

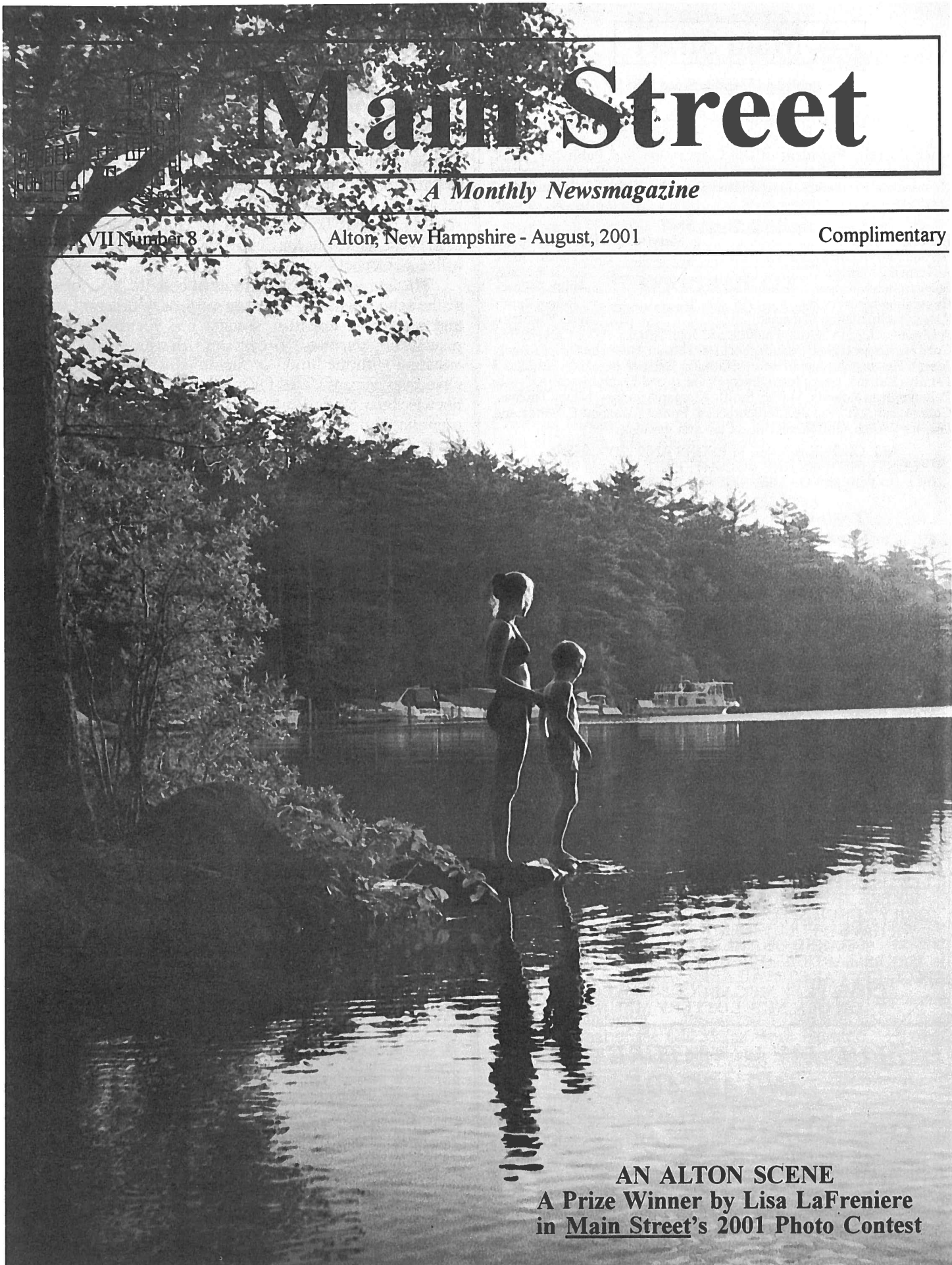
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**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK**  
By Donald E. Parks  
Superintendent of Schools

**A LAZY SUMMER? NOT REALLY!**

Often I hear people say I will be on vacation for two months because the students and faculty have left for the summer to recharge their batteries and, on the part of faculty, to participate in in-service activities. Actually, the summer recess is a very busy time for the superintendent and high school principal, both of whom are employed for 12 months of the year, as well as the School Administrative Unit's (SAU) office personnel.

The administrative assistants at both the SAU office and at the school building level are very busy ordering supplies and materials, updating student and faculty handbooks, processing purchase orders and the payments thereof, assisting with the hiring of faculty and staff, and notifying unsuccessful candidates for jobs. The Business Manager is likewise busy closing out all financial matters for 2000-2001, preparing for an audit, and opening up the budget for the next fiscal year 2001-2002.

As Superintendent of Schools I also serve as the SAU's personnel officer. By the opening of school the district will have hired 13 new teachers, one new assistant principal, and six new staff members. The new teachers will be (or have already been) hired for special education, math, science, elementary music, pre-school special education, kindergarten, first and third grade, high school English, home economics, and computer instruction. In the staff area there will be four new educational assistants and two custodians, one of whom is the new Director of Buildings & Grounds, Peter MacBrien. I also write part of the federal grants and entitlement program in the district and do some of the evaluations of the programs which operated during the 2000-2001 school year.

The gym floor is being refinished again because it was not done properly last summer. Roofs are being replaced in three different areas. The roof and gym refinishing began the week of July 16. Another major task is the refurbishment of the new SAU office. Because the district received no bidders, I will be acting as the general contractor for the district. The district will hire a number of sub-contractors to complete the work. Occupancy is anticipated this September.

I choose to write this article for the purpose of dispelling the myth that not much happens in the education business during the months of July and August. It is not written for the purpose of justification or to embellish the position but simply to indicate these two months are very productive.

The opening day for students will be August 27 and the first day for teachers will be August 22.

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# Main Street's Inside Front Page



Photo by Judy Fry

## THE FOURTH CELEBRATED IN EAST ALTON

By Judy Fry

Celebrating the Fourth of July, our country's birthday, without a parade would be like a cookout without hot dogs. The eighth Annual Unofficial Parade assembled at the north end of Roberts Cove Road at noon sharp on July 4.

Neighbors, friends, and families, with waving flags, gathered along the parade route providing a festive atmosphere for the occasion. Many flags were displayed on colorfully decorated floats and vehicles.

Times have changed and the number of entries have quadrupled since the first Unofficial Parade in 1994, which included a calliope, three fire trucks, and one Model A pick-up truck. Over the years the Unofficial Parade line up has grown to include a bucket loader, tractors, sports cars, ATVs, golf carts, scooters, bicycles, motorcycles, antique vehicles, and brightly decorated cars, trucks, and floats.

The lead-off vehicle was the shiny red calliope, which provided lively music along the Unofficial Parade route. The route included Roberts Cove Road, Lakeside, and Cedar Cove, concluding at Gilman's Corner for a cookout.

Everyone who joined in the fun added to the success of the Unofficial Birthday Parade. This year each driver, rider, and worker was presented with a decorative Dash Plaque commemorating the Fourth of July celebration. Those asked said they had a great time, off the record, of course.

## ALTON BAY BANDSTAND CONCERTS

Free concerts are held every Saturday at the Alton Bay Bandstand located on Route 11 in Alton Bay. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. All ages are welcome; it is a great family event. Enjoy the variety of music and beautiful view of the lake. Parking available for cars, motorcycles, and boats. For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

**August 4:** Seacoast Community Chamber Orchestra, Swing and Big Band Sound; **August 11:** Pony Express, Country and Western; **August 18:** New England Noise, Big Band, Rock and Roll, Pop; **August 25:** East Bay Jazz Ensemble, Swing and Jazz Favorites; **September 1:** Rhumboogie, Blues, Swing, Early Rock and Roll.

## ALTON OLD HOME DAYS

AUGUST 11 AND 12

Old Home Days will once again offer some fun and interesting events for Alton residents and visitors.

### Old Home Day Craft Fair

Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. there will be a craft fair in Alton Bay, Route 11. There is no admission charge. Handmade New England craft items will include: stoneware pottery, fiber arts, fine wood crafts, silver, gold, and beaded jewelry, paintings, quilts, photography, fleece, canvas, dried floral, scroll saw fret work, Native American, fabrics, doll furniture, hats, candles, handmade jams and jellies, and much more.

### Old Home Day Concert

The New Hampshire country band Pony Express will perform at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Saturday from 7 - 9 p.m. The concert is free and all ages are welcome.

### Old Home Day 5K Road Race

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

## TRASHING OUR TOWN

By Bob Longabaugh

Over the years Main Street has devoted space on our pages to reminding our readers of the importance of keeping Alton looking neat and tidy. But then, why would anyone live in New Hampshire unless appreciation of nature and trash-free landscapes was important to them? So, it's probably pretty close to preaching to the choir to bring the subject up again.

A reason to bring it up now, however, is that there may be GOOD news. The situation may be improving!

Several observers around town, who are part-time "picker-uppers" of roadside litter, have reported to Main Street that they believe the amount of trash that they are seeing is less than in previous years. Alice Ziegler Calvert, who has many years of experience in roadside picking-up along 2,000 feet of New Durham Road south from McDonalds, says that this year she is gathering less than one bag of road trash per "patrol" while previous years have seen her bring back four large burlap feed bags from each outing. Richard Doerre of Lakewood Estates, who was featured in the January, 1999, issue of Main Street for his clean-up efforts along Rand Hill Road, also has noted a lessening of roadside litter in his area.

The trend is not town-wide, however. MaryBee Longabaugh and her spouse, who look after the lower section of Alton Mountain Road, claim that the number of beer cans

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that they retrieve after a summer weekend has increased. Could it be that the amount of roadside litter has something to do with the proportion of property owners in relation to short-term renters in an area?

Whichever and whatever, this is the time of year for us all to contribute to keeping our part of New Hampshire looking as nature intended. And for those of you owning stock in breweries, be advised that the market shares are changing. All our observers agree that — at least among litterbugs — the beer of choice has shifted this past year from Bud Lite to Coors Light!

**THIRD ANNUAL APPRAISAL PROGRAM**

The Alton Historical Society will present its Third Annual Appraisal Program on Tuesday, August 28, at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center from 5 - 7 p.m.

The appraisers will be well-known dealers and collectors who are knowledgeable about books and documents, stamps and post cards, dolls and jewelry, silver, and a variety of other antiques.

You are invited to bring your treasures and learn about their history and value. Donations are \$4 per item or three items for \$10. Donations support the museum and summer programs of the Alton Historical Society.

**FRIENDS TO WASH CARS**

The Friends of the Gilman Library decided to try a new kind of fund raiser this summer. Everyone is just about all baked out, so the group looked for a new way to raise monies to be given over to the library for special programs or needs and funding the Holiday Tea in December. A car wash seemed to be just the thing to whet the appetite!

On Saturday, August 18 (rain date August 25), from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Town Hall, the Friends will be there with hoses, buckets, brushes, towels, and great enthusiasm to wash your car for you. Your donation to the treasury will be gratefully accepted. Come see what fun is all about!

**FLEA MARKET AND FOOD SALE**

By Ruth Nickerson, Alton Garden Club

The Alton Garden Club will hold a Flea Market and Food Sale on Saturday, August 11 (rain date August 12), at the corner of Main Street and Barnes Avenue from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. A raffle will be held and prizes awarded.

Contributions of saleable items will be welcomed.

Committee members for this event are MaryLou Brown and Daryl Czech, co-Chairmen; Margaret Birdsey, Clara Bolster, Peter Bolster, Paulette Alden Brooks, Ellamarie Carr, Kay Connolly, Shirley Copeland, Virginia Dore, Mary Downing, Donna Flodin, Fran Guttormsen, and Melville Guttormsen.

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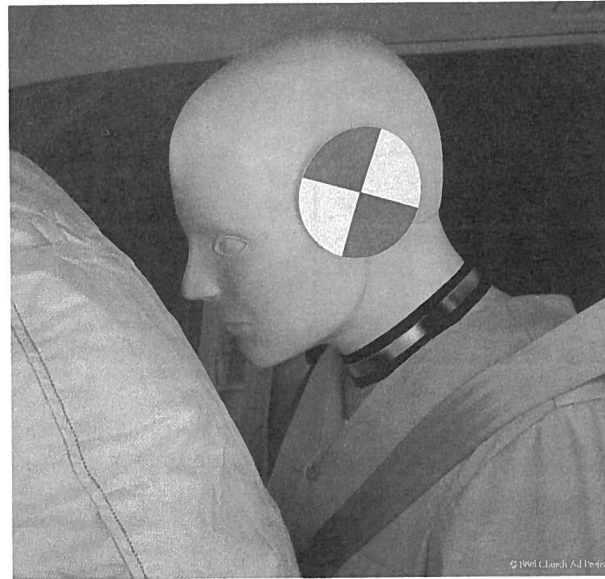
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On Sunday, August 26, at 4 p.m. there will be the annual service and hymn sing. As they have so successfully in the past, members of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center will conduct the service.

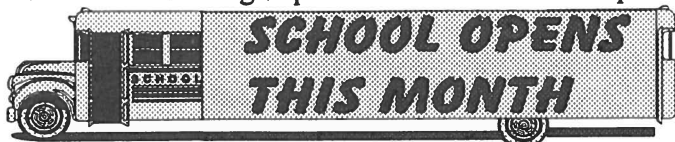
## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Mother-Daughter or Adopt-A-Friend" Guest Luncheon on Wednesday, August 8, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Steele Hill Resort, 516 Steele Hill Road, Sanbornton.

"Time & Again" with Melissa Accorner of Laconia is the Special Feature. Learn how to "redesign, redecorate, and make your room work" with what you have. Special Speaker, Lois Ladner of Rumney will present "Celebrate the Positives." Lois is a retired school administrator and home economics coordinator who loves to travel.

Pre-paid reservations are necessary by July 28 (\$14/adult and \$10/child under 10, inclusive). Childcare is available by pre-arrangement. For reservations or further information, call Laura, 528-2577 or e-mail at <lasmith@cyberportal.net>.

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



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

By Pastor Bob Hett, The Bay Church

Free weekend concerts are provided every Friday and Saturday night at the C. O. Farnham Memorial Tabernacle on the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center grounds.

Friday night concerts begin at 8 p.m. and include The Hyssongs (August 3), New Song (August 10), the Fallings Praise Band (in the Chapel, August 17), and the Jacobs Brothers (August 24).

The guests on Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. are The Barney Family (August 4), The Continentals (August 11), pianist Lenny Seidel (August 18), the Parker Trio (August 25), and The LaPointes (September 1).

Concert attendees can give a free will love offering to the various artists.

## CONSERVATION ON PRIVATE LAND

Funding is now available for two new U. S. Department of Agriculture programs that target helping farmers with conservation activities. The Soil and Water Conservation Assistance (SWCA) program and the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) together will provide \$145,300 for conservation on New Hampshire's private land. The goal is to address some of the unmet need for conservation assistance that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has identified through other USDA programs. Eligibility is limited to persons who are engaged in livestock, forest products, or agricultural production. Contact the Belknap County Conservation District (527-5880), Belknap's NRCS Technical Support (223-6032), or NRCS/Carroll CCD (447-2771) office for more information or visit <www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov>.

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**CAREER PLANS OF ACS GRADUATES**

**By Marilyn St. Cyr, ACS Guidance Director**

The Alton Central School (ACS) Guidance Office is pleased to announce the post-secondary education plans for the class of 2001. The graduates have chosen a great variety of colleges and universities.

Katie Morrill has decided to attend the Maryland Institute College of Art and Design in Silver Springs, Maryland. Two graduates are headed to New York. Kelsie Croes will be attending Nyack College in Nyack and Meghan St. Cyr will be attending Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

Two seniors are traveling to Illinois to enroll at the Universal Technical Institute in Glendale Heights. These graduates are Shawn Hills Grove and John Fenner.

Many other seniors have chosen out-of-state colleges and universities within New England. Two graduates are headed to Vermont. Chris Alting will be enrolling at Champlain College in Burlington while Geoffrey Scholl will be registering at Norwich University in Northfield. Heading for Massachusetts will be Emily Sydow attending Gordon College in Wenham, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur entering Babson College in Babson Park, and May Varney enrolling in the Audubon Expedition Institute through Lesley College in Cambridge. Mike Brown is headed to Providence, Rhode Island, to enter Johnson and Wales University.

The University of New Hampshire at Durham has been chosen by four of our seniors — Renee LaFreniere, David Osborn, Loretta Helie, and Tonya Alden. Ashley Southwell will be matriculating at St. Anselm's College in Manchester while Sara Dore will be registering at Franklin Pierce college in Rindge. Kristy McDonald will be studying at Keene State College in Keene.

Other seniors have selected New Hampshire colleges. Amy Beauregard, Jon Douglas, Josh Foote, Kayla O'Brien, Allyson Fortier, Joe Hills Grove, Jeremy Howe, Ryan Loynd, Kathy MacKay and Beth Morse will all be enrolling at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord. Robert Daniels has decided to continue his education at the New Hampshire Community Technical College in Laconia. Tara Elliott will be attending McIntosh College in Dover and Ashley Conrad will continue her studies at Hesser College in Manchester. Samantha Coakley will be attending Empire Beauty School in Belmont while Karine Marchand will be enrolling at the Esthetics Institute in Concord. In January, Robert Levesque and James Laurin will be heading to Plymouth State College.

We are pleased to announce that graduates are choosing to enter the military. Ryan Yelle will be entering the U.S. Air Force, Derek Atwood has joined the U.S. Army, and Toby Shea, Robert Levesque, and James Laurin have joined the U.S. Army Reserves.

Other seniors are finalizing their career/college plans at this time and pursuing employment opportunities. We would like to congratulate all of the 2001 graduates and we wish them well in their college plans and future endeavors.

**A TRIP TO FRANCE**

Felice Carr, an Alton resident and French teacher at the Kingswood Regional High School, has a trip to France planned for June 25 - July 3, 2002. The cost of the trip will be \$2,200 - \$2,400, depending upon the number of people who sign up. An extensive itinerary is planned with many educational stops. To help the novices complimentary French lessons to aid with your travels will be offered by Carr beginning in the fall and held once a month. Call her at 776-6003 for further information.

**FROM THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPT**

By Mary Jane Dascoli, Department Secretary

First, a reminder: Fire permits are required for any outside burning in accordance with New Hampshire State Law. Permits may be obtained at the Central Fire Station located on Route 140. Call ahead for office hours, 875-0222.

The Thermal Imaging Camera, purchased with donated funds as well as monies collected from our fund-raising efforts, has been ordered. Once it arrives training will be done with the unit and then it will be put in service. We wish to thank each and everyone who donated so generously enabling us to purchase this piece of equipment which has the potential to save lives.



The new ambulance is in the works with production projected between July 27 and August 7. The much anticipated delivery of this new rig is presently scheduled for the first week in October.

Our thanks to those who donated such wonderful items to this year's auction. The weather proved typical for New England with on and off showers but that didn't seem to dampen the crowd. Thanks again for your continued support.

Lastly, don't forget our Annual Chicken BBQ to be held Saturday, August 11, 4 p.m., at the Central Fire Station. Come on down and join us for a tasty chicken dinner and show your support for your local Fire and Rescue Department.

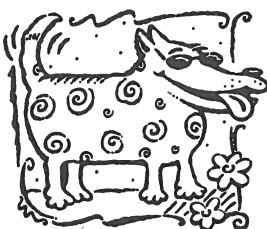
If you have any questions regarding fire permits or other matters, please call the Fire and Rescue Department at 875-0222. Remember, practice fire safety and have a great summer!

**TWO TOWN OFFICIALS RESIGN**

The Alton Board of Selectmen received two resignations last month. Town Treasurer Helen M. Sullivan resigned for health reasons and Arnold ("Pete") Shibley resigned his Selectman position for personal reasons. The Selectmen will be appointing persons to fill the positions until the town elections next March.

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### CHESS ALERT

By Laura Dwyer, Enrichment/G&T Coordinator

The Alton Central School's afterschool Chess Club could use a few good people who are chess savvy. We have approximately 25 - 30 ambitious, highly motivated chess players in Grades 2 - 7. Their abilities range from novice to advanced. We had a very successful year with several students going on to compete in tournaments. We even had one trophy winner, Kyle Kleeberg, Grade 3. The Chess Club needs help with coaching, score keeping, and scheduling duties. If you are interested in helping with this extremely worthwhile project, please contact me at 875-0396. Thank you; your support is greatly appreciated.

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**ANNUAL CANOE RACE RESULTS**

The Parks and Recreation Department and Parker Marine sponsored its annual Canoe Race on Sunday, June 24. The five-mile race on the Merrymeeting River started at Route 28 and ended in Alton Bay. With 38 canoes and kayaks in the race First Place Overall, with a time of 24:20, was won by Doug Armstrong.

**Canoe Winners:** Recreational Men: Mark Peters and Dave Lamoureux, 1st; Eric Smith and Dale Keirstead, 2nd; Mark Dawson and Mark Dawson (yes, two Dawsons named Mark), 3rd. Recreational Women: Mary Marren and Evie Jordan, 1st; June Sanborn and Mary Lou Brown, 2nd. Recreational Adult & Child under 13: Nathan and Alan Barrett, 1st. Recreational Co-ed: Brad and Rebecca Helfer, 1st; Steve and Amy Biddle, 2nd; Jenny and Larry Martin, 3rd.

**Kayak Winners:** 1st man, Doug Armstrong; 1st woman, Allison Roberts; 1st tandem, Heidi Hardwick and Leslie Roberts. Racing Men: Todd Boucher and Sean Rogers, 1st; Scott Ricker and Andy Ouellet, 2nd; John Keslar and Jimmy Harrell, 3rd. Racing Women: Lorrie Drake and Elizabeth Helfer, 1st; Susan Amaral, 2nd. Racing Adult & Child under 13: Caleb and Nat Lucy, 1st; Elizabeth and Anya Bean, 2nd. Racing Co-ed: Ron Keslar and Kim Russell, 1st. Racing Single: Bill Bakes, 1st; Ken Kimball, 2nd; Jim Bean, 3rd.

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department thanks the following volunteers for all of their help with the race: Jack Bernard, Ben Jones, Lisa Jones, and Jay Sydow. The 2002 Canoe Race will be Sunday, June 30. Call 875-0109 for more information.

**THE GILMAN MUSEUM**

**By MaryBee Longabaugh, Committee Secretary**

Would your group/club like to have the chance to view the antiques in the Gilman Museum? You can call the Chairman of the Gilman Museum Committee, Bill Crocker, at 875-2103. He will be able to set up a time for someone to be there for your group.

The museum is not completely restored and all exhibits are not yet out for viewing, but there are still many displays to view and enjoy. We were open for Alton's "Light Up Night" in December, and many people took a tour, several of whom were impressed with the changes that have taken place.

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**ACS AWARDS FOR 2001**

By Linda C. Roy, ACS Guidance Office

On June 13 Alton Central School (ACS) held its first Senior Awards Night in the gymnasium for all graduating seniors. The following awards/scholarships were bestowed.

William Heidke Amer. Leg. Scholarship.....Meghan St. Cyr, Renee LaFreniere  
 American Legion Post #72 Scholarships.....Geoffry Scholl, David Osborn, Chris Alting  
 Ruth Shurrock-Farrell Scholarship.....Katie Morrill  
 Sons of American Legion Scholarship.....Kristy McDonald  
 Amer. Leg. Sportmanship and Academic Awards.....Renee LaFreniere, Chris Alting, Ashley Southwell  
 American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship.....May Varney  
 Science Scholarship.....David Osborn  
 East Alton Fire Association Scholarship.....Tara Elliott  
 Summer People's Scholarship.....Katie Morrill  
 Alton-New Durham Lions Scholarship.....Meghan St. Cyr  
 Robert and Catherine Calvert Journalism Scholarship...Renee LaFreniere  
 Karla A. Mefeld Memorial Scholarship.....Kelsey Croes  
 Alton Police Association Scholarship.....Tonya Alden  
 Daniel Frances Memorial Scholarship.....Jebediah Christy  
 U.S. Marines Musical Excellence Awards.....Emily Sydow, Deanna Talon  
 Ray A Kroc Youth Achievement Award.....Will Goodrow  
 Alton PTSA Scholarships.....Briahna I-Levasseur, Renee LaFreniere  
 Alton Teachers Association Scholarship.....Tonya Alden  
 Jean Roberts - Alton Teachers for Education....Emily Sydow  
 Alton School Board Scholarship.....Ashley Southwell  
 Leon and Jean Partridge Scholarships.....Renee LaFreniere, David Osborn  
 Happy Hobby Doll Club Scholarship.....Tara Elliott  
 DAR Good Citizen Award.....Meghan St. Cyr  
 Merrymeeting Grange #55 Scholarship.....Korin Eagles  
 Barbershoppers Scholarship.....Korin Eagles  
 Maxfield Real Estate Scholarship.....Sara Dore  
 William B. Messer Scholarships...Renee LaFreniere, Emily Sydow, Katie Morrill  
 Coca-Cola Scholars Program Awards.....Meghan St. Cyr, Renee LaFreniere  
 Bausch and Lomb Honor Science Award...Renee LaFreniere  
 Kenneth W. Chamberlain, Sr. Athletic Award...Katie Morrill  
 Ralph Jardine Scholarship.....Kelsie Croes  
 Phyllis Chamberlain Music Scholarship.....Emily Sydow  
 Ruth S. and Willard D. Rollins Scholarship.....Katie Morrill  
 Barton Griffin Memorial Scholarship.....Geoffrey Scholl  
 Perkins Award.....Sara Dore  
 Bonnie Simpson Scholarship.....Ashley Conrad  
 William Anderson Scholarship.....Renee LaFreniere  
 Dr. Deane M. Chamberlain Medical Scholar...Tonya Alden  
 Major William Hayes Award.....Meghan St. Cyr  
 Elks Club Most Valuable Stu. Nat. Award...Renee LaFreniere  
 Walter Kirkpatrick Memorial Award.....Ashley Southwell  
 David Steven Smith Scholarship.....Meghan St. Cyr  
 William Loeb Memorial Scholarship.....Renee LaFreniere  
 Anna Ulrich Chamberlain Art Scholarship.....Katie Morrill  
 Frances Wayland Parker Awards.....Tara Elliott, Renee LaFreniere  
 Teachers—Community Service Scholarship....Derek Atwood  
 Empire Beauty Schools Scholarship.....Samantha Coakley  
 Pres. Educ. Awards/Outstanding Acad. Excellence.....Renee LaFreniere, Katie Morrill, Sara Dore, Meghan St. Cyr, Emily Sydow, Ashley Southwell, Briahna I-Levasseur

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**ALTON GARDEN CLUB**

**By Ruth Nickerson**

The Alton Garden Club will hold its August meeting on the 28th of the month at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street at 1:30 p.m.

The program to be presented by Marilyn Wyzga of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is entitled "Gardening for Wildlife."

Hostesses are Donna Flodin, Chairman; Polly Finch, Alice Nelson, Rachel Nottlemann, Audrey Ritchie, Doris Selfridge, Mary Tucker, and MaryLee Zitzow.

**GAMBLING ON A WORTHY CAUSE**

**By Dick Cunningham**

What were those 60 boats doing out at the bandstand in Alton Bay on July 14? Believe it or not, they were playing poker. No, Alton has not been declared a tribe, and gambling hasn't come to town. This was for charity with the Easter Seal Society of NH as the recipient. It was known as the first "Land and Lake Poker Run for Easter Seals." The theme of the event was "Turning Children into Champions."

Boaters received a poker chip for each designated stop on the Big Lake. Land vehicle players had designated land stops. Over 600 participants raised \$17,000 for Easter Seals with the grand prize of \$500 going to Earl Lockwood of Northfield for a land vehicle and Hugh Wilkinson of Gilford for a boat participant. The winner of the grand raffle was Lorraine Holt of Manchester who walked off with a brand new Sea-Doo GTS 3-passenger personal watercraft and trailer.

Easter Seals intends to have the poker run an annual event, so be prepared next year for a lot of fun. Easter Seals provides nearly \$2 million towards free and reduced price services in New Hampshire. It was founded in this state as part of National Easter Seals in 1964. Several Alton residents have volunteered for significant roles in the past, including Jay Meehan, Warren Bodwell, Jr., Mark Northridge, Barbara Cunningham, and Dick Cunningham.

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## AUGUST EVENTS

- Wed. 1 "OCHO'S OCEAN ADVENTURE, Puppet Show, 3:30 p.m., see Checkout  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28N, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 3 THE HYSSONGS IN CONCERT, Alton Bay Christian Community Center (ABCCC), 8 p.m.
- Sat. 4 SEACOAST COMMUNITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Alton Bay Bandstand (ABB), 7 p.m.  
BARNEY FAMILY IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Tue. 7 YOUTH LEAGUE AWARDS BANQUET, see story
- Wed. 8 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH, Steele Hill Resort, 11:30 a.m., see story  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28N, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 9 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Fri. 10 NEW SONG IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 11 OLD HOME DAYS  
FLEA MARKET/FOOD SALE, Alton Garden Club, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., see story  
ANTIQUA BOAT SHOW, Town Docks, 9 a.m. - noon  
5K ROAD RACE, 9 a.m. start, see story  
CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., see story  
ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ, Central Fire Station, see story  
PONY EXPRESS, ABB, 7 p.m.  
THE CONTINENTALS CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 12 CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
- Mon. 13 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout
- Wed. 15 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28N, 6:30 p.m.  
FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Emmy-award winning writer, Peggy Sloane, 7 p.m., see Checkout
- Fri. 17 THE FALLINGS PRAISE BAND, ABCCC Chapel, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 18 CAR WASH, FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Town Hall, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., see story (rain date 8/25)  
NEW ENGLAND NOISE, ABB, 7 p.m.  
LENNY SEIDEL IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 22 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28N, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 24 JACOBS BROTHERS IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 25 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST, Town Hall, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., see story on right  
EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY, Potluck Supper and Annual Meeting, 6 p.m., see story  
EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE, ABB, 7 p.m.  
THE PARKER TRIO IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. 26 EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY, Annual Service and Hymn Sing, 4 p.m., see story
- Mon. 27 SUMMER VACATION IS OVER, SCHOOL OPENS!
- Tue. 28 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, "Gardening for Wildlife," 1:30 p.m., see story  
ASSEMBLE Main Street, Pearson Road Community Center, 6:30 p.m.  
ANNUAL APPRAISAL PROGRAM, Historical Society, ABCCC, 5 - 7 p.m., see story
- Wed. 29 BINGO, American Legion Hall, Route 28N, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. Sep. 1 RHUMBOOGIE, ABB, 7 p.m.  
THE LAPONTES IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: *The Fireworks scheduled for September 1 are likely to be rescheduled due to a Craft Fair, so watch for further information from Parks and Recreation.*

TO LIST YOUR EVENT SUBMIT WRITTEN INFORMATION TO:  
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## SPECIAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

The Budget Committee meeting in the month of August will be held on the first Thursday, the 7th, instead of the third Thursday. With vacations being planned this seems to be the best date. The committee would like Alton residents to know that the public is always welcome at any of their meetings.

## CIVIC REQUESTS AND INFO

### VOLUNTEER TIME AGAIN!

**By Laurie Boyce, ACS Volunteer Coordinator**

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to a close, at least school summer vacation. Come the end of this month the children will be going back to the halls of Alton Central School. Thanks for all the time you have given in the past.

Once again we need volunteers to help with all the things volunteers can and always have done. In the packet of information you will receive on the first day of school is a Volunteer Information Sheet. Please take a few minutes to complete this form and return it with the other forms. If you have more than one child, you only need complete one form unless you have different info for the second form, i.e., you want to do different things with different classes. If you have been a volunteer in the past, the form has changed some so please fill out a new one.

If you don't have a student in the school but would like to help, please contact me at home, 875-7371, and I'll send you an Information Sheet. Again, thank you for your help in the past. I'm looking forward to another great year.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

**By Laurie Boyce, Committee Secretary**

There is an opening on the Budget Committee because a member had to leave. For those new to Alton being on the Budget Committee is a good way to see how the town works while for others it is a way to keep up on what's happening in the community.

We meet the third Thursday in the months March through November. Come December through February we usually meet every Tuesday and Thursday as needed to work on the town budget. If you are at all interested, please contact Ruth Messier, 875-6750; she is chair this year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 7. It is on a different night because of the vacation schedules of the current members. Please think about joining us.

### VOTERS CHECKLIST BEING PURGED

**By MaryBee Longabaugh, Checklist Chairman**

Please be aware that in accordance with RSA 654:39 the Supervisors of the Checklist are in the process of "purging" the voters registration list which we maintain. Every ten years the state mandates that the supervisors send out letters to anyone who has not voted within the past two years. Therefore, anyone who did not vote in any election (national, state, local) from the Presidential Primary in February 2000 on to the Town Ballot Vote in March 2001 has received a letter asking if he/she wishes to remain on the list.

The last date for you to see the supervisors to let us know you wish to continue on the voters list will be on Saturday, August 25, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Alton Town Hall. After that date all people who have been designated as non-voters will be deleted from the list.

You can always re-register by going to see the Town Clerk or the supervisors at election time. Be aware that you must have two forms of identification, one being proof of a physical residence in Alton — a Post Office Box is not a physical residence.

# 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; all others in conjunction with the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center (see above); 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

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Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Building Inspector — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

Parks and Recreation — 875-0109 for info and appts.

Planning Director — 875-5095 for hours and appts.

### ORGANIZATIONS:

Alcoholics Anonymous — Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Community Center

American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall

American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall

American Legion Jr. Auxiliary — 1st Tue., 6 p.m., Legion Hall

Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6 p.m., Central Fire Station

Community Services Program, Sat., 2 - 4 p.m., 875-2273

Cub Scout Pack 53 — Last Tue., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall

Eastern Star — 2nd Tue., when meeting, 875-5211

Flying Club — 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900

Friends of the Gilman Library — 2nd Tue. (in season), Library

Garden Club — 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House

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

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## 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.

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TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Monday, 3:45 p.m., Chairman Nancy Jordan, 875-2550.

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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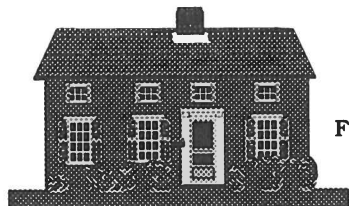
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**SUMMER IS FAST AFLEETING**

The summer season starts to wind down this month. If you haven't done any of your summer activities, this is your last chance. Otherwise, it is time to get ready for the fall.

Fishing this month means going deep as lakes and ponds are at their warmest temperatures. Trout and salmon are way down deep now. Bass are most active early and late in the day, holding in deeper, cooler water in the daylight hours. A full moon on the fourth will provide enough light for some exciting night fishing. Surface lures that are noisy, such as the Jitter Bug or the Hoola Popper, are best for fishing after dark. There is nothing quite like hearing a bass slurp down your lure while your senses are on full alert. Once your eyes adjust to the dark, it is fairly easy to see. Keep the use of flashlights to a minimum since the light will ruin your night vision for a while.

For the trout angler head north this month. The cooler Connecticut and Androscoggin Rivers can still provide some good fishing. They are at their lowest flow rates, and the fish will be concentrated in pools and deep runs. Terrestrial fly patterns (grasshoppers, ants, caterpillars, etc.) are best as aquatic insect hatches (mosquitoes, may flies, etc.) are winding down. The trout will be easily spooked, so a careful approach will be needed.

For the hunter this is the month to prepare for the upcoming seasons. The bear hunter should obtain written land owner permission now to establish bait sites or set up stands. The archer must also obtain written land owner permission to set up tree stands. Gear should be prepared and sighted in, clothing aired out, and supplies gathered.

To help the archer prepare this month, Farmington Fish and Game Club will host its last 40 target 3-D shoot on August 26. This is realistic practice with targets set up in the woods at different distances, uphill shots, downhill, and around trees and bushes. The archer's foot must touch a colored stake, determined by his shooting classification, and shoot one arrow only from an unknown distance for scoring. Most targets are full-size deer targets, with an elk, wolf, coyote, turkey, or bear thrown in to challenge the shooter. Registration is from 7 - 11 a.m. at the New Durham clubhouse; trophies will be given for all classes. For more information, call 859-FISH.

See you out there!



**PLANNING AHEAD**  
By Alan Sherwood  
Planning Board Chair

**NO SUMMER VACATION HERE**

For this issue of *Main Street* I had hoped to use this column to introduce a new Planning Director who had accepted the position in early July, as reported in Laconia's *The Citizen*. However, more recently the candidate informed us that he was going to accept another position closer to his home in New Jersey. Now, mid-July, finds the planner search committee and Selectmen back reworking the list of applicants, which still included some promising candidates.

**Join The Capital Improvements Committee**

The Planning Board is looking for volunteers to serve on this year's Capital Improvements Committee (CIC). Each

year the CIC reviews proposed capital expenditures looking out at least six years for each town department as well as for the Alton school district. The requests are ranked and fit to an overall multi-year spending plan. The resulting six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is then used by the Selectmen, School Board, and Budget Committee in developing next year's proposed budgets. The committee's work will be done over about a six-week period in the September-to-October time frame.

We are looking for three Alton residents, along with two Planning Board members, to form a committee of five. This is a good opportunity to learn about the town and to meet the department heads. If you have an interest, please contact the Land Use Office at 875-5095 or myself at 293-7041.

**Site Reviews**

Any proposed non-residential use of property or proposed multi-family dwelling units must undergo Planning Board "site review." The purpose of the site review is to make sure that common sense items have been properly addressed, i.e., parking, appropriateness of a business type for the location, adequate visual buffering, snow storage, lighting, abutters concerns, and so on. Site review is required for any proposed commercial/business use which is either: a new use for that property, an expansion of an existing approved use, or a change of type of use (say from retail sales to professional offices). If your proposed use is a home occupation, you may be eligible for the simplified "minor site plan review" process. You can pick up a copy of the Site Plan Review Regulations or the Class I & II Home Occupation Regulations at the Land Use Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

**THIS IS "HYSTORICAL 101"**

(From the Internet)

**Reputed Answers In A 6th Grade History Test**

1. Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

2. Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada.

3. Solomom had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.

4. The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

5. Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

6. In the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled biscuits, and threw the java.

7. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out: "Tee hee, Brutus."

8. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Walter is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes and started smoking. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.



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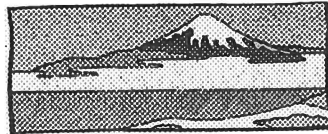
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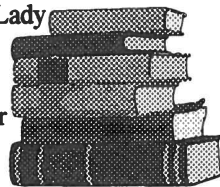
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### A LOOK INTO THE PAST

By MaryBee Longabaugh, Co-Editor

Last year Ms. Merrill's Grade 11 history class at Alton Central School took on a project which gave them the opportunity to research Alton, their roots if they are from the area, and various buildings or places that were of interest. It was done over a period of three months and involved photography, interviewing people in town, and using the resources at the Town Hall and Gilman Library, as well as researching the bodies of work written for the bicentennial. In April they spoke at the Historical Society meeting.

Main Street sought and received permission from some of the students to have their reports reprinted, edited to make them fit into the space available. The editorial board hopes to be able to generate your interest in this history project over the coming months with edited versions of this body of student work so that you might be motivated to read each report in its entirety.

The reports and authors hopefully to be featured are: "Camp Kehonka" by Kayla Ballentine; "American Legion Post #72, Old Tom and Major Savage" by BK Brown; "Boulder Lodge Cottages" by Ben Jensen; "The History of Alton Mountain" by Dana Lang; "The Lakeshore Railroad" by Jon Owen; "The Alton Bay Inn" by Tony Sanborn; "A Brief Picture of the Past" by David Shibley; "Education in the Early 1900's" by Dennis Sweeney II; and "The Early Industry of the Town" by Steven Wood. Here's a chance to learn something new about Alton!



**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS**

**By Ken Roberts**

**Highway Agent**



**AND THE ROAD WORK CONTINUES**

Don't turn those air conditioners off yet! The humidity is still hanging around.

The excavator arrived on July 23 and will be here through September 21 for the projects on Coffin Brook Road, Chamberlain Road (both ends) and Prospect Mountain Road.

The reconstruction of Alton Mountain Road is on its way, starting from Avery Hill Road to Alton Shores. Please expect delays and possibly the road being closed during this time.

We have been out ditching and grading the roads making them better to travel on. The Main Street sidewalk project has been completed. We again apologize for any inconveniences you may have experienced.

We have hired a truck driver; welcome aboard, Brian. We are still in need of additional help. Please contact the Highway Department, 875-6808.

Please remember when out bicycling, running, or walking during these summer evenings to wear reflectors on your clothing so moving vehicles can spot you right away.

A special thanks to J.P.B. for the late night entertainment at JP China.

**PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE INVASION**

**By Emily Donahue and Cory Dudman**

The Grade 4 enrichment students have been studying Purple Loosestrife. They have learned many things, including it is called an alien or exotic plant which means it is not native to New Hampshire. This project started last October when Megan Farrell, Cory Dudman, Michael Jensen, Stephanie Roy, Brittany Dwyer, Casey Barenger, and Emily Donahue, two Conservation Commission experts, two parent volunteers, and the Enrichment Coordinator went to the Alton Traffic Circle and with skillful guidance cut the tops of the plant stalks so that the seeds would not spread. The team returned to the circle early this past June to finish pulling Purple Loosestrife roots and planting native New Hampshire plants.

Purple Loosestrife spreads like wildfire and chokes out our precious native plants. It can be up to five feet tall and has spike shaped leaves with many brilliant purple flowers. One plant can produce millions of seeds. The next time you see this plant, remember, it is not just a flower; it is an alien!

Many thanks to all who helped make this project a success. The team will continue their conservation project in the fall with a different approach to controlling the spread of the dreaded plant. We will keep you posted as to the development of this new fascinating strategy.



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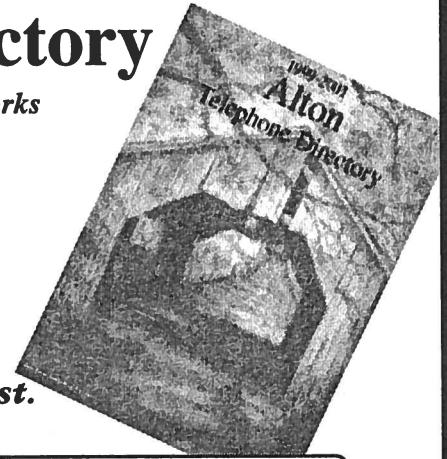
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In a close election, Evelyn Nardo, opposed by Jill Gardner, won her third consecutive term as president of the Alton Senior Citizens Association at the July meeting. Other officers elected were: Ginny Myers, vice-president, Peg Bowman, secretary, and Liz Roberts, treasurer. The office of annual auditor went to Claire Fitzgerald. Many thanks to Jeanette Barton, Judy Carmel and Dom Guiliano for preparing the slate and conducting the election. Nardo expressed her gratitude and vowed to keep the association active and solvent. The officers will be inducted in August.

Paul Gamache, whom we welcome as a new member, volunteered to form a committee to explore fund-raising activities. We appreciate his efforts and ask for your cooperation in submitting ideas or working on projects.

You can still sign up for our August trip to Foster's Clambake on the 8th; your \$38 must be in by the 3rd. Call Ginny at 875-5713 or the center at 875-7102. Other trips in the works are the Christmas Tree Shop in September and an October fall foliage trip. We applaud Ginny who works very hard to please us at affordable prices.

We wholeheartedly welcome new members June Lundy, Janet Dodier, Jill and Leonard Gardner, and (rather belatedly)

Leah and Bob Birdsall. We hope they find their membership in our group enjoyable and fulfilling. Marge Favreau won the attendance raffle. We thank Jerry Bertolino and Jean Sheusi for providing the wonderful strawberry shortcake refreshments. A big thank you to the Parks and Recreation Department for sponsoring a fun filled bingo afternoon on July 13. Kelly Troendle and Amy Jordan helped to entertain 30 seniors with a variety of bingo games. Prizes were supplied by anonymous donors. The main winners were Jean Sheusi, Lillian Lavarney, Liz Roberts, Violet Jacques, Claire Fitzgerald, Dom Guiliano, Helen Stanford (twice!), Jerry Bertolino, and Lillian Grigg. Several door prizes were awarded and refreshments served. We always feel specially treated when Kelly and her crew appear!

Mark your calendars. Our traditional annual meeting will be held August 15 at 1 p.m. due to our trip to the clambake on the 8th. We urge you all to attend. We need everyone's involvement to maintain a viable senior organization.

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**DR. MERRITT UPDATE**

*Editors' note: June's Main Street contained (page 6) a letter from Dr. Denise Merritt describing how her medical practice was in transition. A subsequent letter, reprinted below with Dr. Merritt's permission, reports on later developments.*

Dear Patient:

A resolution has been achieved. Huggins Hospital has purchased the office building effective August 1 and will maintain the practice. Contingent upon the sale is a stipulation that I not return to the area to practice for a period of two years. This mutual agreement assures that I cannot initiate a local competitive practice jeopardizing the hospital's investment.

Huggins is finalizing an offer to a physician replacement. Judy Cole, ARNP and the rest of the staff intend to stay on and assist in the change. Hopefully, the transition will be seamless.

My last day of practice will be August 15. I encourage you to address any outstanding medical issues with me before that date if at all possible.

Thank you for all your support over the last twenty years. I wish you all good health in the future.

Sincerely,

/s/Denise Merritt, MD

**HILLSGROVE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP**

Shawn Hillsgrove, son of Wayne and Karyl Hillsgrove of Alton, has been accepted to Universal Technical Institute of Illinois. He has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to attend. Hillsgrove graduated from the Alton Central School as one of the top seniors in the Class of 2001.



**TO PROTECT AND SERVE**  
By Detective Glenna Heath  
Alton Police Department

**SUMMER REMINDERS**

The warm weather is here, and the summer folks have settled in. We've been getting calls about the use of off-road vehicles, including golf carts and motorized scooters. To set the record straight, golf carts cannot be used on public roadways. This means that even a private road which is maintained for public use is considered a public roadway in the context of OHRV or other motorized vehicles.

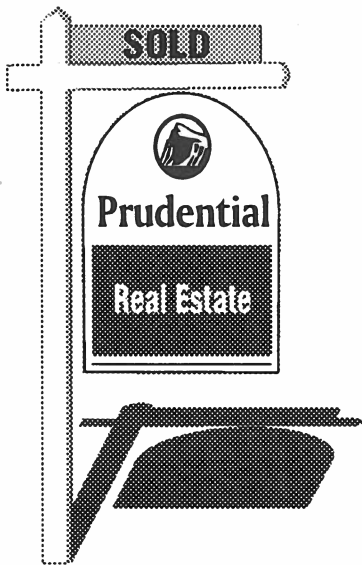
With regard to motorized scooters these are considered "mopeds" under New Hampshire law, and anyone who operates them on a public way must be licensed. This means that the kids who have these scooters CANNOT ride them except on private property.

One last reminder from last summer. There are "rules of the Bay," and they are found in the Town Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relative to the Regulation of Town Property and Prohibiting Disorderly Conduct in Certain Public Places." In a nutshell this covers what CANNOT be done in the Bay — including using obscene language or gestures, playing your car stereo too loud, riding a bike or skateboard in certain areas, squealing car tires, or riding a wheelie on a motorcycle.

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that if there are any questions on these issues or any other issue, please call the police department (875-0757), and we will be more than happy to assist you.

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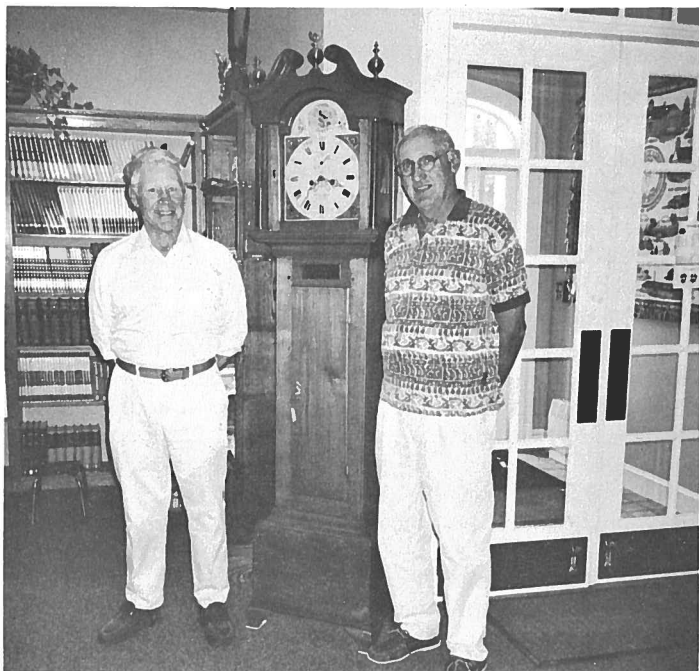
The Alton Central School (ACS) has announced the students who have made the Honor Roll during the fourth quarter of the 2000-2001 academic year. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects while Honors calls for a grade of at least 83. What follows is the list printed exactly as received from the ACS Guidance Office.

- 4TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Megan Farrell.
- 4TH GRADE HONORS: Casey Beranger, Erik Caron, Joshua Crosman, Emily Donahue, Cory Dudman, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Katherine Gage, Kimberly Grant, Colin Hammond, Brendan Hussey, Jack LaFreniere, Ashley Lionetta, Katie Powers, Stephanie Roy, Weston Stewart, Kathleen Sykes, Joseph Whissel.
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- 5TH GRADE HONORS: Meagan DiVito, Leisha Donnelly, Courtney Emerson, Gary Ford, Ryan Gillan, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Brian Jones, Ryan Lougee, Chris (CJ) Moulton, Amanda Pellowe, Robyn Shibley.
- 6TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Jane Farrell, Ryan Hussey.
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- 8TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Anne Farrell, Christina Jamieson.
- 8TH GRADE HONORS: Crystal Cleasby, Matthew Fisichelli, Vanessa Gilbert, Erin Hannafin, Alexander Kaszynski, Derek Rondeau, Lindsey St. Laurent.
- 9TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Lyndsey Caron, Krista Shibley, Stephanie Tanguay.
- 9TH GRADE Honors: Tamara Cornelissen, Tonya Prescott, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy.
- 10TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Scott Baumgartner, Sarah Harper, Terese Hopper.
- 10TH GRADE HONORS: Hilary Ballentine, Katie Brooks, Dennis Callahan, Jenn Carr, Millicent Cochran, Ashli Coughlin, Jill Feger, Stephanie Hillsgrrove, Kelly Jalbert, Amanda Jones, David Snell III, Julie St. Sauveur, Erin Wood.
- 11TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: David Benedetto, Dana Lang, Marissa Peterson.
- 11TH GRADE Honors: Kayla Ballentine, Scott Blair, Megan Brownell, Jane Varney.
- 12TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Sara Dore, Briahna Itchkavich-Levasseur, Renee LaFreniere, Katie Morrill.
- 12TH GRADE HONORS: Kelsey Croes, Tara Elliott, Loretta Helie, Joe Hillsgrrove, Shawn Hillsgrrove, Rob Levesque, David Osborn, Geoffrey Scholl, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St. Cyr, Emily Sydow.

**DOW RECEIVES BA DEGREE**

Tristan D. Dow, son of Ray and Bunnie Dow of Rand Hill Road, Alton Bay, received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Computer Animation in June from Savannah College of Art and Design. Dow is a 1996 graduate of Bishop Brady High School and an alumnus of NHTC-Manchester.



**THE CHECKOUT DESK**  
By Holly Brown  
Librarian



**AUGUST, A VERY BUSY MONTH**

The Gilman Library Trustees and staff wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Don Jordan (above left) and Tallant Dodge (right) for their volunteer efforts to restore our

grandfather clock to working order. Don and Tallant offered to refurbish and readjust the face and inner workings of our beautiful old clock which required hours of intricate work. Thank you so much!

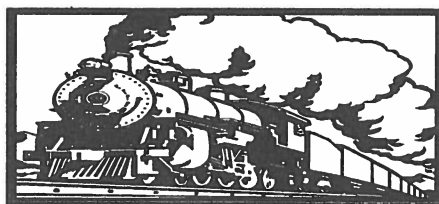
This year's summer reading program, entitled "Octopi Your Mind...Read," is well under way. Happy hunting to the families who are registered for the Family Treasure Hunt. Be sure to bring your treasures in each week and pick up your list of items yet to be found. As participants of the program read books, they can take part in filling the aquarium with summer reading crabs, answer trivia questions for prizes, enter a coloring contest, and take part in other games and more! It's not too late to take part in the fun. For more information please stop by the circulation desk.

In celebration of summer reading, the Gilman Library will welcome Diane Kordas' Romper Rhythm and Puppets on August 1 at 3:30 p.m. They will present "Ocho's Ocean Adventure," a musical puppet show sponsored by Friends of the Gilman Library. This promises to be fun for children of all ages. All are welcome and admission is free.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Gilman Library will be on Tuesday, August 14, 7 p.m. at the library. The speaker will be Emmy award-winning television writer Peggy Sloane. She will discuss the origins of serial storytelling and give an informal inside look at how dramas are written and produced. Ms. Sloane has worked for all three major networks and has written for "All My Children," "One Life to Live," "As The World Turns," and "Another World." All are welcome and admission is free.

The Book Discussion Group will meet at the library on Monday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. to discuss *While I Was Gone* by Sue Miller. If you would like a copy of the book, please let us know.

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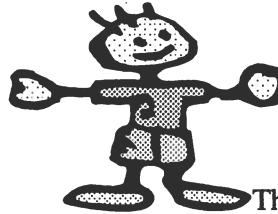
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FOR THE FUN OF IT  
By Kellie M. Troendle  
Recreation Director



### 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 Alton Parks and Recreation Department; forms are available in the office during hours or at 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 and training will be provided. Please call if you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach or assistant coach. Registration fee is \$15 which includes a team shirt. Equipment needed: shin guards, age appropriate soccer ball, black shorts, black/red socks, and water bottle. Soccer cleats are recommended.

### ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL FALL SPORTS 2001

To be eligible for fall sports each athlete needs the following:

1. current physical on file with the school nurse;
2. medical/insurance permission form;
3. signed athletic contract (high school only);
4. passing grades from 4th quarter last spring.

First practice for students in grades 9 - 12 (boys soccer, girls soccer, golf, and volleyball) will be on Monday, August 13, 8 a.m. in the gym; meeting is for all high school athletes.

First practice for middle school teams (boys soccer, grades 7 & 8; girls soccer, grades 6 - 8; and volleyball, grades 6 - 8) will be on Monday, August 20, 5 p.m. in the gym.

First practice for coed elementary soccer (girls grade 5, boys grades 5 & 6) will be on Wednesday, August 29, 3 p.m. in the gym.

For questions on fall programs contact Scott Hutchins, Athletic Director, office - 875-0386 or school - 875-7500.

### ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE AWARDS BANQUET

By JoAnn Callahan

The Alton Youth League Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, August 7, at the American Legion Hall on Route 28N. This year we will be holding two ceremonies; they are as follows:

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. All tee ball and rookie players (boys and girls);

7 - 8 p.m. All minor and major players (boys and girls).

If players have not done so, please bring uniforms with you so that you will be able to pick up your pictures.

I would like to thank all the coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, players, parents and committee members for all the support and help through the season. Great job! Any questions? Call me at 875-8929.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Alton Central School (ACS) Girls Varsity Volleyball Team will be holding a volleyball training camp for middle school girls. Any girl in grades 5 - 8 may register to participate. The camp will be held from August 6 - 10 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the ACS gym. The cost for the camp is \$40 and includes a tee shirt and water bottle. Registration forms can be obtained at the main office of the school (875-7500).



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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**

1985 SEARAY, 22' with 1992 Double Axle Trailer, boat sleeps 4, has head with porta-poti, galley has sink, ice box, and table, other extras, very low hours, \$7,995. 776-7931 or 387-0741.

1983 WELLS CRAFT, 23', with trailer, Merc Cruiser, excellent shape, 350 motor, used in fresh water, can be driven, \$7,500. 364-2636.

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BONITO SAILBOAT, 14', Fiberglass hull, wood rudder and centerboard, sail and rigging in good shape, \$450. For appointment call 875-8818.

1994 CAMRY DX, red, 2-door spoiler coupe, 5 speed, standard, AC, cassette, dual air bags, no rust, great body, great condition, 110K miles, must sell, going overseas, book price \$6,000, asking \$5,000 or BO. Please call to see, 776-6003.

1990 GEO TRACKER, 4x4, runs excellent, \$2,000 or BO. 364-2636.

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SEEKING a loving, honest, caring female for overnight baby-sitting for two children 8 and 14 years of age; the schedule varies but averages 1 or 2 nights per week; responsibilities include dinner preparation and the supervision of homework; personal transportation and references required. Please call 875-3056 or send a letter of interest to P. O. Box 86, Alton, NH 03809.

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

HELP WANTED, handyman/handywoman needed for occasional work at my home at Black Point, Alton; duties include raking, gardening, painting, minor repairs, etc., please call 332-0650.

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**SENIOR MEALS**

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

July 30 - August 3: Mon., Turkey ala King/Biscuit; Tue., Chicken Salad; Wed., Chicken Parmesan/Sauce; Thu., Breaded Veal Cutlet/Gravy; Fri., BBQ Riblet.

August 6 - 10: Mon., Italian Sausage or Meatballs; Tue., Creamed Turkey; Wed., Salisbury Steak/Gravy; Thu., Sliced Ham or Turkey; Fri., Shepherds Pie.

August 13 - 17: Mon., Crunchy Fish Filet; Tue., Kielbasa or Hot Dog; Wed., Sliced Corned Beef or Roast Beef; Thu., Chicken ala King; Fri., Veal Roulard/Gravy.

August 20 - 24: Mon., Spaghetti/Meatballs; Tue., Fish & Cheese Filet; Wed., Herb Baked Chicken/Gravy; Thu., Salad Plate; Fri., Roast Pork/Gravy.

August 27 - 31: Mon., Teriyaki Chicken or Baked Chicken; Tue., Cold Salad Plate; Wed., Hot Dog; Thu., Cheese Omelet; Fri., Tuna Salad.

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

. . . the Oak Birch Inn sponsored its 4th Annual Water Festival . . . Russell Jones was appointed Selectman following the resignation of Donald Irvin . . . Cathy Mars was elected president of the Ladies Guild of St. Joan of Arc and St. Paul Churches . . . the Gilman Library's Children's Country Fair raised \$130 for new children's books . . . John Conboy chaired the Old Home Week Committee . . . the 37th Annual Barbershoppers Jamboree was held at Alton Central School.

**TEN YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Old Home Week, chaired by George Smith, celebrated "Step Back in Time" . . . Barbershoppers gathered in Alton for their 42nd Annual Jamboree . . . a new 1000-gallon pumper fire truck was assigned to the East Alton Station . . . Air Force Sergeant Mickey Rogers became the first veteran of Operation Desert Storm to join the Alton post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars . . . Francis Metcalfe was appointed Selectman . . . Robert DeRoche was appointed Water Commissioner . . . former Selectman Bob Calvert was Grand Marshal of the Old Home Week Parade . . . former road agent and volunteer firefighter, Edward G. Gustafson, died.

**FIVE YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . George Stone and Judy Fry presented a set of Bicentennial mini-histories to Jesse Bakeman, president of the Alton Historical Society, and Patricia Merrill, librarian of the Gilman Library . . . May Varney, Grade 7, competed at the USA Gymnastics, NH State Championships, and returned with a gold and a bronze medal . . . The 47th Annual Barbershop Jamboree took place with a large and varied program . . . The Old Home Week theme was "Reflections on Our History," continuing Alton's Bicentennial celebration.

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LET IT BE KNOWN HOW YOU FEEL

By Laurie Boyce, NH State Representative

I went to the Gilmanton school meeting because I represent their town in the State legislature. They have concerns about their high school dilemma, and the 75(+) residents attending were told to contact their school board either personally, in writing, or by e-mail to tell them how they feel. I am telling you the same thing. The Alton School Board NEEDS TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL about our school situation. Please take five minutes (that's all it takes) to let them know. Either contact them using the info printed in Main Street every month (page 13 this issue) or send it to the school, School Street, Alton 03809, and it will be forwarded to the school board.



Photo by Alan MacRae

What would a summer in Alton be without a craft fair at the bay? Last month an artist plied her trade doing a portrait in front of the M.S. Mount Washington pier.

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