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ALTON OLD HOME DAYS 2003

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) is sponsoring Alton Old Home Days on Saturday, August 9, and Sunday August 10, 2003. Old Home Days will be held in Alton Bay. August 9, 2003 events include the Alton Bay Craft Fair, 5K Road Race, Antique Boat Show, Gilman Museum decorate your bicycle and doll carriage contest, Almost Cowboyz Concert and Fireworks over Alton Bay. August 10, 2003 events include the Old home Day Craft Fair.

Alton Bay Craft Fair

The Old Home Day Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, August 9 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Sunday, August 10 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Crafters from around New England will have handmade crafts available for purchase. Craft items include: candles, fleece, Stoneware pottery, fine wood crafts, jewelry, fabrics, pet items, quilts, doll furniture, handmade soaps, photography, scroll saw fret work, and much more. Come and look at the wonderful talent from around New England.

5K Road Race

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Bank of New Hampshire are sponsoring the annual 5K Road Race on Saturday, August 9, 2003. The race begins at 9:00am at the Alton Bay Bandstand in Alton, New Hampshire. The course is USATF Certified and runs through Alton with water stops at the start, 1.5 miles, and finish line. Prizes will be awarded to overall male and female finishers, first Alton male and female, top male and female in each age category and in the walking category. A special prize raffle will be held during the awards ceremony open to all registered runners. Register at the Alton Parks and Recreation Department, \$10.00 per runner. Refreshments will be served.

Concert and Fireworks

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Almost Cowboyz band concert on Saturday, August 9, 2003 from 7:00pm-9:00pm with Fireworks sponsored by the Town of Alton to follow at 9:30pm. Join in the celebration of Alton Old Home Days.



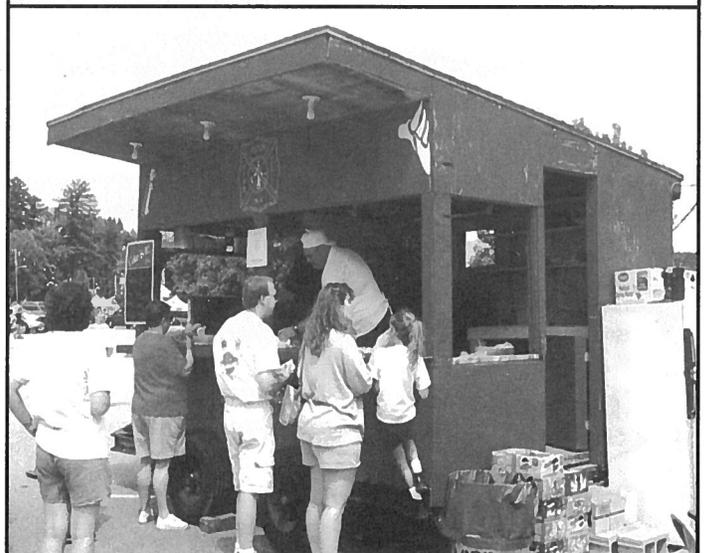
Officer Gary Hannafin releases wife Sharon from Jail

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Attendees check out the Classic Boats



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A WORD OF APPRECIATION From the Main Street Board

For twelve years, Rob Boyce has faithfully and competently been Art and Layout Editor for Main Street. With our advance to more complex software, Rob will now be our Senior Computer Consultant. His computer knowledge extends far beyond the work he has done for us, thus we are grateful that Rob is willing to continue to help us.

Many, many thanks, Rob, for all the time, effort, and expertise you have given Main Street over these past twelve years.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Main Street is in need of volunteers. We need people to help assemble Main Street once a month. We also need people willing to write stories, do mailings, etc. Computer experience is helpful, as is a knowledge of graphic design, however, no one will be turned away.

Becoming a Main Street volunteer is a great way to give back to your community while having fun.

It is our goal to publish a newsmagazine for you, the residents of Alton. Please consider joining our staff and becoming part of Main Street.

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August 16th is the fourth collection date in this season's series of six collections at the permanent facility. Alton and Wolfeboro are member towns which means you may attend if you live in either of the two towns by picking up a pass at the Solid Waste Facility in your home community.

There is no charge for the pass, but you must turn it in when you arrive at the collection. If you do not have a pass when you enter the facility you may return when you have one or pay the same fees as a non-member household. There is a 10 gallon limit. The waste hauler counts the containers to determine the limit, NOT actual contents. PLEASE safely transport your products in a sturdy cardboard box. Fewer trips to each vehicle means the lines will move more quickly. Crumpled newspaper helps to prevent breakable containers from tipping.

Hours of collection are 8:30 to noon, 3rd Saturday of the month through October. The permanent facility at 404 Beach Pond Road in Wolfeboro can be reached by turning left onto Rt 109A at Wolfeboro Falls (just past the Army tank at the Wright Museum), look for the cemetery on the right and turn right onto Beach Pond Road. The LRHHPF will be on the left at the bottom of the hill just before the Wolfeboro Solid Waste Facility.

See the attendant at your solid waste facility for the green LRHHPF brochure for the list of products accepted at the collection. Check the garage, garden shed, work bench, and under the kitchen sink for those products labeled "danger", "poison", "warning" or "Caution". Call 569-Let's Take Care Of it (569-5826) if you need additional information. Someone will return your call

**SELECTMEN LOOKING FOR
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Alton Board of Selectmen are searching for volunteers to serve on the Downtown Revitalization Committee. This committee will be charged with reviewing the CLD Engineers Design Charrette Report of January 17, 2001 - on record in the Planning Board Office.

The committee will be responsible for researching available grants and other potential funding sources for a revitalization project to be selected by this committee.

If interested in serving on this committee contact Mrs. Patricia Rockwood at the Town Hall, 875-2161 - press 1, between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

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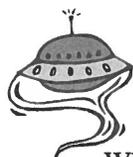
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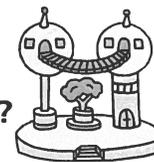
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**ALTON 2020
 What Does the Future Hold?**



What will Alton be like in 2020? Well, there probably won't be any space ships, but there will be lots of growth.

Let's look around and see how many of us there will be, where we will be living, how many of us will be "year 'round residents" how many of us will be "second home residents" and how many of us will be "visitors".

These projections, along with many more have been developed by our Town Planner, Peer Kraft-Lund, working closely with the Safety Building Committee and will be available in pamphlet form to the Public after the Committee makes a report on Safety Buildings to the Board of Selectmen. In the meantime, Main Street would like to share some of the highlights with our readers. These numbers are preliminary and may be revised in the final report.

Between 1990 and 2000, Alton was the fastest growing town amongst its neighbors with permanent residents increasing 27%. Wolfeboro was second at 21% followed by Barnstead at 20%. New Durham was last among the remainder of the towns compared at a respectable 11%. Alton's Permanent Residents numbered 4,502. By 2005 that number will be 5,036, by 2010 we will have 5,721, by 2015 we will have 6,407 and in 2020, we will have welcomed a total of 2,590 new neighbors reaching a total of 7,092 permanent residents.

What about our non-resident population? In the summer of 2003 an estimate of 6,884 people will be spending vacation time in Alton either as home owners or renters. However, another 5,821 people will be visiting residents or spending a brief period in town, for a total of 12,705. Lets fast forward to 2005 when this total increases to 13,649 and then to 2010 when we will see 15,798. In 2015 we will be up to 18,092 and finally in 2020 we will be welcoming 7,688 more non-residents over 2003 for a grand total of 20,393.

Where are all these new residents going to live? The largest increase of new year round housing units between 2003 and 2020 will be in South Alton. In the Rt 28 South area we should see 128 new units and in the Rt 11 South area we should see 67 new units. The reasons are many including residents commuting to work in Concord, Manchester, Rochester and Portsmouth, proximity to schools and services and the number of potential building lots The second largest increase will be in West Alton with 153 new units along the Rt 11 north and Rt 11A corridor. Again residents commuting to work in Laconia and Concord will a major factor.

Other growth areas will be Rt 140 south which should see 35 new units, the Village and the Bay which should see 13 new units and Rt 28 north from the circle up through East Alton which should see 67 new units.

The Alton of 2020 holds much promise with retail service growth, vacation and tourist growth, retirement growth, keeping Alton a great place to raise family.

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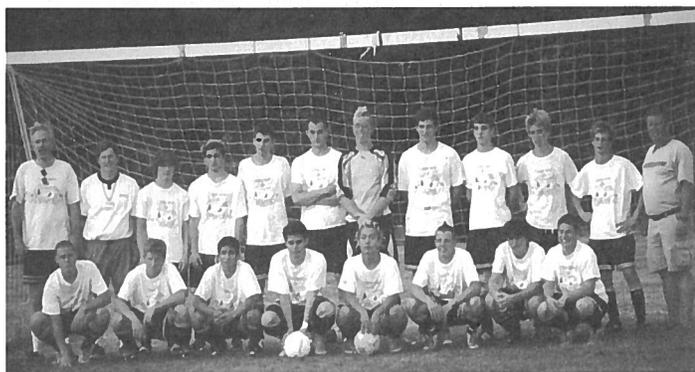
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LAKERS UNITED WIN NH OPEN CUP By Matthew Locke

The Lakers United U18 boys soccer team have won the New Hampshire Open Cup for the second year in a row. From a field of ten teams the Lakers defeated the Nashua Cobras with a score of one to nothing on June 30.

The Cobras were undefeated going into the New Hampshire Open Cup. The Lakers United capped off an undefeated season as well as taking third place at a premier tournament on Memorial Day in Cape Cod. The team is coached by Matt Locke and assisted by Peter Clifford and Ray DeZenzo.

Congratulations Lakers!



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP By Deborah Laurion

The book discussion group discussed 'Seabiscuit an American Legend' by Laura Hillenbrand at our July meeting. The book is about a race horse in the 1930's that people didn't feel would become a star, but in fact became immensely successful. It was a very interesting book and I found the history that was described of the time period wonderful.

The next book we will be reading is 'Vernon Can Read' by Vernon E. Jordan Jr. which will be discussed at our August meeting. The meeting will be held August 10 at 6:30 PM, in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room downstairs in the Gilman Library. At the meeting we will also be choosing a name for our book discussion group from those submitted by library patrons. Please stop by the library to pick up the book and join us. Refreshments will be served.

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For Fiscal Year 2003 the St. Joan of Arc Council #7533 Knights of Columbus officers are: Manuel Segura, Grand Knight; Rev. George Ham, Chaplain; Fred Boelzner, Financial Secretary; Robert F. Jursik, Deputy Grand Knight; Leonard Flynn, Chancellor; John Hagen, Recorder; John Brooks, Treasurer; Ron Larivierre, Advocate; Jack Argue, Warden, Robert C. Jursik, Norman Fountain and Frank O'Hare, Trustees; Ed Dalton, Inside Guard; and Jim Obrotka, Outside Guard

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IN Main Street

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . John Conboy, John Irving, and Charlie Shields chaired the eighth annual ten day Alton Old Home Week.... Revaluation of all town properties commenced in November.... Town efforts in recycling aluminum cans and cardboard brought in \$650.00 from the first shipment.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . Barbershoppers made their 44th annual appearance during the 13th Old Home Week celebration.... Bob Weir of Toronto, Canada, became the first person to swim the 22 mile length of Lake Winnepesaukee... George Woodman and Richard Healy received 'Employee of the Month' certificates for April and May.

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Lions Club donated a Telesensory Color Personal Reading machine to the Gilman Library, which assists visually impaired people with their reading...the Alton Historical Society will have the use of a basement room at the Library for a museum...Alton Police have received a vehicle donation for use in promoting their D.A.R.E. program.



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HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent



Happy summer! Hope you're enjoying the sun's rays and staying cool.

I'd like to apologize for the delay in sweeping the sand off the paved roads; our sweeper broke down, we are waiting for the parts to arrive, but we don't expect delivery until at least August. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you to Scott Werner at L.& C. Springs for his generous donation of water to the Highway Dept.

We are out cleaning culverts, grading the gravel roads, raking and ditching where needed. Paved roads will be ditched when the sweeper is fixed.

Alton Mountain Road and Old Wolfeboro Road construction is to begin on July 27th, please expect delays and we all thank you for your patience and understanding. Plans are being made to blast ledge and rocks on Stockbridge Corner Road in August. We are also rebuilding Dudley Road, from Stockbridge to Dudley.

Should you see any thing that we may have overlooked please do not hesitate to contact the highway, any time. Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS
By Ray Nadeau, American Legion
Post 72 Commander

As we mentioned last month, the band uniform drive is complete and was very successful. We received an additional donation after we wrote last month's article. Many thanks to the folks at Bayhill Campground for their generous contribution.

We received a nice thank you letter from Donald E. Parks, Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Parks tells us they will very shortly be making a decision regarding school colors, logo and mascot.

We continue to hold our Sunday breakfasts at the Post home on Route 28 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Each week profits are donated to a local area charity or non-profit organization. If you have not participated and are interested, please call Andy at the Post at 875-3461 to check for available dates.

On Flag Day, June 14, we held our annual flag retirement ceremony and properly retired approximately 3500 flags. If you have old or tattered flags, feel free to drop them off at the Post and we will store them until the next Flag Day.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
By Donald E. Parks

The 2002-2003 school year came to a successful close on June 20, 2003. For the most part, the school year went quite smoothly and there were a number of accomplishments. With the passage of the new federal law No Child Left Behind, school districts will have to change in order to be in compliance. The change occurs at all levels, particularly at the administrative and teacher level.

At the June 30th School Board meeting, Maria Dreyer, Director of Special Education, presented the On-Site Special Education Review that took place last spring. The district received 13 commendations and no deficiencies. There were four suggestions for improvement. The special education faculty members, teacher aides, and the director are to be commended for such a strong review. Three years ago the district had a huge number of deficiencies.

Another very successful new program that was started in the 2002-2003 school year was the program Building Bridges For Student Success in Grades 7 & 8. This new program held the students accountable each quarter for learning content. Students could not move to new content in the next quarter without receiving a passing grade for the work completed in the previous quarter. A special thank you to the principals and the 7 & 8 teachers for making this a successful program.

Alton Central School buildings will undergo a number of improvements over the summer. Below is a list of the changes that will take place:

New pick-up and drop-off area in front of the school. A letter will be sent home to all parents describing the changes for pick-up and drop-off of the students.

A new built-up rubber membrane roof will be installed over the office, library, cafeteria and science classrooms.

The stage floor will be sanded and refinished.

The back road to the school will be worked on to alleviate some of the drainage issues.

The School Board encumbered \$25,000 to hire C.M.K., Architects, P.A. (Chip Krause, current architect for Prospect Mt. High School) to do a complete evaluation of the existing Alton Central School building and grounds to make recommendations to include costs and sketches. Once done, the School Board will have a solid plan to present to the voters at the March 2004 Annual Meeting.

School will open for students on Monday, August 25, 2003.

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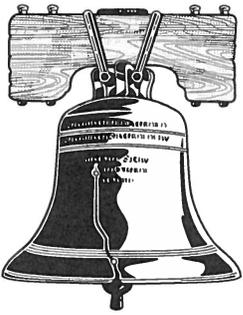
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EIGHTH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Dottie Jean Bailey, Ryan Ball, Brett Belanger, Kyle Belanger, Bradley Bissell, Jennifer Boucher, Megan Burwell, Kris Callahan, Mara Cook-Hamer, Jeremiah Dea, Erin Donnelly, Ashley Dwyer, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Tyler Fiscus, Nathan Fogell, Charlotte French, Leann Fuller, Nick Gagne, Courtney Goodwin, Kim Hannafin, Ryan Hussey, Dan Jalbert, Caila Kantar, Dan Lampman, Nicholas Lund, Joseph Macdonald, Kelly Main, Courtney Marston, Donny McGee, Juli Minnick, Carmen Niquette, Brandon Parsons, Melissa Pryor, Rachel Ricker, Jacob Ridner, Marc Roy, Sara Scanlon, Robert Scott, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeffrey St. Cyr, George Stevens, Ashley Sweeney, Wesley Taggett, Julie Thoroughgood, Kelsey Tinkham, Ty Tremblay, Steven Waterman

EIGHTH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Ty Tremblay

EIGHTH GRADE HONORS: Dottie Jean Bailey, Bradley Bissell, Kristopher Callahan, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Nathan Fogell, Charlotte French, Ryan Hussey, Caila Kantar, Rachell Ricker, Jacob Ridener, Marc Roy, Sara Scanlon, Suzanne Sherwood, Bryce St. Cyr, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Ashley Sweeney

NINTH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Ashley Hubbard, Luke LaFreniere, Taylor Peterson

NINTH GRADE HONORS: Kyle Adabahr, David Blanchette, Nicholas DiVito, Jennifer McAllister, Dan Pitman, Patrick Quinn, Christopher Skinner, Caitlin Wentworth

TENTH GRADE CITIZENSHIP: Nathan Alden, Damian Hackett, Heather Hammes, Travis Hopper, Christina Jamieson, Whitney Marston, Brenna Quann, Shayna Randall, David Roberts, Brian Roy, Kyle Storey, Michael Tidd, Sarah Tinkham, Jon Vogel, Ashley Waterman *continued on page 9*

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Council #7533 will be hosting an Italian dinner at the Alton Bay Pavilion on August 9th from 4:30-8:30pm. Cost is as follows: 13 years and up \$5.00, six to twelve years \$4.00, five years and under are FREE, and there is a maximum cost per family of \$15.00.

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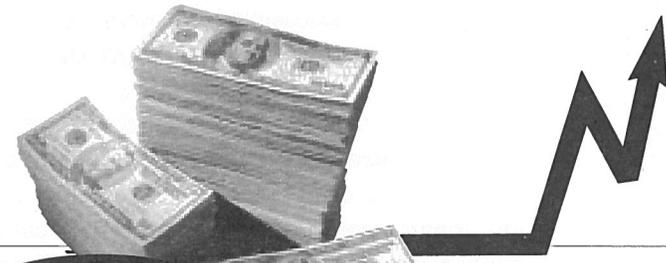
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LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is holding its August 13th meeting at the Weirs Community Center, Weirs Community Park Hall, located at the corner of Rt. 11B and Lucerne Ave., Weirs Beach, at 11:30 a.m.

The Luncheon will be catered by Harts Turkey Farm of Meredith at a cost of \$15.00. Prepaid reservations are required. Mail your check, payable to Lakes Region Christian Women's Club to: Carol Richards-Connor, 15 Upper New Hampton Rd., Meredith, N.H. 03253.

The Special Speaker is Nicky McCarthy, of Framingham, Ma. who will share her story of a new life found after a painful divorce. Special Feature will be Mim McCarthy and Georgia Basko who will be harmonizing for our enjoyment. The club has no formal membership required. Everyone is welcome. Because of the facility, child care will not be provided for this meeting.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER By Nancy Mooney Hebert

The whirling mists leave ghostly trails
Over the lake at dawn-
August looms large and prevails
With heat that won't be gone
Until it's time to trim our sails
And think of summer's farewell song.

Congratulations to the following members who were elected officers for the year 2003-2004: President: John Brooks; Vice-president: Georgianna Nason; Secretary: Nancy Hebert; Assistant secretary: Dominic Giuliano; Treasurer: Liz Roberts; Assistant Treasurer: Laurie Hagen; Auditor: Claire Fitzgerald. They will be inducted at the August meeting. Thanks to Dom Giuliano for conducting the election.

Congratulations to Florence Hannabury who won the attendance raffle. Thanks to Georgianna Nason for providing refreshments

We are now signing up for Foster's Clambake on Tuesday, August 12. The bus leaves the center at 10:30am. Make your check for \$40.00 payable to Alton Senior Citizens. A trip to Indian Head is being planned for mid-September. Call the center at 875-7102 or go to the center to sign up early, as this is a popular trip.

Again, we thank Kelly and the Parks and Recreation Dept. for sponsoring another fun-filled senior bingo afternoon.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Doris Selfridge, who died recently. She had been a member for only a short while, but her contributions to the community are well-known and she will be missed.

A belated welcome to new member Marion Davis, who recently signed up with her husband Richard. We hope she will enjoy her association with us.

Claire Fitzgerald, the meal-site coordinator at the center, encourages any new seniors in the community to come to the center on Pearson Road to meet her and sign up for nutritious meals Mon-Fri...it's a great way to get acquainted with others and to find out about our activities.

Come on members-don't let the "dog days" of summer get you down! We need your ideas for money-making and we need YOU at the meetings. Plan to be there for our annual meeting, Wednesday, August 13 at 1 p.m.

MIKE BURKE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

A successful blood drive was held on Monday, July 14th at the Bay View Pavillion in Alton Bay. 126 donors generously gave their time to donate blood including 115 first time donors. The Red Cross was able to collect 103 successful pints. Thank you to all the donors, volunteers and businesses including Village Pizza and River Run Deli.

**SCHOOL STARTS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25,
2003
2003/2004 School Registration**

The Alton Central School is open all summer for registration for the 2003/2004 school year. Office hours are from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm mainly through the Guidance Office. The following documentation will be required before your child can start school:

1. Birth Certificate (copy)
2. Immunization Record (with all immunization dates)
3. Physical Examination (done within one year)
4. Proof of Residency (copy of phone bill, electric bill, deed, or something with your permanent street address on it)
5. Copy of a High School Transcript (for grades 10-12)
6. Copy of a report card (for grades 1-9)
7. Copy of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and last Assessment regarding Special Needs Students.
8. Copy of a 504 Plan (if applicable)
9. And all the Student Registration Forms from the School

School starts on Monday, August 25, 2003. Please keep in mind that all of the paperwork listed above needs to be in the guidance department before your child can start school or your child will be sent home the first day according to school policy. Please call the Guidance Department at **875-0382** for information or to just check on current paperwork. Have a great summer!

**ALTON COMMUNITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES
(CYA)
SCHEDULES A CAR WASH AUG 2ND**

The CYA group and the Alton Park and Recreation Department are planning to co-sponsor an **ALTON YOUTH CENTER** in the fall of this year. We are non-profit status, however we are in need of funds for several things such as equipment, games, facility maintenance and youth activities that require specially trained staff. We invite you to watch the Main Street for announcements and updates about our Youth Activities.

We ask for your **SUPPORT** by coming to the front of the Alton Town Hall on Saturday Aug 2nd between 10am and 2pm to have our staff and family volunteers **WASH YOUR CAR**. Payment will be by a **DONATION**. We thank you in advance for your support. Call 875-8221 if you have any questions or need information about our youth efforts in Alton.



Scenic Cruises

Daily from Weirs Beach at 10, 12:30 & 3:15
From Alton Bay Thursday and Sunday at 11:15

Sunday Champagne Brunch

From Weirs Beach at 10 & 12:30, Alton Bay at 11:15

Dinner Dance Cruises every night except Sunday

Monday is Theme Night

Seniors over 60 get \$10 discount on Monday night.

Fabulous '50s, Monday, August 4

Full Moon Fantasy, Monday, August 11

Rock, Roll & Remember, Monday, August 18

'50s Sock Hop, Monday, August 25

Depart Weirs Beach at 6 PM

Tuesday is Family Party Night

Children under 13 go free on Tuesday evening dinner dance cruises (limit 1 free child per adult)

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ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER

Have you ever thought about taking your house, putting it on a river barge and floating down the Mississippi River? We thought about it and we did it. Of course, our house happens to be a 35-foot Winnebago Adventurer Motorhome.

We enjoyed the company of Sylvia and Norm Barrett of Alton on this RV caravan along with folks from throughout the U.S. In all there were 26 RVs on two barges separated by a clubhouse barge and pushed by a large tugboat. Each barge site had hookups for electricity, water and sewage disposal.

We left from Guntersville, AL on the Tennessee River and traveled northwest through Tennessee and Kentucky to the Ohio River at Paducah, KY. We then went a short distance on the Ohio River west to Cairo, IL where we headed south on the Mississippi River to New Orleans. Including the pre-trip meetings and activities in the Big Easy, the caravan was 17 days long.

We had four stops in Paducah, KY, Memphis, TN, Vicksburg and Natchez, MS, and Baton Rouge and New Orleans, LA.

Highlights of the trip included visits to the National Quilt Museum in Paducah; Beale Street, St. Jude Hospital, Schwab's General Store, the Peabody Hotel, and Graceland in Memphis; the Vicksburg National Historic Park; a cotton plantation in Natchez, and dinner at the Nottoway Plantation in White Castle near Baton Rouge. In New Orleans we enjoyed the French Quarter, a bayou swamp tour, a bus tour of the city, and brunch at the Court of Two Sisters Restaurant.

You may have questions about our full-time RVing life style or thoughts for a future column. Please email 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.



AUGUST EVENTS

- Fri. 1 Paul Heffron Concert, ABCCC, 8pm
 Sat. 2 Bert Kettinger Concert, ABCCC 7:30pm
 Echo Tones, Concert, ABB, 7-9pm
 Sun. 3 Speaker Rev. Burt Kettinger, ABCCC
 Breakfast, American Legion, 8 am - 12 noon
 Speaker Dean Ortner, ABCCC 10:30 am and 6pm
 Fri. 8 Christmas Social, ABCCC, 8pm
 Sat. 9 Christmas Up Close and Personal, Concert, ABCCC,
 7:30pm
 K of C Italian Dinner, Alton Bay Pavilion, 4:30-8:30
ALTON OLD HOME DAYS:
 Craft Fair, Alton Bay, 9am to 5pm
 Parks and Rec. annual 5K road race, Alton Bay, 9am
 Almost Cowboyz, Concert, 7-9pm, ABB
 Fireworks, Alton Bay, 9:30pm
 Sun. 10 Speaker Dr. Clive Calver and Ruth Calver,
 ABCCC, 10:30am and 6pm
 Breakfast, American Legion, 8 am - 12 noon
 Wed. 13 Lakes Retion Christian Women's annual meeting
 Fri. 15 Falling Walls Praise Band, Concert, ABCCC, 8pm
 Sat. 16 The Parker Trio, Concert, ABCCC, 7:30pm
 Kid Pop, Concert, ABB, 7-9pm
 Sun. 17 Speakers Margaret Jensen and Jan Carlburg, ABCCC,
 10:30am and 6pm
 Breakfast, American Legion, 8 am - 12 noon
 Fri. 22 The Campbells, Concert, ABCCC, 8pm
 Sat. 23 Jeff Steinberg, Concert, ABCCC, 7:30pm
 East Bay Jazz Ensemble, Concert, ABB, 7-9pm
 Sun. 24 Speaker Elisabeth Elliot, ABCCC, 10:30am and 6pm
 Sat. 30 140th Anniversary Historical Program, ABCCC, 7:30pm
 Strafford County Wind Symphony, Concert, ABB, 7-9pm
 Sun. 31 Dr. Walter Kaiser, Speaker, ABCCC, 10:30am and 6pm
 ABCCC=Alton Bay Christian Conference Center; ABB=Alton Bay
 Bandstand; ACS=Alton Central School

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VNA/HOSPICE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The VNA/Hospice fund drive is more urgent this year because of critical cuts in Federal and State support. The Federal Medicare monies have been cut 15% and State cuts threaten to eliminate several programs, especially in Maternal and Child Health and dental services.

Programs in Home Care, Hospice and Maternal and Child Health have always received high (905 plus) ratings from recipients. We appreciate past support and hopefully a little extra support this year. There will be a mailing, but donations can be made at any time to: VNA/Hospice of S. Carroll County and Vicinity, P.O. Box 1620, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

ALTON'S FARMERS' MARKET

On Saturdays during the summer, Precious Gardens on Route 11 West in Alton (heading from the Bay towards Gilford) will be hosting a farmers' market from 9am-1pm. Those wishing to sell their wares can set up free of charge. Fruits, vegetables, herbs and more will be available. Call 875-3999 for more information.

DONATION TO THE ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE

By Commander
Bob Hoitt



The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 72, donated \$500.00 to the Alton Youth League (AYL). The Sons raise money for by raffles, breakfasts, and other fund raisers. All money raised is donated to various groups in the community.

In the photo, Commander Bob Hoitt (left) gives Doug Rojek, President of the AYL, a check for \$500.00. Kids who participate in the AYL have to pay for their own equipment, from chalk to bats and balls.

Last year, the AYL Minor Girls Softball team won the Suncook Valley Championships. The AYL is trying to buy a batting cage.

I would like to thank all Squadron Members for a job well done.

FARM FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

There's nothing quite like farm fresh fruits and vegetables. The following list of farmers markets and farms that feature 'pick your own' was compiled from the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets and Food. Where possible, Main Street confirmed the information; however, you should always call first to see what is in season and confirm hours.

"Pick Your Own" Fruits and Vegetables

Smith Farm Stand - picking from 8am, strawberries, raspberries; 95 Sleeper Hill Road, Gilford, 524-7673

Butternut Farm - raspberries, blueberries, peaches, apples and pumpkins; 241 Meaderboro Road, Farmington, 335-4705

Ridge Runners Farm - raspberries, blueberries, peaches; 160 Ridge Road Top, New Durham, 859-7840

L-B Farm - organically grown raspberries; Gage Hill Road, Wakefield, 522-3268

Farmers' Markets

Sunrise Farms Market - Dustin Park, Main Street, Pittsfield, Thursdays, June 12 to Oct. 9, 3-5:30pm, 435-7260

Wakefield Farmers' Market - Route 16 and Wakefield Road, Wakefield, Saturdays May 17 to Oct. 11, 9am-3pm, 473-8762

Wolfeboro Area Farmers' Market - 35 Center Street, Wolfeboro, Thursdays June 26 to Sept. 25, 2-6pm, 323-3369

Farmington Farmers' Market - Parking lot rear of Bank of NH and Library, Farmington, Saturdays mid-May to mid-Oct., 8:30am-noon, 859-7861

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SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside -- Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church -- 9 am Waterfront Services, ABB. Services on the grounds of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center - Worship Service, 10:30 am and 6 pm. Rev. Robert H. Hett, Pastor; 875-6765
- Community Church -- Sun. Service, 9 am, Main Street Church Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor; 875-5561
- First Free Will Baptist Church -- Sun. School, 9:45 am; Church, 11 am; Evening Service, 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason
- North Barnstead Congregational Church -- Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 am, 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald
- St. Joan of Arc -- Weekend Masses in the Rectory -- Sat., 5 pm and Sun., 8 and 11 am; weekday Masses, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 am at St. Cecilia's, Wolfeboro; Tue., Thu., and Sat., 8 am at Rectory Chapel; Sun. Mass St Paul's in Barnstead, 9:30 am; Rev. George Ham; 875-7191
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

Old Home Days 2003

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) is sponsoring Alton Old Home Days on Saturday, August 9, and Sunday August 10, 2003. See cover story and Schedule of Events for more information.

"Fun and Games" Senior Bingo

Join us for "Fun and Games" Bingo on Friday, August 29, 2003 at the Pearson Road Community Center at 1:00pm. All Alton Seniors are invited to attend this free event. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Join in the fun!

Mike Burke Volleyball Tournament

The APRD and the Stanhope Group are co-sponsoring the Annual Mike Burke Volleyball "B-League" Tournament on Sunday, August 3, 2003 at 9am at the Mike Burke Memorial Volleyball Court. The registration fee is \$15.00 per player and includes a full day tournament, t-shirt and refreshments. Register your team today or stop by the court and watch a great volleyball match.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

The APRD is sponsoring Country Line Dancing Lessons for Lakes Region seniors. Lessons are held on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30-3:30pm. The registration fee is \$3 for the summer season. Please bring a water bottle and your dancing shoes.

Youth Programs

Play Soccer Camp, August 4-8 for ages 6-12. 9-11:30am at Jones Field, registration fee is \$82.00. Bring shin guards, a soccer ball and water bottle. Practice drills, play games and enjoy learning new techniques. Register by August 1, 2003.

Smiley Face Candy Bar Bingo, August 13 for ages 7-12. \$4.00 per person (plus please bring a full size candy bar to add to our prize pool), register by August 8. Alton Bay Community Center from 1-3pm. Join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO. All will win a prize!

Splash 'n Fun Party, August 20 for ages 7-12. \$5.00 per person, register by August 8. Alton Bay Community Center from 1-3pm. Spend the afternoon getting wet and cooling off on a hot summer's day. Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and sneakers.

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The APRD is selling tickets for the Water Country Water Park in Portsmouth, NH for \$26.00, a \$3.00 savings. Call ahead to schedule a time to pick up your tickets and save money and time waiting in line by purchasing them in Town. Tickets are good for any day during the 2003 season.

Parks and Recreation Soccer League

Please sign up today. Registration ends on Friday August 1, 2003. The registration fee is \$20.00 per player for the season and includes a team soccer shirt and end of the season ice cream social. After August 1, the registration fee is \$45.00 and players will be placed on a waiting list.

The Recreation Soccer League programs will begin August 23, 2003 at Jones Field. All registered participants are asked to arrive at Jones Field at the following times: Grades 1&2- 8am; Grades 3&4- 9am and Grades 5&6-10am. Please bring a soccer ball, water bottle and wear shin guards. If you are unable to make the first practice please call and let us know, 875-0109. Coaches are needed to support this program, please call if you are interested in being a part of the volunteer coaching staff. All soccer coaches will complete a mandatory background check. For more information please contact us at 875-0109, OR email altonparks@metrocast.net.

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In celebration of Alton's Old Home Days, The Harold S. Gilman Museum in cooperation with the Alton Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting children's activities on Saturday August 9th. Everyone is welcome to participate. The activities begin with a heritage craft project and a round of croquet on the Museum grounds at the corner of Route 140 and Route 11 in Monument Square from 10am to 2pm.

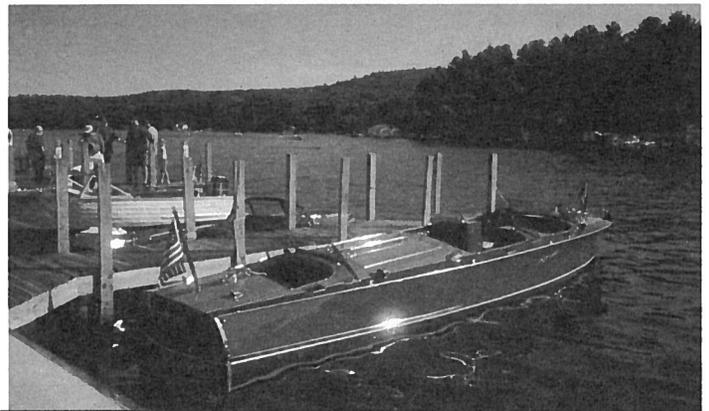
An Old Fashioned Doll Carriage and Bicycle Parade for children 3 to 7 years of age will be held at the Alton Bay Bandstand followed by hand cranked ice cream for the first 50 children to sign up. Participants are asked to register for the events at the Bay by 1:30pm on Saturday. The Parade will begin promptly at 2pm. If you have any questions you may call Florence Davis at the Gilman Museum Monday through Friday 10am to 3pm, 875-0201.

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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

There will be a meeting for all fall sports programs on Monday, August 4th at 6pm in the ACS gymnasium. Parents and players are invited to come and meet the coaches, get the fall schedules and get all the necessary paper work turned in. Please join us as it makes a good start towards the upcoming fall season.

All athletes must have a current physical on file with the school. Athletes are not allowed to participate if they do not. Please make sure that your child is eligible to participate by bringing a current physical (good for one calendar year) to the meeting on the 4th.

Fall Sports at Alton Central School:

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Boys soccer grades 5 & 6 - 1st practice Aug. 26 3-4:30pm
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Girls volleyball grades 6-8 - 1st practice Aug. 26 3-4:30pm
Girls soccer grades 9-12 - 1st practice Aug. 13 8-10am
Boys soccer grades 9-12 - 1st practice Aug. 13 7-9am
Girls volleyball grades 9-12 - 1st practice Aug. 18 TBA
Golf Team grades 9-12 - 1st practice Aug. 18, 10am

We are currently looking for coaches in the following sports: girls soccer grades 5 and 6, and boys soccer grades 5 and 6.

If you are interested in any of these positions or you have any further questions regarding fall sports, please contact Scott Hutchins, Athletic Director, 875-0386.

ANNUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

The Smith Meeting House 12th Annual Bluegrass Festival will be held August 15th, 16th and 17th. Nine bands will perform. Join us; bring your lawn chairs and your friends. Rain or shine be a part of New Hampshire's oldest continuous annual bluegrass festival. This three-day festival features outstanding performing artist in a natural outdoor amphitheatre. There will be nine bands offering 30 hours of music.

Free rough field camping all weekend. There will be three days of music, fun, food and festivities. Sorry no pets on the grounds and no coolers in the concert area. The concert area has large spectator tents and shady maple trees, for your comfort and enjoyment. Single tickets for Friday are \$15.00, Saturday \$25.00, and Sunday \$20.00. Teens (13-17 years) pay half price, children under 13 years of age \$5.00 and infants free. The proceeds will benefit the Smith Meeting House restoration project.

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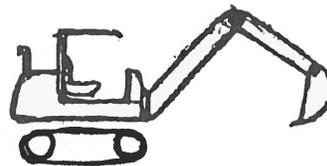


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ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

August is a get ready month as the summer season starts to fade and outdoor enthusiasts prepare for the fall season.

Fishing this month is mainly for warm water species; bass, pickerel and perch. Early mornings and late evenings, when it is the coolest, are the times to be on the water. Bass and pickerel will be in the shadows along underwater drop-offs and weed and lily pad lines. Early or late, one can use surface lures and diving plugs during mid-day. Packing a good assortment of lures will allow you to try different depths and colors to see what works best. Good luck.

On the big lakes, real early morning (before sunrise until an hour after) can produce a rainbow trout since they sometimes come up from the cool depths to feed on emerging insects. The best days are flat and calm. Fly-fishing is the tactic to use and can be an exciting or frustrating experience as one tries to "match the hatch" and/or be in the "right place at the right time". Once the sun hits the water, the fish will retreat to deeper depths where different tactics are needed to catch them.

The best stream fishing for trout will require a trip north to the Upper Connecticut and Androscoggin Rivers where the waters will be cooler, flowing at their lowest rates of the year and the fish will be concentrated in pools. Fishing here will challenge your skills as the fish will spook easier now requiring a stealthier approach. Grasshopper imitating flies work well, along with mosquito and ant imitations because these are the most common insects found at this time.

For those lucky enough to draw a moose permit, scouting is in order this month. Driving back roads, skid roads and talking with landowners will give one an idea of where moose travel. A very important point to remember is how you will access huntable land, and planning some way to get these large animals out of the woods once they are down. My first moose took 6 hours to get it out of the swamp it was taken in. My second experience, we thought more about our area and were able to take our moose in a clear cut that we were able to drive a 4X4 pick up within 30 yards of our moose. It took less than 30 minutes. Think about it!

One needs to also get ready this month if you intend to hunt bear. Gain permission to set up bait sights, scout for berry patches and beechnut producing trees. The season starts September first! Good luck.

EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE CELEBRATES 200TH ANNIVERSARY

By Peter Ferber

The preaching that inspired a revival in Alton two hundred years ago will once again echo through the historic East Alton Meeting House at Gilman's Corner. On August 23rd, the East Alton Meeting House Society will commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the First Free-will Baptist Church of Alton in 1803, by holding a worship service similar to the ones attended by those early Alton residents.

The Meeting House was the center for the community when it was built in 1810 and at its' height had a congregation of three hundred. The building has been maintained in its original condition and provides the perfect setting for those attending to be transported back in time.

The highlight of the service will be the sermon given by Rev. George Moore in the character of Elder Benjamin Randall, the revolutionary 18th century preacher who organized the Alton congregation. Founder of the Freewill Baptist Movement, Randall courageously rejected the pervading doctrine of predestination, convinced through his study of the Bible that everyone could be saved through belief in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Moore has become known for his portrayal of historic figures, especially George Washington. He was selected to represent Washington at the 50th anniversary celebration of Mt. Rushmore in 1991 with (the elder) President and Mrs. Bush. His repertoire includes eighteen other characters, among them Daniel Webster, John Greenleaf Whittier, Roger Williams, Alexander Hamilton, and Governor John Endicott. He has appeared in movies, commercials, and the TV series 'Spencer for Hire', but his most moving roles are those portraying Puritan and colonial preachers in churches all over New England. He leaves those in attendance feeling they have momentarily slipped back in time and been in the presence of these men.

Rev. Peter Bolster and the congregation of the Community Church in Alton, the nearest successor to the Gilman's Corner congregation, will also be participating, with their choir giving a taste of the music from the period. There will be much hymn-singing as well, all accompanied by the antique pump organ, whose sound instantly takes you back to another era.

Unlike the services held two hundred years ago, this one will be held on Saturday, not Sunday, and will only last an hour, from 4 to 5pm, not all day! The Meeting House is located on Drew Hill and Gilman's Corner Road off Route 28 in East Alton.

Anyone with a love for history and these wonderful old churches that have been the focal point of New England towns for so many years will surely enjoy the opportunity to

immerse him or herself in the atmosphere of another time. The members of the East Alton Meeting House Society, who maintain the church, hope to provide a unique historical, educational, and religious experience, and a glimpse into the lives of those who first occupied these pews.



Rev. George Moore (right), portraying Benjamin Randall, is greeted by Gilman's Corner resident Peter Ferber at the East Alton Meeting House.

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The Main Trail begins at the parking lot and follows an old fire road marked with blue blazes. At approximately 8/10 mile the Main Trail veers left and begins the ascent to the peak. There are numerous rock slabs to navigate before the trail ascends over a small knoll then rises steeply up the rocks to the summit. The remains of a stone hut built in 1925 provide shelter from the wind. Distance from the parking lot to the summit is 1.8 miles. Follow the blue blazes down to retrace your path.

Another option for hiking Mount Major is the Brook Trail. Follow the Main Trail for 8/10 mile, but continue straight rather than turning left at the fork. The Brook Trail is well marked with yellow blazes and follows along a brook. Warning - this trail can be very muddy on rainy or wet days! At the col between Straightback and Mount Major, turn left and follow the blue blazes to the summit. A path coming up from the south joins from the right just beyond this point. Distance from the parking lot is 2.4 miles, but the climb is a little less steep than the main trail. When descending follow the trail west toward Mount Belknap, then turn right at the col. Do not take the trail leading to Straightback!

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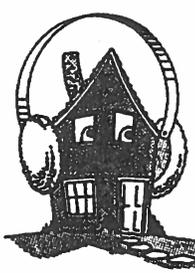
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NEWS FOR DEER HUNTERS Fish and Game Announces Wildlife and Crossbow Rules

CONCORD, N.H. — The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department on July 18 announced final state rules regarding wildlife and wildlife management, as well as crossbow hunting.

The new rules decrease the number of days during which muzzleloader or firearms hunters may hunt antlerless deer in some parts of the state during the upcoming deer hunting seasons. The change is based on research showing record-setting highs in this past winter's "severity index" for the central and southern parts of the state. Persistently cold temperatures and deep snow resulted in more winter deer deaths and fewer fawns this spring.

Kent Gustafson, deer project leader, noted that Fish and Game's deer management plan goal is to maintain or increase numbers of white-tailed deer in much of the state. A decrease in hunting pressure on female deer will help offset the negative effects of the severe winter in much of central and southern New Hampshire; hence the proposed decrease in "either-sex" hunting days.

"The proposed change makes sense given the severity of the winter and the deer population goals, and it should help the deer recover from a rough winter," Gustafson said. "We will increase the number of either-sex days in future years, consistent with providing hunting opportunity and meeting population objectives."

On the flip side of the coin, for Wildlife Management Units A, B, C1, C2, D and L, the new rules lengthen the either-sex archery season to extend from September 15 through December 15. This is a return to season length prior to 2002-2003. There were no changes in either-sex muzzleloader, firearms or archery season dates for Unit M on the seacoast. A chart showing detailed deer season dates may be found at http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/Hunt_species/hunt_deer.htm.

Fish and Game also announced final regulations allowing hunters to take deer with a crossbow during the firearms season and using the firearms deer tag, provided they purchase a special \$5 crossbow hunting permit in addition to the regular hunting license for deer. Persons permitted to use a crossbow pursuant to disabled hunter regulations would not be required to purchase the crossbow permit, but would still be required to comply with other regulations. The rules also would allow the use of crossbows for taking deer on Long Island in Moultonborough using a Long Island deer permit and prohibit the use of crossbows during the youth hunting weekend for deer.

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THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian

The summer reading program entitled "Reading Rocks the Granite State" is well underway. Participants can take part in a coloring contest, a weekly guessing contest, puzzles and games, weekly Trivia questions, a joke of the week and other activities to win prizes and more. It is still not too late to sign up for the program.

A special program to celebrate summer reading is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, at 2PM in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room presented by Steve Blunt, storyteller and musician. Come and join us as we enjoy stories and music related to the summer program theme. The Friends of the Gilman Library will provide refreshments.

The book discussion Group will be meeting on Monday, August 11, at 6:30 at the library to discuss Vernon Can Read by Vernon E. Jordan Jr. If you would like a copy of the book, please call 875-2550 or stop at the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

Civil War enthusiasts and those of use who enjoy learning about the history of Alton should make note of a program, entitled The Union Forever! A Civil War Living History presented by Charles W. Canney Camp #5 The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that will be held on Tuesday, August 12, in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library at 7PM. Learn about Civil War soldier's way of life and hear about some of Alton's brave men who fought during the war. Displays will be available for viewing. Admission is free. The Friends of the Gilman Library will provide refreshments.

As you may already know, we have included some books on compact disc and music on compact disc as part of our library collection. These items may be checked out for three weeks at a time provided they are not on a waiting list. A few are listed in this issue of Main Street. Be sure to stop by and browse through the complete collection of CD's available. In addition, we welcome donations of CD's that are in good condition to help expand our collection.

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CAMPING AND COOKING

By Judith Pellowe

A typical camping dinner consists of hamburgers, cooked over an open fire until they are burned on the outside and raw on the inside, some potato chips, and maybe some raw veggies. Then there's the other extreme; on one camping trip, the host brought lobsters, filet mignon, cakes, and fancy sauces. The food was excellent, but it wasn't worth the work.

It doesn't have to be that way. There are plenty of things that travel well and are easy to cook, with a minimum of fuss. You need a few basic tools. First, you need a pan. A well-seasoned cast iron skillet can be used to cook just about anything, and it won't melt on an open fire. You also need something to keep the skillet over the fire, rather than in it. Most discount stores sell a folding grate that works just fine. A long-handled metal spatula, a good sharp knife, oven mitts, and some aluminum foil completes the 'must-have' list.

Potatoes and sweet potatoes can be wrapped in foil and cooked either in hot embers, or on top of a cooking grate. If cooked in the embers, stay away from the hottest part of the fire and check frequently for doneness, or you'll end up with a potato that is blackened inedible yuck with a tiny bit of actual food to scrape out of the middle. Any kind of vegetable can be sliced onto a large square of foil, which is then folded to make a packet, and cooked on the grate. It's nice to visit local farm stands and buy whatever is in season and fresh. One of my favorite grilled veggie combinations is zucchini, mushrooms, peppers and onions. Add a little butter and some salt and pepper or herbs.

Meats can be marinated in plastic bags and frozen. I usually bring two coolers camping - one for the meat and the other for everything else. That way the meat (which is most prone to spoiling) doesn't get exposed to the hot outside air twenty times a day as the kids go looking for some juice. By doing everything at home except the actual cooking, you greatly reduce the number of cooking tools you need to bring. Fajitas work especially well. Slice and marinate the meat, then freeze.

You can also slice the peppers and onions ahead of time and put in plastic bags. When it's time to cook, just throw the meat into the pan, let that cook, then add the peppers and onions and cook until they are tender but still crisp. Serve with tortillas and whatever condiments you like (or remembered to pack).

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**MAIN STREET WELCOMES NEW
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At a time when Alton is faced with many changes and challenges it is very gratifying that a new Administrator with great background has joined Town Government. Since July 1, Russell Bailey has spent most of his time being introduced and becoming acquainted with Department Heads and Town Employees, and also with the Public at an open reception which was attended by over 50 citizens including Alice Calvert, President and Publisher of Main Street.

All who met him were very impressed and look forward to his Administrative Leadership for many years to come. In an interview with Main Street, he appeared very enthusiastic and impressed with Alton and is eager to move into town from his native Seabrook. He stated that he has a big job in getting to know everyone with his first task remembering everyone by name.

Bailey is particularly impressed with the level of volunteerism and involvement in the town by both permanent and seasonal residents. When asked if he was familiar with *Main Street*, Bailey laughed, saying that he had already read two years worth of back issues to learn more about recent town history. When asked 'how long do you think you will be here?' Bailey again laughed, saying that he hoped to set a new record. It certainly appears that we have a great addition to Alton and we should all give him every support he needs.

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UNOFFICIAL PARADE TENTH ANNIVERSARY By Judy Fry

In August of 1994, *Main Street's* front page story read 'the First Unofficial Fourth of July Parade was planned by Unofficial Organizer Irving Roberts with George W. Stone, Jr. the Unofficial Grand Marshall.' The procession included Irving Roberts red calliope, a 1930 Maxim Fire truck, and a 1931 Model A pick-up.

Over the next nine years participants and spectators increased and joined the fun. Word spread and soon the Unofficial Parade became part of the annual Independence Day celebration each fourth of July.

This year, for the tenth anniversary, retired Fire Chief Russell Jones was the Unofficial Grand Marshall accompanied by Irving Roberts, Unofficial Parade Organizer. Music was provided by Roberts' bright red calliope, which set the pace along the parade route. The Maxim Fire truck was again part of the procession, along with floats by Roberts Knoll Campground and Clay Point Home Association, Miss Cedar Cove Association riding in a red Corvette convertible, two Segways, two dirt bike riders, a 1913 Model T Hotel Bus, and others.

Spectators lined the parade route. As the procession travelled along Cedar Cove, Mr. and Mrs. David Vandy handed out cold juice drinks to everyone, which was much appreciated in the hot and humid weather. The Unofficial Parade ended with an Unofficial cookout at the East Alton Fire Station.



*Clay Point Home Assn (top) and Lakeside Unofficial Floats
Photos by Judy Fry*

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If you are unable to email, then submit your article either by mailing it to Main Street, PO Box 210, Alton Bay, NH 03810, or place it in the Main Street box at Bank of New Hampshire on Main Street. If you submit photos that you'd like returned, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

It is **very** important that you include your name and phone number. Many of the articles we receive do not include a phone number. If we have questions, need to confirm dates, or just can't read your handwriting, we need to be able to contact you.

ST. KATHERINE DREXEL CHURCH

The St. Katherine Drexel Church fundraising campaign is underway. The church will combine St. Cecelia Church (from Wolfeboro) with St. Joan of Arc Church (from Alton).

A fire destroyed the St. Joan of Arc Church in Alton. The property where the church was located, on Main Street, is currently for sale. The new church is to be built on Route 28 near the junction of Route 28A.

Below is an artists rendering of what the new church will look like.

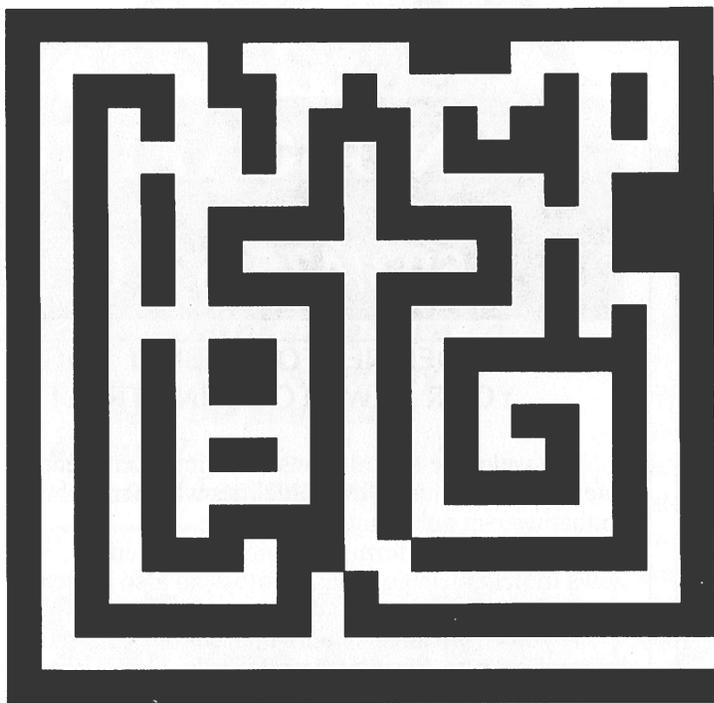


ALTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSOR HORSESHOES TOURNNEY

St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council #7533 announces the sponship of a new annual Horseshoes Tournament to be held on the grounds of St. Joan of Arc Church in Alton on August 16th at 10am. The event will be held to coincide with Alton Old Home Days.

Horseshoes pitchers from all over the area are invited to compete for trophies, with proceeds going to help fund the councils charities. "It's the first time we're attempting a contest of this sort" said the the event coordinator, Bob Jursik, "but we are well organized and we think it will attract competitors from all age groups and every background."

Registration before August 1st is only \$5.00 and after August 1st will be \$10.00. Registration will be allowed on the day of the event for \$15.00. With enough participants, there will be multiple age-appropriate contests. "We'd be pleased if we could have a Juniors and an Adult section," Jursik said, "we'll have to see how many registrants we get." Send your registration fee, along with your name, address, telephone number, and age to: Horseshoes Tournament Registration, St. Joan of Arc Council #7533, PO Box 748, Alton NH 03809. *The article submitted gave the date as the 16th, but Old Home Day is the 9th and 10th. Main Street was unable to verify the correct date of the tournament.*



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The Alton Board of Selectmen is seeking volunteers for the Gilman Museum Committee. Applicants should be familiar with non-profit organizations, the operations of a small museum, possess a knowledge of computers and have an interest in art, history, conservation and preservation.

From the family of Jessica Anne Wilcox

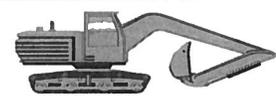
July was Jessica Anne Wilcox's birth month. In remembering her, we want to thank those who cared for us emotionally and physically.

To the Alton Fire Department and Alton Police Department, who worked so hard that bitter cold night, and to Mr. Benadetto, thank you.

To the students of Alton Central School who sent cards, attended her service, and raised donations to rebuild our lives. To Matt and Meghan Devito and Chris Stuart, Jessie's friends - we are proud of you

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to all the people, too numerous to mention, who gave so generously of their support.

The Wilcox Family - Anne, Brian, and Matt

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"GRAB IT AND BAG IT" A SUCCESS By Judy Fry

It was a beautiful sunny day for the second annual 'Grab it and Bag it' neighborhood clean up project. Volunteers arrived at the East Alton Fire Station to gather their supply of trash bags, and select the road area to clean in East Alton. The generous supply of bright blue trash bags were donated by New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. of Littleton, whose motto is 'fight litter'. Smaller white bags were supplied for cans and bottles.

Before noon many bags had been filled by twenty-four volunteers who picked up trash along eleven roads covering twenty-five miles. Later, back at the station, the contents of each bag was sorted into separate bags of cans, plastic bottles, and glass bottles before they were delivered to the Town's Transfer Station. Fortunately only a few pieces of metal were found along the roadside and one old tire.

Following the morning workout a cookout complete with homemade cookies ended a successful clean up project. The East Alton Fire Association Directors wish to thank each volunteer who donated cookies and time for this community project.



Volunteers sort and load trash
Photo by Judy Fry

FOLLOW THE LEADERS

Last month *Main Street* reported on the Route 11-D Associations clean-up project; this month it's East Alton. Why not plan a clean-up day in **your** neighborhood?

Especially for those who live along Route 28 and Route 11, litter accumulates quickly. Not only is litter an eyesore, it is a hazard to both humans and wildlife, and with Alton's many miles of waterfront, it also affects waterfowl and fish.

To initiate a clean up day in your neighborhood, start by putting up posters at local businesses and talking to your friends and neighbors.

It's fun and productive to work together with others on a clean up project. Make sure that plenty of water or juice is available, and follow basic rules of safety. Consider ending the day with a picnic or barbeque for volunteers. You'll make your neighborhood clean and forge community bonds.

If organizing a clean up day seems too daunting a task, you can still do your part by cleaning the roadside along your property. If every property owner picked up along their stretch of road, Alton would be litter free.

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