



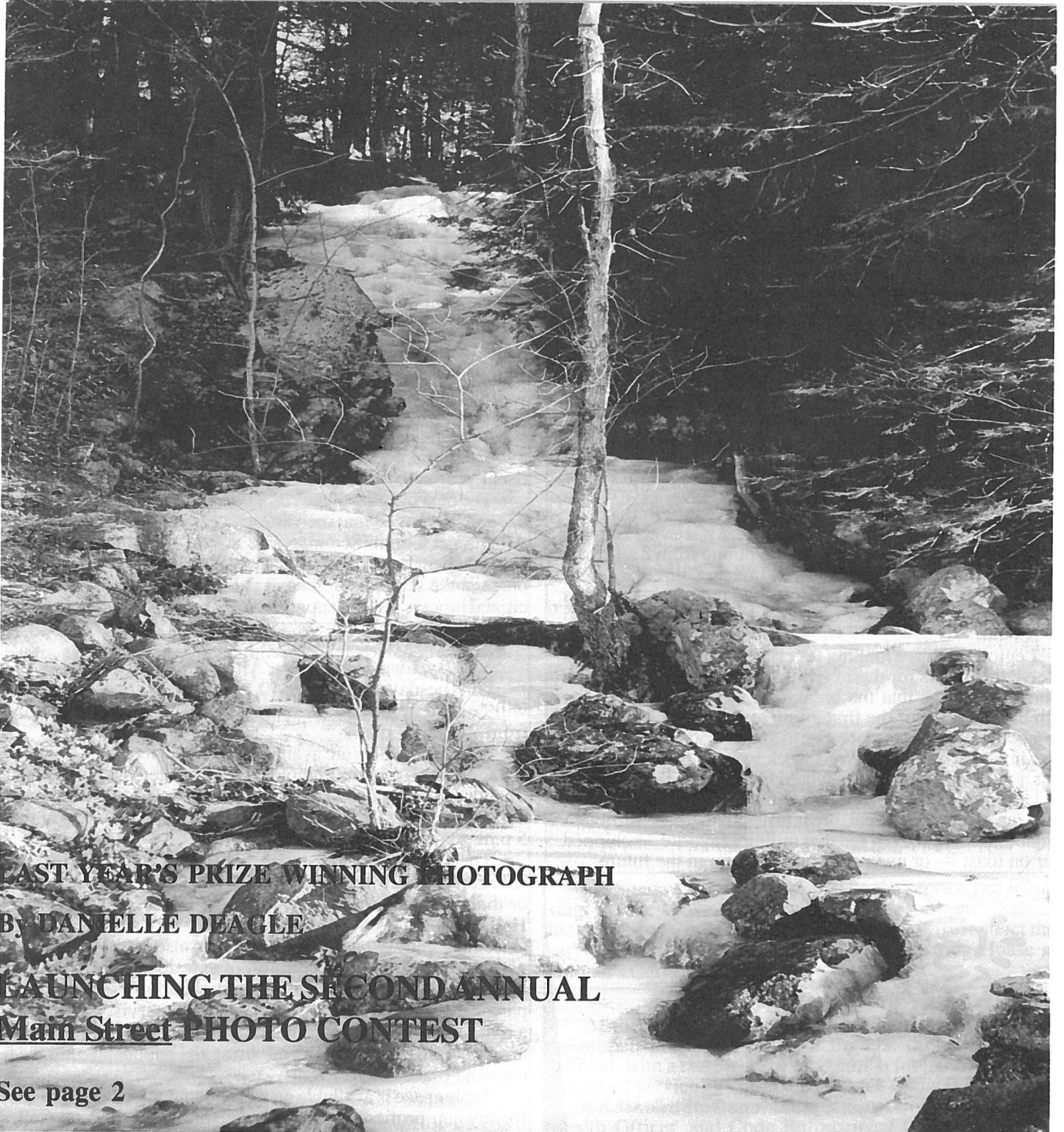
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Main Street PHOTO CONTEST**

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A BREAKFAST FEAST ON SUNDAY

By Dick Cunningham

Looking for a great Sunday morning breakfast with the profits going to charity? American Legion Claude R. Bachelor Post 72 is now serving a home-style breakfast every Sunday morning, and it is open to the general public from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu is tremendous. It includes three different types of sausage, omelets to order, any kind of eggs, French toast, waffles, cereal, coffee, tea, and milk. All for just \$6 per person!

Legionnaires are looking for civic groups to assist and to receive the profits for their favorite charities. The first three Sunday mornings that the breakfasts were held were great with the proceeds of the first going to the Gilman Museum, the second week went to the Legion Kids Community Christmas Party, and the third week went to the Masons. If your non-profit organization would like to be on the schedule, the Legion would like to hear from you. In the meantime, come on over for a great breakfast. If there is sufficient demand, we might even see that military favorite — chipped beef on toast — or even grits on the menu in the future.

THIS MONTH'S COVER STORY

The photograph on the cover of this issue of Main Street was taken by Dannielle Deagle and shows a very tranquil scene in Alton off of Route 28A. It was a winner in last year's first annual photo contest held by Main Street taking two ribbons: one for first place in the "Editors' Choice" category and another for second place in the "People's Choice" group. It is our way of heralding the second annual photo contest, as described in the article found on page 7.

BECOME A PARK COMMISSIONER?

By Kellie Troendle, Director, Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for interested volunteers to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The commission is made up of five members from the community appointed by the Board of Selectmen and meets once a month. The purpose of the commission is to set policies; advise on needed parks and recreation programs; and plan, acquire, and develop recreation facilities, parks, and open space areas to meet the future needs as the town grows. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 for more information and an application.

VACANCY ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

At their June meeting the Alton Budget Committee appointed Bradley Smith and Cydney Johnson to fill vacancies until the March, 2003, town elections. One vacancy remains. Anyone interested in filling this opening and serving on the committee until next March may contact the chairman (875-6750) or any member of the committee.

The committee has set November 4 as the date for the Board of Selectmen to deliver the town's 2003 operating budget to the committee. The school budget for the next fiscal year is to be received November 26.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for August 22, and it is hoped that the vacancy can be filled at that time. All Budget Committee meetings are held in the Town Hall except when reviewing school budgets. Those meetings take place in the school. All meetings are open to the public and citizen input is greatly appreciated.

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

By Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk

On Tuesday, September 10, the State Primary Election will be held at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office. An application must be completed by a registered voter before a ballot can be handed to the applicant or mailed. On Monday, September 9, the Town Clerk's Office will remain open until 5 p.m. to accept any absentee ballots.

The last day to register to vote for the State Primary Election at the Town Clerk's Office is Tuesday, September 3 or that evening from 7 - 8 p.m. in the lower level of Town Hall (door on Depot Street) with the Supervisors of the Checklist who will be sitting. You may also register the day of the election. You must show proof of residency by bringing your photo ID and a piece of mail showing a street/road physical address (not a P. O. Box). The Supervisors suggest a rent receipt, car registration, or a tax or utility bill. If you are a naturalized citizen, please bring the paper showing the date and place of this event.

Table space is available on a first-come, first-served basis for any non-profit organization to sell or raffle products. Call the Town Clerk's Office to reserve a table at 875-2101.



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Main Street's Inside Front Page



Photo by Joe Harris

SCHOOL BAND UNIFORM DRIVE LAUNCHED By Dick Cunningham

The American Legion Claude R. Bachelor Post 72 has embarked on a major fund drive to raise \$12,000 for 48 new band uniforms for Alton High School. The post will be paralleling the example in the musical "Music Man" where high school and civic pride working as partners really came alive.

Just think of the civic pride that Alton (soon to be joined by Barnstead) will have in their high school with brand spanking new uniforms. The Legion needs the help and support of the entire community to raise the money. The entire Legion family (the Legion itself, the Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, and the Junior Auxiliary) are pledging \$2,000 to be added to all money raised over \$10,000. In the photo, above, the principal individuals involved are shown. They are (left to right) Ray Nadeau, Post Commander; Kimberly Russell, President, Jr. Auxiliary; Lisa Rojek, President, Legion Auxiliary; William Waterman, Commander, Sons of the Legion; and Wayne Fraser, Chairman, Alton School Board. Lisa Rojek has agreed to serve as Fund Raising Chairperson.

The Alton High School Band Fund will be set up at the Bank of New Hampshire. School Band Leader, Tom Stevens, the faculty and students are excited and proud about the attention this will bring to the school. It is hoped that the band will grow, participating not only in local school and town events, but also have the opportunity to travel.

The Legion, however, needs the help and support of all of Alton in this endeavor. Volunteers are needed not only from the Legion, but from other groups and individuals to contact everyone — business and individuals, permanent and seasonal residents alike — to contribute. A campaign thermometer will be erected at Monument Square to keep us all informed of the progress. In the mean time, you can call or write the Legion to volunteer or send in your contribution. What a great town-wide project in which all of us can participate!

REBUILDING OLD HOME DAYS

By Christine Elliott, APD Dispatcher

Members of the Alton Police Association (APA) and Alton Fire Association (AFA) are pleased to announce they are working together with the Alton Parks and Recreation Department to resurrect some of the events of the old "Old Home Days." We all miss the wonderful times and spirit of camaraderie and hope to bring back those days as they used to be. This year we are starting small, with no parade, but hope from this modest beginning we can recapture the spirit of "Old Home Days."

The APA and AFA are sponsoring several events for the whole family to enjoy and the proceeds will support "Old Home Days" next year.

For instance, for opens on Friday, August 9, the band "Still Smokin'" (see story on page 5) will be on the bandstand at the Bay from 6 - 10 p.m.. The band consists of four members, one of whom is Alton Police Department's Detective-Corporal Edward Correia.

Friday evening and all day Saturday the AFA will have a cart set up and sell sausage subs and fried dough. What's more, throughout Saturday there will be a Dunkin' Booth (who knows who you will see in that seat), a Moon Walk (on the ground of course), and a Jail Cell. Kids can arrange to lock up their parents — OR, the parents can lock up the kids (!) — and for a small fee a bail can be paid to let them out of jail. (Sorry, there will be no "get-out-of-jail-free" cards.)

Just to add to the excitement the two associations are selling raffle tickets that will help to fund future "Old Home Days." Tickets are already on sale around town and will continue to be sold during "Old Home Days" through that Saturday. They are priced at \$2 each, or three for \$5. The first prize is \$100, second prize, \$75, third, \$50, and fourth, \$25. The drawings will be Saturday night, August 10, at the bandstand at the Bay.

Both the AFA and APA are still looking for volunteers to augment our efforts on Saturday, August 10. If you are willing to give us a hand for a couple of hours, please contact me at the Alton Police Department, 875-0757, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY

Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25, are the days when the East Alton Meeting House Society will hold its yearly event. On Saturday at 6 p.m. there will be the traditional potluck supper and annual meeting. You bring a casserole, salad, or dessert for the food table and don't forget your own place setting and dinnerware.

On Sunday at 4 p.m. there will be the service and hymn sing. As they have so successfully in the past, members of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center will conduct the service. These events take place in the Meeting House at Gilman's Corner.

BOYERS RECEIVES AWARD

At their meeting held on July 15 the Alton Board of Selectmen presented Brian G. Boyers, the town's Code Official, with a certificate of recognition for his five years of dedicated service to Alton. The Code Official carries out many duties for the town with the roles of Building Inspector, Health Officer, and Code Enforcement Officer being the principal job descriptions.

GOING SCUBA DIVING SOUTH OF THE BORDER

By Jesse Lindland

Guatemala? Honduras? Perhaps some of the last places you would think to travel? Yet, my Uncle Ted has owned three book stores in Guatemala and currently owns two pieces of land there. He has been trying to get us all to go there for eight years. In the end my mother and sister decided to stay home and let my father and I have a bonding "guy trip." We weren't going to be alone, though. Far from it. We would be a group of nine: myself, my father, my Uncle Ted, his son Jason, daughter Katie, my Uncle Eric, his girlfriend Illiana, my Uncle Pete, and his wife Emily.

We arrived in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on a late Friday evening in June. The town was very busy and extremely crowded. We caught a shuttle bus to a "bus station," which looked like an abandoned building, with some locals hanging around. From there we hired a ride in the bed of a pickup truck to La Ceiba on the coast. During the ride I wondered if we would ever make it there alive. Since you are reading this you know that we did but only with thanks to some great brake pads. In La Ceiba we found a livable hotel and also a place to eat that was more than happy to re-open late at night and serve eight Americans. Our dining experience included

being frisked by six uniformed military soldiers, complete with their M16's. We all cooperated, although the locals said that they had never seen that happen before. It makes one appreciate our freedoms in this country.

We caught a boat the next morning for the island of Utila, Honduras, the home of the second largest coral reef system in the world. There we would gain our P.A.D.I. (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) SCUBA certification. Our group spent four days on the island, which amazingly enough had the best rooms in which I have ever stayed.

The SCUBA diving was tons of fun. We got to see beautiful coral reef, wonderful colored fish, shark, moray eel,



clear water. It was absolutely amazing. We were also allowed to go down 60 feet underwater, which was pretty wild, and were able to look up at the huge mirror made of the surface of the water.

We left Utila and headed for the Mayan ruins of Copan, Honduras. We had a wonderful evening in that charming city and spent much of the next day at the ruin site. The Mayan's had quite the gift of architecture. Their city was elaborate and original. I was amazed at how well the city has been preserved, and I had to wonder how that happened.

The next morning we rode a bus to Antigua, Guatemala, where we stayed for two days, going to places my uncle Ted has told us about for years. The markets in Antigua were very big and very busy, with all the locals and tourists buying, bargaining, and being convinced to purchase items. While we enjoyed the city, the local laundromat lost our laundry. Bummer . . .

After our stay in Antigua we took another bus to Panajachel, Guatemala. This took us higher into the mountains, which the bus and bus driver didn't take very well. The driver was constantly shifting, due to the very steep up and downs, to the point my father and I thought the engine was going to explode. It was nice to arrive at our destination after our long six-hour ride. Once there we hung out, eating, going to the markets, and visiting places that we had also heard about from Ted. We rented motorcycles, which was cool! My father and I buzzed around the winding roads that hugged the huge mountains surrounding the volcanic crater. I even got to go cliff jumping. Shweeet!

Sadly, ten days later my father and I had to return home, although I was a little homesick. This trip was definitely one of the most exciting out-of-state adventures that I have ever had, and I look forward to maybe going down there again. Just maybe.

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**“STILL SMOKIN” HEADLINING
AUG 9 CONCERT AT THE BAY**

By Judith Pellowe

One Friday, August 9, as part of Old Home Days, “Still Smokin” will take to the bandstand at Alton Bay from 6 - 10 p.m. Still Smokin’ consists of Ed Correia on vocals and rhythm guitar, Ian Hendrick, lead guitar, John Correia, drums, Dave Entrekin, bass, and Flipp Locke, harmonica.

A year and a half ago the band members decided to liven up their church Christmas banquet by playing some music. They had such a good time that they continued to play together and formed Still Smokin’. Ed Correia says “we all spent gobs of money on instruments, so then we realized we had to actually go out and play for money in order to recover our investment.” Still Smokin’ has played at local clubs including Biddy Mulligan’s in Dover, but Correia says they mostly play for private parties and fund-raising functions.

The band plays a combination of contemporary and classic rock covers, from the likes of the Doobie Brothers, Credence Clearwater Revival, John Mellencamp, and Bob Seger. Ed and John Correia are brothers, and Ed says “our Dad was a country singer, and he always said that having fun is more important than technical skill. We are pretty tight as a band, but we won’t be getting a recording contract anytime soon. We have a lot of fun, and our audience has a lot of fun, and that’s what it’s all about for us.”

So bring your lawn chair or a blanket and plan on having a lot of fun and maybe doing a little dancing on Friday night, August 9.

unofficial participants ever pass by, including modern and antique fire trucks, five antique tractors, also known as “Doodlebugs,” a restored Ford tractor, modern and antique trucks and cars, golf carts, four- and six-wheelers, dirt bikes, a riding John Deere tractor, and a miniature replica Model T. sedan. There were 27 entries, including floats of historical significance displaying the American flag and George Washington with his soldiers crossing the Delaware River, shown above.

A delicious cookout awaited the participants and neighbors at the home of Nancy and Mark Northridge, Gilman’s Corner. It was a fitting conclusion and celebration of our nation’s Independence Day.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB

By Ruth Nickerson, Publicity

The Tuesday, August 27, program will be a field trip to the Flaghill Winery of Lee, New Hampshire. This “Nectar of the Gods” event will include luncheon served at 12:15 p.m. by Flaghill Catering.

Those planning to attend should meet at the Congregational Meeting House parking lot at 10 a.m. for directions and car pooling.



Photo by Judy Fry

NINTH ANNUAL “UNOFFICIAL PARADE”

By Judy Fry, East Alton

All the right ingredients came together for the ninth Annual “Unofficial Parade” on July 4 — sunshine, blue sky, and more unofficial participants than ever. At the start of the parade each driver received a colorful commemorative dash plaque of this annual event.

The entries began arriving late morning, lining up along the north end of Roberts Cove Road to await the starting time. Unofficial Parade Organizer, Irving Roberts, and Unofficial Chief Navigator, Russell Jones, started the parade at 12 noon sharp. Irving set the pace along Roberts Cove Road, which included visits to Lakeside and Cedar Cove, with his bright red calliope providing continuous music along the parade route. A surprise was waiting for each driver and passenger at Cedar Cove; a cool drink was given to each participant by Sandy and Daniel Vandy. The refreshment was much welcome as the temperature soared throughout the holiday.

Spectators along the route watched the largest group of

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ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM**By Dorothye S. Wentworth, Director**

The Alton Community Services Program will be moving to the newly renovated Grange Hall building at the corners of Main Street and Mooney Avenue. We hope to be in and operating the Food Pantry the first Saturday in August. The hours will continue to be the same, 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. The emergency number will be 875-CARE (2273) (please leave a message). If you have extra fresh vegetables from your garden, please remember the Food Pantry this year. We have receipts from the Extension Service to give you as these items are tax deductible. You may leave them at the Town Hall or at the office on Saturdays.

Free prescription medicine is available to those who qualify. You may phone 1-573-996-7300. They are on the internet at <www.the.medicinoprogram.com> or e-mail help@the.medicinoprogram.com. I do have applications available. The program requires a \$5 processing fee for each medication requested. The Alton Community Services would like to thank you for the support you so generously give us to continue our work. We have received the new guidelines from the USDA for 2002-2003.

**A BALLAD OF THE USS SQUALUS DISASTER
AVAILABLE ON VIDEO FROM THE LIBRARY****By Bob Longabaugh**

The persons who attended the Friends of the Gilman Library meeting on July 9 were treated to something quite special. The announced program of the evening was "The Ballad Lives! Singing the Roots of Narrative Art." The balladeer for the program was Professor John Perrault from Portsmouth who presented a short history of the ballad and its place in American culture. The educational aspect of his "lecture" was intertwined with singing examples of the points that he was making, which was a most pleasant listening experience.

What was unexpected was the rendering of a second-hand account of the tragic fate that befell 26 crewmen of the United States Navy submarine Squalus, which went to the bottom of the ocean off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, during its sea trials in 1939. Those 26 souls were trapped in the sealed off portion of the sub when a valve failed to close sufficiently during a dive trial, thereby costing them their lives as the vessel sank to the ocean floor. Thirty-three crewmen remained alive in the unflooded part of the submarine, and it was up to a still untested diving bell to effect their rescue.

The ballad relating the event was written and composed by Perrault drawing from the first-hand account of a Squalus survivor, Gerald McLees, now 82 and a resident of Portsmouth. McLees was one of the 33 who took the trip to the surface in the rescue bell. His group of survivors still holds reunions each year. Perrault put the ballad together after several interviews with McLees and doing some additional research of his own. During his July performance at the Gilman Library, Perrault supplemented the musical part of the story with several fascinating anecdotes dealing with McLees' life, both before and after the Squalus sinking.

All of this is on video. Perrault's performance was recorded for showing on LRPA-TV, and the last showings will be over cable channel 25 on August 2 and 3. (Consult the Channel 25 program listings a day or two in advance for the exact times.) It runs a little over an hour and after its last showing on LRPA-TV the video cassette will become available for check out at the Gilman Library.



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BEAUTIFUL ANTIQUE WOODEN BOATS!

Longing for "The Good Old Days?" Why not join the New Hampshire Boat Museum and come on down to the Alton Bay public docks on Saturday, August 10, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. You will see some of the most beautiful old wooden boats! And you get to choose the three trophy winners. The boats receiving the most voting points will be awarded the first, second, and third prize trophies donated by the West Alton Marina.

At about 11:30 a.m. a parade of all the wooden boats, led by the trophy winners, will circle the Bay. Old and new friends are welcome. Come and join in the fun.



SECOND ANNUAL Main Street "UNIQUELY ALTON" PHOTO CONTEST

Attention photographers! Main Street will be seeking entries for its second "Uniquely Alton" photo contest. The editors and Board of Directors of Main Street invite everyone to participate.

The rules are simple: photos entered may be of any person, place, or event of local interest that tells why Alton is unique. All submissions should be 8 x 10" pictures mounted in an 11 x 14" mat. Please, no glass or framed pictures — they will not be accepted due to the limited space available. All entries accepted as "uniquely Alton" will be displayed.

Details will be announced in the next issue of Main Street. Submission forms will be available next month at the Main Street drop box located inside the Bank of New Hampshire in the back right corner. A separate box will be available for entries at the bank or you may contact Joe Harris at 364-6388 to arrange pickups or answer any questions.

Ribbons and prizes will be awarded. The editors and board reserve the right to refuse any photo that in their opinion does not meet the quality, standards, or size requirements.



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THE LAST OF THE GOOD OL' SUMMERTIME

To me August is the month that ends summer. If you have not done some of the "summer things" you wanted to do, now is the time to schedule them before summer is gone.

Warm water fish are the quarry this month. Dusk, dark, and dawn are the times to go after bass. Smallmouth will be in deeper water most of the time as they prefer cooler water temperatures. To catch them, use plastic worms, "leadhead" jigs, or deep running plugs until you find where they are. Continue to fish that depth and you should have success. Large mouth prefer weedy type covers and are more active after dark. "Sound fishing" near weeds or lily pads should produce some exciting fishing. Cast noisy or splashy surface lures and listen for the strike.

The moon will be full on the 22nd, and from the 19th until the 26th would be a good time to plan a night fishing trip. The fish charts show high points of activity on these dates from 6 p.m. until midnight. Scouting beforehand for good night fishing spots will give you more confidence to maneuver your boat and cast effectively after dark. Put some red cellophane over your flashlight to eliminate loss of "night vision" when you change lures or, of course, land the big one.

If you like to eat the fish you catch, hornpout are a delicious fish to go after this month. You usually fish for them after dark also. They can be found in any pond or lake with muddy bottoms. A gob of night crawlers on the bottom should catch these tasty fish. Though difficult to clean, they are worth the effort.

Trout fishing can be tough this month as water flowage is at its lowest of the year. The trout will be concentrated in deeper pools, so a stealthy approach and cast will be needed or you will spook them.

For the hunter, this is a get-ready month. Scouting for deer and bear now will set one up for the upcoming hunting seasons. Bear hunting opens on September 1, and the archery deer season opens just a couple of weeks later on the 15th. The archery hunter can practice his/her skills at the 3D shoots held each Thursday night at the Club Pond grounds of the Farmington Fish and Game Club in New Durham. Registration is at the clubhouse every Thursday from 4:30 - 7 p.m. The cost is \$4 for non-members and \$3 for members. The guys who set up the course get quite creative in placing the targets for realistic shooting practice. You should try it.

In other words, get out there — NOW!

VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP

Come spend time with some of the top Alton Varsity Volleyball players and have fun learning volleyball skills! Camp runs August 5 - 9, 4 - 6 p.m., in the Alton Central School gym. The cost is \$50, which includes a water bottle and t-shirt. Sign ups are at the first meeting on August 5.

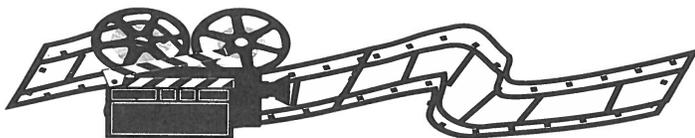
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE POLLS

If you are willing to help at the polls on Primary Day, September 10, call Mark Northridge, Town Moderator, at 875-5255 and volunteer your time. There is always a corps of "regulars," but not everyone is available for every election. For newcomers to Alton it is a good way to see how the town operates at this level and start to learn names and faces. The shifts are from 7 - 11 a.m., 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., and 3 - 7 p.m. Then there are the "after the polls close" tabulators who work from 7 p.m. until the last vote is tallied.

GOING UNDERGROUND



Equipment of the Alton Water Department is seen here at work last month as a new six-inch water main is buried under the "back access" road to Jones' Field. The main is to connect the town's third well with the existing water distribution system at River Lake West Street. The 500 g.p.m. well was driven last autumn, and when the connection is placed in service by the end of this year, the town's water supply will be more than doubled.



A CINEMA IN THE MAKING

By Joe Harris

Brooks Cinema Corporation is one step closer to bringing an indoor movie theater to Alton. The Alton Zoning Board gave unanimous approval to the proposal during its May 2 meeting.

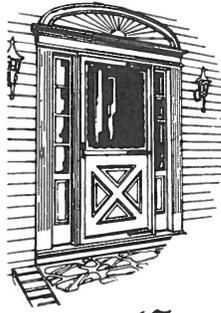
Gordon and Karen Brooks, representing Brooks Cinema Corp. of Wolfeboro, propose to construct a five-screen, 800-seat theater and café on property they purchased on Range Road adjacent to Homestead Place. The theater will be tentatively scheduled to operate from early afternoon to 10:30 p.m. in the summer, with shows beginning at 5 p.m. in the winter. Popcorn, candy, soda, sandwiches, grilled food, and pastries would be available in a 50-seat café. The theater would employ 18 people in the summer and ten during the winter months.

According to the Brooks their intent is to build a "small-town theater, wishing to make it part of the community and have a friendly feeling," which is why they propose the addition of an intimate café. Children's programs will be an important part of the theater assuring parents they will find a family-friendly film on any given day.

The Brooks added that although they don't expect to fill the 800 seats, they must have the seating capacity in order to obtain first-run films. The smallest auditorium will be used for a variety of special programs, including screenings of classic and independent films.

During the public hearing several residents spoke in favor of the proposal, while one abutter expressed negative concerns.

The proposal must now be presented to the Alton Planning Board for Site Review. If approved, the Brooks are hoping to have the theater completed and operating by the summer of 2003.



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The Alton Fire and Rescue boat is seen, berthed next to the Police Department's marine cruiser, at the town's new public safety pier. The pier, located adjacent to the M/S Mt. Washington dock in Alton Bay, was constructed last fall in order to make available more tie-up space for the general public at the municipal docks further south in the bay where the public safety "fleet" was formerly berthed.

SCHOOL BUS ETIQUETTE

By Amanda Eason

Editors' note: The following story first appeared in the December, 1999, Main Street. With school opening it seems an appropriate time to repeat the message.

School busses carry 70 to 84 children, all under the supervision of one adult. The 40' x 8' frame has to navigate tight areas under all conditions, often with inches to spare, and only a narrow view through mirrors. Unlike dump trucks or 18-wheelers, the load is alive and kicking and ready to break all the rules. Kids and rules, rules and kids — the two go together like vinegar and oil. Drivers constantly remind students: stay seated, no eating on the bus, and follow the bus safety rules.

Safety is the first reason for any rules posted on a bus. Staying seated and facing forward keeps children protected in the event of a collision, plus a moving bus is disorienting and physically strenuous when working against inertia, swaying, and braking of the vehicle, not to mention distracting the driver. Open food is not allowed because of cleanliness and possible choking hazards. A lollipop hanging in a child's mouth can be pushed into the throat by any number of events.

A less known safety problem is behavior at the bus stop. A driver cannot see the 10-foot space around the sides of the bus or directly in front. A student running alongside isn't likely to be seen. Students who approach the bus before it comes to a full stop run many risks. The driver of a passenger car may try to whip around the right side to get past in the breakdown lane, even at a stop.

It's difficult to get kids to understand that rules are designed for safety. It is virtually impossible to enforce no food allowed. Kids want to spread out and switch seats as spaces become open. An uncooperative student endangers every student on the bus. The driver must avert attention from the road to the student mirror and the child. Every second the driver's eyes are off the road the environment around the bus may change with a loss of reaction time. Many bus drivers pull over to the side to deal with problems.

Always remember: Drive Safely!



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Inside

THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN

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FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

By Bob Longabaugh

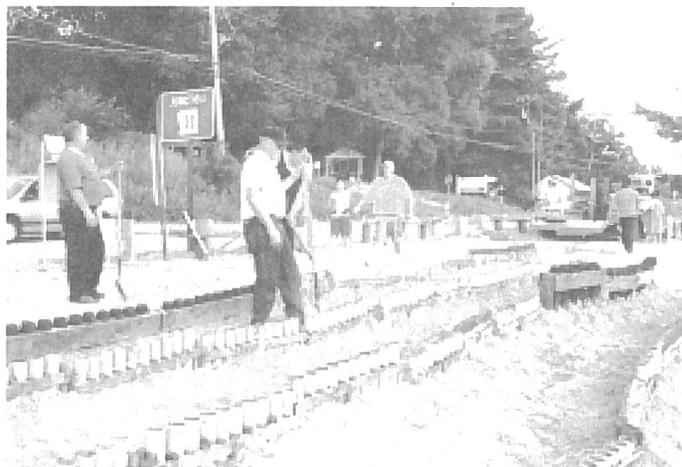
Alton residents and visitors alike will no longer be surprised by the acclaim that has been bestowed lately on the town's fireworks displays. We are now known from the Atlantic to the Pacific because the above July 4 edition of the San Diego Union Tribune featured, on the front page, a 5" x 7" color photo under the headline "The Celebrations Begin." The caption under the photo by Jim Cole (which is not reproduced here due to its Associated Press copyright) said: "Thousands of people got a jump on Fourth of July celebrations last night as they watched a fireworks show from the shore and on Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton, N.H."

The front page clipping arrived at Town Hall due to the thoughtfulness of Rose and Warren Hicks, formerly of Attleboro, Massachusetts, and now living in San Diego. Mrs. Hicks wrote in the letter that accompanied the clipping:

"When I first glanced at this photo on the front page of our local San Diego paper, my first thoughts were 'Gee, this brings back memories of us sitting in our boat at the Weirs during the 4th of July fireworks back in the 1950's.' I immediately brought my eyes down to the write-up under the photo and could not believe what I was reading. I just had a premonition it might be somewhere on Lake Winnepesaukee — or so I wished.

"I was so surprised that our paper would put this picture of a small N.H. town on the front page — this is unusual. We were married in Alton Bay on Sept. 3, 1960, by the Justice of the Peace on his back porch on the water on Route 11. We spent our summer weekends and all our vacations at the Chanticleer up the road."

Mrs. Hicks' surprise is not a surprise to the local connoisseurs of fireworks. They have been taking note that Alton's aerial displays have been getting both longer and more spectacular. The person responsible is Alton's own Wendell Beck who does "shoots" for the American Thunder Company. He is shown, below, in the final stages of setting up for one of last years performances.



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FICTION

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Berg, Elizabeth	True to Form
Burke, James Lee	Jolie Blon's Bounce
Clark, Mary Higgins	Mount Vernon Love Story
Collins, Jackie	Deadly Embrace
Cookson, Catherine	Silent Lady
Cussler, Clive	Fire Ice
Davidson, Diane Mott	Chopping Spree
Evanovich, Janet	Hard Eight
Goudge, Eileen	Taste of Honey
Karon, Jan	In This Mountain
Kellerman, Faye	The Forgotten
Krentz, Jayne Ann	Eclipse Bay Series (3 books)
Lovesey, Peter	Diamond Dust
McCaffrey, Anne	Freedoms Ransom
McMurtry, Larry	Pretty Boy Floyd
Palmer, Michael	Fatal
Patterson, James	The Beach House
Phillips, Susan Elizabeth	Breathing Room
Quick, Amanda	Don't Look Back
Roberts, Nora	Face the Fire
Steel, Danielle	Sunset in St. Tropez
Thomas, Craig	Lions Run
Trollope, Joanna	Girl From the South
Vine, Barbara	The Blood Doctor
Waller, James	A Thousand Country Roads

NONFICTION

Heald, Bruce	Around Squam Lake
Pipher, Mary	Reviving Ophelia
Simmons, Rachel	Odd Girl Out

CHILDREN

Adams, Simon	World War II
Bach, Richard	Air Ferrets Aloft
DePoala, Tomie	A New Barker in the House
Inches, Alison	Dizzy's Bird Watch (Bob The Build)
Warshaw, Hallie	Zany Rainy Days: Indoor Activities

AUDIO CASSETTES

Block, Lawrence	Some Days You Get The Bear
Burke, James Lee	Black Cherry Blues
Christie, Agatha	A Caribbean Mystery
Cornwell, Patricia	Black Notice
Devereaux, Jude	Sweet Liar
Francis, Dick	Long Shot
Gaffney, Patricia	The Saving Graces
Hemingway, Ernest	Short Stories
Krentz, Jayne Ann	Dawn in Eclipse Bay
Lowell, Elizabeth	Three Bestsellers in One
Quick, Amanda	With This Ring
Robb, J. D.	Betrayal in Death



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- Fri. 2 TEEN DANCE, "Summer Splash," 7 p.m. see story
 Sat. 3 SANBORNTON COMMUNITY BAND, ABB, 7 - 9 p.m.
 JACOBS BROTHERS IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. 4 BREAKFAST AT AMERICAN LEGION, 8 a.m., see story
 CLAYTON BLACKSTONE, Special Speaker, ABCCC,
 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Thu. 8 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, Pearson Road Community
 Center, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
 Fri. 9 OLD HOME DAYS WEEKEND BEGINS, see stories
 "STILL SMOKIN'" CONCERT, ABB, 6 p.m., see story
 FOOD CART, Alton Fire Association, ABB
 "WIR SINGEN FUR JESUS CHOIR" CONCERT, ABCCC,
 8 p.m.
 Sat. 10 OLD HOME DAYS WEEKEND CONTINUES
 5K ROAD RACE, ABB, 9 a.m., see Old Home Days
 CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay, 9 a.m., see story

- WOODEN BOAT SHOW, Alton Bay, 9 a.m., see story
 FOOD CART, DUNKIN' BOOTH, MOON WALK, JAIL,
 RAFFLE, ABB, all day
 SEACOAST COMMUNITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA,
 ABB, 7 - 9 p.m.
 YOUNG CONTINENTALS IN CONCERT, ABCCC,
 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. 11 OLD HOME DAYS WEEKEND ENDS
 BREAKFAST AT AMERICAN LEGION, 8 a.m., see story
 CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay, 9 a.m., see story
 CLIVE CALVER, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m.
 and 6 p.m.
 Mon. 12 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Library, 6:30 p.m.
 Tue. 13 FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY, Meeting and
 Speaker, 7 p.m., see Checkout
 Sat. 17 AUTO SHOW, Lions Club Fund Raiser, see story
 CHICKEN BBQ, Rte. 140 Fire Station, 4:30 p.m.
 PONY EXPRESS, ABB, 7 - 9 p.m.
 DIANE MUISE IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. 18 BREAKFAST AT AMERICAN LEGION, 8 a.m. see story
 STAN FARMER, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m.
 and 6 p.m.
 Tue. 20 MR. FIXIT PROGRAM, Pearson Road Community
 Center, 12 noon, see Senior Citizens Corner
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Appraisal Program, 5 p.m.,
 see story
 Fri. 23 HOW 911 AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY, Pearson Road
 Community Center, 11:30 a.m., see Senior Corner
 Sat. 24 JEWS FOR JESUS IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 8 P.M.
 EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY, Meeting
 and Supper, 6 p.m., see story
 EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE, ABB, 7 - 9 p.m.
 SONS OF THE FATHER IN CONCERT, ABCCC,
 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. 25 BREAKFAST AT AMERICAN LEGION, 8 a.m., see story
 EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY, Service,
 4 p.m., see story
 BRUCE WALL, Special Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30 a.m.
 and 6 p.m.
 Mon. 26 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, Watch out for the kids!
 Tue. 27 GARDEN CLUB, Field Trip, see story
 ASSEMBLE Main Street, American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri. 30 JUSTIN MCROBERTS — Youth Concert, ABCCC,
 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. 31 THE SHIFTER'S, ABB, 7 - 9 p.m.
 CHAD MILLER IN CONCERT, ABCCC, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. Sept. 1 DR. WALTER KAISER, Special Speaker, ABCCC,
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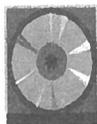
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August 3 — The Sanbornton Community Band playing traditional favorites.

August 10 — Seacoast Community Chamber Orchestra with a swing and big band sound.

August 17 — Pony Express which does country and western. This is sponsored by McGrath's Food Center.

August 24 — East Bay Jazz Ensemble playing swing and jazz.

August 31 — The Shifter's, a rock and roll group.

DISCOVER ALTON'S LIBERTY TREE PARK

By Joe Harris

Whether you are a year-round resident or just looking for a morning, afternoon, or early evening of fun while vacationing in Alton, Liberty Tree Park offers something for the entire family to enjoy.

Located on Route 140, just outside of Alton Village and next to the Alton Central Fire Station, Liberty Tree Park offers activities geared to all ages and interests. The park is home to Alton's two tennis courts. It also features two basketball courts, a large skateboard park, the Mike Burke Memorial Volleyball Court, and the famous Alton Liberty Tree. A slide and swing set round out the park's facilities.

For those wishing to enjoy a quieter experience, park benches are situated along the banks overlooking the Merrymeeting River and under the cover of shady trees throughout the park.

Directions from Alton Village: Off of NH Route 11 take Route 140 West at the flashing yellow light for .3 of a mile, Liberty Tree Park is on the left just past the fire station. Parking is limited.



OLD HOME DAYS 2002

The weekend of August 9 - 11 will be Alton's Old Home Days celebration. There are many events being planned this year. Here is what you can look forward to this year.

Friday Night Concert

See the article on page 5 telling you about the band concert "Still Smokin'" that will be presented on Friday night, August 9 beginning at 6 p.m. This band has a member of Alton's police department playing rhythm guitar.

5K Road Race

Co-sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department and the Bank of New Hampshire, this event will take place on Saturday, August 10. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. The registration fee is \$10 per runner. Pre-register by August 2 and receive a race shirt. Register race day at 8 a.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. Computerized timing will be provided by Granite State Race Services with results posted online. USATF certified the course through Alton, which is scenic, a slight varying course, flat/downhill with one moderate incline, paved. Awards to overall male and female, top male and female finisher in each age category, first Alton male and female and walking. If you are interested in being a race volunteer, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109; all volunteers will receive a cool, limited edition race shirt.

Craft Fair

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the 21st annual Old Home Days Craft Fair in Alton Bay on August 10 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and August 11 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free. Over 40 juried crafters will have handmade New England craft items, including fine wood crafts, candles, fleece, stoneware pottery, Native American items, jewelry, fabrics, quilts, florals, doll furniture, scroll saw fretwork, handmade soaps, herbs, and much more.

Saturday Night Concert at the Bandstand

The Seacoast Community Chamber Orchestra will play swing and the big band sound for your listening and dancing (if you wish) pleasure.

Other Events During the Weekend

Read about the Alton Police Association and Alton Fire Association in the article on page 3 to find out about all the fun events these two groups are planning for everyone.

COME OUT AND ENJOY OLD HOME DAYS!

GILMAN MUSEUM OPEN AUGUST 9 AND 10

In conjunction with Alton's "Old Home Days," the Gilman Museum will be open Friday, August 9, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The first 25 visitors will receive a frameable print of their choice, compliments of the museum. The museum's Civil War exhibit will be on display. Members of the museum committee will be in attendance to answer any questions.

On Saturday, August 10, the museum will be open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A variety of family day activities are planned. If you wish to participate or need further information, call 875-0201 (museum) or 875-2161 (Town Hall).

AUTO SHOW AUGUST 17

The Lions Club Auto Show will be held at the New Durham Railway Station Restaurant on Route 11 on Saturday, August 17, beginning at 9 a.m. For more information call Steve Parker at 875-3117.

NEED A FISHING LICENSE?

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Alton Bay Christian Conference Center — Sun. Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Evening concerts in the Tabernacle, Fri., 8 p.m. and Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Weekday Services in Moore Chapel, Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 9:30 a.m. and Mon., Tue., Thu., 7:30 p.m.; Sat. Morning Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m. 875-6161.

Baha'i Fireside — Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road

Bay Church — Sun. Services, Alton Bay Bandstand, 9 a.m. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor; Rev. John Fogell, Assoc. Pastor

Community Church — 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

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American Legion — 2nd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28

American Legion Auxiliary — 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall

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LIVE THE LIFE
By Cindy & John Duffek

THE TARAHUMARAS

We arrived in Creel about noon on the fifth day of our 27-day RV caravan through Mexico. After we had lunch, a bus came and picked us all up. We rode to the outskirts of town and visited the homes of the Tarahumara Indians.

They are one of the oldest tribes in North America, descendants of the Aztecs. They are short and very dark with black hair. They are quite shy and don't like to look anyone in the eyes. The children are everywhere. Each family has at least four children. Unfortunately, they are not very healthy. Many children die of diarrhea or pneumonia before their fifth birthday. There is a hospital in Creel, and the health is beginning to improve. Most Indians do not go to school, but a few go to the nearby mission school.



It was very interesting to visit their homes. They actually live in huge caves that are separated into rooms by curtains. They do all their cooking inside the entrance of the cave with the smoke escaping through the front of the cave. You can tell if someone lives in a cave because you can see the creosote buildup on the outside wall. The caves are very smoky because they have fires going continuously, especially in this cool weather.

The Tarahumaras are known for their weaving, both baskets and yarns. The baskets are not elaborate but are well made out of grasses. The prices are very low. We bought seven baskets for \$17. Each time we stopped the bus at different settlements, the children were out offering baskets and weavings for us to buy. They were very persistent, too.

We also toured a Jesuit mission of San Ignacio in the middle of one of the Tarahumara settlements. It was built 225 years ago, and is still used today. The school for those children whose parents want them to attend is right next door.

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.

HUGGINS HOSPITAL AID STREET FAIR

By Nancy Nelson, Publicity Chair

The annual Huggins Hospital Aid Street Fair of Wolfeboro will be held Friday, August 2, and Saturday, August 3, from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. The proceeds support Huggins Hospital and the Hospital Aid Scholarship Fund.

Live entertainment, clowns, fast food, amusements, and many booths plus raffles are all part of the fair. An auction will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. The traditional Lobster Boil will be held on Friday evening and the Chicken BBQ on Saturday evening.

For more information visit the web site at <www.wolfeborofair.com>.



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. . . your advertisement to be printed in a specific month? The DEADLINE is the 10th of the preceding month. You must have your copy and your payment either placed in the drop box in the Bank of NH on Main Street or received at P.O. Box 210, Alton Bay, NH 03810 before or by the 10th.

Usually the editors must put the paper together in a tight time frame. Articles or ads/money coming in late cannot be accommodated if the paper is already laid out.

Main Street SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT

Many families have students going off to college this fall. These young people might like to keep informed about what's happening in Alton, and we have the perfect going-away gift idea for you. Surprise them with a year subscription to Main Street. For only \$12 you can send them 12 issues or \$7.50 for 6 issues—they will be just as informed as you each month.

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Photo by Judy Fry

"BAG IT" VERY SUCCESSFUL

By Judy Fry, East Alton

It was a picture perfect June morning for the "Bag It" project. Volunteers gathered at the East Alton Fire Station for directions and a supply of trash bags. Each volunteer, armed with the bright blue bags, selected roadside areas in East Alton to clean. The generous supply of bags were donated by New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc., of Littleton. Their motto is "Fight Litter."

By late morning many bags had been filled by the 26 volunteers who cleaned up trash along 12 roads covering 30 miles. Later at the fire station the contents of each bag was sorted into separate bags of tin cans, glass and plastic bottles, and trash before delivery to the Solid Waste Center. Only one very tired tire was found along the roadside.

A cookout, complete with homemade cookies, concluded the morning clean-up project. The East Alton Fire Association directors would like to extend a thank you to each volunteer who donated several hours of their time cleaning the neighborhood roadsides. It was a very successful community project for all.

LIONS CLUB AUTO SHOW

The day and date of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club auto show is Saturday, August 17, (rain date August 18). The group is hard at work on this major fund raiser which will take place at the New Durham Railway Station Restaurant on Route 11. Registration starts at 9 a.m., all votes must be in by 1 p.m., and the award ceremony is at 3 p.m. Trophies, 19 of them, will be issued, including a trophy for the "People's Choice Award."

Funds raised by this event go to support a variety of services in the community and the state. Places such as Camp Pride in New Durham, eye glasses for the needy, and other requests that come before the membership all benefit.

At the June meeting a new slate of officers were installed. Warren Pelton, Jr. is the new King Lion; Charles Greeley, first Vice-President; Stephen Parker, Second Vice; Robert Smith, Lion Tamer; George Bornheim, Tail Twister; Cecile Chase, Secretary; and Susan Hoover, Treasurer. Anyone interested in joining this active group, contact Lion Steve Parker at 875-3117. The group will not be meeting for the remainder of the summer, other than to finalize the details on the first annual auto show.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Donald E. Parks
Superintendent of Schools

**ANSWERS ON THE NEW SCHOOL**

During the time period leading up to the closing on the General Obligation Sale of Bonds with Zions Bank of Salt Lake City by the Alton School District for the purpose of financing Alton's share of the new high school, there are many questions and concerns being circulated in the community. I wish to address those issues as follows.

1) Will there be air-conditioning in the auditorium? No firm decision has been made and will not be made until the bids on the new building are received and awarded. All of the duct work, electrical hook-ups and pipes will be installed to be ready in the event there is money available. The first priority of the joint school board is the instructional program. In summary, it is a strong desire on the part of the school board to install air conditioning, but the decision will be made at the time of the bid opening. In order to get a fair price, the district will bid the air conditioning as an "add alternate."

2) Has there been any expenditure of the anticipated fund balance from the 2001-2002 budget? The answer is no. If there had been an expenditure, it would have been in the form of a "loan," i.e., the general fund would have been paid back as soon as the district received \$9,633,000 from the sale of bonds.

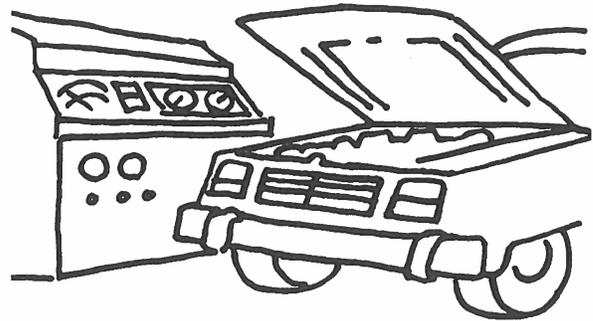
3) Has there been a decision on the water supply for the new building? No; however, Dick Quindley, Superintendent of the Alton Water Works, made a presentation to the Joint School Building Sub-Committee and provided estimates to hook into the town water system. The estimates were: a need for 6,000 feet of pipe at \$50 a foot (which includes installation), \$50,000 for a pump booster station, and \$10,000 in annual user fees. The total cost would be \$360,000 the first year and \$10,000 user fees thereafter. The architect estimates wells and storage tanks at around \$200,000.

4) What is going to happen to the \$2,300,000 saved due to paying back the debt on the bonds in 10 years as opposed to 20 years? The district will not generate any extra money to spend due to the shorter pay back period. The district will not spend as much on interest payments, hence the savings.

5) Have there been any changes to the original size of the school or the type of educational program that was originally presented during the public hearings? No. However, the number of athletic fields has been reduced from seven to six. Instead of having seven fields with no irrigation, it was decided to reduce the number of softball fields from two to one. The six fields are: three soccer, two baseball and one softball, with all fields irrigated.

I hope this information is helpful and will clear up any possible misinformation.

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THE RED HATS ARE HERE!

For those of you who do not know about this society, it was founded in 1999 by Sue Ellen Cooper in Fullerton, California. When she and her friends became 50 years old, she gave them a red hat as a joke. Before long enough of them had red hats so they daringly decided to go out to tea. Women started noticing, and only three years later there are approximately 3,500 chapters in the United States, as well as in Germany and Guam at military bases. The statement of purpose is to simply enjoy life and be a little silly, which seems to come naturally when the group puts on their red hats. Each person creates her own hat using spray paint and a bargain basement straw hat, letting the imagination go wild.

The Alton chapter was founded in August 2001 by Mary Ann Ryan. The founder is the "Queen Mother," not to be confused with Sue Ellen Cooper, who is the "Exalted Queen Mother." Alton was the second chapter started in New Hampshire, but in just one short year there are now 23 chapters in the state. There are no rules except to be 50 years old, but there is a dress code. Aside from the red hat the person must wear purple outfits with all the accessories (right down to the gloves) being red. The members of each chapter selects a chapter name. The Alton chapter is "Fair Warning" based on the poem "Warning" by Jenny Joseph, which is actually the basis of the whole organization. The poem is the guideline for the organization. The group marched in the July 4 parade in Wolfeboro and some people looked baffled until they read the beginning lines of the poem on the float. "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple with a Red Hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me."

Although having fun is the aim of the group, it is hoped a little good is accomplished along the way. At Christmas the Mrs. Santa Fund was helped out with members doing shopping

and gift wrapping. As the group becomes stronger and more well known, it is hoped larger ventures can be tackled. The Alton chapter has members from Wakefield to Sanbornton. Join the group if you can take all the funny looks from the regular folk. You can also start your own chapter by way of the internet at <www.redhatsociety.com>. For more information, call Mary Ann Ryan, 875-2112.

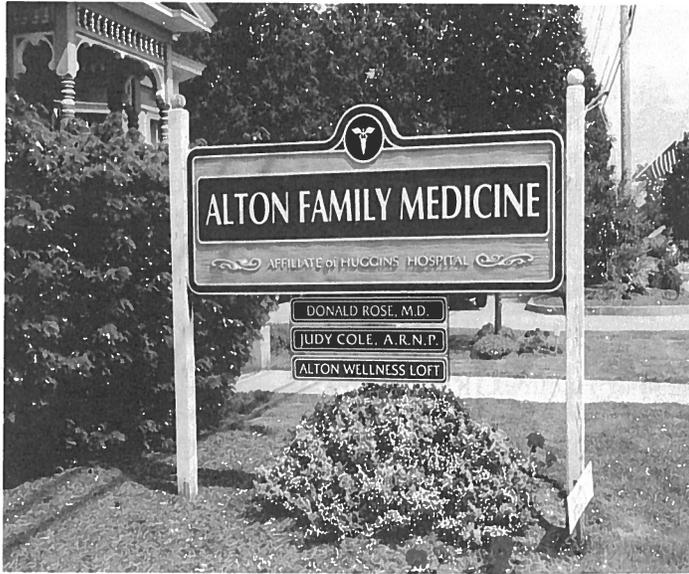
ACS FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

The Alton Central School (ACS) fall sports programs will start up this month. For a student athlete to be eligible for a sports team, he/she must have the following: 1) Physical Exam, valid for one year from the date the exam is taken; 2) Medical/Insurance Form (filled out by parent or guardian); 3) Athletic Contract (signed by athlete and parent); 4) Grades (if a student has failed two or more classes (quarter 4), he/she is ineligible).

The following sports are offered for the fall season: Varsity Boys Soccer, Grades 9 - 12; JV Boys Soccer, Grades 9 - 12; Varsity Girls Soccer, Grades 9 - 12; JV/V Volleyball, Grades 9 - 12; MS Boys Soccer, Grades 7 & 8; MS Girls Soccer, Grades 6 - 8; MS Volleyball, Grades 6 - 8; Elem Soccer, Girls, Grade 5, Boys, Grades 5 & 6.

Important dates for athletes and parents: Monday, August 12, 6 p.m. in the gym, High School Meeting (soccer, volleyball, golf); Wednesday, August 14, first practice boys and girls HS soccer; Monday, August 19, first practice HS volleyball; Thursday, August 22, 6 p.m. in the gym, MS and Elem soccer, MS volleyball.

It is very important to be at the meetings to get the paper work done before practices begin. It is also a good chance to meet the coaches. If you have any questions, contact Scott Hutchins, Athletic Director, 875-0386.



There is a new doctor's shingle on Alton's Main Street. The medical practice where Denise Merritt, MD administered to the town's health needs for so many years now boasts this sign where Dr. Donald Rose is listed in anticipation of his arrival next month.

CORRECTION ON SCOTT BLAIR

From Linda C. Roy, ACS Guidance Office

In the July *Main Street* the Guidance Office of Alton Central School (ACS) announced the post-secondary education plans for the graduating class of 2002. One of the seniors was incorrectly identified as Shawn Blair. Shawn graduated in 1999. SCOTT Blair graduated this year as a member of the National Honor Society as well as one of Alton's Top Ten Seniors for 2002. Scott will be attending Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie, Wyoming, this fall. We are very sorry for this mix up!

THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian



SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

The summer reading program entitled "Lions, Tigers, and Books, Oh My!" is well underway. Participants can take part in a coloring contest, a weekly guessing contest, puzzles and games, weekly Trivia questions, an animal joke of the week, and other activities to win prizes. Participants, friends, and family are welcome to attend a special program to celebrate summer reading that is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, at 3:30 p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room, presented by Mike Sullivan, Storyteller. Come and join us as we enjoy stories related to the summer theme. There will be refreshments after the show. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Gilman Library.

The library has received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to sponsor a program titled "Popular Resorts: Grand Hotels of the White Mountains" that will be presented by Wallace Stuart on Tuesday, August 13, at 7:30 p.m. Join us and learn what the grand resort hotels were like a century ago and what has happened to them since. This program will include a film created by John Gfroerer and produced for the New Hampshire Historical Society. Additional local support for this program will be provided by the Friends of the Gilman Library. A business meeting of the Friends will take place at 7 p.m.

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the library to discuss *Beach Music* by Pat Conroy. If you would like a copy of the book, please call 875-2550 or inquire at the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

The Friends of the Gilman Library held their second annual Car Wash and are pleased to announce that they received \$330.55 in donations. They beat last year's total and hope to do even better next year. The library is forever grateful to our friends and community for supporting us and for helping to make the Gilman Library the "Best It Can Be."

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Moulton attended Alton Central School and is a 2001 graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont. He is the son of Stanley and Barbara Moulton of Route 140 in Alton.

STUDENTS CITED FOR HONORS (CONTINUED)

From the ACS Guidance Office

In the July issue of Main Street (page 24) the Alton Central School (ACS) announced the students in Grades 4 - 8 who made the Honor Roll during the fourth quarter of the 2001-2002 academic year. The Honor Roll students in Grades 9 - 12 subsequently announced as well are listed below. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects while Honors requires a grade of at least 83.

GRADE 9 HIGH HONORS: Christina Jamieson.

GRADE 9 HONORS: Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Heather Hammes, Kyle Storey, Michael Tidd, and Sarah Tinkham.

GRADE 10 HIGH HONORS: Lyndsey Caron, Meredith Roy, Krista Shibley, and Stephanie Tanguay.

GRADE 10 HONORS: Michelle Allen-Farrior, Tamara Cornelissen, Crista Perkins, Dan Quinn, Ashley Spencer, and Matthew Sydow.

GRADE 11 HIGH HONORS: Jill Feger.

GRADE 11 HONORS: Scott Baumgartner, Katie Brooks, Dennis Callahan, Michael Friedman, Sarah Harper, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Terese Hopper, Kelly Jalbert, Amanda Jones, Daniel Laurin, and Erin Wood.

GRADE 12 HIGH HONORS: Marissa Peterson.

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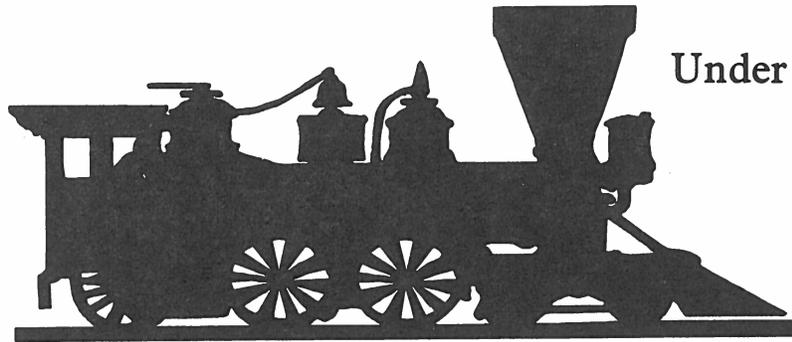
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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**Hot diggety-dog! How we relish
These balmy August days-
Now our spirits are mustered
To catch up with the sun's fading rays**

Congratulations to the following members who were elected to office at the July meeting: President, Dolly Hussey; Vice-president, John Brooks; Secretary, Nancy Mooney Hebert; Assistant Secretary, Paul Gamache; Treasurer, Liz Roberts; Assistant Treasurer, Laurie Hagen; and Auditor, Claire Fitzgerald. The special installation ceremony will be held for them at the August 14 meeting.

Other major business discussed was the promotion of social activities and trips. Paul Gamache is heading an Ad Hoc committee with Evelyn Nardo and Liz Roberts to see if greater progress can be made in realizing the social goals of our organization. We need everyone's input, so do not hesitate to tell a committee member your ideas.

The "Fifth of July" festivities organized by CAP director Kim Gustafson were greatly enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Jim Obrotka and Jim Raichle for playing the music for dancing. The lucky winners of various raffle prizes were Paul Charlton, Dolly Hussey, Rose Young, Holly Brown, and Nancy Hebert.

Kim has lined up several programs for the senior population in August, BUT adults of all ages are welcome to programs of interest to them. The Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Thursday, August 8, from 10:30 a.m - 12 noon. Tuesday, August 13, at 1 p.m. there will be a presentation and free hearing screening with Bob Williams. Have you

heard of the Mr. Fixit program for seniors? Come to the center on August 20 at noon to learn about the volunteers who assist seniors age 60 and older or disabled homeowners with minor home repairs and maintenance. We need volunteers to make this work in our town! Friday, August 23, at 11:30 a.m., Jack O'Connor, Public Education and Training Officer from the NH Bureau of Emergency Communications, will share in his humorous way about how having 911 affects our community. High prescription costs have all the seniors worried. Bob Stouffer will be at the center on August 28 at 11:45 a.m. to present information about getting prescriptions filled in Canada.

Late breaking news — On August 27 there will be a trip to Fosters Clambake. A bus will leave the center at 10 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. You must call and reserve a space.

For those of you who need exercise, come join Kim and the group every Tuesday for a "stroll the knoll" walk at 11 a.m. We commend Kim for the great effort she has put into the CAP program the short time she has been here. We are sure she will keep things "jumping" for us.

Remember, a nutritious meal is served Monday - Friday for those 60 and over. Call Kim at 875-7102 for further information about meals or programming or to make any suggestions. She will be glad to talk with you.

O'MEARA NAMED TO HONOR LIST

Katharine "Katy" O'Meara, formerly of Alton and a 2000 graduate of Alton Central School, was named to the Dean's List of Honor Students for the spring semester at The George Washington University in Washington, D. C. This is the third consecutive term in which she achieved this honor. She is a political science major. O'Meara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eaton of Wolfeboro and Mr. and Mrs. Scott O'Meara of Rumney.

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BAUMGARTNER AT St. PAULS

By Marilyn St. Cyr, ACS Guidance Director

Scott E. Baumgartner, who will be a senior this fall at Alton Central High School, is currently attending the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School in Concord. This program was founded in 1957 to provide talented New Hampshire high school students with challenging educational opportunities otherwise unavailable to them.

Scott is one of 260 students from high schools all over the state attending this intensive five-week program this summer. While in the program each student concentrates on a major subject and takes a Writing Workshop. There were 550 applicants this year. Students apply in the fall of their junior year for attendance in the summer before their senior year of high school.



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent

AND CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Its summer — hot, hazy, and humid. Remember to keep plenty of fresh water available for both you and your pets.

Upper Bay Hill Road has been widened and hydroseeded, as well as Chamberlain Road. The operation has now moved to Stockbridge Corner Road; what does not get completed this year will be finished next year.

The Highway Garage has been extended 30 feet. The photo below shows it under construction. The new area is much bigger, giving us more room in which to hold our inventory and equipment.

The crew has been out ditching, raking, and cleaning culverts; the calcium chloride has been sprayed at various

locations around town.

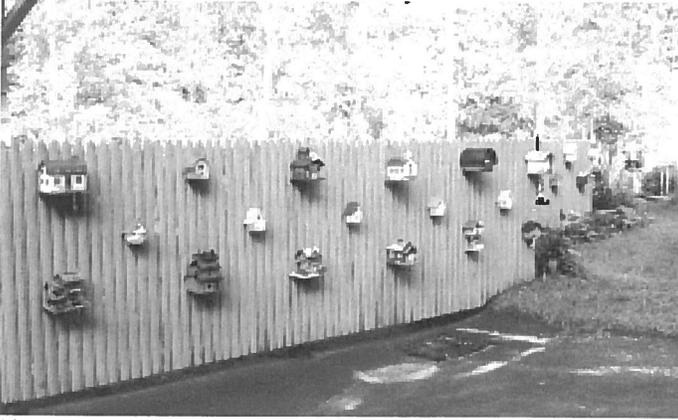
Phase one of the Alton Mountain Road project is being finished; they have fixed the ditch lines and hydroseeded the embankments. When that is completed, the crew will be moving on to phase two which is from the Morse farm to Rand Hill Road.

The State of New Hampshire has been installing catch basins from the Alton Village Store along Route 11 for better drainage; this has caused the traffic to be slowed down, as well as detoured. Thanks for your patience with the work done along Main Street. The paving of the road will not begin until after Labor Day.

Please, do not hesitate to contact the Highway Department at 875-6808 should you see anything that we may have missed.

Remember Public Safety Is Our Number 1 Concern



TALK ABOUT "GOING TO THE BIRDS!"

Itinerant and home-loving birds should have no trouble finding a suitable place to live at this location on River Lake West Road in Alton Bay. For some four years now Mary Downing has been adding bird houses to her other "collectibles" and the above inventory of birdhouses currently numbers about three dozen.

ALTON CANOE RACE WINNERS

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Parker Marine co-sponsored the annual Canoe Race on Sunday, June 30. The five-mile race started at the Merrymeeting River and ended in Alton Bay. A total of 41 canoes participated.

1st Place Overall: Jennifer Caldwell and Susan Morris at 24:56

Recreational Men: 1st—Eric Smith and Dale Keirstead;
2nd—Jim Washburn and Charles Westen

Recreational Women: 1st—Lorrie Drake and Elizabeth

Helfer; 2nd—Mary Marren and Evie Jordan;

3rd—Karen Landson

Recreational Adult & Child under 13: 1st—Alan Barrett and Nathan Barrett

Recreational Co-Ed: 1st—Larry Douglas and Rose Douglas; 2nd—Tom Chrisenton and Ginny Chrisenton;

3rd—Larry Martin and Jenny Martin

Recreational Youth under 16: 1st—Dack Rouleau

Recreational Kayak-Single: 1st—Greg Lowell; 2nd—Mark Dawson, Sr.; 3rd—Keith Wolcott

Recreational Kayak-Tandem: 1st—Fred Sallah and Janet Sallah

Racing Men: 1st—Ken Kimball and Nat Lucy; 2nd—Scot Ricker and Andy Ouellet; 3rd—Steve Nyman and Mike Dylingowski

Racing Women: 1st—Jennifer Caldwell and Susan Morris

Racing Adult and child under 13: 1st—Anya Bean and Howie Bean; 2nd—Jim Bean and Matthew Bean

Racing Co-Ed: 1st—Ron Keslar and Kim Russell;
2nd—Brad Helfer and Rebecca Helfer

Racing Single: 1st—David Keslar; 2nd—Susan Amaral

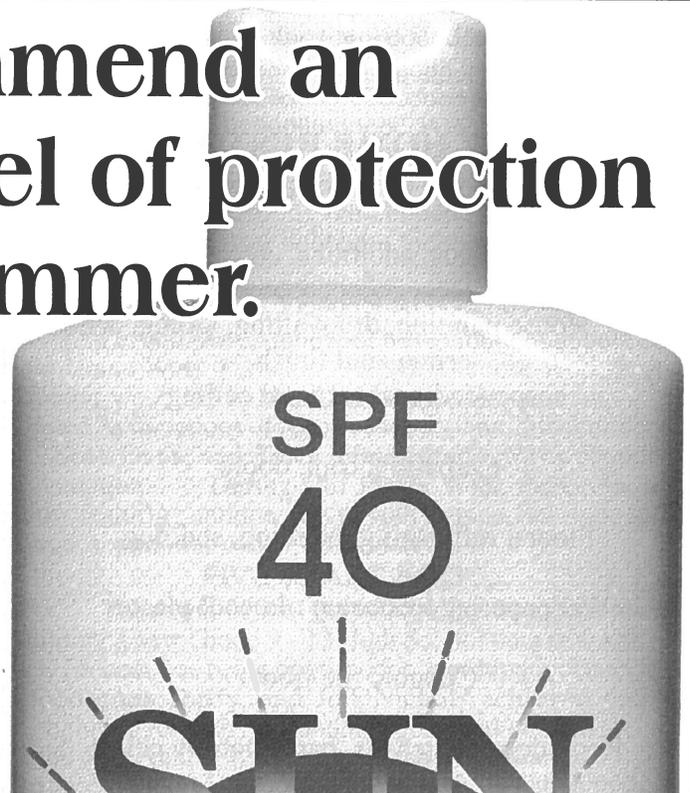
Racing Kayak-Single: 1st—Clive Roberts; 2nd—Alison Roberts; 3rd—Adam French

Racing Kayak-Tandem: 1st—Brian Rahill and Elizabeth Allan.

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank Parker Marine for co-sponsoring the race, L & C Springwater for donating water to all of the participants, and to the following enthusiastic volunteers who helped make the race possible: Bill Lionetta, Jay Sydow, Ken Roberts, Ben Jones, and Lisa Jones. The 2003 Canoe Race will be Sunday, June 29. For more information on this event call 875-0109.

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FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

AND THE SUMMER FUN CONTINUES

The following programs are being offered in August. For further information or to register for an event, call 875-0109, e-mail <altonpnr@worldpath.net>, or go the Parks and Recreation Department office on Route 11 from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or utilize the kiosk 24 hours a day outside the office.

The Scavenger Hunt Winners

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored a Family Scavenger Hunt on July 3. Over 20 teams participated in the event looking for items and answering questions about the Town of Alton and Alton Bay. The first team to return with the most items was the Messier Family. The top five teams received great prizes. We would like to thank the families for participating and also Kettle Corn for donating popcorn for prizes. Other prizes included Parks and Recreation beach towels, American flag blankets and flags, sports bottles, t-shirts, beach floats, and games.

Recreation Soccer League

The recreation soccer league program is open to all boys and girls in Grades 1 - 6. The deadline to register is August 2. Late registrations will NOT be accepted. Practices will be held during the week and games will be held on Saturdays. Players may have to travel to New Durham, Gilmanton, Barnstead, and Belmont for games. Volunteer coaches are needed in order to sponsor the program. Training for the coaches will be provided; please contact us if you are interested in being a coach or helper. Registration fee is \$15 per player. Equipment needed: shin pads, black shorts, black/red socks, soccer ball, and water bottle. First practice begins August 17. Please arrive at Jones Field at the following times. Grades 1 & 2 — 8 a.m.; Grades 3 & 4 — 9 a.m.; Grades 5 & 6 — 10 a.m. Schedules will be available after September 9.

Play Soccer Camp

August 5 - 9 at Jones Field for ages 6 - 12 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Registration fee is \$84 and includes a camp shirt. Please bring shin guards and a water bottle.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome. Lessons are held on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Learn new dances every week. Registration fee is \$3 for the summer session.

ALTON TEENS, JUST FOR YOU ON AUGUST 2

Announcing a "Summer Splash Teen Dance" with a DJ and Karaoke scheduled at the old American Legion Post building on Monument Square, August 2, 7 - 9 p.m. This event is for students entering grades 6 - 9. Ticketing at the door is \$5 per person. The event is sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department, the Kwoon Karate Academies, and Community Youth Activities. Watch for posters around town for additional information.



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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2 SAILBOATS, Scorpion and Minuteman (like Sunfish), good condition, complete, \$300/each or both for \$500. 875-3619.

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CANOE, 15', fiberglass, bow/stern flotation core, \$125. 875-2437.

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WALNUT TABLE, 33 1/2" wide x 53" long, two 20" self-storing leaves, and 4 chairs, asking \$100 for the set. 875-2866.

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GRANNY ROCKER, new caned, \$40; Humidifier, \$10. 875-3442.

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SCHOOL OPENS AUGUST 26th

CARD OF THANKS

The Friends of the Gilman Library would like to thank everyone who helped make our annual car wash a big success. We were on duty from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., washed so many cars we lost count, and ended up with \$330.55 for our treasury. We had a goal to do better than last year and we did! The money we earn from this effort, plus the bake sale, t-shirts, and book bags, is put towards various library programs and wish list items. We will once again express our appreciation to the town at our annual Holiday Tea in December.

/s/Board Members of the Friends of the Gilman Library

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.

July 29 - Aug. 2: Mon., Pier 17 Fish Fillet; Tue., Salisbury Steak/Brown Gravy; Wed., BBQ Chicken; Thu., Roast Pork/Gravy; Fri., Turkey Ala King.

Aug. 5 - 9: Mon., Cheese Omelet; Tue., Mandarin Chicken; Wed., Stuffed Peppers; Thu., Meat Loaf/Gravy; Fri., Sliced Beef.

Aug. 12 - 16: Mon., Hot Dog; Tue., Tuna Salad; Wed., Rigatoni Casserole/Meat Sauce; Thu., Broiled Chicken Breast; Fri., Chicken Salad.

Aug. 19 - 23: Mon., BBQ Riblets; Tue., Chicken Marsala; Wed., Baked Ham or Turkey; Thu., Sliced Turkey; Fri., Meatballs on Roll.

Aug. 26 - 30: Mon., Pork Choppette/Gravy; Tue., BBQ Chicken; Wed., Macaroni/Cheese; Thu., Fish Fillet; Fri., Meat Loaf/Mushroom Gravy.

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

. . . "Alton — A Town For All Seasons" was celebrating its seventh Old Home Week with John Conboy as Chairman and Archie Thibeault as Co-Chairman and Parade Marshal . . . the Annual Barbershoppers' Jamboree was held and they pledged a \$5,000 gift towards the matching fund campaign for Phase II of the Parks & Playgrounds recreational development program . . . the Gilman Library sponsored a lecture in conjunction with the bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution.

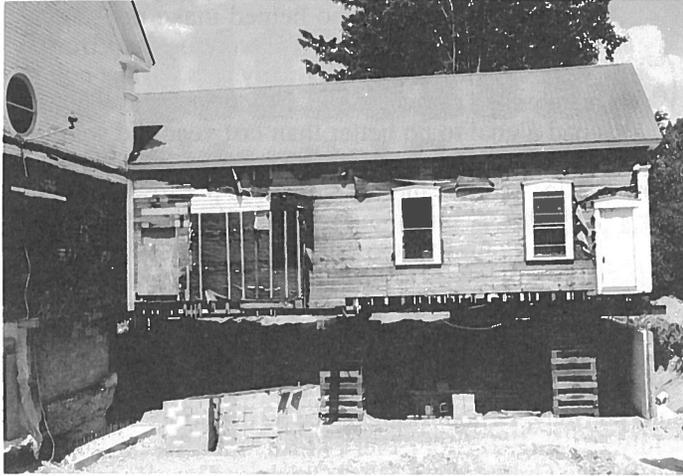
TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Dr. and Mrs. Appleyard were Grand Marshals of the Old Home Week Parade . . . a Self-Defense Workshop for Women was held by the Alton Police Department . . . the United Associations of Alton celebrated its 25th anniversary . . . Scott Dunn, new Town Administrator, was welcomed at a reception . . . During Old Home Week there was a car show featuring antique cars as well as race, hot rods, sports, classics, customs, convertibles, etc.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Alton School Board took the first steps towards building a new Grade 9 - 12 High School on a new site . . . a new fireboat was being prepared for launching . . . Dan Quinn, Christopher Duffy, and Jeff Nichols achieved national recognition for their outstanding verbal and/or math abilities . . . the 48th Annual Barbershop Jamboree occurred . . . Brian Boyers was welcomed to Town Hall as the Building Inspector.

MOVING TOWARD THE HEAVENS



In the ol' days there were "barn raisings," but last month in Alton we saw a church raising in progress. Perched up on temporary supports was a portion of the Community (formerly the Congregational) Church on Church Street. A new foundation was to be poured and the basement greatly enlarged so that 6,000 square feet of new or improved space is to become available by October 1. Included in the expanded area will be the Teen "Youth Drop-In Center" which has been housed in the Baptist Meeting House on Main Street.

FOURTH ANNUAL APPRAISAL PROGRAM

The Alton Historical Society will host a fine group of antique dealers and appraisers at their fourth annual Appraisal Program on Tuesday, August 20, at the Moore Chapel on the grounds of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Michael Daum will return to view your books and other paper items. George Cooper will again display his knowledge of military items from past wars, especially the Revolutionary War. Ruth Messier will discuss and evaluate your special dolls. Philip Stevens will bring his expertise to your stamp collections.

A new appraiser is being added to the list of experts, Caroline French of Dover. She has been buying, selling, and appraising antiques, especially jewelry and silver, for over 30 years. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the program.

Please note this date, August 20, on your calendar and bring your treasures to learn about their history and values. Watch for posters and further information in August.

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