



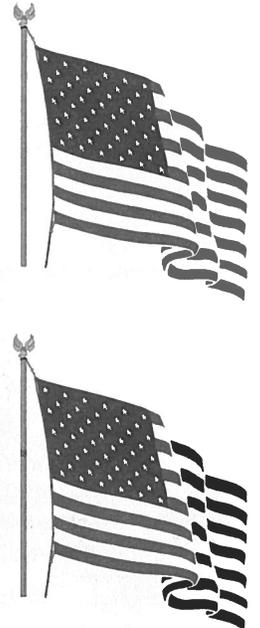
# Main Street

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## NEW HIGH SCHOOL MARCHES FORWARD

By Wayne D. Fraser, Chair, Alton School Board

On behalf of the Alton School Board, thank you to everyone who voted on March 12.

Now that the bond for the new high school has passed in both Alton and Barnstead, there is much work to be done to see the building actually constructed. The two groups that will do much of this work are the Joint School Board and the Joint Building Committee.

As of this writing in late April, the building committee is focused on finishing the plans for the school so that the architect, Chip Krause, can write the final specifications and prepare "blueprints." At that point the project will be ready for the competitive bid process, and a contractor will be selected. The Joint (Alton/Barnstead) Building Committee is pleased with the public input it has received and looks forward to presenting the final plans.

The new Joint School Board met for the first time on April 10 and started the process of organizing. One of the first tasks of the new organization is to establish by-laws that will govern the joint board. Additionally the board established four committees to start on this process. They are: Finance; Governance; Public Relations; and SAU services. Each of these committees will report back to the full board with their recommendations at the next meeting on May 1, which will be held at the Barnstead Elementary School.

The finance committee will be responsible primarily for dealing with the bonds to fund the new school. The

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## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MAY 27

By Ray Nadeau, Post Commander

American Legion Post 72 will commence its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 27. The ceremony includes a parade, memorial service, monument decoration, and refreshments. The public is not only invited, but urged to attend because much has happened since our nation last observed Memorial Day.

Marching in the parade will be the Alton High School Band, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Legion, the Junior and Senior American Legion Auxiliaries, town officials, Fire & Rescue and Police Departments, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Alton Youth League, Alton school children and any and all veterans who wish to march.

The parade will originate at Monument Square and proceed to the cemetery where a brief memorial service will be conducted by the Reverend Peter Bolster, Alton High School students, and Post 72 personnel. The parade will then return to Monument Square where State of New Hampshire District 1 Executive Councilor, Raymond Burton, will give a brief address, followed by monument decoration and a reading by an Alton High School student.

After the ceremony everyone is invited to return to the new home of the American Legion on Route 28 for sandwiches, ice cream, and soft drinks. For those interested in membership in the American Legion, applications will be available from Post 72 personnel. We welcome inquiries.



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**STILL TIME FOR YOUR OPINION**

Last month's issue of Main Street contained a coupon seeking our readers' opinions relative to this newsmagazine's coverage of the school bond question that was voted upon at the March election. The response (5 coupons) has been "underwhelming." Before the Main Street Board of Directors comes to the conclusion that this is a non-issue, we are giving the procrastinators one more month to have their opinion registered.

You can leave the coupon (below) in the Main Street drop box at the Bank of New Hampshire branch on Main Street in Alton or contribute to the cause by putting a 34-cent stamp on an envelope addressed to P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay 03810. Alternatively, coupons can be put in the "Supervisors of the Checklist" box in Town Hall.

First, I (we) felt that Main Street's coverage of the school bond issue was (check one):

- Biased in favor of the bond issue
- Biased against the bond issue
- Reasonably objective

Second, Was the information helpful in deciding your vote?:

Yes  No

Third, the next time a similar issue comes before Alton voters Main Street should (check one):

- Do the best they can on another "pro and con" article
- Just report that a vote will be held, and when/where

Finally, the other advice I 'd like to pass on is ...

[Add extra pages as necessary. We truly want to know your views.]

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



**CHANGES AHEAD**

Building Principal, Russell Holden, and I are actively recruiting teachers for the vacant positions that we now know about for the 2002-2003 school year.

The district will be hiring three individuals to replace the following teachers who are retiring: Mr. Charles Downie, 6th grade teacher, after 18 years of service to the district; Mrs. Marjorie Mohr, K-12 Library Media Specialist, after 20 years; and Mrs. Susan Leclerc, 6th grade teacher, after 22 years. A special thank you to these three dedicated professionals who have been outstanding and who will be greatly missed.

In addition, we will be hiring a K-8 general music teacher. This position has been a difficult one to fill the last three years. There have been a number of teachers who have occupied the position but who left for a variety of reasons. It is our hope to find a person who wants to build a strong program and who will stay. If all goes according to plan, we will have made recommendations to the School Board at their April 22 meeting.

The last day of classes for students this year will be June 14 — bearing any unforeseen weather, or other unknown emergency situation. The early close is due to the very mild winter experienced this year as opposed to one of the snowiest winters on record last year.

There will be some positive changes occurring next fall that we expect will improve the academic performance of our students. The entering 9th graders will be required to take three additional units in order to graduate. They will have to take an additional unit in math, science, and social studies, bringing the total unit count to 25, up from 22.

Thanks to the efforts of Sue Blair, the district will receive a \$12,500 grant to start the John Collins Writing Program in the elementary school. It is a process writing program with standard rubrics for evaluation. This summer 25 teachers will be trained and ready to start the program this fall.

In Grades 7 and 8 teachers will henceforth be teaching the students for two years so there will be continuity of instruction. Students will be required to get a grade of "C" on a number of core academic topics in each subject area each quarter. If a student receives a grade of "D" or below, he/she will receive an incomplete and will receive remediation until a grade of "C" is earned. By adopting this program, it is our objective to make the students more accountable and to learn the subject matter.

The school district looks forward to a successful close to a very positive and event-filled school year. Thank you for your help and support.



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# Main Street's Inside Front Page



## BUILDING SOLD, FLAGPOLE TO BE MOVED

See Legion story on page 10.

## TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE ON JUNE 8

**By Kellie Troendle, Parks & Recreation Director**

Alton's Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the annual Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The rain date is June 9. If you would like to have a participating yard sale, please call 875-0109 before May 16 with a complete description of your yard sale location. Registration is free. Late sign ups will not be taken due to printing deadlines. Maps will be available at the Parks and Recreation office at the A.V.A.S. Public Park, Town Hall, Gilman Library, Bank of NH, and the Alton 5 & 10.

## NATURAL RESOURCES MEETING ON MAY 9

**By Charles Hersey, Resource Coordinator**

On Thursday, May 9, the Alton Conservation Commission will be holding an informational meeting for the public about the Alton Natural Resource Inventory. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. on the second floor of town hall. The results and significant findings of the natural resource inventory will be shared, and large scale maps of Alton's natural resources will be on display. Residents of Alton are strongly encouraged to attend. For additional information contact: Charles Hersey, Alton Natural Resource Coordinator, at 875-5095.

## GILMAN MUSEUM OPEN MAY 27

**By Pat Rockwood, Museum Treasurer**

The public and Historical Societies of New Hampshire are invited to attend an Open House on Monday, May 27, at the Harold S. Gilman Museum in Alton from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Exhibits will be on display at the museum in conjunction with Alton Memorial Day ceremonies, the museum committee, American Legion Post 72, the Alton Red Cross (White Mountain chapter), and the Alton Historical Society in honor of those who served in the Civil War. Musical selections of the era will be performed by students of the Alton Central School Band and our guest speakers will be Florence Davis from the Gilman Museum and Shelley Proulx of the White Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Gilman Museum is located at the junction of Routes 140 and 11 in historic Monument Square on Main Street. Parking is available on Route 140 opposite the museum, behind the White Lodge.

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## WHEN VOTES DO NOT COUNT!

**By Bob Longabaugh**

Voters who did their "civic duty" this past March 12 will recognize the above arrows as the way New Hampshire measures the results of American democracy. They may also wonder why the recount of the school bond vote resulted in different numbers than the first tallies released election night.

On March 12 Terri Noyes, School District Moderator, announced that Article II — the bond issue to build a new high school with Barnstead — had resulted in 795 "yes" votes and 508 "no" votes. This was 13 more "yes" votes than needed for the 60 percent required to pass.

A citizens' petition called for a recount, which was held on March 25. In this situation a panel of human beings sat at a table and visually inspected each paper ballot and placed it in one of three piles: yeses, noes, or "not included in the count." This last pile consisted mostly of ballots which did not contain any mark for Article II, or whatever mark was there was not clear as to how the voter wanted to be tallied.

When all ballots cast in the school district election were sorted, each pile was counted by one person with four others looking on. This process yielded 802 "yes" votes and 512 "no" votes, or an increase of 11 ballots over those tallied on election night. The bond issue was still approved, but now by 14 votes more than needed.

Contacted the next day as to why 11 votes had "come out of the blue," School District Clerk Deborah L. Burton had a fairly simple explanation: The counting machine used on election day only "sees" connected arrows. If the voter does not follow instructions by connecting either the "yes" or "no" arrow, the machine says to itself that the person did not vote at all on that particular question. Both arrows being unconnected are "counted" as zero.

The difference which came out of the recount is that human beings looked at the ballots and saw things that the machine did not see. Unlike Florida's "pregnant chads," Alton voters' intentions were pretty clear to the humans deciding into which pile to place the ballot. Some persons had circled the "yes" or "no" on the ballot, while a few others had placed a check mark on one alternative or the other. All five judges could readily agree what the voter intended and the ballot was counted accordingly.

The moral of the story, of course, is that if you do not connect an arrow on a NH paper ballot, your vote will not be counted — at least not by any machine assigned to that job on election day.

## BOARD OF FIRE WARDS HAS VACANCY

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**SCIENCE FICTION PLAY AT ACS**

**By John Anderson, ACS English Teacher**

Alton Central School (ACS) will be presenting an adaptation of Karel Clark's play "R.U.R." with performances in the gymnasium at 7 p.m. on May 9 through 11. Tickets are \$5 each. The play is a science fiction classic about technology gone astray. At ACS it will star Zachary Shea, Katie Brooks, Lyndsey St. Laurent, Justine Houghton, and Rachel Harrell. Ricky Meuse, Dana Fuller, and Molly Souliere will shine as the robots.

**BIG LAKE HALF MARATHON**

**By Keith Jordan, Race Director**

On Saturday, May 4, the Big Lake Half Marathon is coming to Alton/Alton Bay. The 13.1 mile run will start on Letter S Road, which will be closed to traffic from 8 - 9:10 a.m. The participants, from all over the northeast and the country, will run to Route 11 (closed from 9:05 - 9:15 a.m.), through the Bay to Route 11D, looping back up to Route 11, and finish in Alton Bay near the Community Center.

Mark your calendar so you will be alert for runners from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Alton police will be on hand to provide traffic control.

On Friday evening, May 3, the Alton Fire and Rescue Department will be putting on a pasta dinner for the athletes and the Alton community as a fund raiser. This will be held at the Alton Central School from 5 - 7 p.m. The price is a \$10 donation to the department.

The finish line festivities will take place near the Alton Bay Community Center. After the awards presentation the "Holy Cows" will be performing on the Alton Bay Bandstand from 1 - 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come.

To volunteer or to help out with the race, call me at 293-8353. See you at the races!

**LINCOLN IS ICE-OUT WINNER**

Virginia Lincoln, a Main Street subscriber in Glen Rock, New Jersey, is the winner of the 2002 Ice-Out Contest with her entry being the closest to the official time of 5:30 a.m. on Friday, April 5, when the ice was declared to be out on Lake Winnepesaukee. Since 1887, when records started to be kept, there have only been eight "ice-outs" with an April 5 or earlier date with March 28 being the absolute earliest in 1921. Lincoln wins a dinner for two at a restaurant of her choosing.

**WHAT ABOUT THE GARDEN CLUB?**

People who live in Alton and visitors who come to Alton are pleased to see our small town look so attractive. The Alton Garden Club is responsible for much of the effort in achieving this appearance.

Founded in 1933 the membership is presently at 104. Their goals are to encourage protection of our natural trees, plants, and wildlife and aid community planting. Members do the planting, watering, and weeding all summer at the Ginny Douglas Park, Railroad Square Park, Shirley Ferry Memorial Park, Gilman Library, Alton Town Hall, and the Alton Police Station. During the winter they do the holiday decorations on town buildings. Additionally, they donate memorial books to the Gilman Library and contribute to the Mrs. Santa Fund.

It isn't all work though. They enjoy social times, have an annual plant and herb exchange, and a field trip. Meetings with informative presentations are held the fourth Tuesday afternoon each month from April to November. This group has found the secret of working, learning, and having a pleasant time. Anyone is welcome to join. If you wish to be part of this productive group, you may call Daryl Czech at 875 - 3815 for information.

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### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

“America United Under God” is the theme for this year’s National Day of Prayer to be observed at town halls, city plazas, and state houses throughout the land. Plans are to hold a prayer service at 12:05 p.m. on that day, Thursday, May 2, on the steps of the Alton Town Hall. As in the past representatives of all three Alton churches will participate, and everyone in the community is invited.

### **MEMORIAL WEEKEND FAMILY RETREAT**

The Alton Bay Christian Conference Center will be hosting a family retreat on the grounds Memorial Day weekend, May 24 - 27. The retreat will be led by the Rev. Willie Batson of Vision New England’s Family Builders Ministry and Kevin Rupert, Camp Advenchur Director. Rev. Batson will be speaking on “Survival Skills for Families.”

Also included in the weekend will be a concert by the Morgan Sisters on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. For more information, call the Conference Center at 875-6161.

### **GIRLS’ “LOCK-IN” SET FOR JUNE 7**

**By Renee LaFreniere**

Calling all girls Grades 5 - 8! Want to get away from your parents for the night? Come join us for a night of pizza, ice cream, and games at the first annual Community Church of Alton Girls’ Lock-In. The fun begins on Friday, June 7, at 6 p.m. with a pizza topping scavenger hunt and chances for you to get to know the other girls. Let your light shine as we play flashlight tag before we settle down for a night of girl talk. Saturday begins with devotions at sunrise, followed by breakfast, arts and crafts, and awesome music celebrating our Lord. It all wraps up around noon.

Space is limited, so register now. Mail your

pre-registration information (name, grade, mailing address, and phone number) by May 20 to the Community Church of Alton, Girls’ Lock-In, P.O. Box 997, Alton, NH 03809. Alternatively you can e-mail the information and/or questions to Renee LaFreniere at <rlf@cisunix.unh.edu>.

Lock me in the Community Church on June 7 and 8!

### **EARN \$\$\$ FOR COLLEGE**

Knights of Columbus Council 7533 is offering a post-secondary scholarship in the memory of Anthony Mariano. The scholarship allocates \$250 to two students each who are enrolled or intending to enroll at an accredited post-secondary institution.

1) Applicants must have significant academic success in high school or beyond. 2) Applicants must be enrolled or have evidence of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution. 3) Applicants must be registered parishioners of St. Joan of Arc Parish, St. Cecilia’s Parish, or St. Paul’s Mission. 4) Applicants must provide written description of significant voluntary service to the greater Alton, Wolfeboro, and Barnstead communities.

Scholarships will be awarded following the students’ completion of two semesters of post-secondary education. Interested candidates must complete and submit the application, along with any other information potentially helpful to the Scholarship Committee, to the following address no later than June 22: Anthony Mariano Scholarship, K of C Council 7533, P. O. Box 748, Alton, New Hampshire 03809. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final.

**Memorial Day May 27<sup>th</sup>**

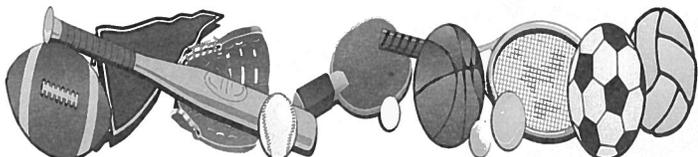


### ACADEMIC FAIR AT ACS From The ACS Guidance Office

Alton Central School (ACS) will hold its annual Academic Fair for grades pre-school through 12 on Thursday, May 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This event is an occasion for the students to showcase and share many of their accomplishments done over the school year by displaying work and projects reflecting their commitment to excellence and endeavor to continue to grow as life-long learners.

We would like to welcome all parents and community members to ACS's Academic Fair. We hope you will take this opportunity to see our students shine!



### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH ACS From the ACS Guidance Department

If you are a college student in your first or second year, there are four scholarships for which you may apply through the Alton Central School (ACS).

They are: 1) Norwich Barbershopper's (\$500) — Music or Speech Therapy student priority (but not required). Must submit a statement of need and activities. 2) Daniel Francis Memorial Fund (\$300 [+]) — Alton graduate after one or two years of college having successfully conquered initial challenge of college. 3) John Laurence Bucher Scholarship (\$300) — Alton graduate having completed two years of college with a 3.0 cumulative average, majoring in English, Theater, Music, Art, Education, or Liberal Arts. 4) Merrymeeting Grange #155 Scholarship (\$200) — Alton graduate enrolled in a four-year college.

Call Linda Roy or Marilyn St. Cyr in the ACS Guidance Office, 875-0382, for additional information and applications. The deadline is May 10.

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### ALTON - NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB

By Steve and Maureen Parker

If you would like to participate in the greatest service organization in the world, come join the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. We are currently on our annual membership drive. We are a small club that would like to expand our charities and services to the communities of Alton and New Durham. In order for us to do this, we need to expand our membership.

Some of the work we have done for the communities over the past few years include donating a telesensory machine, a defibulator for the fire department, donation for the thermal imaging machine for the fire department, rebuilding the Alton Bay Bandstand in the Bay parking lot, eye glasses for the needy, donations to the food pantries in both towns, to name a few.

We have two affordable dinner meetings a month. If you would like to join or attend one of our dinner meetings, please call either one of us at 875-3117.

### THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By Millie Pierce, Unit Secretary

The Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 72 held their elections for officers who will serve until the year 2003. President will be Kimberly Russell; Secretary, Crystal Deckert; Treasurer, Kristine Kenerson; 1st Vice, Courtney Rojeck; Chaplain, Christy Osgood; Sergeant-at-Arms, Ashley Waterman; and Historians, Rhianna and Tessa Llewellyn.

The "Jrs." are sponsoring a bingo at the Manchester Veterans Hospital for the residents on April 14. This is one of many events that the Jrs. do with the donations from their fundraisers. The Jr. Auxiliary State Convention will be held at the Alton Post on May 11 starting at 9.30 a.m.

The Legion family is going to work a day at the New Hampshire Speedway on September 15. Volunteers are needed to join in this venture to make this a day of working together and also raising funds for each entity to help with all our community projects. All members are welcome to join us; there is a sign-up sheet at the lounge.

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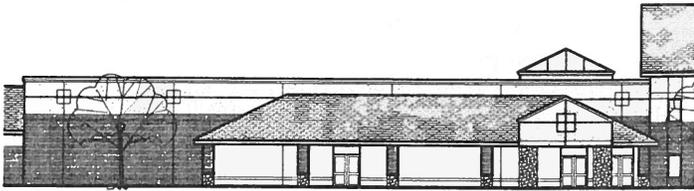
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## THE ROOF ONLY LOOKS FLAT

By Bob Longabaugh

As part of the process of moving the new Alton/Barnstead High School into construction, the joint building subcommittee held a series of open meetings in April. The notices announcing the meetings encouraged the public to attend and make their views known on any aspect of the building's design and construction. It was at the first of these meetings it was learned that what appears in the architect's rendering (above) to be a flat roof really isn't what it looks to be. It is not completely flat; there is an unseen pitch to it.

The staff of this newsmagazine saw it as an obligation to the community to pass on to the subcommittee what was learned in the research leading to the "pro and con" article on the proposed school which appeared in March's Main Street. This writer described to the subcommittee that an informal "focus group" was formed for the purpose of learning what Alton residents were thinking with respect to the \$19 million proposal.

One prevalent theme uncovered was that many people were thinking about voting against the new school because of the flat roof incorporated in the architect's preliminary design. They cited the several flat roofs which collapsed under the snowloads of the 2000/2001 New Hampshire winter and in particular, the maintenance headache that the roof on the existing Alton Central School has been.

Chip Krause, of the architectural firm Corzilius-Matuszewski-Krause in Manchester, explained this is a case of all roofs not being alike. The roof over the gymnasium auditorium, and cafeteria in the new school will have a slight pitch and be internally drained. Structurally it will



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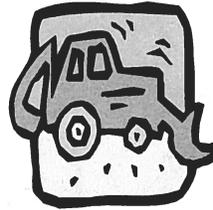
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completely fastened without ballast and have heat welded seams, which is completely different from the roof that has presented so many problems on the existing school. Krause believes this design to be an economic solution which will withstand the test of time. Additionally, special warranty provisions applicable to the roof are planned to be part of the construction contract.

Main Street pointed out another reason frequently given for voting against the new school was the interior courtyard. Respondents thought it would present a snow removal problem in the winter and a noise problem when the weather is nice. Krause acknowledged these aspects were included in the consideration of alternatives. To put the classrooms in finger-like wings would cost more and make for greater heating bills. Stacking classrooms around a courtyard not only reduces heating costs while still providing natural light, but also makes for a more efficient internal circulation pattern. The courtyard is to have "highway type" drainage.

Krause said on balance the subcommittee thought the courtyard was preferable over finger wings, and the potential noise and visual distraction problems that couldn't be handled by deft design could be handled administratively. Chairman Wayne Fraser added that the subcommittee gave a lot of thought to the courtyard, recognizing full well there were some negative factors which would have to be worked around. It was still their collective wisdom, however, that the pluses outweighed the minuses.



**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS**  
By Ken Roberts  
Highway Agent

**ROAD WORK AHEAD**

Is it really spring? It has been a *very* unusual winter.

On another note the highway garage will be extending the front of the building out 30 feet, giving us more room to house our equipment and our inventory.

The 6-ton weight limit signs are being pulled off, but please be aware that some roads may still be thawing. If any road has construction going on, you should take extra care on the shoulders; keep in mind they could be still thawing and soft.

Range Road is being dug and prepared for this year's pavement overlay. Loon Cove Road has been dug and ditched in preparation for chip sealing. Pearson Road is also scheduled for pavement overlay later this year. Work will start in May with the removal of one island and cleaning up the other.

On Chamberlain Road cutting of trees will be done in May in preparation for the excavation in June. Upper Bay Hill Road (the dirt section) will also be done this year.

During all this time we will also be keeping up with our normal maintenance issues, so please call us if you see anything we may be able to correct: 875-6808. Your phone calls are important to us.

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### SIGNIFICANT BITS FROM THE LEGION

By Dick Cunningham

The Claude R. Batchelder Post (#72) of the American Legion, now located on Route 28 North, is exceptionally active in the community life of Alton. For instance, in addition to the Memorial Day parade and open house to the public, members and guests are invited to dine at the Legion every Friday and Saturday evening — great food, great prices, and great people.

#### Disposal of United States Flags

Old Glory is getting a lot of use since September 11, and as our nation's flag becomes worn and no longer fit for display, it should be retired with appropriate honor. The Legion accepts old and tattered flags for disposal during their open hours, seven days a week. Flags can be given to any staff on duty. They will be held until Flag Day, June 14, when the Legion will burn them with proper reverence. For further information call the Legion at 875-5442.

#### Sale of Former Legion Building

As we go to press the Legion has announced the pending sale of the historic former Post #72 building on Memorial Square. The potential buyer is planning on converting the building into apartments. The Legion has commenced negotiations with the town's Board of Selectmen with respect to moving the flagpole from the property being sold and placing it in Memorial Square. At their April 15 meeting the Selectmen were very receptive to the proposal.

### HILLSGROVE'S ARTISTIC ABILITY CITED

From the ACS Guidance Office

Stephanie Hillsgrove of Alton Central School (ACS) was among 61 students from 31 high schools throughout the state selected to participate in this year's New Hampshire Allstate Art Festival held at The Currier Gallery of Art. The fourth annual festival featured an intense two-day studio collaboration with professional artists, plus the opportunity to meet with representatives from art schools and colleges..

Once a student is nominated he/she must submit a written application and slides of artwork before being interviewed. The process is competitive and typically fewer than half the students nominated are accepted into the program.



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### ALTON'S MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

By Dick Cunningham

Main Street is forming a partnership with American Legion Post #72 to identify residents of Alton who are now serving overseas in the Armed Forces. Family or friends are urged to submit to the Legion at Post Office Box 814, Alton 03809, the names, APO or FPO address, and relevant background information for service persons on deployment. The Legion and Main Street will then publish the addresses in future issues with an encouragement to write the people serving our country and express Alton's pride in what they are doing. As Main Street's demonstration of support we will provide a complimentary subscription for the time that our service men and women are overseas.

### CHEERLEADING CAMP

By Lisa Goodwin

A cheerleading camp will be held this summer for students in Grades 4 - 8. We will be teaching sideline, cheers, short dances, drill fundamentals, jumps, stunting, gymnastics, and other techniques. It will take place on Thursdays for six weeks (June 20 and 27, July 11, 18, and 25, and August 1) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. You will need to bring water, snacks, lunch, and sunscreen for when we are outside.

We will be meeting at the Barnstead Elementary School at 91 Maple Street both in the gym and in the fields outside. You will need to wear clothing that is not too loose or tight fitting — shorts, tank tops, and sneakers are appropriate.

The cost for this program is \$75. Register by May 31. For more information, please call me at 269-5161 and leave a message during regular school hours.



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

### SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR

The Alton Police Department has recently received information from a local financial institution that there are two scams currently making the rounds and police departments should be on the watch for them. We cannot do that, however, unless you report to us that you have been approached.

The first scam arrives in the form of a letter that looks like it is from Visa's "Department of International Investigations." It informs the recipient their credit card has been "canceled until further notice" because they suspect your card "has been involved in criminal activity." The letter goes on to advise that one of their investigators will be contacting you by phone to "verify your customer information." The letter has an air of authenticity because they even suggest you visit their website at "http://WWW>VISAFRAUD.COM" for further information.

Do NOT fall for it. Call us at 875-3752 if you receive such a letter.

The other scam is designed for identity theft. It arrives by e-mail, seemingly from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). It says you are under audit and will need to complete a questionnaire "within 48 hours to avoid the assessment of penalties and interest." It should be no surprise that the questionnaire seeks answers about your social security number and bank account information which could easily result in your identity being used for purposes you never would have imagined.

This is another case where you should call us because IRS does NOT conduct "e-audits."



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## MAY EVENTS

Wed.	1	4-H CLUB, Animal Pack, Library, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Thu.	2	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, Town Hall steps, 12:05 p.m., see story COED TRACK & FIELD at Laconia, 3:30 p.m. ACADEMIC FAIR, Alton Central School, 6 p.m., see story
Fri.	3	PASTA DINNER, Fund Raiser, Alton Fire & Rescue, Alton Central School
Sat.	4	BIG LAKE HALF MARATHON, 9 a.m., see story CONCERT, "Holy Cows," Alton Bay following race
Mon.	6	BOYS BASEBALL vs. Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL vs. Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
Tue.	7	COED TRACK & FIELD at Gilford Middle HS, 3:30 p.m.
Thu.	9	BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon ALTON NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY, Town Hall, 7 p.m., see story R. U. R., Alton Central School, 7 p. m., see story
Fri.	10	BOYS BASEBALL at Pittsfield Middle HS, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL at Pittsfield Middle HS., 4 p.m. R. U. R., Alton Central School, 7 p. m., see story R. U. R., Alton Central School, 7 p. m., see story
Sat.	11	MOTHER'S DAY
Sun.	12	MOTHER'S DAY
Mon.	13	BOYS BASEBALL vs. Nute Middle HS, 4 p.m. BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout GIRLS SOFTBALL vs. Nute Middle HS, 4 p.m.
Tue.	14	COED TRACK & FIELD at Belmont, 3:30 p.m. FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Library, 7 p.m., see Checkout
Wed.	15	BOYS BASEBALL at Concord Christian, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL at Concord Christian, 4 p.m.
Fri.	17	4-H CLUB, Animal Pack, Library, 5 - 6:30 p.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL vs. Moultonboro, 4 p.m. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S DINNER, Conference Center, 6:30 p.m., see story
Sat.	18	GERANIUM SALE, VNA/Hospice, Bank of NH, 9 a.m., see story CO-ED TRACK & FIELD, Wilderness Chap. @ Belmont, 9 a.m. BOYS BASEBALL, Molt. at Cooperstown, Home TBA
Tue.	21	HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Library, 7:30 p.m., see story
Wed.	22	BOYS BASEBALL at Calvary Christian, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL at Calvary Christian, 4 p.m.
Fri.	24	BOYS BASEBALL at Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL at Sunapee Middle HS, 4 p.m.
Sun.	26	CONCERT, Morgan Sisters, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 6 p.m.
Mon.	27	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONIES, Monument Square, 10 a.m., see story
Tue.	28	ALTON GARDEN CLUB, 12:30 p.m., see story
Thu.	30	ASSEMBLE <u>Main Street</u> , American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

## BINGO ON HOLD

American Legion Post 72 is temporarily suspending Bingo on Wednesday nights until further notice.

## ACADEMIC FAIR AT ACS

### From The ACS Guidance Office

Alton Central School (ACS) will hold its annual Academic Fair for grades pre-school through 12 on Thursday, May 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This event is an occasion for the students to showcase and share many of their accomplishments done over the school year by displaying work and projects reflecting their commitment to excellence and endeavor to continue to grow as life-long learners.

We would like to welcome all parents and community members to ACS's Academic Fair. We hope you will take this opportunity to see our students shine!

## BUDGET COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS

### By Ruth Messier, Chairman

The Budget Committee has elected the following officers for 2002: Chairman, Ruth Messier; Vice-Chairman, Greg Fuller; and Secretary, Loring Carr.

There are three vacancies to be filled on the committee. Anyone interested in serving with us until March 2003 should contact me (875-6750) or any other member of the committee. It is hoped that these vacancies will be filled by the next regular meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14.

## DOG LICENSES

### By Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

To all dog owners who have not yet licensed your dogs, you will be fined \$1 per month after May 31. Also, you will be in violation of RSA 466:1, and a civil forfeiture will be issued carrying a fine of \$25. Don't add to the cost of dog registration; come in soon. License fees are:

Male/Female	\$10.00
Neutered/Spayed	7.50
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You may renew your dog license by mail. We **require** a self-addressed, stamped envelope, updated rabies certificate, neutering/spayed certificate, if applicable, and a check made payable to Town of Alton for the appropriate fee. The certificates will be returned to you with the new license.

Please call us at 875-2101 if you have any questions or if you *no longer have your dog*. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Thank you.

## KINDERGARTEN SIGN UPS

Is your child going to be age 5 by September 30, 2002? Are you planning to register him/her for kindergarten? If so, please call Sharon Guild or Cindy Loprete at the Alton Central School at 875-7373 to set up your appointment. The Registration and Screening Day will be held on Thursday, May 23, and Friday, May 24, at the Alton Bay Community Center.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Alton Water Works

Post Office Box 803, Alton, NH 03809

The Alton Water Works will be flushing hydrants the week of May 13, 3 - 6 a.m. During this time there could be some rust in the water; care should be taken in washing clothes.

/s/Richard Quindley, Water Superintendent

# Information Center

## SCHEDULES

### CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church — Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship in the Conference Center Chapel, 10:45 a.m.; ALPHA Course, Tue., 6:30 p.m.; Fellowship Supper and Study, Wed., 6 p.m.; Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor; Rev. John Fogell, Assoc. Pastor
- Community Church — Starting May 26, one Sun. Service, 9 a.m., 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
- North Barnstead Congregational Church — Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald
- St. Joan of Arc — Weekend Masses at Baptist Meeting House on Main Street; Services, Sat., 4 p.m. and Sun., 8 a.m. From Sunday May 26 on in the tent on Main Street
- Weekday Masses, Tue. and Thu., 8 a.m. and Communion Services Mon., Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m. in Rectory Chapel; Fr. George Robichaud, Pastor, 875-7191. Sun. Mass St. Paul's in Barnstead, 10 a.m.
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

### GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

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Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Sun. and Mon.

### SENIOR MEAL SITE: 875-7102

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### SOLID WASTE CENTER: 875-5801

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Rines Road Pit — As of April 6, 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, Rte 28

American Legion Auxiliary — 3rd Mon., 7 p.m., Legion Hall

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

Boy Scout Troop 53 — Wed., 6:30 p.m., Central Fire Station

Community Services Program, Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273

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

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

4-H Club, 1st and 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., Gilman Library, 875-5325

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., 364-7413 for

directions

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 — Tue., 1 p.m., 875-2866

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club — 3rd Tue. (Oct.-Mar.), 7 p.m., New

Durham Railway Station, 875-3858

P.T.S.A. — 3rd Wed., Alton Central School HS 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.; Chairman Stephan McMahon, 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, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras,\*875-5095.
- FIRE WARDS — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Central Fire Station, Acting Chairman Stanley Czeck,\* 875-3815
- 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.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION — Meets on call, Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.
- PLANNING BOARD — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Chairman Tom Varney, call 875-5095 for appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m., Chairman Wayne Fraser,\* call 875-7890 for appointment.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST — Meets on call, Chairman MaryBee Longabaugh, 875-5067.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY — 3rd Tuesday, 4 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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## OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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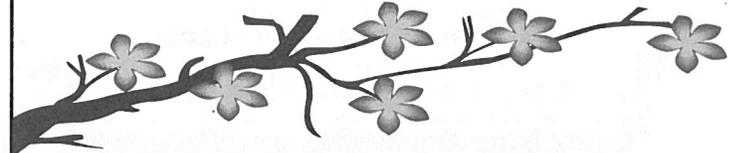
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**ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**By Pat Merrill, President**

The Alton Historical Society will meet Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library. Tom Hoopes, our speaker, will be sharing with us "Information and Insights in My Post Card Collection."

Tom, a familiar face to us all, is well-known for this collection and will provide us with a fascinating evening of "show and tell." Anyone interested in this topic is most welcome to attend. See you there!

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

**By Jean Roberts**

The Alton Historical Society Museum has a growing collection of vintage clothing and no way to display it.

We would appreciate the loan or donation of any dressmakers' forms, mannequins, and head forms which you may have and are not using.

If you can help us, please call me at 569-2629. Thank you.

**ALTON GARDEN CLUB**

**By Ruth Nickerson, Secretary**

The annual spring luncheon of the Alton Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, May 28, at 12:30 p.m. at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street. Members, please bring a casserole or salad and a place setting.

The Town Forester, Peter Farrell, will be speaking on "The Forests of Alton."

Hostesses are Daryl Czech, Chairman; Vi Russell, Nancy Gardener, Helen Juric, Fran Pedersen, Virginia Dore, and Pat Comeau.

**VNA/HOSPICE GERANIUM SALE**

**By Alice Calvert and Mary Ann Pollini, Co-Chairmen**

Spring is here and gardening time is coming. Our local VNA/Hospice is holding its fourth Annual Geranium Sale just in time for Memorial Day. We will be selling red and pink geraniums (supplied by Sunflower Gardens) in 4-inch pots for \$3.50 each. Those people who sent in their coupon and money prior to April 20 will be able to pick up their plants on the lawn of the Bank of New Hampshire from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. We will have some extra geraniums for sale at the bank on the day of the sale/pick up. You can help us and have a lovely garden too! Thank you.

**VOTER PARTY AFFILIATION**

**By MaryBee Longabaugh, Supervisor of Checklist**

Voters, if you wish to change your party affiliation prior to the State Primary, you can do so in the Town Clerk's Office through June 4 or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on June 4 from 7 - 9 p.m., Town Hall, lower level (door on Depot Street).



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Don't forget; if you wish to remain registered as an Independent, you need to see the Supervisors AFTER you vote in the Primary.

**NEW HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS**

**By Kristi Getz, ACS Faculty Advisor**

Eleven students from the Alton Central High School (ACS) were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society on April 3. Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

The new inductees were: Lyndsey Caron, Tamara Cornelissen, Dylan Laurion, Emily (Kristin) Murray, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, David Shibley, Krista Shibley, Matthew Sydow, Stephanie Tanguay, and Steven Wood.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students.

**MOUNT MAJOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

**By Priscilla Farrell**

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We plan to join the annual Alton Town-Wide Yard Sale and have tables available to rent. Contact Kitty Croes at 875-7165 if interested.

We welcome new members and our next meeting will be held at the West Alton Fire Station on Route 11 on May 9. Hope to see you there. For further information, call me at 293-7747.

**SUMMER OPERA PROGRAM**

**By Jane Cormier, Director**

Opera will be brought to the Lakes Region through varied programs and performances for the public. This summer the Bel Canto Vocal Academy will begin a summer opera theater. Auditions for the July event, "Hansel & Gretel" by Humperdinck will be held on Saturday, May 4, beginning at 1 p.m. at 27 School Street in Alton. Please call 875-0633 to set up an audition time. We are looking for children ages 9 - 13 who are comfortable on stage singing and dancing.

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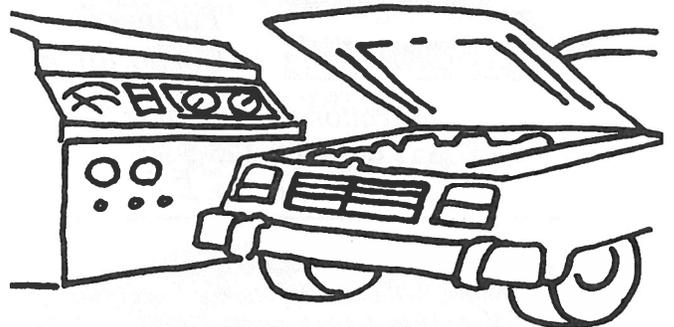


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**ON THE WAY FROM SPRING TO SUMMER**

May is the transition month taking us from spring to summer. For the outdoors person, May is a very busy month with lots to do. I will list a few examples.

For instance, the salmon season winds down this month as the water of local lakes slowly warms. Salmon will be heading for cooler water in the deeper depths of the lakes. Bass will be heading into the shallows to enjoy the warmer water. Once smallmouth bass start hitting my salmon flies, the salmon season ends for me. They can still be caught, but one must use down riggers or deep running tackle.

The bass season, both smallmouth and largemouth, makes some changes this month. One may keep two bass a day through May 14, but between May 15 - June 15 all bass must be released unharmed at the point of the catch. This is because it is their spawning season. This period is also limited to artificial lures or flies only; no live bait is permitted.

Trout season takes off now as the bugs show up. Local streams have been or are being stocked and provide some fine fishing.

May 3 - 31 is turkey hunting season. Many wild turkeys are showing up in various sections of Alton's outdoors. These wild birds are a challenge to hunt, and will test one's hiding and calling skills. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until noon. The noon quitting time allows the hens to get back on the nest and take care of their eggs.

Get out there and enjoy all that Alton's outdoors has to offer this month. See you out there.

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governance committee will be reporting on proposed by-laws, while the SAU committee will bring forth a recommendation on how best to provide the necessary services for the new school. The public relations committee is to present a plan on how to merge the two school communities. It is hoped that this public relations effort will include not just the high school students, but all members of both the Alton and Barnstead communities.

The new joint board also elected officers who will serve on an interim basis until the by-laws are formally adopted. At that time the officers will either be ratified for full terms or new nominations will be made. The interim officers are: Chair, Wayne Fraser; Vice Chair, Eunice Landry; and Secretary, Peter Farrell.

The entire board is looking forward to working together in this joint school project to bring the best possible educational opportunities to the students of Alton and Barnstead.

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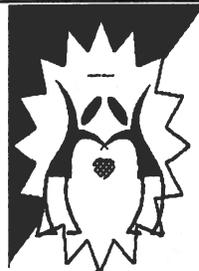
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## LEGION POST CONTINUES ITS GROWTH

**By Ray Nadeau, Post Commander**

The American Legion family of Alton has had a banner year and as a group has attained an all-time high membership. The Legion now has 245 members, the Sons of the Legion have 80, the Junior and Senior Auxiliaries have 141, for a total membership of 466. We will be having a membership drive in early June, so anyone interested in joining is encouraged to drop by, check out the eligibility guidelines, and pick up an application. We especially urge local eligible veterans to come see us. We are a friendly post and welcome new members, transfers, and their families!

Here's the rundown on Post #72's officers for 2002-2003:

**LEGION:** Commander, Ray Nadeau; Second Vice, Paul Mahoney; Adjutant, Ken McMullen; Finance Officer, Warren Leary; Chaplain, Bill Chase; Judge Advocate, Norm Paquette; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Tom Seward.

**SONS OF THE LEGION:** Commander, William Waterman; First Vice, Dennis Chagnon; Second Vice, Bob Newcomb; Adjutant, Chip Cardinal; Finance Officer, Wayne Wentworth; Chaplain, Dale Chagnon; Historian, Bob Hoitt; Sergeant-at-Arms, Dick Rojek; and Squadron Advisor, John DeFlumeri.

**SENIOR AUXILIARY:** President, Lisa Rojek; First Vice, Belinda DeFlumeri; Second Vice, Cheryl Ryan; Secretary, Gwen Nadeau; Treasurer, Karen Morse; Chaplain, Patti McMullen; Historian, Millie Pierce; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Carol Hoitt.

**JUNIOR AUXILIARY:** See the story on page 7.

## ALTON STUDENTS IN PREVENTION

**By Kitty Croes, ACS Middle School Counselor**

From March 21 to 24 eight Grades 7 and 8 students from Alton Central School (ACS) attended the New Hampshire Teen Institute's Leaders in Prevention ("LIP") Program. The LIP Program educates students through team-building strategies in a friendly environment aimed to inspire middle school students to take positive action in their school and community. The program motivated Alton's students to become active participants in their school and community.

The attending LIP participants were Dan Pitman, Owen Laurion, Rebecca Golden, Aimee Terravechia, Ty Tremblay, Bryce St. Cyr, Dottie Jean Bailey, and Jennifer Boucher. Also attending was Youth Leader Norman Gilbert, a junior from ACS. Mrs. Katherine Croes, Alton's Middle School Guidance Counselor, was the attending advisor for her third year.

The Alton team, now called ASIP (Alton Students in Prevention), is in the beginning stages of their action plan which is to see that a Teen Center is created for Alton's youth. Anyone (students or adults) interested in working toward seeing this goal occur, please contact any of the LIP participants listed above. Alternatively, you may call Mrs. Croes at 875-0365 or e-mail her at [<croesn@worldpath.net>](mailto:croesn@worldpath.net).

## HERMAN AIMS AT PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER

Justin Herman, a 1998 graduate of Alton High School, is the son of Linda and John Herman of Alton. Presently he is pursuing a career of public service. Upon graduation from the University of New Hampshire in 2003 he will serve four years in the Air Force and then earn his master's in International Relations, following which he plans on joining the United States Foreign Service. Herman had an article published in *The New York Times* and *Yahoo News*, been Editor-in-Chief of three campus newspapers, served as Public Affairs Executive and Communications Chairman of Student Government, and founded *The Granite State Independent*.

**LIVE THE LIFE**  
By Cindy & John Duffek



**COME ON, BEAR!**

An optional side trip in Skagway sounded like fun. We went by water taxi across the Lynn Canal to Haines. "Let's

take our bikes so we can ride around the small town." "OK, but do you think there are many hills?" "No, not many."

Things got better after we were rescued by a pickup truck — but I get ahead of my story. The weather was cloudy with a chance of showers. Not everyone from our group went on the trip, but those who did boarded a tour bus in Haines as we hopped on our bicycles — only to hop off again as we hit the first hill.

We had received directions from the hostess on the boat and from the Visitor Center for making a circle around the edges of Haines. Apparently they both took the various turns for granted. Two rain-showered hours later and what seemed like 400 hills, we stopped someone to ask if we were on our way back to town. "Oh, no. Town is back about 14 miles! You're headed away from town."

So back we went. By this time we are absolutely exhausted from pushing the bikes up the hills, and I wasn't sure we'd get back in time for the only boat going back to Skagway at 3:45 p.m. So I flagged down the first pickup truck to go by and he stopped. We put the bikes in the back and he drove us into town. He was a commercial fisherman in Haines, having moved there from Wisconsin 48 years ago. What a hero!

At one point as we earlier rode with forest on both sides of the road I thought what would we do if a bear comes out. Then later as exhaustion set in I thought, "Come on Bear!" After we got our ride back into town, we stopped at a restaurant recommended by the fisherman and had lunch. We had plenty of time for the boat back to Skagway.

Oh, on the way over, we saw lots of bald eagles in their nests — they're easy to spot because of their white heads.

Magnificent birds. We also saw lots of harbor seals sunning



themselves on the rocks coming out of the fjord. The Lynn Canal is actually a fjord because it was formed by a glacier and is very deep and u-shaped. We arrived back in Skagway to pouring rain, so we had to spend the rest of the evening holed up in the RV, although it was nice since we were exhausted and wet from our bike adventure.

More on our trip in future columns.

You may have questions about our full-time RVing life style or thoughts for a future column. Please e-mail us at <Livingourlife@aol.com>.

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### THE FRIENDS ARE UP TO A LOT

It was so nice to see familiar friends, as well as new ones, at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Gilman Library which was held on April 9. Special thanks to Mr. Desmond Douglas for his very interesting presentation entitled "History Written In Stone." The election of officers for 2002 also took place: President, Barbara Ingoldsby; Vice, MaryBee Longabaugh; Treasurer, Shirley Bishop; Secretary, Dot Folsom; Corresponding Secretary, Pat Merrill.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m. at the library. The guest speaker will be Jim Kiepper, the author of *Styles Bridges: Yankee Senator*. This biography allows the reader to look at the life of Styles Bridges, a former governor of the state. All are welcome. Admission is free. We welcome more new friends and hope to see you there.

To find out "what is happening" with the Friends of the Gilman Library you may pick up a copy of the quarterly newsletter, entitled "Friends Focus," at the circulation desk. A schedule of library programs and events is also available.

The Gilman Library will be participating in the Town-Wide Yard Sale on June 8 by holding a bake and book sale. You may purchase a plastic bag full of books for \$1 or a Friends of the Gilman Library canvas bag for \$5 and fill it with books. The Friends will be accepting donations of baked goods for that day. A sign-up sheet will be at the circulation desk. If you have any questions, please call 875-2550.

The Book Discussion group will be meeting on Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room to share their thoughts of *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. Copies are available here at the library.

### WIRED FOR THE NATION'S CAPITAL

By Andrea Walker-Brown, ACS English Teacher

Alton Central School (ACS) juniors David Snell and Terese Hopper have each won a week-long all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June as a result of their submissions to the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's essay contest. This is an annual contest open to juniors whose families or schools receive their electrical supply from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. This year five delegates from across the state will be representing New Hampshire at the annual Youth Tour held in the nation's capital in June.

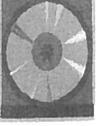
About 20 students from Alton entered this essay contest, and four were recognized as at least semi-finalists. In addition to Snell and Hopper, Hillary Ballentine and Katie Brooks were semi-finalists. All four students were interviewed by Alan Blake, the Youth Tour coordinator. Mr. Blake was pleased with all of Alton's semi-finalists and said he wished he could take all of them to Washington.

Both Snell and Hopper submitted creative entries. Snell chose to write a short story told from the perspective of a man waiting for electricity to be routed to Alton in the early 1900's and expressed frustration about the fact that Wolfeboro already had electricity and Alton did not. Hopper wrote and illustrated a children's book explaining what the Electric Cooperative is, how it works, and its history. Brooks and Ballentine also submitted creative projects with Brooks composing a poem through the point of view of the first utility pole used by the cooperative. Ballentine, like Snell, wrote about waiting for electricity to come to Alton and the convenience it would bring. Congratulations to the winners.



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As the Special Feature Corrine Brown of Alton will display her collection of Civil War Garment replicas. Our mystery speaker will present "Lessons from the Past" to give us hope for the future.

Prepaid reservations are necessary by May 3. The cost is \$12 inclusive. To make your reservations and for further information, call Laura at 528-2577 or e-mail <lasmith@cyberportal.net>.

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

## HOME HEATING PRICE RELIEF

By Dan Barraford

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## AND THE LITTER REPORT CONTINUES...

By MaryBee Longabaugh

As you are aware, I have been attempting to draw people's attention to the litter that is being tossed around so carelessly in our town. It is very disheartening to go to the trouble of picking up the cans and bottles and trash, taking it all to the Solid Waste Center (SWC), and then driving up Alton Mountain Road to our home, spotting new litter tossed during the short time we were gone.

However, the good news is that I continue to receive phone calls from people who are attempting the same thing — keeping their area cleaned up. One person called to say they found a stash of 14 tires, lawn chairs and filled three bags with trash. They have also noted there is another area where it looks as if more tires have been deposited. Another caller lives in the area of McDonald's and says the trash from that fast-food restaurant (cups and bags and containers) is horrendous. They pick up at least one bagful each week which includes a lot of tossed beer containers.

Thanks to the SWC and their crew for being so helpful when we bring in assorted types of trash needing disposal.

## TOO MANY ADS?

By the time the regular reader gets to this page in Main Street, he or she may be struck by what seems to be an unusually large amount of advertising in this issue. The impression is correct. This issue FAR surpasses the previous record for the number of inches of ads. It seems that even Main Street is susceptible to the axiom that "nothing succeeds as well as success."

We try not to have more ads on a page than news, but at this time of year we benefit from the increase in the local business tempo, and we do have to compensate for the diminished revenues during the "off season." As a not-for-profit and all volunteer organization, it is crucial that we "break even" each year.

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**HOW DO YOU SIGN UP  
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Register for programs at the Parks and Recreation Department located at A.V.A.S. Public Park on Route 11. For more information on programs or special events, please contact us at 875-0109; e-mail: <altonpnr@worldpath.net>. Here are the major events coming up:

**Pre-School Programs**

Programs are designed for children 3-5 years of age and are held on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Program fee is \$3 per day. Program leaders are Michelle Whissel and Amy Jordan. Programs are limited to eight participants. Please register early.

**Bowling Party** — On May 1 we will learn all about the game of bowling, including how to roll the ball, set up and count the pins, and take turns. For a craft we will make our own personal score card. Snack included. Register by April 30.

**Mother's Day Surprise** — On May 8 participants will make a special surprise for mom. Snack and craft included. Register by May 2.

**"Lights, Camera, Action"** — Scheduled for May 15; join in the fun as we make sock puppets and put on our own creative show. Attention ladies and gentlemen! This is sure to be a memorable event. Snack and craft included. Register by May 8.

**Space, The Final Frontier** — Calling all Space Ace trainees for May 22! Take off to explore the sun, moon, stars, and planets of this universe. Construct a telescope for the full moon, do the moon walk, enjoy a space age snack, join in the space race, and receive a Space Ace certificate. Register by May 8.

**Master Board Games** — On the calendar for May 29. Children will learn all about Candy Land, Twister, Chutes and Ladders, Checkers, Chess, and Turtle Picnic by becoming actual game pieces. Explore the world of imagination and discover new places as we travel through the series of games. Snack and craft included. Register by May 8.

**Adult Co-Ed Softball League**

The Parks and Recreation Department will have a captains meeting on May 23. Please bring completed rosters, waiver forms, and registration fees.

**Country Line Dancing Lessons for Adults of All Ages**

Lessons are held every Thursday at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Learn new dances every week. Beginners are welcome. Program fee is \$3 for the spring season. Please note that lessons will not be held on May 23 due to kindergarten screening at the center.

**Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp**

This will be held July 8 - 12 at the Alton Central School Gym. Camp shirt and basketball are included. Session 1: participants entering grades 2 - 4, 8 - 10 a.m., \$50; register after June 1 and the fee is \$75. Session 2: participants entering grades 5 - 8, 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., \$80; register after June 1 and the fee is \$110. Camp includes skill work, rules and game concepts, large group activities and games, mini-lectures, and more. Participants should bring water and a snack; Session 2 players should bring a light lunch. Players should be equipped with sneakers, shorts, white socks, and t-shirts.

**Town Tennis Courts**

The courts will be closed starting August 5 for their reconstruction. The project is expected to be completed by the end of September. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but the town will be able to enjoy wonderful new courts for fall tennis matches.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Public Boat Ramp**

Contrary to earlier notice the Public Boat Ramp will NOT be closed for loading and unloading on Saturday, May 4.

## 90th BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Please come join us in celebration for

Bob Rollins's 90th birthday

Sunday, May 3, 1 - 4 p.m.

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### 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.

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TENTS (3), Dome Connection, 1 9x7 and 2 8x6, \$80; Paque Teepee, new, \$210; Twin air mattresses (2), \$10/each; Treadmill, LifeGear, \$150; Typewriter, electric, Brothers model GX-8750, \$100; or BO on any item. Call Louise at 293-7809.

GOWN, woman's size 7/8, brand new, never been worn, color in the lavender range, style—top is satin, skirt satin with a sheer overlay skirt, \$30. For further info, call 776-3920.

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### LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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April 29 - May 3: Mon., Italian Sweet Sausage or Meatballs and Spaghetti; Tue., Stuffed Veal Roulade/Sauce; Wed., Chicken Filet/Gravy; Thu., Meat Loaf/Gravy; Fri., Macaroni & Cheese.

May 6 - 10: Mon., Pork Choppette/Gravy; Tue., Fish Filet; Wed., Italian Stuffed Shells; Thu., Meat Loaf/Gravy; Fri., Mother's Day Lunch, Stuffed Baked Chicken/Gravy.

May 13 - 17: Mon., Swedish Meatballs/Gravy; Tue., Veal Parmesan/Sauce; Wed., BBQ Chicken Legs or Chicken Breast; Thu., Beef Stew; Fri., Cheese Omelet.

May 20 - 24: Mon., Breaded Pork Cutlet/Gravy; Tue., Baked Ham or Turkey; Wed., Batter Dipped Fish/Tartar; Thu., Chicken Primavera; Fri., Yankee Pot Roast/Gravy.

May 27 - 31: Mon., Memorial Day (Closed); Tue., Roast Turkey/Gravy; Wed., Veal Patty/Gravy; Thu., Macaroni & Cheese; Fri., Shepherds Pie.

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

. . . the Vietnam Memorial in Monument Square was dedicated on Memorial Day . . . Phase II of the Recreation Development was given the go ahead for a ball field and play area along the Merrymeeting River . . . Amanda Skinner was named Alton's first Town Planner . . . Dan LaCroix won first place in the air-cooled gas engine repair category at the Vocational Industrial Clubs of American Skill Olympics . . . Cub Scout Pack 53 held a cleanup day at the Mt. Major parking lot and the area behind the Central Fire Station.

### TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The first planning meeting was held to prepare for Alton's 200th birthday in 1996 . . . Sid Butler of Alton Bay won the Main Street Ice Out contest . . . the Planning Board was bringing its draft Future Land Use Map to a public hearing . . . Main Street saluted Heather Swabowicz and Kerry Pelletier for being named to the Class S All-State Girls Basketball Team . . . the Parent-Teacher Community Organization and the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project presented "Wednesday Night Out" seminars for parents on child raising topics . . . the Drama Club of Alton High School was staging *Ramshackle Inn*.

### FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Six students from Alton Central School participated in the Lakes Region Junior High Music Festival at Kingswood Middle School; they were Emily Sydow, flute; Meghan St. Cyr, clarinet; David Shibley, trumpet; Jane Varney, French horn; Renee LaFreniere, soprano, and Rebecca Howard, alto . . . High School students in chemistry and physics classes presented six science shows with styrofoam hands, exploding balloons, a laser light show, glow-in-the-dark chemicals, miniature volcanoes, and instant stalagmites and more . . . American Legion Post 72 gave awards to several Alton residents — Judson Downing, George Bickford, Richard Downing, Eugene Hayden, Downing Jones, Tim Reynolds, Steve Rollins, Frank Martines, Clifford Derby, Archie Horne, Frederick Foster, Fred Englebrecht, and George Stevens.

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