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Complimentary

ALTON'S CAROL SANBORN MEETS PRESIDENT BUSH

Carol Sanborn and her family have been featured in past issues of Main Street. Her husband, N.H. National Guard Staff Sgt. Howard Sanborn II, was deployed to Afghanistan; her daughter, Navy Airman Jaime Sanborn is overseas stationed on the USS Harry S. Truman; son (Army Sgt.) Howard Sanborn III served in Iraq for a year, and son (National Guard Specialist) Tony Sanborn, was also deployed to Iraq. Carol has been taking care of her grandchildren while their mother, Jaime Sanborn, is overseas.

On August 30th, Mrs. Sanborn had an opportunity to attend a rally in Nashua with her grandchildren. When her families service was announced, she received a standing ovation from the crowd. Later, Mrs. Sanborn and her grandchildren, Autumn and Hunter, got to meet the President and had pictures taken with him, as well as with Governor Benson and Jeb Bradley.

On September 10th, Mrs. Sanborn also had the opportunity to meet First Lady Laura Bush.

Carol Sanborn, Autumn Sanborn and Hunter Sanborn with President Bush. Photo Courtesy of Carol Sanborn



INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL By Jan Hooper

Now is the time to slow down the spread of invasive plants that rob space from our native plants and damage wildlife's food and habitat. You can help by pulling up Purple Loosestrife. It has a magenta (reddish purple) flower spike that is very pretty along the roadsides and has no natural enemies to keep it under control in the United States.

Purple Loosestrife has a square stem & smooth edged leaves which help distinguish it from a helpful plant, Vervain, which also has a square stem, but its leaves are toothed (jagged), and it has a dark bluish purple flower that makes seeds that are big enough for wildlife to eat.

Loosestrife takes over areas where vervain and other beneficial plants live. When you pull up loosestrife, try to get most of the root. The plants need to be bagged and taken to your municipal transfer facility. If they are piled on the ground, or composted, they are likely to grow new plants!!

Each purple loose strife plant can produce 2 million tiny seeds, so it is important to be careful not to sprinkle the seeds around while plants are being pulled. Belknap County Conservation District encourages people to remove it from their land, please contact other landowners before assisting them with removal. For more information, please contact Belknap County Conservation District 527-5880

Tom Chase and volunteers pull loosestrife at Gunstock





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GENERAL ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS

By Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2, 2004 between the hours of 7am and 7pm at the Prospect Mountain High School on Route 28. Absentee ballots are available to those people who will be out of town on the day of election or have a physical disability. An application for an absentee ballot must be completed by a registered voter before a ballot can be mailed or handed to the person.

To become a registered voter you must present a photo ID, and 2 pieces of mail with a physical address, not a PO Box, such as a utility bill or car registration. You must register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office by October 22nd, or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on October 23 from 11 to 11:30am or on the day of election. Absentee ballots will be available until 5:00 November 1st at the Town Clerk's Office.

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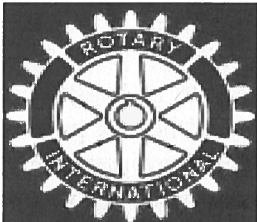
By Dawn Wallace

Thank you to all who responded to last months article. Please continue to voice your opinion or offer leads by emailing the Parks and Rec office at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or faxing 875-0242. We had a wonderful meeting full of new members and ideas. Our next meeting, open to all interested is Oct 5th, 7pm at the Parks and Rec. office. We will continue to search for a new beach location and discuss possibilities of properties already viewed as well as properties in the towns possession.

The Beach Committee will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on October 18th. We will be presenting to the Selectmen our ideas to improve the towns current beach. These improvements will show pride in our Lake, add a private park area and give beauty to Alton Bay. This is one of our many goals. You can show your support for this project by attending the Selectmen meeting on the 18th.

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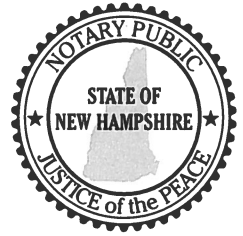
ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB NEWS
By Steve Parker

Another summer has come to an end and the Alton-New Durham Lions Club would like to thank the Blue Jay Mini Golf Course for their generous donation of the wishing well monies.

The annual car show has come and gone. Thanks to all of you, it was once again a success. Here is the list of the winners. 1939 and older, sponsored by Alton 5 & 10, George Flanders 1931 Ford Model-A, 1940's, sponsored by Parker Marine, Clem & Donna Merchant 1940 Ford 2-door Sedan Deluxe, 1950's, sponsored by L & C Spring Water, Rusty Martin 1955 Chevy Belair, 1960's, sponsored by McGrath's Food Center, Fred Galietta 1962 Chevy Impala SS 409, 1970's, sponsored by Santoro Plumbing & Heating, Dennis Andrews 1970 Ford Mustang Boss 302, 1980's, sponsored by Arthur Hoover, Andrea Dumong 1985 Chevy Monte Carlo SS, 1990 to Present, sponsored by Tire Warehouse, Tom Hoeman 2003 Roush Mustang, Street Rods & Modifieds, sponsored by Title Pro, Gary & Diane Krochnal 1931 Ford Roadster, Sports Compact Vehicles, sponsored by Richy's Contracting, Joel Doherty 1959 Porche 356-A convertible, Trucks 1965 & Older, sponsored by Alton Motor Sports, Brian Short 1957 Dodge Power Wagon, Trucks 1966 & Newer, sponsored by Irving Oil, Denny Gorman 1973 Ford F-100, Best of Show Cars, sponsored by Shields Best Value Gas Station, Fred Galietta 1962 Chevy Impala SS 409, Best of Show Trucks, sponsored by Able Home Repairs, Denny Gorman 1973 Ford F-100,

Last, but not least, the Bose Radio Raffle was won by Mark Jarvis of New Durham. The Lions would like to give a special thanks to Kristopher Cyr who is 9 years old and helps his mother at Shields Best Value Gas Station. He sold over 130 raffle tickets and greatly assisted the Lions Club in reaching its goal.

More projects along with fun and community service are planned for the coming year. If you would be interested in joining us, contact Lion Steve at 875-3117



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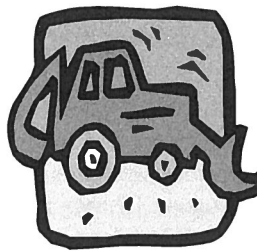
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Welcome to October! The trees are starting to change color, the nights are getting colder and the days are getting shorter. Meanwhile, the highway crew continues to clean culverts, grade and rake graveled roads and chip brush.

We will be out ditching various roads, we do apologize for any inconvenience. Please use caution in these areas.

I would like to take the time to once again remind you that October is here and as I remember it snowed in October once and it could again, so I would like to remind you to please yield to any Plow Trucks and Emergency Vehicles. Stay back 200 feet, give the trucks plenty of room, and keep in mind that they weigh 18 tons and they CAN NOT stop quickly.

We wish you all a safe and happy fall! Please do not hesitate to contact the Alton Highway Department with questions or concerns, your calls are appreciated. The number is 875-6808.

Public Safety is our number one concern.

THANK YOU FROM THE MAIN STREET STAFF!

By Purr Whalley

The Main Street staff wants to thank all of you who helped us with our first backpack and school supply drive! Over fifty members of the community contributed to the effort and we are proud to announce it was a huge success. Twenty six children who live in Alton were given fresh new backpacks full of new crayons, glue sticks, spiral notebooks and all those items necessary for a year at Alton Central School.

We were so overwhelmed by the amount of school supplies, that we were able to deliver several boxes full of rulers, crayons pencils, colored markers (to name just a few of the many items!) to the school for distribution when needed.

Thank you, everyone, for your generosity and for the time you dedicated to our project. Main Street plans to make this project an annual event, and with your continued support it will be possible.

IN Main Street

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

...The final cruise of the Mt. Washington was a benefit for Phase 1 of the Alton-Alton Bay Improvement Committee Revitalization Project. (In 2004 we take note of the success of these efforts in the beautification in the town and at the Bay). Cathy Mars chaired the Committee... From 22 states, Spain, and Guam, 472 alumnae from ACS from 1915 to 1964 gathered for a grand reunion. Marilyn Varney and Robert Witham co-chaired the successful event... Over 150 volunteers showed up to build the new playground. Fund raisers helped provide the money for materials and equipment. The group completed the job that day...

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

...Terese Marie Hopper, a fourth grade student, was a finalist in the Miss Northeast Pageant held in Worcester...A special Town Meeting was called to discuss the purchase of a Town Beach on five acres of the sixty owned by Camp Alton. The purchase is contingent of the state providing \$2 million dollars to purchase the remaining fifty-five acres and buildings. The Trust for Public Lands is working with the Cooperative Extension Ser4vice 4-H program to develop a plan for use of the property...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

...The access ramp of the Alton Town Hall should be available for use by early October....Four representatives from Alton, Hampshire, England presented a proclamation and Town Seal from their town to us ours. They brought with them a parchment containing the history of Alton, England. The name "Alton" means "Spring Farm" referring to an early Roman settlement...The PTSA is planning a Halloween party in the school gym on the 30th. Preschoolers through fifth grade children will be invited.

HOW FAST COULD YOU ESCAPE IN A HOME FIRE?

By Sharon Hannafin

Suppose its 3 o'clock in the morning and you're in a sound sleep. Someone in the family has forgotten food cooking on the stovetop and a fire breaks out. As the flames spread and smoke begins to fill your home, will you wake up and escape safely? If you have a smoke alarm, the device's warning signal can rouse you from your sleep and alert you to the danger in your home so you can escape.

The Alton firefighters feel strongly about the importance of working smoke alarms. We're teaming up with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and other firefighters across North America in promoting Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9. The theme for this year's campaign is "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms."

We'll be visiting the schools to talk about the importance of installing and maintaining smoke alarms. We'll be encouraging children and adults to plan and practice home fire drills so that every person in a household knows how to get out safely if he or she hears the smoke alarm sound.

A fire can grow and spread throughout a home quickly. In fact, you may have as little as two minutes to get out safely once the alarm sounds. With close to 80 percent of all fire deaths occurring in the home, it's easy to see why smoke alarms are essential in every household.

Since people started using smoke alarms in the 1970's, they've helped to cut the risk of dying in a fire by nearly half. We wish everyone had a smoke alarm but that's not the case. Roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

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FALL FESTIVAL


By Heather Beach, PTSA President

This year the PTSA is having their Annual Fall Festival on October 17th from 1-4 pm at the playground of Alton Central School. The admission is just \$1 per child. There will be a bounce house, hay maze, hay rides, Bobo the Clown (professional balloon animals), games, lots of prizes and refreshments and tons of fun. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Heather Beach at 875-3963. Raindate October 24th. We hope to see you there!

SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney Hebert

**October! O! What a fashion plate
Blazing a collage of colors
Throughout her wide estate
While elfish girls and impish "fellers"
Carve pumpkins and impatiently wait
For Halloween and eerie story tellers-
O! October! What a month to celebrate!**



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At our monthly meeting it was decided unanimously that we require a minimum of 30 people to sign up for a bus trip or otherwise the trip will be cancelled. President John Brooks has done a wonderful job of coordinating all our trips this season. Suggestions are always welcome for ideas for various places to go on a day trip, as variety perhaps will spark more interest.

We are pleased to learn that the American Legion will help us sponsor a breakfast at the Legion in January. Our previous experience was a good one and we appreciated the money it added to our coffers.

Many of our "snow birds" will be leaving this month. We are sorry about the losses some suffered because of the recent hurricanes in Florida. We wish them well.

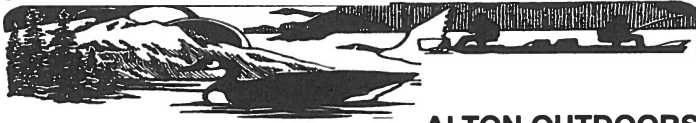
Now would be a good time to join us at the center for weekday meals or to play whist and bingo. The whist party club charges a small fee so that members can dine out occasionally. If you have never played, there are willing teachers to help get you started.

Congratulations to Laurie Hagen for winning the attendance raffle. Thank you, Laurie, for providing the delicious refreshments for our meeting.

We should like to recognize at this time a hard working person who delivers the Meals on Wheels for the Community Action Program. George Woodman is a humble man who drives many miles each day to ensure that home bound seniors have at least one full meal. He arrives at the center early enough to help package the meals and get them in his car and be on the way. Winter is the hardest time, naturally, but he cheerfully goes out to each home, talks with the recipients and keeps tabs on their health. If something is amiss, he reports it so that appropriate action can be taken. Keep in mind some of the homes are in almost inaccessible locations, but George takes his work very seriously and is committed to doing the best he can. Congratulations, George, for all you have done over the years and will continue to do.

The seniors extend their deepest sympathy to Francis Peltier on the loss of his wife Reina, who passed away recently after a long illness. Our condolences, too, to each of their families.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 13 at 1 p.m. Enjoy the fall weather!



ALTON OUTDOORS By Jack Miller

October is a wonderful month to enjoy Alton Outdoors. Leaf colors are at their peak, the days are still warm and the air is crisp: it's the changing of the seasons from fishing to hunting.

October 1st is the opening of the "small game season". Cottontail rabbit, fox, woodcock, pheasant, quail, ruffed grouse and snowshoe hare are all huntable this month. Except for quail, all can be found in the Alton area.

October 16-24 is the moose hunting season for anyone lucky enough to have their name chosen in the lottery, or to have been chosen as a subpermittee. The permit holder may select someone to join him/her on the moose hunt. The limit is one moose per permit, which may be shoot by either hunter. They must hunt only in the unit assigned to them. Statewide average for success is 72.5%. If you do your "homework", you chance of bringing a moose out of the woods is very good. Luckily, I have been chosen as a subpermittee this year and have a chance to bring home half a moose. Yum, yum!

For those of you (like my wife) who apply every year and still have never been chosen, your chances have just increased. A point system was installed this year so that each year you are NOT chosen, you receive a point. This point translates into a chance in the next year's drawing. So, when you apply the next year, you actually have your name put in twice. So...don't give up.

October 23 and 24 is the youth deer hunting season for youth under the age of 16. They must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult, 18 years of age or older, and may take either sex deer. This is a unique opportunity to expose a youth to big game hunting. As always, be sure to check the Fish and Game Regulations for the species you are hunting.

As the hunting seasons open, the fishing seasons close October 15th. For the die-hard fisher person, the Merrymeeting River has a special salmon fly fishing only, catch and release season, October 1-31.

Get out and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of October before winter sets in!

JOIN A SCRAPBOOKING GROUP!

Want to get started with scrapbooking or just can't find the time to work on your books? Mark your calendar! We meet the second Wednesday night of the month at the Pearson Road Community Center. Come and bring a friend. The next meeting is October 13th. For more information call Maureen at 875-8804.

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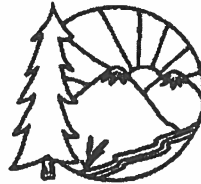


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LET'S PLAY 'JEOPARDY'!

By Purr Whalley

Answer: "Diapers, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper and shampoo." Have you got the correct question?? Think hard...

What is "Things you can't buy with food stamps?"

Many people do not realize that individuals and families who shop with food stamps are not able to purchase many personal hygiene products with those stamps. That means the very act of just bathing can be a financial burden. Imagine having to decide between buying toilet paper and paying your rent. Not a pleasant thought...!

What can you do to help out those individuals? In Alton, Alton Community Services (the Food Pantry) would be happy to accept your donations of any type of cleaning or personal hygiene products. Dish detergent, deodorant, laundry soap, bar soap, toothbrushes and feminine paper products can also be added to the wish list.

So, next time you go to the store, try to remember that other folks could use a little help and, please, pick up a few bars of soap or a tube of toothpaste. You don't realize how essential these items are until you don't have them!

Items can be dropped off at the Town Hall at the Welfare Office (875-2161) during the week or at Alton Community Services (875-2273) on Saturdays from 10am-noon.



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TOWN HALL NOTES

By E. Russell Bailey

We had a few incorrect guesses about Effie Deans. To enlighten the readers, come and view the lithograph in the Selectmen's Meeting room on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall!!!

We wish to thank Purr Whalley and the volunteers who helped co-ordinate the backpack fundraiser for the students in Alton. This was a very successful campaign to ensure all students have a backpack and school supplies.

Barbara Gilman has comprised a history book of veterans from Alton who served in the military forces since the Revolutionary War and donated it to the Town. We appreciate her efforts and this material will serve as a resource for individuals searching for information on our veterans. The book will be kept at the Town Hall. Thank you Barbara, for your contribution.

As a reminder, your house numbers as assigned by E911 must be in place this month to be in compliance with the E911 Ordinance. Please contact the Selectmen' Office at 875-2161 if you have any questions.

Town Hall renovations are ongoing. Carpeting has been installed on the stairway and in the second floor reception area. There are new counter tops in the Planning Office. Next is the Tax Collector and Town Clerk's Offices. Our Town website is now 90% complete and should be ready for residents to "log-on" within 30 days.

Residents are asking about the progress of Hannaford's coming into Alton. At this time the project is still in the application stage.

Remember to visit the Gilman Museum. Florence Davis, museum consultant will be happy to greet you and answer any questions about the collection. There is no charge to visit the Museum. The number to call is 875-0201.

ALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

By Raymond Youngs

The Fire Department will hold an open house for students ages 14-20 to learn about careers in fire fighting.

The Open House will be held on Wednesday, October 13rd at 7pm at the Alton Central Fire Station. At that time, students and their parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the co-ed program.

Exploring serves 2,000 young people in New Hampshire and over half a million nation-wide. The program provides hands-on activities with professionals who act as advisors and offers additional training in ethical decision-making through positive social interaction, leadership development, refining problem-solving skills and service to others. The registration fee for Exploring is only \$7.80 per year.

If you or a teenage student you know is interested in fire fighting and would like to attend the Open House, please RSVP with Raymond Youngs at 603-625-6431 ext. 126.

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

Recreation Soccer Program

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Recreation Soccer Program for players in grades 1-6. Games are held at the fields in New Durham on Saturdays in October and practices are held during the week in Alton at Jones Field. The Department would like to thank and recognize the soccer coaches for volunteering their time and energy for the program. With volunteer support we are able to provide programs that teach life skills, build self-confidence and self-esteem, make sports and exercise fun and also create new friendships and forever memories. Stop by the fields in New Durham to cheer our teams on.

U8 Teams include: "Road Runners" with Coach Fraser; "Koalas" with Coach St. Laurent; "Owls" with Coach Parker; "Dolphins" with Coach McGrath and the "Saber Cats" with Coach Johnson; U10 Boys teams include: "Sandy Point Restaurant Thunder Cats" with Coach Bothwick and "Title Pro, LLC Screaming Eagles" with Coach Lamper; U10 Girls teams include: "Gillan Marine Wave Runners" with Coach Tidd and the "Union Communications Carrier Pigeons" with Coach Mucher; U12 Team includes: the "Profile Bank Red Hawks" with Coach Lamper.

The Soccer Awards night is scheduled in November with an ice cream social to follow. Please look for the date in the November Main Street. For more information about our program please call 875-0109.

After School Program
Halloween Fun!

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an after school program for ages 7-10 on Wednesday, October 27 at the Pearson Road Community Center from 3:30-5:00pm. The Theme is Halloween Fun! We will make festive, colorful masks and decorate a pumpkin into our own creation. Join in the fun as we play cooperative games and enjoy a Halloween treat. Register by October 18 at the Parks and Recreation Department. Registration fee is \$5.00 and includes all supplies, snack and supervision.

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PMHS GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS By Linda Roy, Guidance Department

At the high school level there are additional standardized tests given each year and these are coordinated by the Guidance Director. The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) is administered each year to college bound sophomores and juniors in October as a practice for and introduction to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The SAT is taken by college bound students in the junior and/or senior years as a part of the college admissions process. Students take the SAT at local test centers such as Wolfeboro, Laconia, and Rochester. The SAT is required for most all of the four-year colleges and some of the two-year colleges.

The ACT Assessment (ACT) which is also used in college admissions measures the skills and abilities highly related to high school course work and success in college. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is offered each year to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The ASVAB is administered free of charge by the military services and provides an excellent career vocational assessment along with an informative career follow-up program.

The following are the test dates to keep in mind.

PSAT: Wednesday, October 13 at 8am at Prospect Mountain High School. There is a fee of \$11.00. We will accept cash or a check made payable to Prospect Mountain High School. Students need to sign up in the Guidance Office by Friday, October 8.

SAT: The SAT booklets and registration forms are available in the Guidance Office. The test dates are: November 6, 2004, December 4, 2004, January 22, 2005, March 12, 2005, May 7, 2005, and June 4, 2005. There are deadlines to watch for. The fee is \$29.50 to the College Board.

ACT: The ACT booklets and registration forms are also available in the Guidance Office. The test dates are: October 23, 2004, December 11, 2004, February 12, 2005, April 9, 2005, and June 11, 2005. Again, there are deadlines to watch for. The fee is \$28.00 or \$42.00 depending on which test you take.

ASVAB: The ASVAB will be given sometime in November. Date to be determined. There is no fee for the ASVAB

GRAMS IN TOUCH By Nancy Pritchard

All grandmothers are invited to join other 'grams' to pray for their grandchildren once a month. In the past year many prayers have been answered and all are welcome to join us on the last Monday of each month.

This month the date is October 25th from 2-3pm. Please call Nancy, 875-5875 for directions to the home where we will meet.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS
By Paulette Wentworth

Another year has gone by with Thanksgiving right around the corner. It is time to start thinking about the food baskets for the families in need of Alton. Donations would be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check or money orders. Make donations payable to "Operation Blessings". You may drop off your contribution at the Town Hall to Paulette Wentworth or mailed to Town Hall, P.O. Box 659, Alton, NH 03809.

Canned good donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall between 8AM and 4:30PM on or before Friday, November 19, 2004. Please specify that they are for the "Operation Blessing" Project.

ALTON FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.
TO HOST DINNER.
by President Christopher Johnson

The Alton Firemen's Association Inc. will be hosting a Ham and Bean Dinner on Saturday, October 9 from 4-7pm at the Central Fire Station located at 65 Frank Gilman Highway. This dinner will be a fundraiser with proceeds to benefit the Alton Fire/Rescue Departments purchase of hose ramps and cold water rescue equipment. Cost for the dinner will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children age 10 and under. Hot dogs will also be served for the children.

The Carbon Monoxide Detectors have arrived and were purchased with fundraising monies raised from our Spaghetti Dinner held last March. These CO detectors will be placed on our first in medical/trauma bag in the Ambulance as well as our first due piece of apparatus responding to emergency calls. These detectors will aid your emergency responders so they may safely assist and protect you.

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL
ANNOUNCES DEDICATION CEREMONY

Prospect Mountain High School will be holding a dedication ceremony and open house on Saturday, October 16, beginning at 1pm.

At press time, the details of the event were still being finalized, but planned events include a performance by the Prospect Mountain High School band, speakers, and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the High School will be open to the public for tours. There will be guided tours for those who are interested, and guides will be posted throughout the school to answer questions for those who choose not to take the guided tour.

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**ALTON'S KORIN EAGLES
SPENDS A 'SEMESTER AT SEA'
By Judith Pellowe**

Korin Eagles, currently a student at the University of New Hampshire, has become a world traveler by participating in the 'semester at sea' program sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.

Korin began her journey in Vancouver, BC on August 30, and will return to Fort Lauderdale, FL on December 8th. During her time at sea, Korin will visit Japan, China, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Tanzania, South Africa, Brazil and Venezuela.

The program serves 646 students from 253 colleges and universities. They will be traveling aboard the MV Explorer, a ship which has been outfitted as a traveling campus. The facility includes classrooms, a library, a computer lab with wireless internet access, a student union, and more.

Korin will be taking classes while aboard the ship, and will also be spending three to four days in port at the various destinations. While in port, students may stay with local families, visit universities, travel to historic and cultural sites, and experience the local way of life.

Congratulations and happy sailing to Korin Eagles!

**LAKES REGION SOCCER CLUB
GOING TO DISNEY WORLD
By Pete Clifford**

On the road to Disney's Wide World of Sports complex, ten Players from Lakes Region Soccer Club have won their way to the National Got Milk 3v3 soccer tournament, in Orlando FL. All the girls play for Lakers United U12 team. To qualify to go Disney World, your team must place sixth seed or higher. Both Lakers teams won their way through the Regional tournament; U12's placing fourth, and U11's placing fifth.

U12 players, coached by Pete Clifford, are Sarah Clifford from Alton, Alexis Page, Kendall Graupner and Sarah Coakley from Moultonboro, and Megan Pollini from Wolfeboro. U11 players, coached by Mike Hillis, are Samantha Hillis, Josie Couch, Danielle Burwell, Kirby Beranger, and Danielle Tidd all from Alton.

This is the third year in a row that Lakes Region Soccer Club teams have qualified for the nationals. The expense of the tournament, air travel, and housing is a big factor in deciding whether some kids can afford to go.

For anyone interested in making a donation please contact Valerie Burwell at 875-0463 or Kelly Pollini at 569-6388. For new players interested in playing with our Soccer Club e-mail; Pete Clifford at peterc@cnisbelieving.com

For more info on National Soccer Tournament go to www.gotmilk3v3soccer.com

Clubs and Services

Newborn/Maternal Home Visits: Community Health & Hospice Young Family Program nurses provide free home visits for pregnant women who are Medicaid-eligible and also offer a free visit by a Registered Nurse to any parent of a newborn in the greater Lakes Region. The program teaches infant care, what to expect in their child's growth and development, and parenting skills. For more information, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

Shots For Tots, Teens, and In-Betweens: provides immunizations for children to age 19. For dates and location, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

"Caring Caregivers" Support Group: a support group for caregivers of the memory-impaired and others in long term caregiving situations. The day group generally meets on the first and third Monday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30am. The evening group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Regular meetings are held at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Please contact Pat Marceau at CH&H (524-8444, ext. 343) for additional information.

Community Health & Hospice welcomes volunteers and provides training in all programs. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Bev Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator, at Community Health & Hospice, 780 N. Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246 or call (603) 524-4339, ext. 348 or (toll-free) (800) 244-8549 in New Hampshire.

Alton Senior Citizens Association Whist Club Mon. & Thurs. 1-3pm, Bingo Tues., Weds., & Fri. 1-2pm. Pearson Road Community Center. All are welcome.

OCTOBER EVENTS

- Sun 3 Alton Historical Society Appraisal Program, 2-4pm, American Legion Hall (p.23)
- Sat 9 Alton Firemen's Association Ham and Bean Dinner, Central Fire Station, 65 Frank Gilman Hwy 4-7pm (p. 11)
- Mon 11 Alton's Book Chat, 6:30pm, Gilman Library (p.16)
- Wed 13 Fire Dept. Open House for youth, 7pm, Central Fire Station (p.8)
- Sat 16 Railroad Park Clean-up, 8:30am at the site, Depot Street. Rain Date 30th (p26)
- Sun 17 PTSA Fall Festival, 1-4pm, Alton Central School. Rain date 24th. (p.6)
- Tue 19 Anti-Substance Abuse Task Force, Kingswood Regional High School, 7-9pm (p.21)
- Fri 22 Senior Bingo, Pearson Road Community Center, 1pm (p. 9)
- Tue 26 Alton Garden Club Meeting, 1:30pm, Congregational Meeting House (p.17)
- Wed 27 Halloween Fun, Pearson Road Community Center, 3:30-5:00pm (p. 9)
- Sun 30 TRICK OR TREAT! 4-8pm

Bereavement Support Group: Community Health & Hospice offers a Bereavement Support Group at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Call Carolyn Stevenson, 524-8444, ext. 321 for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets weekly on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center on Route 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Also Tues., Cong Church Ossipee, Sat., Huggins Hospital Wolfeboro. Call 434-7578 for more information. All are welcome.

Young Family Program: the Community Health & Hospice is offering a free Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) to parents of children ages four months through five years. The ASQ is a parent-completed screening system to help identify children who should be referred for a comprehensive assessment for medical, special education, early childhood education, mental health, and social services. For more information or to request a questionnaire, call Carol at 524-4339, ext. 346.

Blood Pressure Clinics: Blood Pressure Clinics are held on the Second Thursday of the month from 10:30-noon, Alton Senior Center, Pearson Road.

American Red Cross Blood Services: Red blood cells have a shelf life of only forty-two days, so new reserves must be added to hospital inventories every day. If you would like information about becoming a regular blood donor, contact the American Red Cross Blood Services - New England Region at 1-800-843-3500, or go to www.newenglandblood.org/nh for a list of blood drives.

ORGANIZATIONS:

- Alcoholics Anonymous -- Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Comm. Ctr.
Alton Community Services Prog., Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273
- Alton Masonic Lodge #75 -- 2nd Thu. except July & Aug., 875-7448
- American Legion -- 2nd Mon., 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28
American Legion Auxiliary -- 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Jr. Auxiliary -- 1st Wed., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Family -- 2nd Monday 7:30pm, Legion Hall
Sons of the American Legion, 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Legion Hall
Boy Scout Troop 53 -- Mon, 6:30pm, Central Fire Station
Cub Scout Pack 53 -- Last Wed., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
4-H Club, see website <www.alton4H.org>
Flying Club -- 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900
Friends of the Gilman Library -- 2nd Tue. (in season), Library
Garden Club -- 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House
Happy Hobby Doll Club -- 4th Fri., 7 p.m., 364-7413 for directions
- Historical Society -- Watch for announcements of programs, Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629
- Knights of Columbus -- 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- Lions Club -- 1st and 3rd Thu., The American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
Moms In Touch -- Tue., 12:30 p.m., 875-2866
Mt. Major Snowmobile Club -- 2nd Tue., 7 p.m., Sr. Center, 875-3858 or <info@mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com>
- OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfeboro -- 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-7898
- Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Thursdays, 5:30, Alton Bay Community Center. Call 434-7578
- PTSA. -- 3rd Wed., Alton Central School HS Library, 7 p.m.
Senior Citizens -- 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

VFW -- 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

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

Bay Church -- 9:30am Sunday School, Church on Rand Hill Rd, 11am Worship Service, ABCCC; Weds. Prayer meeting - 6:45pm, Church on Rand Hill Rd. To confirm call 875-5211

Community Church -- Sun. Service, 9am, 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

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**ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
READING PROGRAMS**
By Dr. Jacqueline Verville, Director of Reading

Teen Read Week is being celebrated throughout the nation during the week of October 17th through the 23rd. This year's theme is *It's Alive @ Your Library*. It is important to celebrate since many teens are not reading for fun these days, and reading scores have not been improving for this age group over the last few years, letting us know that many teens are getting left behind in reading! It's also a wonderful opportunity to let your library know how important their services are to your teen children. Why not let teens know the possibilities that lie within the doors of the library and within the covers of wonderful and exciting books?

Alton Central School will feature some contests, such as: maybe a book discussion, redesigning the cover of a favorite book, asking students to submit poetry, or lists of their favorite books and book reviews to decorate the library bulletin board. We are also hoping to invite students to have a daily read-in and discussion during the last period of the day. Prizes will be awarded for contest winners. Maybe all parents could let their teens know how important reading is by modeling with periodicals, newspapers and books they read on a daily basis.

Parents, do encourage your children to read! Reading for the fun of it can have a positive effect on your teens and will also help their grades improve.

The teaching staff at Alton Central School are taking reading very seriously as evidenced by the Book Discussion Group that will be held on Tuesdays during the month of October at the school. To date, approximately fifteen staff members have signed up for the discussion group that will be held from 3-4pm on October 5, 12, 19 and 26th. Teachers were given four options of text to be discussed. The survey is still incomplete, but it appears that either 'Mosaic of Thought' or 'Strategies That Work' will be considered for discussion.

All staff will read chapters on their own and one hour will be taken to discuss the material at each weekly session. Refreshments will be shared and clock hours will be received at the completion of the month's work.

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT~TEACHER NIGHT**
By Linda Roy

There will be a Parent/Teacher night on October 7th from 6-8pm for the parents of students from Prospect Mountain High School. Please come and follow your child's schedule and meet their teachers.



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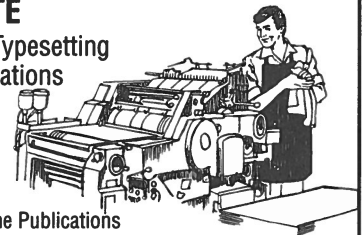
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Calls for service for the month of August totaled 48. These calls included 14 Fire related, 29 Medical Emergencies of which 6 were motor vehicle crashes, and 5 Service calls. We've had a very busy season so far and presently calls for service total fifty (50) above last year at this same time. Residents are also reminded as we come into the heating season to have your chimney cleaned and your furnace serviced. Don't wait until the cold weather is here to realize you have a problem; check these things out early.

The department members wish to thank the residents for your assistance in visibly posting your new 911 number in accordance with the Towns' E-911 System. Not only will this better enable the Fire and Police Departments to locate you if and when your emergency occurs, but it also keeps you, the homeowner/landowner, in compliance with this Town Ordinance. We thank you in advance.

This year we welcome five new Student Interns to our department namely, Daniel Boissonneault, Eric Dubowik, James LeClair, Joshua Merriam and Joseph Raymond. These Interns, participating in the Student Intern Live-In Program hosted by the Fire/Rescue Department, attend the New Hampshire Technical College of Laconia while providing Fire and Emergency Medical Services to the Town during their two year tenure with us. Four of these young men are Level 1 Firefighter as well as EMT certified already; all look forward to furthering their education through our program.

Lastly, we wish to remind residents, both new to Town or longtime members, if you have installed an oil burner in your home this **must** be inspected by the Fire Chief. Any resident with a new constructed home, your oil burner **must** be inspected before the Code Official can issue you a certificate of occupancy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Fire/Rescue Department at 875-0222.

ALTON'S BOOK CHAT

By Debra Laurion

Peace Like A River by Leif Enger was the book that we read at our last meeting. It was about the life of a young boy who was born with a breathing problem and how he survived throughout his life. All the characters were very well described throughout the book and that made it very enjoyable.

The next book we will be reading is In The Devil's Snare by Mary Beth Norton. The meeting will be October 11th at 6:30 pm in the Agnes Thompson Room at the Gilman Library. All our welcome to join. Just pick up a copy of the book at the front desk of the Gilman Library.

**ALTON GARDEN CLUB
OCTOBER MEETING
By Vi Russell**

October meeting of the Alton Garden Club will meet on October 26, at 1:30PM at the Congregational Meeting House.

The program will be Pressed Flower Boxes Workshop. Speaker: Ann Hoagland. Hostesses Chairperson: Lois Weinhold. New members are always welcome come to our meeting or call President Phyllis Buchanan at 267-8986.

HISTORIC ALTON

The photo below was submitted to Main Street by Edwin Kimball of Alton. He wrote a brief note explaining where the photo was taken, which follows.

"The enclosed photo was taken in September 1898 about where the Pavilion is now at Alton Bay, looking up the lake with Sandy Point on the left under the trees. Dan Kelly Boathouse is on the East Shore just to the left of center with the Kelly house up the hill to the right.

I can not identify the cottage on the shore to the right with any present day cottage. It must have been moved or demolished before Route 28A was built in the early 1930's because 28A goes right along the shore from the Town Beach up past where Oak Birch Inn used to be. Note that the Kelly Boathouse was the only one on the East shore of the bay, at least well past Sandy Point.

The people in the boat, from left to right, are: Richard H. Kimball, my father (1885-1963); Grenville Kimball, my Uncle; Richard D. Kimball, my Grandfather, died 1920; a family friend; John V. Kimball, my Uncle; Marion Kimball, my Aunt; unknown lady; Grandmother Kimball."

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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS
By Ray Nadeau

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Our Sunday breakfast buffets are going strong from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. All you can eat for \$7.00. Breakfasts are open to the public, so if you haven't tried this Sunday treat, stop by and enjoy. All profits are donated to various charitable groups - in fact, during the last 12 months, over \$6,000 has been donated to local non-profit organizations. Demand is heavy, but if your organization would like to sponsor a breakfast, call Andy Schofield at 875-3461 to schedule a date.

Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion officers urge all members to pay your 2005 dues and help us make our membership goals. As a Legion family, this post is one of the fastest growing in the state. You can help continue this success by paying your dues.

The Saturday afternoon Meat Raffles started again on September 25. The raffle starts at 1:30 and is open to the public. Stop by for an enjoyable afternoon.

We will be hosting our annual Halloween party on Saturday, October 30 starting at 8:00 PM. There will be a DJ until 12:00 and prizes for best costumes. No admission charge for this members and guests event.

The Legion will once again serve Thanksgiving Dinner for members of the community who would like to join us. This is open to the public and is provided at no cost by the Alton American Legion Family. We will also deliver holiday meals to those who can't get out. Turkey and all the trimmings will be served from 12:00 until 3:00 on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25. If you would like a meal delivered to you or if you need transportation to join us, please give us a call at 875-3461.

Our popular New Years Eve Dinner-Dance will be held on Friday, December 31. A great dinner will be served and music will be provided until 12:30 AM. This is always a sell-out, so get your tickets early this year - they go on sale November 1st. More info on this members and guests event next month.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

The Alton Police Department has announced that Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 30th, from 4:00-8:00pm.



APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN TEEN PROJECT NEWS

By Holly Manoogian

On August 26, AMTP staff hosted our biggest annual summer barbecue ever! Over 60 teen participants, friends, and family member joined us at Ellacoya State Park in Gilford to celebrate the accomplishments of our 21st summer of youth adventure programs!

This summer, teens paddled (and portaged!) together. There was a 3-day Girls Canoe Trip through the remote lakes of Pillsbury State Park and a 3-day Boys Canoe Trip featuring white-water on the Merrimack River. Meanwhile other teens worked together to decipher maps during the Orienteering Scavenger Hunt and learned how to use technical equipment and good communication to support each other in our Rock Climbing Clinics.

Some of the most enjoyable moments of the summer came during quiet conversations with teens who hiked 10 new trails to prepare our 2nd edition of the Lakes Region Trail Guide. Teens took notes on every tangible facet of the trails - locations, parking, directions, elevation, distance, vistas, plants and animals, history, and more. Look for the new guides later this year!

AMTP has a new full-time staff member! Jamie Hannon comes to us from the University of Maine, where he earned his Master's degree studying wilderness therapy programs in New England.

Funding for our adventure-based counseling program is made possible by the generosity of numerous private foundations, county incentive funds, and individual contributions. Thank you!

Event Leader Dan Kusch and two teens enjoy the view from the summit during one of the summer hikes.



BELKNAP COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SEEKS NOMINEES FOR 'UN Sung HERO' AWARD

By Judith Buswell

Nomination packets are now available for the Annette P. Schmitt Unsung Hero Award, presented each year by the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families to someone who has shown a long-standing commitment to children and families in Belknap County through behind-the-scenes activities without any expectation of recognition. Eligible candidates include those who volunteer on behalf of children or families or non-volunteer individuals who provide services to children and families beyond the scope of their employment.

The 2005 recipient will be announced by Special Justice Willard Martin during the Council's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 11th. The winner will receive an individual award and his or her name will be engraved on a plaque that hangs in the Council offices.

Says Judge Martin, "This award is designed to acknowledge the efforts of Belknap County residents who go the extra mile in bringing positive changes to the lives of families."

The Schmitt UnSung Hero Award honors New Hampshire resident, the late Annette P. Schmitt, who left a generous bequest to support programs and projects that improve the lives of children and families in Belknap County and the State. Over the past several years this fund has been the primary resource for sustaining a number of comprehensive systemic changes in Belknap County, including juvenile justice procedures, the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families, and introducing the principles of Community Justice throughout the County. All are new concepts for Belknap County with hopes for replication elsewhere in New Hampshire.

Previous winners of the Schmitt Unsung Hero Award include Paul Plimpton of Belmont in 2004, who uses his skills and interest in sports to encourage boys and girls in the Lakes Region; Deb Williams of Laconia in 2003, who volunteers with several youth-serving organizations in Laconia, and in 2002, six Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers: Charles Berney, Daniel French, Kathleen Companion, Darryl Glendye, Rodney Martinez, and Ingrid McIver, who assist troubled youth throughout Belknap County.

Nomination Forms are available at the Citizens Council office in the Busiel Mill, Mill Plaza in downtown Laconia, or at the County Commissioners Office at 34 County Drive in Laconia. Forms can also be downloaded off the Citizens Council website www.bccj.org or by calling the Council office at 528-3185. Completed Nomination Forms are due by November 12th.

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THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian

The Annual Mum Sale was held on Saturday, September 18th & Sunday, September 19th. We wish to thank all of you who took part whether through volunteering to help with sales or through purchasing flowers. We are very grateful to Sunflower Gardens, Route 28 So., for providing the flowers and making a generous donation to the Gilman Library Building Fund. Words alone cannot express how much we appreciate the support of the Friends of the Gilman Library, Sunflower Gardens and the community. The proceeds go to the Gilman Library Building Fund and are used for library automation.

Now that the new school year is well underway, we wish to welcome children ages 3-5 to the Story Hour Program. Once again, we welcome volunteers to read to children, to help with crafts, to decorate the bulletin board and/or to assist in picking out books.

The initial meeting will be a "Teddy Bear's Picnic" on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Please have your child come with his or her favorite bear or other stuffed animal. Pre-registration is required. Future meetings will be weekly with a day and time to be determined by the answers on the registration form. Please note that when Alton Central School is not in session (due to holiday or inclement weather) there will be no story hour. For more information please call 875-2550 or stop in and see us.

In addition, we welcome students to our library to study or do research. If your child is between the ages of 6 and 14, they are welcome to obtain their own library card with your signed permission. Parents must be present when signing the application card. Students over the age of 14 may obtain a library card without a parent signature but must have permission from a parent to access the internet. Any one age 18 or older may access the internet without a parent. Please see library policies regarding patron cards and internet access at the circulation desk.

Watch for our special display for "Teen Read Week" October 18 thru October 22.

Alton's Book Chat will be meeting on Monday, October 11, 2004 at 6:30 PM at the library to discuss In the Devil's Snare by Mary Beth Norton. If you would like a copy of the book, please call 875-2550 or stop in at the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

We wish to thank all of you who took part in the Summer Reading Program "Check Out A Hero". It was an awesome summer. For those of you who turned in a Reading Log and/or took part in the Coloring Contest please make sure you stop by the library and pick up your "Prize Package" if you have not already done so. Keep reading and join us again next year!!

ANTI-SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE TO MEET By Jeanne Tempest

"Contact, a Community Anti-substance Abuse Task Force," renamed last spring, has resumed its meetings and is planning a community forum aimed at students and their parents.

It will be held Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the Kingswood Regional High School Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m. Designed to bring area communities to the table to discuss the growing drug problem in the area, the forum will host a guest speaker and will also address two programs that are on-going in the area.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Mike Green of the N.H. National Guard, a resident of Moultonborough, chaired the most recent meeting Sept. 17 in the Governor Wentworth School District conference room. CWO4 Green is part of a federally-funded program to assist communities in organizing anti-drug programs.

Present at the meeting were School Superintendent Jack Robertson, Assistant Superintendent Kathleen McCabe, Carroll County Mental Health representative Kim Mahon; KRHS students Amy Isabelle and Meaghan Smith, and the following community representatives: school board member Skip Fadden and N.H. State Rep. David Bickford, both of New Durham; Maureen Jamieson of Ossipee; Bill Piekut of Effingham; Jeanne Tempest of Tuftonboro; Barbara Melnik, Lincoln Annis, Dr. Harley Heath and George and Nancy Greer, all of Wolfeboro.

The task force welcomes new members and will meet again Friday, Oct. 1, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the GWRSD offices on Route 109A to set an agenda for the forum. Guest speaker at the forum will be Michael Weber, whose topic will be "Get an Attitude!" Weber has spent the past 25 years working with more than 500,000 students. He is the founder of Great American Opportunities Leadership Institute with a focus on building student leaders through workshops and conferences.

Also to be discussed at the forum will be Project Monitor, which serves the communities of Alton, Brookfield, Effingham, Moultonborough, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wakefield and Wolfeboro, and the Safe Homes Program.

Students and their parents are urged to mark the date of the forum and to make plans now to attend.

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FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINICS By Jackie Bonafide

ServiceLink of Belknap County and Community Health & Hospice are coordinating the Lakes Region Adult Flu Immunization Clinics this fall. There will be approximately 40 Clinics between October 2 and November 30. Locations include Laconia, Moultonboro, Belmont, Sanbornton, Meredith, and Northfield. Adults may get flu shots at their doctor's office or at adult flu clinics. For information on flu shots for children, please contact your child's pediatrician.

- DATES, TIMES, & LOCATIONS

A partial schedule for the first two weeks of Adult Flu Immunization Clinics is:

- Saturday, October 2 at Care & Comfort Nursing, 61 Beacon Street West, Laconia, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Call 528-5020 for more information.
- Tuesday, October 5 at the Public Life Safety Building in Moultonboro from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Call Moultonboro Visiting Nurse Service at 476-2350 for more information.
- Wednesday, October 13 at the Belmont Senior Center, Mill Street in Belmont from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Please call Community Health & Hospice at 524-8444 for more information.
- Thursday, October 14 at the Laconia Senior Center, 17 Church Street, Laconia, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. Please call Community Health & Hospice at 524-8444 for more information.

For more information on locations and dates of Adult Flu Clinics, please contact ServiceLink of Belknap County at (603) 528-6945 or 1-866-634-9412.

- Cost of Immunizations at Adult Clinics:

Medicare and Medicaid cover the cost of the flu shot. Please call ahead to see if Medicare/Medicaid billing is available at the clinic site. If so, please bring your Medicare/Medicaid information with you to the clinic. For all others, there is a fee.

Flu Facts:

- Influenza (commonly called "the flu") is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Infection can result in illness ranging from mild to severe and life-threatening complications. An estimated 5% to 20% of U.S. residents get the flu each year: an average of 114,000 people are hospitalized for flu-related complications and 36,000 Americans die each year from complications of flu.
- The "flu shot" is an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus) that is given with a needle, usually in the arm. The vaccine causes antibodies to develop in the body, and these antibodies provide protection against influenza virus infection. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against influenza virus infection. That's why it's better to get vaccinated early in the fall, before the flu season really gets under way.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO ELSA BAYER! By Ginny Bayer

On August 17th an open house was held for Elsa Bayer by her daughter, Ginny, to acknowledge her 100th birthday on September 23. Friends, neighbors and caregivers attended. Drinks, cake, and ice cream were enjoyed by all. Elsa and Ginny extend their thanks to everyone!

Irene Varney is a caregiver for Elsa Bayer. Elsa told Irene her story, and Irene wrote the following tribute to Elsa for her 100th birthday.

A Tribute to Elsa Bayer

Elsa Flath was a beautician who resided in Chmnitz, Germany. Once upon a time she met this wonderful man, Richard Bayer. Richard was a German chemist from Providence, Rhode Island and was on a business trip in Chemnitz.

Richard called Elsa's beauty shop for an appointment. Elsa sat manicuring his nails, and she gave him a facial. Was this love at first sight or what?

After his facial and manicure, Richard asked Elsa for a date to accompany him to a nearby coffee house. Elsa remembers he was a good tipper.

Richard fell in love with Elsa instantly and asked her to marry him. She hurriedly packed her suitcase to leave for America. She became scared, so she just as hurriedly unpacked her suitcase. She had to think things over.

Elsa only had a few days to make up her mind. It wasn't easy leaving her home country, but Richard was the man of her dreams. He would be returning to America in a few days, and she probably would never see him again.

Elsa decided to get married. She, Richard, and her sister Hilda traveled to America on their honeymoon. Hilda later returned to Germany, while Elsa and Richard lived happily ever after.

Elsa Bayer at her 100th birthday celebration



MOUNT MAJOR SNOWMOBILE CLUB NEWS By Joanne Shibley, Treasurer

It's right around the corner, WINTER! I would like to thank all of you that have already sent in your dues and donations. If you have not sent your dues (and donations!) please do so soon. Our insurance costs have greatly increased due to premium increases and adding the new Skandic's that we have purchased.

Also, in the next few weeks, two construction/trail improvement projects that will be starting will be 50% funded by the NH Bureau of Trails and we must pay the balance. In addition, many bridges must be re-decked. Materials will need to be purchased and of course, anyone willing to do some re-decking would be greatly appreciated. Check the web site for information at mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com.

Our monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. at the Pearson Rd. Community Center. Enjoy the foliage, walk your favorite trail and clear away fallen branches, snip face-whackers, etc. Please do your share, it only makes the trails better. As always, thank you to the many landowners that allow us access to their property.

UPDATE: All members must join the NHSA as well as Mt. Major Club. This is a new requirement from the NHSA. So when you send in your membership, please join the NHSA. Our form indicated that it was optional, however that was incorrect.

LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

By Karen Poor

"AN OVERACHIEVER, ACHIEVES PEACE" Is this possible? YES! Please join us on October 13th from 11am to 1pm at Maurice's Family Restaurant, Rt. 25, Moultonborough for a wonderful luncheon of Baked Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Salad, Vegetable, Chocolate Ice Cream Cake and Beverage for \$13.00, including tip!

Our special speaker is Eileen Pheiffer, a C.P.A. who is married and has four children, 3 of whom are teens. She is a motivational speaker who is known for her story telling. She tells of how she went from being an "Overachiever" to achieving "Peace" by finding the one area of life where her strong work ethic did not pay off.

Our special feature will be our annual auction. This is always a big hit with the ladies. We're asking everyone to please bring a small gift item to be auctioned along with the gift baskets our committees have prepared for this fun event. Reservations can be made by calling Melissa in Alton @ 776-2224 or Faith in Gilford @ 293-8073. Reservations must be honored but can be cancelled if done so 2 days prior to the luncheon. Child care is provided by reservations. Please bring a brown bag lunch for your child/children.

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**ROUTE 11D ASSOCIATION THANKS
By Gay Lamoureux**

The Neighbors and friends of Route 11D wish all the summer residents a safe and enjoyable winter. We will look forward to seeing you next year. Thank you again for all your help this year.

Attention all Antiquers, Yard Salers, Flea Marketers and Heirs. Don't forget the Alton Historical Society Appraisal Program on Sunday, October 3 from 2-4pm at the American Legion Hall on Route 28.

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PROPOSED RAILROAD PARK DESIGN

By Judy Fry

The sun shown brightly as the group of townspeople, guests and members of the Downtown Revitalization Committee gathered at the site of the proposed Railroad Park on Saturday, August 7th.

Displays of Story Boards, railroad print-outs, and more greeted everyone at the start of the Round Table Discussion. The purpose of the brainstorming session was to provide an opportunity for the townspeople to help create a plan, design, and concept for the former Railroad site (next to the Police Station).

A site walk was led by Tom Varney and Marty Cornelissen. They provided maps of the railroad yard as well as historic background information. The group then adjourned to the Town Hall for the remaining day's activities.

The architect/designer Maximillan Ferro and Facilitator Peer Kraft Lund encouraged everyone in the group to share his or her ideas, thoughts and suggestions about the project. Following the lively two hour morning session the group paused for lunch. The breakfast and luncheon food was generously provided by the Alton Circle Grocery, Alton Bay Lakeview Market, Alton Village Store, East Alton Fire Association, Hannaford Supermarket of Rochester,

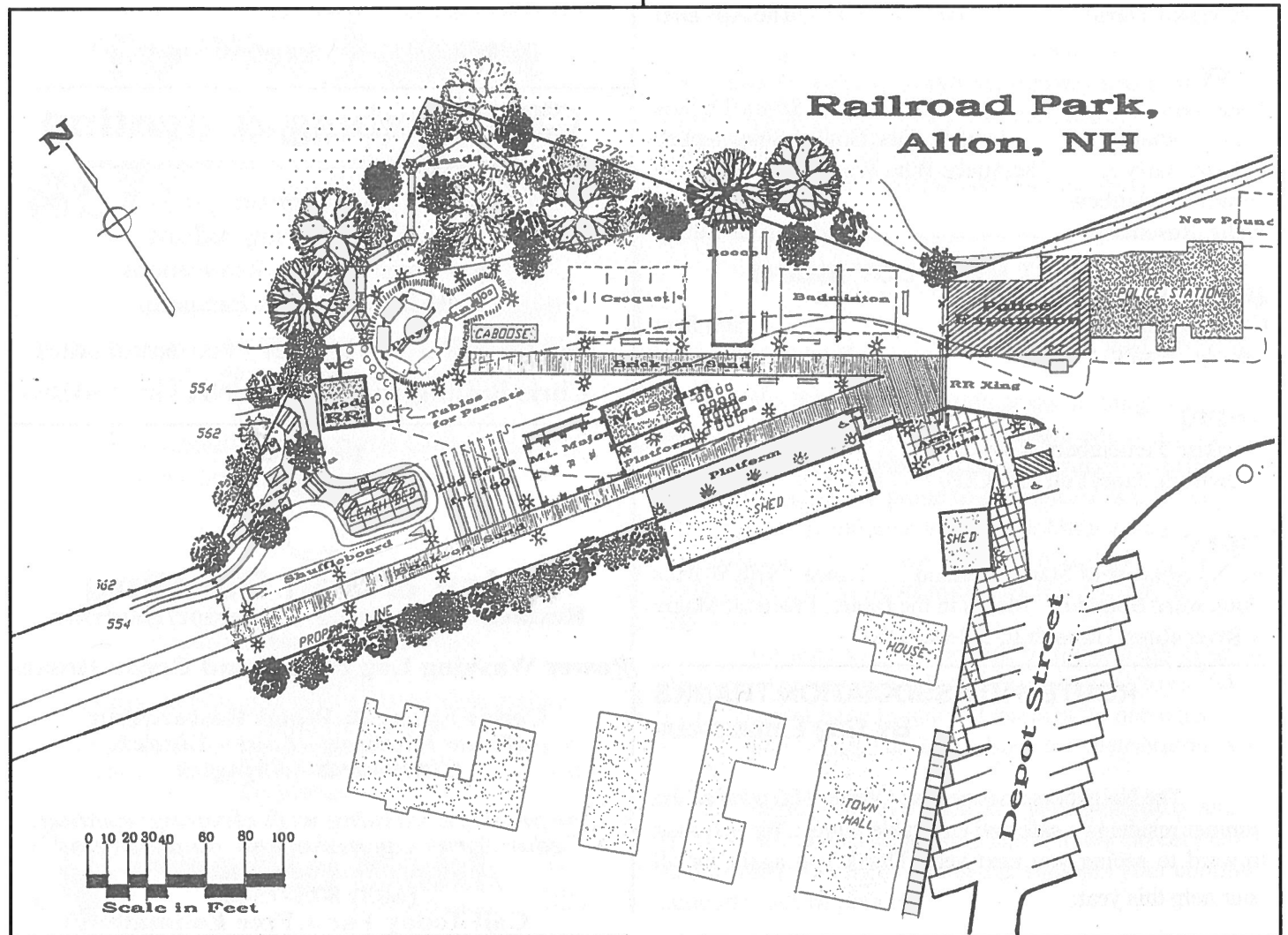
McGrath's food Center, River Run Deli & Takeout, and Committee members Bonnie Barsanti and Nancy Merrill.

The afternoon wrap-up session prioritized the ideas put forth by the morning participants which included: a park for young children, possible walkway through the marsh area, area for board games, area for lawn games, area for picnicking and barbecuing, and many more ideas shown in the conceptual design.

The conceptual design/report of the August 7th Round Table Discussion was presented to the Committee and three members of the public during a business meeting August 30th. This is the first design presented by the Architect. This is just the beginning step and there will be numerous discussions and changes before deciding on the final design.

The Committee welcomes other suggestions and thoughts and has arranged for a copy of the report to be available for public review. It will be on the small table upstairs in the Town Hall. Comments may be mailed to the Downtown Revitalization Committee, PO Box 659, Alton.

Please read the report in the Town Hall and leave it there for the next person. The Committee members wish to thank each of the merchants for their contributions and support which made the Round Table Discussion a great success.



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.**

FOR SALE

1998 SUBARU LEGACY WAGON, 79,000 miles, white, good condition, A/C, cruise, PW, AWD, roof rack \$1600. Call 776-0263.

BEIGE SLEEPER COUCH, queen size, scotch guarded, almost new, \$250; paisley sofa, rust colors, 88" long, scotch guarded, almost new, \$250. Call 875-0626.

WASHER AND DRYER – GE profile electric, almond, 3sp wash/spin, 3 temp set, presoak, xtra rinse, auto/timed dry cycles, 4 fabric plus xtra care set, new, \$475/set. Call 875-0599.

EVENFLO BABY SAFETY SEAT for car-plane-shopping cart. \$35. Call 875-3115.

1999 ARCTIC CAT 'KITTY KAT' – great shape, grass wheels for summer riding included. \$750.00 firm. Call 875-7448.

OLDER WASHING MACHINE in working condition. \$25.00. Extra propane tank for gas grille, \$9.00. Call 875-3486.

THREE-WHEEL SLED DOG TRAINER. Paid \$250.00, will sell for \$100.00 or best offer. Call 875-5815.

GALVANIZED BOAT TRAILER – will take up to a 19' boat. \$500.00. Call 875-7174.

UPRIGHT FREEZER, \$100.00; Top Freezer Refrigerator, \$75.0; 30" self cleaning electric stove, \$35.00 as is; Case bulldozer, \$2,500.00 as is. Ford Tractor, two buckets, \$2,750.00; wood chipper 8HP, \$100.00. Call 875-6853.

CHAIN LINK FENCE DOG RUN, 20' x 5' with latched gate, 6 portable sections, 2 at 5' x 5' and 4 at 10' x 5', \$95.00, 569-6570 or 508-954-0494.

TORO SNOW BLOWER 521, 2 stage, used sparingly in NJ since new. Great machine. Recent tune/adjustment by dealer, \$195.00, 569-6570 or 508-954-0494.

1991 CHEVY LUMINA, V6, auto, 4 door sedan, runs good, new: Michelin tires, battery, brakes, water pump, muffler, etc., 148,000, \$975.00, call 875-3929.

FRIGIDAIRE ELECTRIC RANGE and Hot Point Electric Range \$50.00 each. Two 20' long x 1' diameter used culverts \$50.00 each. One 19"x17" porcelain sink – attached faucets, legs and towel bar, \$25.00. Call 875-2831.

1997 DODGE RAM 1500 4x4, 5 spd, reg. cab, Laramie SLT pkg, red with matching cap, tow pkg, mount ready for Fisher plow, clean, 101K. \$6,450.00 call 293-7041.

MOVING & MUST SELL – backyard maple sugaring equipment including stainless evaporator and reservoir pans for 1/2 Pint Evaporator, draw-off pail, taps, buckets w/ lids, filters, hydrometers and more \$350. or B/O; MPEX Powerhouse 680 Club weight bench \$50; Casio CTK 150 electric piano/organ with stand and stool \$75.; Goldstar 1.7 cu dorm fridge with small freezer compartment \$25; slot car electric race track sets (MR-1) \$25; Tipman 98 paintball gun with JT face shield, co2 canisters, etc., \$150; 1940's hand printing press with 3 cases of type and assorted accessories \$100 for all and you move it. Call 875-3996.

WANTED

SEEKING RESPONSIBLE PERSON to care for our fun, curious kindergartner during 2005-2006 school year. Seeking partial day care plus coverage for some vacation, snow & teacher conference days. Non-smokers only. References required. Please call 364-8360.

FOUND

TEKK 2-WAY HAND HELD WALKIE TALKIE, Pro Sport 140, call 875-0080 to claim.

Thank You

The family of Leslie 'Lester' Braswell wish to thank everyone for their sincere outpouring of support during their time of such deep sadness and sorrow. Lester will be greatly missed. If love could have saved him, he would still be here with us. With sincere gratitude, Mary, Lisa and Rick

Thank You

Dear John at Pops Clam Shell,
We want to thank John Benton of Pops Claim Shell for donating all the hamburgers and hot dogs for Toby coming home on leave from Iraq and his 21st birthday party. We can't thank you enough for your kindness. Love, Roxanne, Mike, Tobias and Zachary Shea. P.S. Love your seafood!

Birth Announcement

Steve and Stacy Holly are excited to announce the birth of their first child, Joseph Thomas, on August 21st at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. Both new parents are extremely excited about their new addition.

A YEAR ROUND SKATING RINK FOR ALTON? The CYA Team Asks "WHY NOT!" By Kendra Kantar and Carol Wallace

Under the auspicious of the Alton Community Youth Activities (CYA) team a meeting will be held at the Gilman Library Oct 13 @ 6:30 to 8:00 to undertake the first steps in providing our community with a year round Skating Rink (Recreation Center). Working to support the Belknap County Citizens Council for Children and Families, CYA has been pro-actively facilitating activities for youth and their parents for over two years. Feedback from almost all of our activities has been that the one thing that would be invaluable to our community and surrounding communities would be a facility that children and or families could go to for recreation on a year round basis. Availability of a year round skating rink was a unanimous choice when we offered an Old Fashion Ice Skating Party in Alton.

This is NOT an impossible dream if the citizens of our community work together and utilize each person's vision, talents and dedication. Please plan on joining us for our first meeting. Everyone will be welcomed! Just call us indicating your support if you cannot attend this meeting. It has been said that: "It Takes A Village To Raise A Child"; What is also true is: It Takes a Community To Build a Skating Rink

For further information call Carol at 875-8221 or Kendra at 875-5688.

RAILROAD PARK CLEAN-UP By Judy Fry

Come join the Downtown Revitalization Committee members for a Clean-Up morning at the site of the proposed "B&M Railroad Park", Saturday, October 16th. Rain Date-Saturday, October 30th, same time-same place. Gathering time
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for volunteers will be 8:30 AM for light refreshments with work getting underway at 9:00 AM.

We suggest that volunteers bring gloves, wear sturdy footwear and bring a can of insect repellent. The goal is to remove brush and small trees from the site plus easy removable trash from the area. Spindly trees will be put in piles at the site to be chipped at a later date, as well as all the brush piles. Larger trees will be taken down and removed by the Town Highway Department. Bring your own tools-hand cutters, weed wackers, gas powered brush cutters, chain saws, gas cans, etc. Work will conclude at noon time.

Come join us, meet your neighbors and give a little time toward this community project. For further information call 569-3742 or 875-5456.

THE HAROLD S. GILMAN MUSEUM ANNOUNCES OPENING

Kathy Currier, Committee chair for the Gilman Museum announces an opening on the Committee that governs the 35 year-old museum. Applicants should have experience with non-profit organizations, fund raising, management of museum resources and some computer skills or a willingness to learn the skills necessary. Responsibilities include participation in committee meetings, conservation projects, budget preparation, docent duties and other assignments as necessary to ensure the development of the Gilman Museum as an educational force within the community. Applications are available at the Town Hall, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Contact Person: Florence Davis, Harold S. Gilman Museum, P. O. Box 659, Alton, NH 03809. Phone 603-875-0201.



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