the town's Parks and Recreation Department number (875-0109) for a recorded update. DO NOT CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

What's the History?

This reporter has endeavored to go back in time and find out just how "ancient" is this tradition of having fireworks over Alton Bay as a major part of the town's celebration of the nation's Independence Day. Research started with Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jay Sydow, who recalls that he can only peg it back to 1966 "at least" when he was a youngster on his family's Alton Bay vacations. Pushing the time horizon back further, retired Alton Fire Chief Russell Jones told *Main Street* that in his 37 years with the Alton Fire Department he can verify as far back as 1955, and his "hunch" is that it "probably" dated back to the end of World War II.

That pushed the research threshold back earlier to lifelong Alton resident Richard Downing. Downing dug into his personal archives on Alton to report that he was sure that the Independence Day fireworks dated to "the early 1930's at least." So, now the question remains: Can any *Main Street* reader come forth with evidence that the "rockets red glare" were occurring over Alton Bay before 1930?

What It Takes To Put On The Show

The person or persons "ohhing" and "ahhing" as the bombs burst in air on July 3 might not appreciate how much effort has gone into what evaporates into color and smoke in not that many minutes of Independence Day celebration.

Alton's "shooter" is local resident Wendell Beck who has been in charge of the town's firework's display from "at least the late 70's." Beck's firm, "American Thunder," will be supplying more than 700 shells of various sizes for the big show over the Bay this year. About 250 of these will go into the air for the grand finale.

Interviewed for this year's event, Beck says that his hometown performance is not an easy one. For one his launching site is the Town Beach on Route 28A just off Route 11 in Alton Bay. He has to position his launchers at least 50 feet from any overhead obstruction, such as power lines and trees. The Town Beach has lots of those. Then he has to bury his launching tubes a foot or more into the sand (depending upon the diameter of the shell to be fired), and the beach sand is getting shallower every year due to erosion. Those restrictions make for a very difficult launching pad.

To some extent Beck's "show of shows" was easier in 1998 when the "Big Lake" was 12 inches over "full" and there was no beach above water to use as a launching site. Quick action by one of the Town's Selectmen made available a vacant building lot off Lakewood Road, high over the bay, and the show went on as scheduled.

Beck recalls that when he first took on the job of putting bursts of color over the bay the contract was with the Chamber of Commerce. Later it was with the American Legion Post. For the last three years the Town's Parks and Recreation Department has coordinated the show using funds from the town's budget. That brings us up to date on what thousands enjoy as a great Alton Bay Independence Day tradition.

Another nice thing: Beck will be back for another performance for Labor Day.

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