



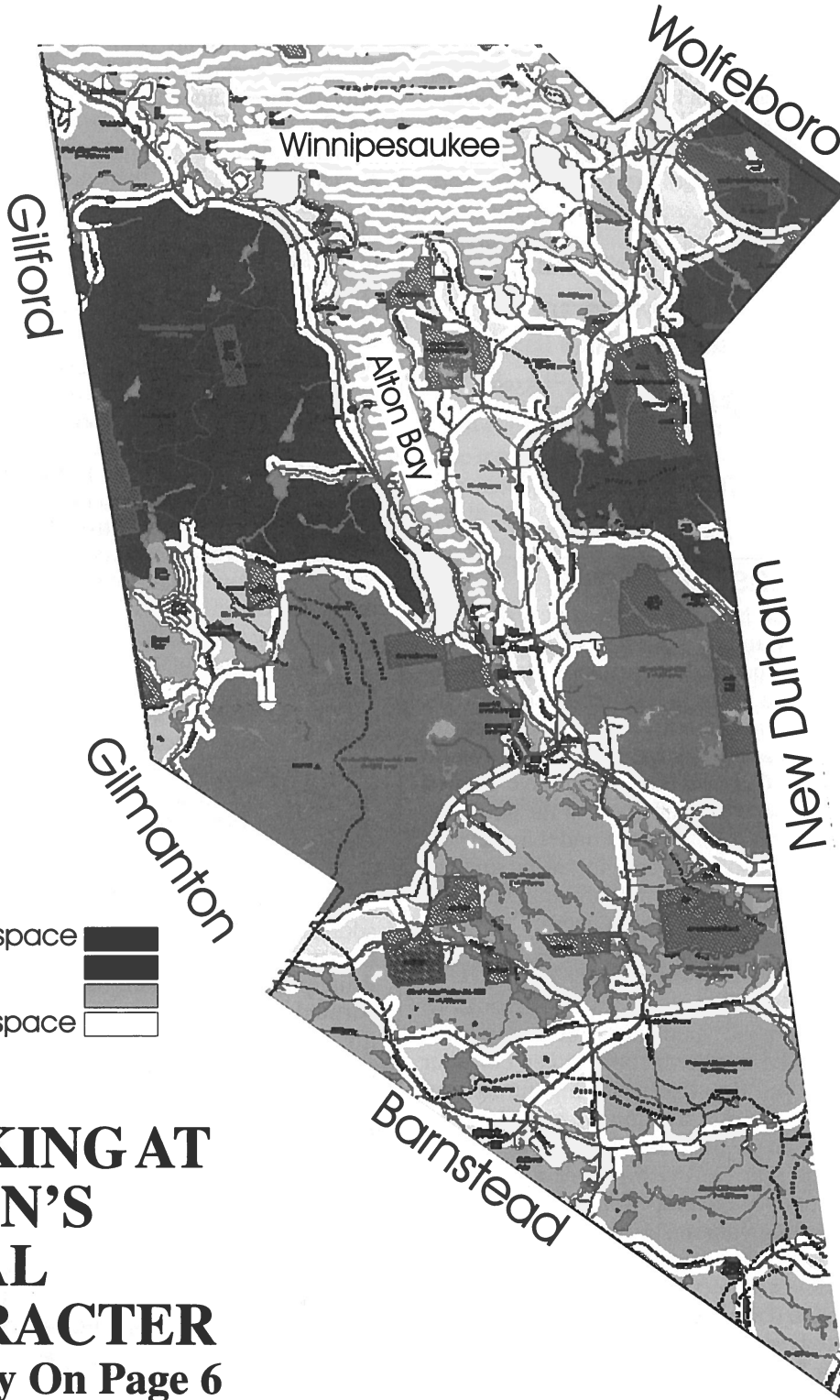
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The editors welcome your contributions, but the above criteria must be followed if we are to print your material.

Submissions are to be received by the 15th of the month at P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay 03810 or in the Main Street box at the Bank of New Hampshire (Alton) by 3 p.m. of that day.

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK**

By Donald E. Parks  
Superintendent of Schools



**WHEN DO WE "BREAK GROUND"?**

Many district residents have asked when the construction will start for the new joint high school. Before construction can begin, the district must secure funding so it can pay the contractors, architect, and legal fees. The district has been working closely with a law firm in New Hampshire, Nixon and Peabody, who has been willing to write a "clean opinion" concerning the "60% vs 66%?" issue for the approval of bonds for capital construction in the state.

The "60% vs. 66%?" issue has been litigated in all courts in the state and has been dismissed; most recently it was dismissed by the Federal Circuit Court in Massachusetts. The only avenue of appeal for the litigants now is to go directly to the Supreme Court. An appeal must be filed by July 26. Nixon and Peabody's bond attorney, Daniel Muller, has written a "clean opinion," i.e., there are no limitations or qualifications to preclude the selling of bonds. Zion Bank of Utah with an office in Newton Center, Massachusetts, is very interested in working with the district on either a loan or selling bonds.

By the time this issue of Main Street is published, the School Board may have approved the financial package with Zion Bank. Depending upon how fast the architect, Chip Krause of C.M.K. Architects, can complete the drawings and specifications, construction could start this fall.

**And What Else Is New**

The last day of classes for this school year is Friday, June 14. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m.

A special thank you to Police Chief Kevin Iwans and his officers and Fire Chief Russ Sample and his department for helping with the simulated drill to evacuate Alton Central School on May 9. The drill was well organized and planned, thanks to the efforts of Principal Russ Holden, faculty, and staff and the cooperation of the departments of fire and police.

The district just recently received the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) ongoing report on the accreditation of the school. We can report the accreditation, previously approved, is continued with but one concern and that is with the Standard on Community Resources for Learning. Specifically, it deals with the lack of space in the building, which will be met when the new school is built. The district received nine citations for its work over the last two years. When the re-accreditation program started in 1997 the district had 135 concerns to address. In the past five years, definitely the last two, there is now only one concern remaining. Credit must be given to Principal Russ Holden, his fellow administrators, and, in particular, the teachers and staff who plowed through the myriad number of concerns. Congratulations to all!



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# Main Street's Inside Front Page

**"LITTER HURTS THE ANIMALS AND  
MAKES THE FOREST SAD"**



So says Serra Shepard, 7-year old Alton resident, who has been looking for a way to spread the news.

## A NEW DOCTOR FOR ALTON

Starting September 3 Alton will have a permanent doctor. Donald Rose, M. D. will become part of Alton Family Medicine, the former practice of Denise Merritt, M. D.

Dr. Rose will be in Alton for a couple of weeks this summer to become familiar with the community. He graduated from Hartwick College, summa cum laude, and from the State University of New York Medical School in 1999. He will provide family medicine and obstetrics to the area. He and his wife, Becky, enjoy the outdoors and look forward to locating in the Lakes Region where they have relatives.

The continued philosophy of Alton Family Medicine will be "we will see you now." An open house will be held in September to introduce and welcome Dr. and Mrs. Rose to the community.

## FLAG CONTEST — TOWN OF ALTON

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

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Board of Selectmen, is sponsoring a town Flag Contest. Participants are encouraged to submit a design that represents or is unique to the town of Alton. The flag will be displayed at the town buildings and available for home and watercraft owners to proudly display.

The contest will begin June 3, and designs will be accepted through September. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

## BAG IT

**By Judy Fry, East Alton**

Big lazy snowflakes were beginning to float by the window when I started this article for Main Street. A quick trip to the supermarket interrupted me as I needed to replenish our supply of milk, bread, eggs, and cat food. By the time I returned to the task at hand, the grass and moss around the yard had a blanket of snow covering it, and the daffodil blossoms were almost touching the ground.

I couldn't let this third late April snow storm lead my thoughts astray from the task at hand — so I glanced once again at my spring "Do List." This year a new project is near the top of the list, and hopefully, it will be on the minds of many residents and families in the community.

On Saturday, June 29, the East Alton Fire Association will sponsor Project "BAG IT" along the roadsides in East Alton. The morning clean-up project will be held rain or shine starting at 9 a.m. at the East Alton Fire Station. Plan to pick up your trash bags at that time and share with us which roadside area in East Alton you will be cleaning. Work will begin at 9:30 a.m.; gloves and insect repellent are suggested for your comfort and safety; children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

One trash bag will be provided for cans and bottles and another bag will be provided for trash. Instructions for other larger items, if found along the roadside, will be shared before the clean up begins.

A light lunch of hot dogs, punch, and cookies will be provided for all the volunteers back at the fire station starting at 11:30 a.m. Come join us for a morning of spring clean up along our neighborhood roads. It's great exercise, a chance to meet your neighbors, and catch up on family news while donating some time caring for our community. For additional information please call 569-3745 weekends only.

## TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., rain date, June 9.

Over 50 yard sales are listed on the map which are free and available at the A.V.A.S. Public Park kiosk, Town Hall, Gilman Library, Alton 5 & 10, and Bank of New Hampshire.

Here is your chance to find that unique treasure, latch onto a wonderful bargain, or just have fun in checking out all the sales. Get out and enjoy this fun event.

## ALTON SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

Due to a recent resignation the Alton School Board is seeking letters of interest from Alton residents who would like to be considered to fill a vacancy on the school board until the next election in March 2003. Interested parties should submit a letter no later than Friday, June 7. The School Board will address the vacancy at their regular meeting on June 10. Send your letter to Wayne Fraser, Chair, c/o SAU #72, P. O. Box 120, Alton, New Hampshire 03809.

**ALTON GARDEN CLUB — TWO EVENTS**

By Ruth Nickerson, Publicity Committee

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

**Garden and Lunch Tour**

The club is sponsoring a garden and lunch tour at Meadow Pond Gardens in Gilmanton on Tuesday, June 11, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A fee of \$5 will cover both the tour and a "picnic" or "take home" lunch.

Tickets will be on sale for a number of items to be raffled off, and there will be a variety of plants offered for sale.

Meadow Pond Gardens is located on Meadow Pond Road in Gilmanton. Follow Route 140 out of Alton to the intersection with Route 107. Continue across the intersection on 140 until you see the balloons. Follow the balloons to the gardens.

This event is open to the public and is guaranteed to offer an interesting and enjoyable time for all who attend. This will be a rain or shine affair.

**June Meeting**

We will be holding our regular June meeting on Tuesday, June 25, at the Gilman Library. Mr. Scott Werner will be speaking on the subject "Bottling Alton Water."

Hostesses for this meeting are Betty MacKay, Chairperson; Louise Karjanen, Helen Donovan, Barbara Critchley, Polly Finch, Ruth Nickerson, and Alice Nelson.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**BIG LAKE HALF MARATHON THANK YOU**

By Keith Jordan, Race Director

A warm, heartfelt "thank you" goes out to everyone involved in the Big Lake Half Marathon — the Town of Alton, Police Department, Fire and Rescue Department, Parks and Recreation, Highway Department, Selectmen, sponsors, businesses, and volunteers. You all came together to help make this the largest first-year race in the history of New Hampshire running!

The race received rave reviews which were due in large part to the spirit and support showed by all of you. Participants are already looking forward to next year.

Once again, thank you for all of your support in making this half marathon a huge success in its inaugural year. We look forward to making the event even better next year!

**GENERATIONS APART BUT GROWING TOGETHER**

By Susan A. Blair, ACS Assistant Principal

During Volunteer Week held in April the staff at Alton Central School (ACS) recognized just a few of our tireless community members who give so lovingly to our children. Over the years we have been fortunate to have the support of the Foster Grandparents Program which helps to place in the classroom men and women over the age of 60 who can offer person-to-person support to our children. This year we have been fortunate to have the help and support of five Foster Grandparents.

The first is Grammy Doris Sawyer who has been helping in our classrooms for many, many years and this year worked with second graders. She is always bringing in treats for the youngsters and teachers, loves giving the kids one-on-one attention, and has a very nice way of working with children.

Grammy Bernice Snell has been volunteering for seven years, five of which have been with the Foster Grandparents Program. This year she worked with third graders. Bernice is a very warm and giving person, working extra hours if she knows she is needed. She takes small groups of children and helps them with their math skills or provides them with a little one-on-one support in the learning process.

Grammy Ruth Sample is an asset to the first grade classroom in which she worked. She is conscientious and dedicated, always encouraging the children to try and do their best. She helps the children with activities in reading, math, spelling, and creative writing.

Grammy Brenda Desautell worked in a second grade classroom where she started many years ago. She is very helpful working one on one with children reinforcing the skills being taught in the classroom. The children love working with Grammy; her help means a lot to them.

Last but not least is our newest Foster Grandmother. This is Grammy Mary Boyle's first year at ACS. She worked in a first grade classroom where she provided one-on-one support to help the children to do their best. We are very lucky that Grammy Mary joined us.

We want to "tip our hats" to all of our Foster Grammys who work so hard to provide that loving support. Your value to our school is immeasurable, and we wish to say, "thank you" for all that YOU do.

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**BACCALAUREATE****By Marissa Peterson**

Everyone is welcome to join the 2002 Senior Class of Alton Central High School when they hold their Baccalaureate Service. It will take place at the Community Church on Main Street on Sunday, June 2, at 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIGHT****Alton Bay Christian Conference Center**

Lights, action, music — the sounds of "Sunday Night Light" will emanate from the Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center every Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. this summer from June 9 through August 25. Featuring Christian rock bands, the target audience for these concerts will be the young and the young at heart.

On Sunday, June 9, the guest group will be "Whirlwind," three talented musicians from Kittery, Maine, who have been together for quite some time. Their style is classic Christian rock mirroring the music of groups like Petra.

"Who Stands?" will be featured on June 16. They cite musical influences and loves as diverse as fifties "rock 'n roll," rhythm and blues, jazz, classic rock, and modern rock bands like U2. This nourishing background gives them a wide palette of colors to create versatility in their full-electric, full-volume shows.

A special feature of the concert series will be the group "Lustre" on Sunday, June 23 at 7 p.m. (one-half hour earlier than usual). After touring every major city in Australia for two months and gaining a very large fan base, Lustre returned to the United States in March. This group takes on a dramatic rock sound and compositional depth comparable to such general market bands as Live, Matchbox 20, Lifehouse, Creed, and Fuel. Their appearance will be in the Conference Center Tabernacle to coincide with the kickoff of the annual Sports and Music Camp held there.

On June 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel "Final Mile" will be the guest artists. Darin, lead vocalist, has a background in rap vocals and is a lyricist. Kenney, the guitarist, comes from a punk and core background. Correll has had deep-rooted blues training. Chris give the music an edgy metal sound.

Some of the other groups to be featured in July and August will include "Mustard" (July 7), "The King Pin Wrecking Crew" (July 14), "Not Pictured" (July 21), "Eklezia" (July 28), and "Quanta" (August 11). Others will be confirmed in the July issue of Main Street.

A \$2 donation will be requested of attendees for each concert. For the summer's grand finale, well-known recording artist, Justin McRoberts, will be in concert in the Tabernacle on Friday, August 30, at 7 p.m. A \$7 donation will be suggested for that evening. For further information call the Conference Center at 875-6161 and ask for Jeremy Shaw, "Sunday Night Light" Coordinator.

**MOMS IN TOUCH****By Phyllis Brooks**

We have a lot to be thankful for this school year — safety being top on the priority list. Our prayer group will come to a close for the summer on June 11. However, we still meet each Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., usually at my home on Stockbridge Corner Road, but please call first (875-2866) to confirm the location. It is never too late to join us for prayer.

Remember, don't let the little ones keep you away; we just pray around them. God understands we're moms. Hopefully we will be back in August as a group continuing to keep our children and school in prayer. A relaxing and safe summer to all, especially the school staff and teachers.

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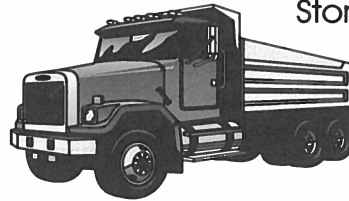
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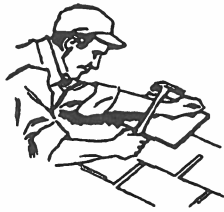


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**THE FUTURE FOR ALTON'S "RURAL CHARACTER"**

By Bob Longabaugh

In developing, and then subsequently updating, the town's Master Plan the Planning Board has conducted several surveys intended to learn what residents consider important to the future of Alton. The results have not varied that much over the years: "Retain Alton's rural character" has consistently been the most popular response.

Admittedly, defining "rural character" has been something that even the professional planners have found to be elusive. Almost everyone can agree on what "rural character" is not, but exactly what it is generally opens a debate that never ends. The Alton Conservation Commission, however, has recently completed a natural resources inventory that goes a long way in quantifying Alton's "rural character." Perhaps more importantly it provides some guidance for retaining rural character in the future.

Rural character was just one of the many dimensions measured in the Conservation Commission's inventory. The other resources examined and reported on are lakes, ponds, rivers, wetlands, aquifers, wildlife habitat, endangered species, agricultural land, and forests. Anyone who cares about what Alton already has with respect to these resources — and what might determine what the town may continue to have in the future — should look over the final report that may be examined in Town Hall or at the Gilman Library.

The Commission retained Charles Hersey through the AmeriCorps Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Program, which shared his employment cost with Alton through a matching federal grant. Hersey took about a year to complete the work that had its "Grand Opening" at a public meeting in Town Hall on May 9. The public presentation was videotaped and will have its last showing on LRPA-TV in early June. (Cable subscribers should watch Channel 26 program listings for specific times.) Additionally, the Gilman Library has a copy of the 45-minute videotape that may be taken out on loan.

Alton still has a lot of "rural character." Look again at the map on the cover of this issue of Main Street. In the inventory report the larger scale version of this map is referred to as "Unfragmented Lands," which the report goes on to explain are areas in blocks of 500 acres or more that have little human habitation and few or no roads. There are 20,425 acres of such land in Alton, or 50 percent of the town's land area. Main Street has simplified the map in order to make it comprehensible at our page size, and therefore our readers see only four categories from "Most Open Space" to "Least Open Space." It is easy to get the message though that Alton is most rural in West and East Alton, with the "ruralness" diminishing as one approaches what is usually referred to as "the bay" and "the village."

Many residents of Alton will yawn at the above, and say "so what else is new?" What is new in the Natural Resources Inventory is the significant amount of land still in its natural state and the opportunity/challenge to the community if Alton truly wants to preserve its "rural character."

There are three paragraphs in the Natural Resources Inventory report that have special relevance to Alton's desire to retain its rural character, and they are quoted below.

"Large tracts of open space provide some of the town's most viable wildlife habitat, protect water quality, offer recreational and natural resource management opportunities (forestry and agriculture), and contribute greatly to the town's

aesthetic beauty and the all-encompassing and elusive "rural atmosphere or character." Many wildlife species require large tracts of undeveloped land and corridors between these tracts to meet their needs.

"Open space areas, since they are void of development, generally have good water quality and help mitigate lower water quality in more developed areas. Hiking, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, and wildlife viewing are common recreational activities that occur in the large open space areas in Alton. The large tracts of open space also provide Alton with the opportunity to expand and coordinate existing agricultural and forest management activities so as to develop a sustainable natural resource-based economy that provides many of life's essentials from within the town's borders. Large undeveloped tracts of land in Alton contribute greatly to the community's aesthetic beauty and rural character. Open space areas not only help to fuel the town's tourist dependant economy, which loves pleasing panoramas and rural atmosphere, but also make the town an enjoyable place for its residents.

"Many communities in the surrounding region are not as fortunate as Alton and have only a few scattered parcels of open space left. Alton's good fortune in possessing many large, nearly contiguous parcels of open space is more an artifact of chance and the limited development potential of some areas in town than of any concerted town effort to retain these valuable areas. Some of the town's open space areas contain significant cores of conservation land, but others do not. Development pressure can only be expected to increase in the coming years in Alton, and it will be the open space areas, especially the most developable, that receive much of this pressure."

### ACS SETS UP NEW 7th/8th GRADE PROGRAM

By Russell Holden, ACS Principal

Alton Central School (ACS) has developed a new Grade 7/8 program that we will be implementing when school reopens this fall. We are both excited and pleased about its prospects. During the past year the administration and the Grade 7/8 teams have been working on developing a program that promotes success for ALL students within these two grade levels. We studied many educational models and philosophies and developed the program using a variety of components from these models, which we believe will create a multitude of positive outcomes for our students.

The program we have developed, titled "Building Bridges for Student Success," places an emphasis on mastery of skills. It does not permit student failure. When a student is in need, a remedial component will be exercised to assist the student until the skill is mastered.

We will be presenting this model at an informative meeting that will be held on Thursday, June 6, in the Music room at ACS beginning at 6 p.m. At this meeting everyone will have the opportunity to learn first hand about this program and its advantages, as well as being able to ask questions and meet the teaching faculty.


We recognize that this is a very busy time of year. Nevertheless, we are earnestly asking ALL parents of next year's seventh and eighth graders to attend. The students are also encouraged to attend. It's important for everyone involved to be informed of the educational strategies and student expectations, as well as knowledgeable about the outcomes, the grading process, and the underlying positive strategies. We believe all these elements will build and foster a positive educational program for the students. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, June 6.

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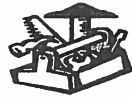
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## CONCORD CORNER By Senator Rob Boyce and Representative Laurie Boyce



### SESSION WRAP-UP

This year the leadership of both the House and Senate made an effort to get done early and go home. Where in the last several years our sessions did not wrap up until July 1 (or later), this session was done for most purposes in early May. This does not mean everything got done but that we did what was possible.

One important issue (at least it seems important) that did not get resolved before I write this — but might be by the time you read it — is redistricting. Every ten years, after the federal census, we have to adjust the boundary lines to make the districts as close to the same size as we can. Naturally this becomes political since moving the district lines can change the political leanings of some districts. A full discussion of that topic would take much more space than I am allowed.

Since this is an even-numbered year, it is also an election year with every state and county official facing the voters. In fact, except for one U.S. Senator and some town officers, virtually everyone elected to office in this state will be running this fall. It also means we can expect to see well-known and high-profile people from across the country from both parties campaigning in New Hampshire. Some of these will be hopefuls in the next Presidential races, while others will be lending their name and visibility to candidates running here. Rumor even has it that the President will be here this fall.

Accomplishments this year: your state legislature improved a program for giving cash awards to state employees for suggestions that save the taxpayer's money; a bill created a fund to help victims of brain injury and their families; the legislature passed a bill allowing young men to register with the Selective Service by checking a box on their drivers license application; we toughened the penalties for drunk driving; a correction was made to the hardship exemption from the state-wide property tax in donor towns after a revaluation (this affects Alton); and it is now illegal to tattoo or brand a child under the age of 18; further, body piercing of children will now require the consent of the parent or guardian.

Although the session is over for all intents and purposes, new legislation to be considered next year will be submitted starting in September, so feel free to contact us with any concerns. Our telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed in the Main Street Information Center, which appears on page 15 of this issue. Additionally, Laurie holds "walk-in" office hours in the Alton Town Hall on the first Friday of every month from 9 - 11 a.m.

### ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL PTSA

By Lisa Jones, PTSA Secretary

The Alton Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) had a successful year thanks in part to the many businesses who donated prizes for raffles and to the volunteers who donated their time and effort to chaperone dances and help out at other events.

Wal-Mart of Gilford matched ticket sales from the PTSA sponsored Mother/Son Dinner and Movie held in March. The generous donation from Wal-Mart will be placed into the Teachers' Wish List fund which helps teachers acquire the little extras.

Many thanks to all who helped make this a successful and enjoyable year for the PTSA. Your donations of time and prizes were greatly appreciated.





Photo by Joe Harris

**ALTON BAY CANOE AND KAYAK RACE**

Co-Sponsored by Parker Marine

The Parks and Recreation Department and Parker Marine are sponsoring their annual Canoe and Kayak Race on Sunday, June 30, at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Temple Parking Lot. Paddle approximately five miles of flat water along the scenic Merrymeeting River, two portages. Categories include recreational, racing, single, double, male, female, co-ed, kayak, youth, and more. Registration fee is \$10 for one person canoe/kayak and \$15 for a two-person canoe/kayak. Register by June 17 and receive a race shirt. Beginners are welcome.



**TOWN HALL NOTES**  
By Pamela Arnold  
Town Administrator

**PERMITS AND UPDATES**

One can feel that summer is here just by the increase in activity in the town. Here are a few notes of what is happening in Alton.

The Solid Waste Center (SWC) is seeing more activity earlier than usual this year. Mal Simonds, the Director, asked me to pass on the fact that the SWC permits are now available at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall as well as at the center. He also noted that it is not permitted to remove anything from the center. It is there only for drop offs.

If you have hazardous waste, please note on your calendars that the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be Saturday, July 27.

**911 Update**

The Bureau of Emergency Communications is presently preparing maps of Alton; 911 employees have been in town working on matching addresses and phone numbers.

Once the maps have been done, they will need to go to the Board of Selectmen. A letter notifying 911 of their approval must be sent once an official vote has been taken to accept the maps. If the maps are satisfactory, they must then wait for scheduling for data conversion with the telephone company. This process could take some time depending on how many communities are in the conversion process when Alton is submitted.

After this is accomplished, the town will send letters to all Alton residents to advise them of their addresses. The Board of Selectmen will also hold a public hearing to allow for changes of addresses and Alton will allow for changes in street names, adjustments, and fine tuning of the entire mapping process. The town will then include the data on tax records, land use records, and other town documents. The process is slow, but it is moving forward. Thank you for your interest and patience.

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**A HARD-LOOKING OIL PORT**

Valdez, Alaska, — site of the Exxon disaster in 1989 — is not nearly as attractive and inviting as Skagway. It is really a hard-looking oil port.

Our tour of the pipeline terminal here was quite interesting, and we learned more about the process of getting the oil from Prudhoe Bay 800 miles away than we will ever remember. We each had to pass through a metal detector before boarding the tour bus as part of the security measures, and we were unable to leave the bus until we reached a remote area overlooking the terminal.

A highlight of our Valdez visit was a salmon cook out and pot-luck dinner featuring a menu of 41 Pink Salmon. They were caught that morning by some of our tour group and were everyone's favorite dish.

There is a wildflower in Alaska called Fireweed that grows everywhere. Its blossom looks like an anorexia Lupine

in a brilliant fuschia color. The flowering begins near the base of the plant, and over the course of the summer the blossoms bloom closer and closer to the top. When the last of the buds are open, local weather lore maintains that the first



snow is about a month away. The plants are called Fireweed because they are the first flora to appear after a forest fire has devastated an area. We saw some areas with nothing but charred trunks from past fires and these brilliant plants covering the ground.

More on our trip in future columns.

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

Henry David Thoreau said "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." We agree.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will be sponsoring a "Rambling Rose" Luncheon on Wednesday, June 12, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Conference Center on Route 11 in Alton Bay.

"Summer Strummin'" is the Special Feature with Heather Rushing, a guitar soloist from Moultonborough. The Special Speaker will be Elizabeth Patterson of West Boxford, Massachusetts, who will speak on "How A Nobody Became A Somebody."

Reservations for the lunch and the available complimentary nursery may be made by calling in Alton: Karen at 875-8144 or Melissa at 776-2224; in Gilford: Faith at 293-8073.

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

The summer meeting will be on July 17 at the Geneva Point Club in Center Harbor. Watch for further details.

## ON THE HONOR ROLL FOR 3 QTRS

Alton Central School (ACS) has announced that the following students have been on the Honor Roll for the first three quarters of this school year. For all of their hard work they will be rewarded with a trip to the movies. (\* Indicates High Honors all 3 quarters.)

**SENIORS:** David Benedetto, Scott Blair, Dana Lang, Anthony Nicastro, Jon Nicastro, Marissa Peterson, and Jane Varney.

**JUNIORS:** Scott Baumgartner, Dennis Callahan, Michael Friedman, and Terese Hopper.

**SOPHOMORES:** Lyndsey Caron, Tamara Cornelissen, Dylan Laurion, Tonya Prescott, Meredith Roy, \*Krista Shibley, and \*Stephanie Tanguay.

**FRESHMEN:** Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Vanessa Gilbert, Travis Hopper, Christina Jamieson, and Lyndsey St. Laurent.

## ALTON'S POETS ACCLAIMED

By Susan A. Blair, ACS Assistant Principal

Students throughout the state entered a poetry contest sponsored by Creative Communications, Inc. Alton Central School (ACS) is very proud to announce that four of our students' poems were accepted for publication. Only the best poems are selected for this honor.

An upcoming anthology, *A Celebration of Young Poets*, highlights the winning poems. Each poem is printed with the student's name, grade, school name, and city. The poems to be published are "People" by Megan Hopper, "The City" by Allison Cormier, and "Hold On" by Sarah Fraser. These three students represent ACS's Grade 4. The last poet is Ashley Dwyer, a Grade 7 student who wrote "But Why." Ashley holds the distinction of being a second time published poet!

"Publishing the above high merit poems creates a poetic record of the fears, hopes, and dreams of today's students!" (*Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans.*)

## ACS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

By Laurie Boyce

This year working with the NHPIE (New Hampshire Partners in Education) volunteer program at the Alton Central School (ACS) has again been great. We had a large number of new volunteers who have done a tremendous job. With 107 active volunteers we have put in over 6,000 hours working at the school. We worked with entire classes, helped with individual students, did copying, helped in the lunchroom, chaperoned student activities, and so much more. I'd like to THANK all the volunteers this year for doing such a great job. Enjoy your summer, and I'll be contacting you in the fall to help again next year.

## Main Street's SURVEY ABANDONED

In the last two issues of *Main Street*, there was a coupon seeking the views of our readership with respect to the "pro-and-con" article that was published in March on the proposed high school. The returns were "underwhelming," but — more importantly — the editorial board noted definite indications that the ballot box had been "stuffed." Accordingly, the editorial board will not be weighing the survey results very seriously when deciding the future direction of Alton's monthly newsmagazine. There were several positive and encouraging comments that were received, however, and the editorial board wants those contributors to know that their kind words are appreciated.

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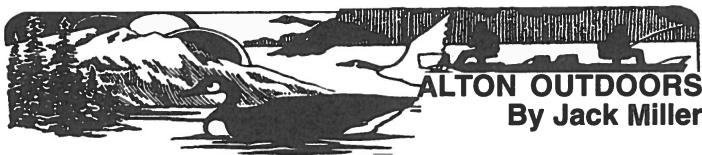
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The state Fish and Game Department knows how good this month's fishing can be and has designated June 1 as "Free Fishing Day." Anyone may fish with no license required. All the other normal fishing rules must be followed though. The *NH Freshwater Fishing Digest* can be found wherever licenses are sold. It lists the rules and regulations for each body of water and species of fish. Be sure to check this before you go out. Also remember that no live bait may be used for bass at this time, and all bass must be released now.

The method of fishing which offers the most versatility is spin fishing. There are lures to catch all species of fish. The bobber and worm method can be relaxing but can also get boring as you simply wait for a fish to bite. Spin fishing allows one to cover more water. A light weight or ultralite rod and reel combination can add lots of excitement as even small fish give a good "fight." Try a Colorado spinner and worm for yellow and white perch. Pickerel might like a red and white daredevil. Jigs come in all sizes and styles and allow one to fish in deeper water.

For those who love fly fishing for trout, this month is prime time. ALL species of bugs are hatching. Match the hatch and have some fun.

If there is any one time to be fishing in Alton's outdoors, this is the month. Enjoy!

**THIS Main Street A RECORD**

If this issue of Alton's monthly newsmagazine seems heavier than usual, you are not mistaken. It is.

Until this month Main Street has held to a limit of 24 pages with postage rates being the principal reason, although there has been a human resource reason as well. Each month some two dozen volunteers come together to collate by hand the individual pages of the new issue and then bundle it for mailing. The number of piles on the table that the volunteers are willing and able to handle has been an important consideration in limiting any issue to no more than 24 pages.

It is the amount of advertising that determines how many pages an issue will contain. As a Not-For-Profit operation Main Street seeks to "break even" over the course of the year, so our advertisers are the key to this newsmagazine going into every mailbox in Alton without charge. We cannot, of course, turn advertisers away. Last month's issue, containing the most advertising ever, really strained the 24-page limit. The issue looked like a "penny-saver," which serves neither our advertisers nor our readers.

The corporation's directors considered many alternatives and consulted with the corps of volunteers who assemble the magazine. The volunteers did not say that they would mutiny if another stack of pages was added to their work. Given this support the directors decided that for the few months of the year that advertising peaks, we would no longer hold to the 24-page limit. That's why you are now holding in your hands the first ever 28-page Main Street.

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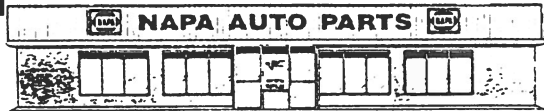
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## EVENTS

- Sun. 2 BACCALAUREATE, Community Church, 6 p.m., see story
- Tue. 4 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST, Town Hall, lower level, 7 - 9 p.m., see notice
- Wed. 5 HS CLASS DAY, ACS, 9 a.m.  
4-H CLUB, Animal Pack, Library, 5 - 6:30 p.m.  
SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT, Class of 2002, ACS, 6 p.m.
- Thu. 6 PARENT/STUDENT NIGHT, Grades 7 & 8, ACS, 6 p.m.
- Fri. 7 GRADUATION, Class of 2002, ACS, 6 p.m.
- Sat. 8 TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., see story
- Sun. 9 "WHIRLWIND," Concert, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Mon. 10 FIELD DAY, Grades K - 6, ACS  
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m., see Checkout
- Tue. 11 GARDEN AND LUNCH TOUR, Garden Club, see story  
PROMOTION BANQUET, Grade 8, ACS, 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Speaker, Library, 7 p.m., see Checkout
- Wed. 12 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, ABCCC, 11:30 a.m., see story  
KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION, ACS, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu. 13 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 10:30 - 12 noon
- Fri. 14 FLAG DAY, Show Your Colors
- Sun. 16 FATHER'S DAY  
"WHO STANDS?," Concert, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m., see story
- Wed. 19 4-H CLUB, Animal Pack, Library, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 21 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED  
SUMMER SOLSTICE, 9:24 a.m., EDT
- Sun/ 23 "LUSTRE," Concert, ABCCC, 7 p.m., see story
- Tue. 25 ALTON GARDEN CLUB, Library, 1:30 p.m., see story
- Thu. 27 ASSEMBLE Main Street, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 29 BAG IT, East Alton Fire Association Litter Day, see story
- Sun. 30 DOLL SHOW AND SALE, ACS, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., see story  
CANOE AND KAYAK RACE, 10 a.m., see story  
"FINAL MILE," Concert, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m., see story

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## WATCH OUT FOR "SMOOTH TALKERS"

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## 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). After June 4 and until you have voted in the State Primary on Tuesday, September 10, you cannot change your affiliation for any reason. This is a state law.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

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

The Town of Alton is sponsoring fireworks on Wednesday, July 3, in celebration of Independence Day. The rain date is Saturday, July 6. Fireworks will be held at 9:30 p.m. preceded by the 39th Army Band Concert from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy the music and fireworks!

## HOW ABOUT NAMING THE NEW SCHOOL?

(As Received From S.A.U. #72)

The time has come to name the high school that is to be built to serve Alton/Barnstead. The Joint School Board would like to invite each and every one of the citizens of Barnstead and Alton to help do just that.

We are now accepting suggestions until midnight on September 14. Any and all ideas will be considered. You can put forth a name that is catchy or cute, a name that blends the two towns in some way, or a name that is based on some history of the area or geography, or any other category that strikes your fancy. When making your suggestions, should there be some historical, geographical, or other significance, please give us that information as well.

There are a number of ways you can get your ideas to us. You can mail them to the Alton SAU #72 office at Post Office Box 120, Alton 03809. Alternatively, you can e-mail them to <Schoolboard@alton.k12.nh.us> or call Debi Winegar (776-4547), who is on the "Naming Committee," in Barnstead and leave your suggestion on her voicemail.

In the latter part of September the Naming Committee will gather all the suggestions and submit them to the Joint School Board. They, in turn, will present the names to you — the citizens — to say which you favor. We will be limiting this part to "Adults Only," which is only fair since the kids will soon be seeing a similar notice for "Kids Only" inviting them to suggest and vote on the really important stuff like team names, school colors, mascot, and such.

The Joint School Board is hoping that there will be maximum participation in joining in the fun and the creativity that starts here with this opportunity to "Name That School!"

# 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 — Weekday Masses in the Rectory: Monday, Thursday and Friday at 8 am, Rosary everyday at 7:20 am  
Communion Services: Tues. and Wednesday 8 am  
Weekend Masses in the Tent: Sat. 4 pm, Sunday 8 am and 11:00 am St. Paul's in Barnstead Sunday at 9:30 am  
Fr. Andy Bedard, Pastor 569-2548
- 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  
Tue. and Thu., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Wed. and Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Sun. and Mon.
- SENIOR MEAL SITE:** 875-7102  
Mon - Fri., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Pearson Rd. Community Center
- SOLID WASTE CENTER:** 875-5801  
Sun., Mon., Fri., and Sat., 7 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Closed Tue., Wed., and Thu.  
Rines Road Pit — 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  
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 — Meets once per month Sep. - Apr., 875-3858  
PTSA. — 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.; (Replays on Channel 26 following Thurs. and Fri.); 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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John E. Sununu, 1229 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515; Phones: (202) 225-5456, (603) 641-9536, Fax: (202) 225-5822; e-mail: Rep.Sununu@mail.house.gov

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Ray Burton, 271-3632 (Concord), 747-3662 (Woodsville)

### N.H. SENATE

Robert Boyce, 875-7371, e-mail: SenatorBoyce@metrocast.net

### N.H. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Bartlett, 524-6536

Laurie Boyce, 875-7371, e-mail: ljboyce@metrocast.net; "walk-in" office hours 1st Friday of the month, Town Hall, 9 - 11 a.m.

Stanley Czeck, 875-3815, e-mail: sdczech@worldpath.net

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

### BELKNAP COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Christopher D. Boothby, 527-5400

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Don Irvin, 875-2924

James C. Washburn, 364-7413



**TO PROTECT AND SERVE  
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**A BIG THANK YOU**

Reuben Wentworth, owner of the Alton Home and Lumber Center, hosted the first ever "Meet Your Local Police Day" on May 5. The day was a big success as officers were able to meet and talk with local residents. Many folks asked questions about their local agency and police work in general. There was plenty of coffee and refreshments for people to enjoy. Our officers handed out pamphlets on bike, boat, and home safety and crime prevention issues. Those parents who thought it would be good to have a record of their childrens' fingerprints were able to have it done.

We wish to thank Mr. Wentworth for coming up with the idea and for the use of his place of business. A special thanks also to Dunkin' Donuts of Alton for providing the coffee and Alton Bay Lakeview Market for supplying the pastry, donuts, and cake for the event. One resident said "I think this is a great idea. It was very nice meeting our men and women in blue. It is a good way to personalize the police department."

**New Officer On Duty**

The police have signed on a new member to the force. His name is "Rom." He's German and can't speak English. Well, he can't speak German either because he is from France. But neither can he speak French because he's a German Shepherd dog. Rom is the other half of the new police K-9 program in Alton.

Sergeant Charles ("Chuck") Anderson will be the handler for Rom. Both will attend extensive K-9 training at the Boston

Police Department in September. Sgt. Anderson and Rom are also currently in training with the NH Working Dog Foundation. Police K-9's can be trained in many different disciplines. Rom will be trained in patrol tactics, suspect apprehension, drug interdiction, search and rescue, and tracking.

Operations Commander Lieutenant Tracy Shattuck said "the K-9 program will truly be invaluable to the police and community. We'll have the enhanced ability to be able to track lost children or fleeing suspects, as well as being able to perform other law enforcement related tasks. Having a K-9 on duty is a great deterrent in volatile situations like brawls or domestic disturbances."

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**JENSEN ACHIEVES EAGLE RANK**

**By Ben King**

Alton Boy Scout Troop 53 congratulates Ben Jensen on his achievement of the highest rank in scouting. Ben has earned the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout.

To be an Eagle Scout is a mark of character and symbolizes many things. It is an indicator of perseverance, faith in oneself, and of challenges met and conquered. An Eagle Scout has followed a long and usually difficult path. He has worked very hard to bring out the best in himself and in his peers. Less than three percent of all boys who join the Boy Scouts will become Eagles. That three percent has consistently gone on to lead exceptional lives. Many of our presidents, astronauts, diplomats, and high ranking military personnel are Eagle Scouts. In fact, approximately three out of four of America's leaders are Eagle Scouts.

To become an Eagle a scout must advance through the six ranks from "Scout" to "Life" and earn 21 merit badges. A scout must also be active in his troop, hold leadership positions, and spend many hours on various community projects. Finally, a candidate must complete an Eagle project that will benefit a church, town, or non-profit organization. Ben decided his project would be to build a marquee sign for the Alton Fire and Rescue Department. After approval from the Daniel Webster Council and the department, he began and finished the project (shown above) with much support from other scouts, his family, and sponsors.

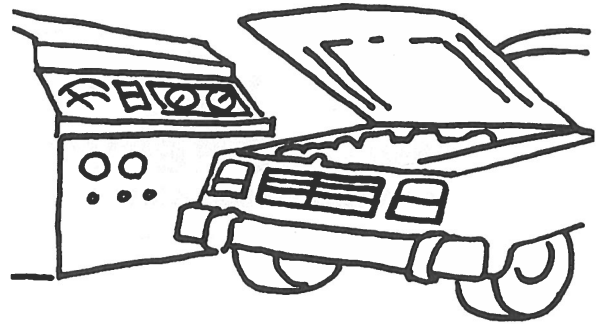
At his Eagle Court of Honor on April 20, Ben Jensen was presented the award of Eagle Scout by Scoutmaster Bruce Yelle. Troop 53 congratulates Ben and encourages others to follow the challenging trail to Eagle, as he has.

**ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE**

**By Lisa Jones, League Secretary**

The Alton Youth League would like to extend a great big thank you to Pike Industries of Farmington for donating stone dust to the fields at Jones Field and also a huge thank you to David Morse for the loan of his equipment to spread same. Last, but certain not least, thanks to the volunteers who donated their time and helped on field maintenance day. The fields look great! All of your donations, time, and help are greatly appreciated.

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**3rd GRADE CITIZENSHIP:** Danielle Beckett, Sarah Clifford, 'onnor Gillan, Hannah Golden, Jake Rochette, Gregory Tinkham, andrew Kim, Marissa Brooks, Ralph Harrell, C.J. Holt, Kassie Lamper.

**4th GRADE CITIZENSHIP:** Sarah Adams, Ashley Barsanti, cott Brunelle, Allison Cormier, Zachary Couch, Lindsey Daniels, el Dore, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, Kelsey Hopper, Megan lopper, Brian Jones, Danny Lang, Kristi Maciejewski, Kelsey feyerhoff, Emily Pellowe, Edward Rogacki, Kyle Rondeau, Dack ouleau, Jaclyn Saalfrank, Aisha Sweezey, Kim Sykes, Calvin enander.

**4th GRADE HIGH HONORS:** Kimberly Sykes.

**4th GRADE HONORS:** Tyler Adabar, Sarah Adams, Ashley Barsanti, Scott Brunelle, Allison Cormier, Holly Couture, Lindsey Daniels, Joel Dore, Kaitlyn Fasulo, Melissa Fortin, Sarah Fraser, Kelsey Hopper, Megan Hopper, Mary-Margaret Houghton, Caitlin Hussey, Brian Jones, Levi Liedke, Kelsey Meyerhoff, Stephanie Moulton, Emily Pellowe, Natalie Ramey, Kyle Rondeau, Dack Rouleau, Jaclyn Saalfrank, Aaron Wilkinson.

**5th GRADE CITIZENSHIP:** Vanessa Ainsworth, Shaida Anderson, Casey Beranger, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Brittany Dwyer, Cory Dudman, Shannon Eagles, Amber Fielding, Megan Farrell, Samantha Golden, Kim Grant, Andrea Hillsgrove, Brendan Hussey, Michael Jensen, William MacDuff, Ashley Lionetta, Vincent Meuse, Ralph Minnick, Stephanie Roy, Danielle Sheeha, Jillian Stackhouse, Kathy Sykes, Paul Woodbury.

**5th GRADE HIGH HONORS:** Kathleen Sykes.

**5th GRADE HONORS:** Casey Beranger, Lyndsay Bishop, Erik Caron, Emily Donahue, Cory Dudman, Brittany Dwyer, Shannon Eagles, Megan Farrell, Kimberly Grant, Brendan Hussey, Jack LaFreniere, Ashley Lionetta, William Macduff, Vincent Meuse, Thomas Pellowe, Elaine Pelton, Stephanie Roy, Jillian Stackhouse, Weston Stewart.

**6th GRADE CITIZENSHIP:** Tony Castagnaro, Meagan DiVito, Courtney Emerson, Emily Folan, Ryan Gillan, Tyler Houghton, Ryan Lougee, Alina Loynd, CJ Moulton, Amanda Pellowe, Tara Prescott, Robyn Shibley, Kelsie Whitney, Erin Brackley, Chelsea Hawkins, Dan Hopper, Eric Houline, Jesse Lane, Karol Mansfield, Corrine Pearce, Wetherley Roulleau, Jason Tanguay, Brianna Tidd, Casandra Wainwright, Ashley Bailey, Amber Couture, Brian Jones, Chris Loprete, Tricia Perry, Stephanie Storey, Caitlyn Wenzlau.

**6th GRADE HIGH HONORS:** Jesse Lane, Brianna Tidd, Caitlin Wenzlau.

**6th GRADE HONORS:** Ashley Bailey, Erin Brackley, Tony Castagnaro, Kelsey Crathern, Courtney Emerson, Ryan Gillan, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Christopher Loprete, Ryan Lougee, Chris (CJ) Moulton, Corrine Pearce, Amanda Pellowe, Tara Prescott, Wetherly Rouleau, Robyn Shibley, Stephanie Storey, Jason Tanguay, Kelsie Whitney.

**7th GRADE CITIZENSHIP:** Dottie Jean Bailey, Jeremiah Dea, Ashley Finethy, Ty Tremblay, Kelly Main, Courtney Marston, Kelwsey Tinkham, Melissa Pryor, Jeff St. Cyr, Bryce St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, Bryan Bishop, Nick Lund, Kris Callahan, Steven Waterman,



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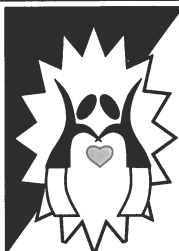
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8th GRADE HIGH HONORS: Luke LaFreniere, Owen Laurion.

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12th GRADE HIGH HONORS: Dana Lang, Marissa Peterson.

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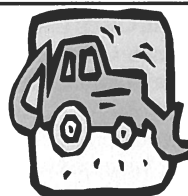
The Gilman Library will be participating in the Town-Wide Yard Sale scheduled for June 8 by holding a sale of books and baked goods. Participants may purchase a plastic bag full of books for \$1 or a Friends of the Gilman Library canvas bag for \$5 and fill it with books. The Friends will be accepting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

"Lions and Tigers and Books, Oh My" is the theme for the Summer Reading Program 2002. For more information please visit the circulation desk at the Gilman Library.

As you may already know, we have begun the circulation phase of our two-year automation program. Soon we will be issuing new library cards to all of our patrons. Once you receive your new card, you must bring it with you each time you wish to check out materials from the library. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and hope you understand that this is for your own security. Thank you for your patience as we make this transition. All this hard work will allow us to serve you better and with more efficiency.

Please plan to join us here at the Gilman Library on Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. for a program entitled "Camp Stark: New Hampshire's WWII German Prisoner of War Camp" presented by Allen Koop. This program is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, Friends of the Gilman Library, and the Alton Historical Society. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the library to share thoughts regarding *Room For One More* by Anna Marie Rose Wright. Please let us know if you need a copy of the book. Again, all are welcome.



**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS**  
 By Ken Roberts  
 Highway Agent

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The flowers are blooming, and the grass is green; it has been an unusual winter. The lake is up one half inch higher than normal for this time of year.

We have been sweeping the roads as well as grading and raking them. Trees have been cut on Chamberlain Road (Stockbridge Corner side) in preparation for them to come down. The excavator will be here on June 3, and we will be widening Chamberlain Road first, then Upper Bay Hill Road. Crosswalks should be done by June 3 and catch basins should be cleaned approximately around June 10. The Alton Mountain Road project will start in mid-June, but no exact date is scheduled at press time.

Also on June 3 the highway crew will be starting the ten-hour, four-day week shift which runs from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The secretary will be here Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. should you need any assistance.

The state will be paving the road from the Alton Traffic Circle, north of Route 11, possibly as far as the community center, although this may change. The start date of this project is possibly in July but is also subject to change. There will be notification one week before the actual work starts. However, Main Street is on the docket to be paved this year. Slow traffic is to be expected. Also, as you may now be aware, new catch basins (seven of them) are being installed between Alton Home and Lumber and Rollins Hill.

A big congratulations to Keith Jordan for the Big Lake Half Marathon.

Drive safely and be aware that road work is being done around town; we do apologize for any inconveniences. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 875-6808 or e-mail us at <altonhighway@metrocast.net>.

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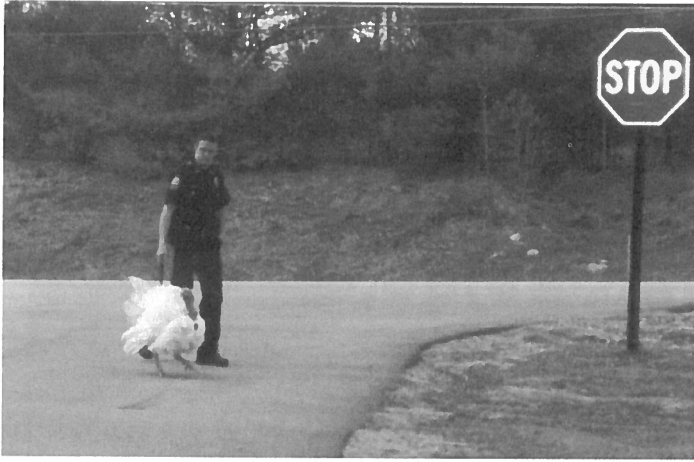
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**RUN-AWAY TURKEY**

**By George Murphy, Alton Resident**

One spring evening my wife, Diana, was coming home from work. She called me on her cell phone to say she was at the edge of our driveway at the Merrymeeting Park and could not get in. "Why not?" I asked. Her answer was that a police officer was escorting a large white turkey up and down our driveway so it would not go out onto Route 11. Eventually the game warden came and took it safely from the park.

**YOUNG INVENTORS COMPETE**

**By Susan A. Blair, ACS Assistant Principal**

The Grade 4 students at Alton Central School (ACS) participated in the Young Inventors' Competition during the month of April. Their task was to come up with an invention which had never before been developed and would be helpful to mankind. The 61 students worked extremely hard to design something creative, the most difficult aspect being to come up with something that had never been thought of before.

The students worked at home on their project with the help of their parents. As part of their invention they needed to design a layout, as well as describe what it did and why someone would want to purchase it. The fourth graders came up with many creative ideas, but only three students had the honor of claiming the awards! Many staff members helped by judging the inventions.

Aaron Wilkinson was the first place winner, and he went on to represent ACS at the State Young Inventors' Competition held in Merrimack in May. His invention was called "Frost Fighter." Aaron was recognized at the convention for his problem-solving and creative-thinking skills.

The second place award at ACS went to Katrina Williams for her invention "Grandma's Garden Tool, 3 in 1." The third place award went to Caitlyn Hussey for her invention named "Hot Feet."



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### **HISTORIC ALTON**

*Editors' note: In last August's Main Street it was described how Ms. Merrill's Grade 11 history class at Alton Central School had prepared papers on various aspects of Alton's history. Below, edited to meet Main Street standards, is the fifth in the series of what we hope to publish, space permitting.*

#### **THE HISTORY OF ALTON MOUNTAIN**

**By Dana Lang**

Today Alton Mountain Road starts at the base of Pine Mountain (Alton Mountain). After turning off of Rand Hill Road, once named Old Laconia Road, you begin the beautiful trip through the landscape. Over the past 30 years houses have been built along the roadside left and right. Also the roadside toward the top of the mountain has been cleared for a gorgeous view of the lake below. Upon reaching the "corner gate" you may turn right and continue along Alton Mountain Road or turn left to Gilmanton on Avery Hill Road. The road wasn't always laid out like this.

The road was once dirt, making travel in all weather difficult, and it also followed a different path. In the early 1800's most travel was concentrated out of the Ironworks where settlers went for supplies and to go to church. The road then traveled to the Clough Small Place's Sawmill that stood at the mouth of Sunset Lake, then named Place's Pond. Along this road to the sawmill is where the first farms were built with many of the cellar holes are still visible today. The old road out of Gilmanton that went between Hills Pond and the dam is now very narrow, rough, and grown over. The ruts are not even lined with a stone wall like the lower half of the mountain, showing that the area was never really farmed.

The lower half of the mountain coming from Alton Bay was straightened out around 1929-1931. In the even earlier years there wasn't a road connecting to Alton, and this meant the settlers had to travel through the Ironworks or through the dense forest to reach the town. Before the road was moved it ran up the mountain through the blueberry field to the Grand View Inn where it turned and continued to the present corner gate. Traveling to the right allowed you to go to Hill's Pond or to Jesus Valley Road on Route 11.

The first road on the lower mountain is still visible today though it is overgrown with trees. It is even still lined with

the stone walls that guided the wagons over 100 years ago. Traveling up Alton Mountain Road today, the old road lies to the left just behind the houses on the street. The old road has not gone unused; it is presently the driveway to a number of houses, and it is the entrance road to the blueberry field.

In the mid-1800's Avery Hill Road was constructed. Perley Clough and Andrew Hill, two settlers of the area, cleared the road together that led from the present corner gate to the dam. The dirt road would soon become the heart of the region where schools would be built and the graveyard laid. It would later be named after a gentleman by the name of David Avery who bought the Clough farm.

#### **Early Settlers**

At the turn of the century there were six prominent farms on Alton Mountain — those of Josiah and Rueben Smith, Dr. Jonathan Hill, Samuel Elkins, and Perley and Simon Clough. Though today the farms are no longer standing, almost all of their cellar holes are still visible. One of the very first settlers of the area was Dr. Jonathan Hill who built his house near Hill's Pond which now holds his name. Up until about ten years ago the Hill house still stood next to the Ellis Cemetery at the end of the mountain road.

Ithiel Smith moved to the area soon after his friend Dr. Hill. He lived on the mountain for a few years, but later sold his farm to his son Josiah. Josiah built a farmhouse and lived on the property for 15 years until 1799 when he sold it to his brother Rueben for \$1,000. Rueben Smith lived on the farm for four years before he sold the property to James Tibbetts. Mr. Tibbetts prospered on the farm up until old age when he sold the farm to Esreal Sawyer in 1853.

In 1780 Samuel Elkins bought land between the dam and Hill's Pond and built a house. Mr. Elkins was a close friend of Dr. Hill. When Elkins was a boy, a tree fell on his right leg and left him crippled. When he moved to Alton Mountain he ran errands for Dr. Hill and was his handy man. During the winter of 1792 the family suffered a devastating blow. While going to Gilmanton on errands for his father, Samuel's son, Stephen got caught in a snowstorm and died. Samuel Elkins died in 1799 and soon after the family moved and sometime during the 1800's the house burned down.

Another early settler of Alton Mountain was Perley

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Clough. Perley grew up in Gilmanton and later worked for his father who owned the Clough sawmill at the time. Here Perley worked until his father Simon Clough sold the mill to Joseph Small and then moved to Canada. Perley married Sally Smith in 1792 and the two had three children together — Hannah, Joshua, and Aaron. Perley inherited land from his father and farmed for over 40 years. He was active in town affairs and helped establish the school district. Perley was directly related to William Clough who invented the corkscrew. In 1839 Perley sold the farm to David Avery of Gilmanton for \$1,000. Today Avery Hill Road is named after him.

More recently in the 1900's the land just after the Alton Mountain Cemetery was farmed by the Glidden's. Today the family still lives on this same land. Here they grew strawberries, corn, and maple syrup. They also shipped blueberries to Boston that had been grown atop Avery Hill. Trudy Hunter can remember being pulled up the hill by horses on her way to pick the berries during the summer.

Perhaps the most interesting piece of information would be that about the Ellis House. It is said that it was once used as a fort for protection. It was located next to the Hill house and they say it had a great many peepholes along the outside.

The farms have all disappeared and the fields have grown over, but the cellar holes remain. It is these that tell the stories of the families that once lived here.

### The Schoolhouses

As more and more families moved to Alton Mountain, it became clear that a schoolhouse was needed. The six-mile trip to the village was too long and soon a school was established. At first a small building in the woods was used, but the mountain people felt that one was needed along the main road close to where most of the families lived at the time. And so a schoolhouse was built to the right of the

corner gate on the left-hand side of the road. Unfortunately by 1930 the schoolhouse was struck with tragedy when fire destroyed it.

The second schoolhouse was located to the left side of the corner gate, just before the Alton Mountain Cemetery on the right hand side of the road. The school was grades 1 - 8 and all were taught by one teacher. Dana Morse, who grew up on the mountain, can still remember when he attended the first grade at the school in 1931 with about 16 to 18 other children. Going to school was a thrill for the children because it meant that they could interact with people their own age on a regular basis.

Upon finishing eighth grade the students either ended their education or they made the trip to the village once again to attend the higher grades. In 1933 the school on Alton Mountain ended. Alton students still continued to educate themselves.

Ms. Claence Dore, who was salutatorian of her class, became the secretary for her two brothers who both later became governors of New Hampshire. Perhaps even more impressive is the story of Dr. Carroll Jones, one of the top psychiatrists in the country at the time who was asked to testify in the Lindbergh Trial.

### Businesses on the Mountain

Alton Mountain has been the home of many businesses from brick making on Hills Pond to the Clough Small Place's Sawmill, but the most prominent businesses were the farms.

One of these successful farms, the Morse farm, still stands today located on the right-hand side of the road. Albert Sr., Dana Morse's father, ran the farm. He sold lamb, butter, vegetables, milk, and blueberries to the Advent Campground at Alton Bay. He also brought milk to the Alton Bay Railroad Station and sold it to HP Hood. But the largest industry of all

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would be the blueberry field. Located on Pine Mountain, Albert Sr. took over the field and built a shed in the 1930's. Times on the blueberry field have changed though. Once the berries were winnowed (cleaned) by hand and only cost \$.03 a quart. Today a machine does the work and a quart costs \$3. The shed still stands today, and the Morses still sell blueberries making the business over 150 years old.

Once named the Grand View Inn or the Grand View Manor, today is the home of the Lindlands. Traveling up Alton Mountain Road the road begins to level off and then it begins to climb again and turns to the left. On this corner about one quarter of a mile before the corner gate stands the Grand View Inn. The inn is about 145 years old, and in its earlier days it was the alternative lodging to the inn at the Bay, many saying it was a bit less formal. The building was built by a Charles Hayes in the mid-1800's. Hayes used the building as a boarding house, but in 1920 it was ruined by fire; Hayes rebuilt it. Mr. Hayes sold the inn to Amanda Willard who opened the doors to summer visitors, some of whom often stayed for months at a time. Dana Morse, a neighbor to the inn, can remember when his father would pick up visitors down at the railroad station and bring them back up to the inn. In its time the Grand View Inn was a thriving business with everything a guest could want. The inn closed in the late 1940's, but 40 years later it was again used, this time as a family-owned sub shop.

### Alton Mountain Cemeteries

When Alton Mountain began to become settled, a cemetery was needed in the heart of the country on Avery Hill Road. After turning left at the corner gate, the Alton Mountain Cemetery lies on the right-hand side of the road, on a little hill about three-quarters of a mile down. Here many of the early settlers are buried along with their families

in blood and in name. Veterans from the Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War are laid to rest here along with Nehemiah Sleeper for whom Sleeper's Island is named. Today the cemetery is immensely overgrown with bushes and vandalism has taken its toll. Many grave stones have been knocked over, moved, and some have even been stolen.

Just across from the dam on Place's Mill Road lies the family plot of the Sapirs. Behind the old summerhouse is a field and in the right back corner stands the massive rock that marks the graves of Edward Sapir and Jean V. Sapir. Before there were laws restricting it, many families buried their dead on their property, and this is an example of a family plot.

If you turn right at the corner gate and continue along Alton Mountain Road, it eventually turns to dirt and narrows out. At the end of the road where the Ellis and Hill houses once stood lies the Ellis Cemetery. Here rests David Ellis, Alfred Ellis and his wife Mary, and their daughter Amanda. The Ellis Cemetery is still well kept and has flowers growing within its stone walls. Across the road from the Ellis Cemetery is a field of high grass where deer like to hide. If you walk through this field all the way to the back right corner, there is an old stone wall where there is a single grave, that of Betsey Flanders. Unlike the Ellis Cemetery this cemetery is all but forgotten.

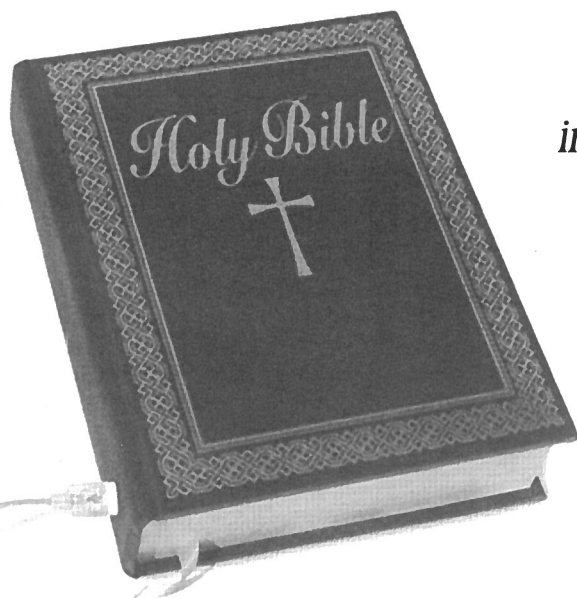
Other settlers of Alton Mountain were buried on their farms and today their graves are lost under the topsoil, but three settlers of the mountain are buried in the Halls Hill Cemetery — James Tibbetts and Jonathan Hill and his wife Mehitable.

### Major Events

Today Alton Mountain weather is as it was 150 years ago, altogether unpredictable. It is always changing and often times it will be completely different from weather



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down at the Bay.

The mountain was famous for blizzards that would dump huge amounts of ice and snow atop the land and because of this settlers often didn't see anyone at all during the winter months. They stayed on the farm living off of what they had produced the summer before and just trying to stay warm. At that time this roads were not plowed after a storm; instead a huge roller was taken out and hitched to a team or two of horses. Then the sand filled roller was pulled along the road. The weight of the heavy roller then packed down the snow making it a bit easier for travel by wagon. When the winter months began to be over and spring crept its way in, the fertile soil grew soft. The melting snow would then cause the dirt roads to become flooded, leading to washouts three feet and deeper.

Over the years the mountain has been in the path of numerous storms. Two storms stand out in the memory of Dana and Ann Morse. The first was a hurricane in 1936 which caused a great deal of damage. The other is the ice storm in 1998 when it rained for two to three days and the entire landscape was covered in an inch or more of ice. It covered the roads making them impassable and trees and power lines making them strain under the weight. Pretty soon the weight of the ice became too much for everything to hold and that's when all the noise began. Trees could be heard popping and snapping just like toothpicks. As the branches fell they took down the power lines with them. The mountain waited for a whole week before power was returned.

There is still evidence of damage as you drive up the mountain road. Many trees only have a few branches at their tops. It is a shame to see the damage that Mother Nature can cause; it is a wonder to see it heal itself.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

**By Millie Pierce, Unit Secretary**

Erin Wood and Jr. Auxiliary member Kim Russell were selected to participate in the Auxiliary's Granite Girls State program. The girls will spend a week at Rivier College from June 30 - July 6. This program offers training in the practical process of self-government and good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society.

Girls State citizens take part in mock political parties, and elections are held to fill city, town, and county positions. The citizens campaign for governor and senators at their rallies and vote on the bills the girls have been writing. The governor makes appointments to the various commissions. The object of the Girls State program is to educate citizens about our system of government, to instill a greater understanding of the American traditions, and to take pride in American citizenship. The girls have fun as well with "role playing," talent shows, and a host of other things. The Auxiliary sponsors this program each year; the Legion also does a program for Boys State.

The Jr. Auxiliary held their state convention in May at the Legion Post home in Alton. Newly elected State Honorary Officers included Alton members, Crystal Deckert for Treasurer and Courtney Rojeck for Secretary.

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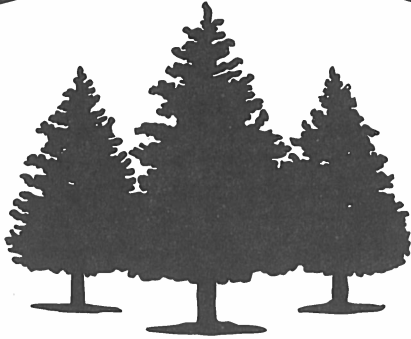


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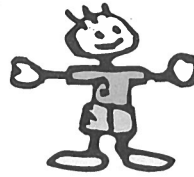
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### Pre-School Programs

Programs are designed for children 3 - 5 years of age and are held on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Program fee is \$3 per day. The leaders are Michelle Whissel and Kellie Troendle, and programs are limited to 12 participants. Please register early.

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**Teddy Bear Picnic** — June 26: Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend to our Teddy Bear Picnic. We will read teddy bear stories, make a craft project, and have a picnic snack. Register by June 17.

### EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

*The following information comes from the Technical Information Release (RIT2002-003, May 1, 2002). The full bulletin can be obtained in Town Hall.*

House Bill 212 "provides an alternative method for the calculation of state education property tax relief grants for eligible claimants in municipalities that have undergone property revaluations since 1998." "An eligible claimant is a person who owns a homestead or interest in a homestead subject to the education property tax; resided in such homestead for a period of one year as of November 3, 1999; realized a net increase in property taxes, exclusive of municipal and county taxes, arising from the payment of excess education property tax to the state; and realized a household income of \$25,000 or less if a single person and \$50,000 or less if a married person or head of a NH household."

Based upon the 1998 assessed value, Alton shows a tax rate increase of \$0.77 on a Maximum Homestead Value of \$135,000.

Eligible claimants must file Form DP-6, 2001 Application for Education Property Tax Relief, by June 30. Forms are available in Town Hall or you may call (603) 271-2192. For tax payer assistance call (603) 271-2186, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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/s/George Lamper Sr. and Family

**LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER**

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

June 3 - 7: Mon., Turkey Ala King; Tue., Salisbury Stead/Gravy; Wed., Breaded Chicken Filet; Thu., Roast Pork/Gravy; Fri., Stuffed Sole/Lemon.

June 10 - 14: Mon., Stuffed Peppers; Tue., Mandarin Chicken; Wed., Cheese Omelet; Thu., Father's Day Lunch of Meatloaf/gravy; Fri., Chicken Fricassee.

June 17 - 21: Mon., Flame Broiled Chicken Breast/Gravy; Tue., Fish Filet/Lemon; Wed., Rigatoni Casserole/Meat Sauce; Thu., Hot Dog; Fri., Chicken Salad.

June 24 - 28: Mon., Meatball Sub/Sauce; Tue., Baked Ham or Turkey/Gravy; Wed., Egg Salad; Thu., Yankee Pot Roast/Gravy; Fri., BBQ Riblets.

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

. . . Federal funding and local donations were sufficient to launch "Phase II" of the Parks and Playgrounds Commission master plan which would provide a parking area and footbridge across the Merrymeeting River to a new multi-purpose recreation area . . . Memorial Day saw the dedication of a new memorial in Monument Square to honor those who served in the Vietnam War . . . Alton School junior Dan LaCroix won first place in the air cooled gas engine repair category at the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Skill Olympics . . . the Capital Improvements Committee was formed . . . David Roberts and Cherie McKenney combined their efforts to win the 1987 Science Fair at Alton School . . . Judy Fry and Mary Batchelder went to Manchester to accept a Community/School Partnership Award for the joint program "Alton: Our Town."

**TEN YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Bonnie Joseph was elected chair of the Board of Selectmen . . . Debbie Beckett was spearheading a volunteer group to "Shape Up the Bay" as an expansion of the Phase I Alton Bay Revitalization project . . . Melanie Makila, a fourth grader at Alton Central School, was selected as the 1992 Belknap County Youth Poet . . . Arthur "Skip" Moulton took first place in the Friends of the Gilman Library photo contest for their 1993 calendar . . . Sherman Brown was presented the first Marion MacDonald Volunteerism Award.

**FIVE YEARS AGO . . .**

. . . Pat Merrill was recognized at the library groundbreaking ceremony with "Patricia Merrill Day" in Alton . . . John Duffek was saluted by the staff of Main Street for his dedication of 12 years as publisher and editor of this unique volunteer effort . . . Members of the Alton Central School Concert Band, Marissa Peterson, Jane Varney, Emily Sydow, David Shibley, and Meghan St. Cyr, participated in the 1997 NH Music Educators Association Northern District All-State Music Festival . . . Alton Central School 6th grade cheerleaders in a competition at Pembroke Academy finished third in Dance and Cheer; they are Siobhan Kivlehan, Kristen Murray, Patty Currid, and Jenny Zirpolo.



### HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB

#### SUMMERTIME DOLL SHOW AND SALE

Seventeenth Year! Destination, Alton Central School! When? June 30, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. It's the Happy Hobby Doll Club's annual Doll Show and Sale.

Long-time doll and teddy bear collectors will be making their way to Alton on that big Sunday and will be bringing "newbie" collectors with them, or maybe just giving them travel directions. They know THIS is just the best doll show ever (as illustrated in the photo above) where they will be able to find all they have on their "wish" list.

The doll show will be held in the gymnasium and lunch will be available on the premises in the cafeteria. Thus, show goers will have all day to shop and purchase from a wide array of dolls, doll clothing, furniture, books, and a variety of doll-related temptations. It will be a day of decision, decision, leading to the ultimate joy of adding to one's collection that very special doll or accessory.

Dealers from throughout New England will be on hand hoping that they have just what you are looking for, or maybe you just want to "talk dolls." This show is a great source of information, offering a hands-on education to help learn about dolls. Many of the dealers are veterans, having been with the Alton show for all 17 years. Other sellers are more recent or will be available for the first time. Attendees should seek out favorite dealers and add new sellers to their list.

What better way to welcome summer to the Lakes Region than to experience the awe and joy of a doll show. Veteran show goers will quickly tell you it is thrilling and the best way to spend a Sunday in Alton.



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