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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS By Ray Nadeau

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The 2004 Memorial Day parade honored WWII veterans this year with a float with all the trimmings! The American Legion honored twenty-three local WWII veterans with special recognition, a certificate of appreciation and memorabilia from the WWII monument dedication in Washington, DC. Those vets are: Hank Beausoleil, Al Bolduc, John Brooks, Alden Brown, Richard C. Davis, William DeLong, Richard Downing, Robert Eddy, Harold Favreau, Aubert S. Giles, Bill Gould, Allan E. Gurney, John Hagen, William Hardy, Kenneth Litch, Donald MacDonald, Art Scammel, Robert M. Smith, Dean Stimpson, William Sullivan, Nicholas Van Moulton, Ernest Wentworth, Cliff Wooldridge In addition, the High School band wore their new uniforms for the first time and looked and sounded wonderful! We would like to thank all the workers who participated in the preliminary planning, staging, and creation of the program, the float and the overall observance of the day. We would also like to thank the entire community for your cheerful support of the parade and the nice large turnout on Main Street.

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ACS Band members show off their new uniforms. Photo Courtesy American Legion. See more photos page 3 and 28.



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10TH ANNUAL MIKE BURKE MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE By Ann Norman-Burke

The 10th Annual Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 19 at the Bay View Pavilion in Alton Bay. Blood drive hours have been extended to 2pm to 7pm. Special commemorative t-shirts marking the 10th and final Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive will be given to all donors and volunteers.

Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. Suggestions before giving blood include eat a nourishing meal within 4 hours of donating and drink plenty of liquids. For further information contact the Red Cross at 1-800-262-2660.

Generous sponsors of this Blood Drive include Curry Realtors, DAK Financial Group, Tracings Graphics and the Bay View Pavilion. Volunteers and food donations are always welcome. Contact Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492 for additional information.

Give the gift from the heart on July 19th at the Alton Bay Pavilion. Donate Blood!

39th ARMY BAND IN CONCERT By Muriel V. Stinson

On Wednesday, July 14th at 7:30pm, the 39th Army Band, New Hampshire Army National Guard, will perform at the Alton Bay Bandstand. The public is cordially invited to attend this popular summer concert, sponsored by the Bay Church. In case of rain the concert will be held in the tabernacle at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center across the street from the Bandstand.

The 39th Army Band can trace its lineage back 124 years to its inception in Manchester in 1879. When activated for the Mexican-American War, it was known as the Band Section, 1st Infantry, New Hampshire National Guard. During World War I, the unit became known as the Band Section for the First Army Headquarter Regiment. During World War II it was known as the band for the 172nd Field Artillery, New Hampshire. Since 1947, it has been known by its current designation 39th Army Band.

There are approximately 40 musicians representing many communities throughout our state. Many of the soldiers are professional music educators as well as leaders in their respective towns and cities. The band is under the command of Chief Warrant Officer Thomas G. Fisk.



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The American Legion Family awarded eleven scholarships to nine graduating Alton seniors. They are: Meredith Roy, Daniel Quinn, Tonya Prescott, Tamara N. Cornelissen, Ryan J. Donnelly, Matthew Sydow, Isaac Tharpe, Zachary Simone, Jr., Kristine Kenerson. We are very pleased to be able to help these bright, promising young people through our scholarships. We congratulate them and wish them well.

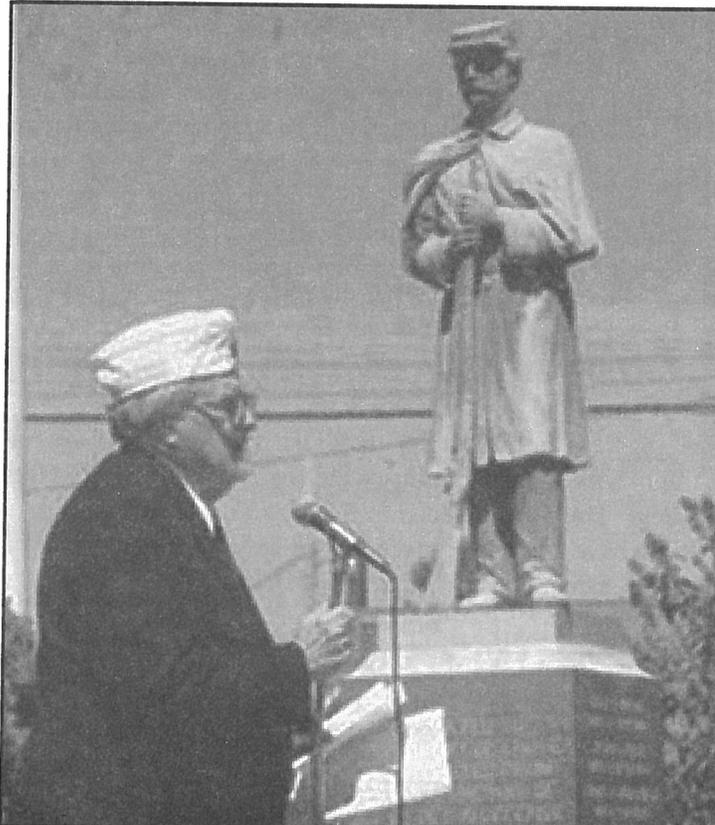
AUXILIARY CRAFT FAIR

Don't forget the craft fair to be held on Saturday, August 7 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Tables and spaces may be located both indoors and out, and go for \$15.00 each. All you crafters out there call us and reserve your place soon at 875-3461 or call Millie Pierce at 875-2838. It looks like this will be a huge crafting event. The Jr. Auxiliary will have a bake sale during the Fair.

WEB SITE

In case you missed it, we have a new web site just being activated. Our first attraction is well over 100 pictures of the Memorial Day parade, including the float, the WWII veterans, all the local marchers and some very special spectators. Take a look at altonamericanlegion.com.

Legion Commander Ray Nadeau speaks in Monument Square. Photo courtesy American Legion

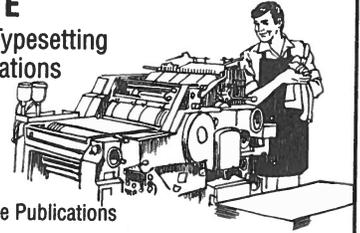


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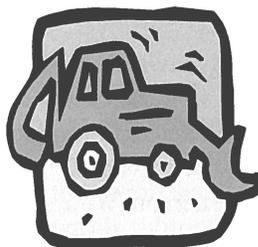
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Welcome to summer we hope you have a pleasant and safe season.

Our crew has been out cleaning the culverts, ditch lines and grading and filling in pot holes. The excavator has arrived on Stockbridge Corner Road (Dudley side). We apologize for any inconvenience. During July the excavator will be working on Spring St. Thank you for your patience while we were cleaning out the catch basins. The second phase of Old Wolfeboro Road has been started, please expect delays.

Also a reminder: we would like to add to the driveway permits that a 4' in depth apron is required on the existing paved roads. Should you have any questions regarding the driveway or right of way permits please feel free to call the highway department @ 875-6808

We would like to thank you again for your calls. They are appreciated.

Public safety is our number one concern.

DOG LICENSES

By Lisa Waterman

Dog licenses expire every year on April 30th. The license has expired if your dog has a green tag dated 2003. As of July 1 a \$2.00 late fee will be added to the regular cost of a license. You may renew by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope, updated rabies or neutering certificate (which will be returned) and a check made payable to the "Town of Alton" in the appropriate amount which includes the \$2.00 late fee (**required**) to the Town Clerk's Office, PO Box 637, Alton, NH 03809. The regular fees for a dog license is: Male/Female, \$10.00; Neutered/Spayed, 7.50; 1st Animal of Sr. Citizen over 65, 2.00.

A police officer may visit your residence by mid-July with a civil forfeiture which carries a fine of \$25.00 per dog. This fine is added to the regular cost of a license. If you have any questions or do not have your dog please call the Town Clerk's office at 875-2101.

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . . The Class of 1994 had thirty-four graduates. Marc Newlin was Class Valedictorian. Salutatorian was Aaron Roussaki....Jessica Miller, daughter of Cindy and Jack Miller, a Geology junior at University of New Hampshire was selected to participate in a special program as part of NASA's Space Heating Program. She will spend eight weeks at NASA Space Center in Huntsville, AL. Analyzing satellite data concerning heat build-up on the earth....

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . A 75 foot ladder truck was purchased to replace an aging ladder truck. This greatly upgrades the Fire Department's firefighting capabilities. Channel 24 Was added which gives viewers more public information and calendar events...Kelsie Croes was selected the Alton Central School Ambassador to the HOBY seminar. "HOBY" is a youth leadership organization started by actor Hugh O'Brien after he met Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

ALTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZING A FUNDRAISER FOR PMHS
By Kimberly Kelliher

The Alton Central School Student Council is working on a community service project. We are trying to raise money to paint the school mascot name, "**Timber Wolves**", on the gym floor for the new Prospect Mountain High School.

Currently we are seeking donations in two ways. If you are interested in making a contribution you can either pledge money for a specific letter on the floor (\$80 per letter) or make a general contribution.

In appreciation of all those who donate, we will place a recognition plaque on the gymnasium wall with everyone's name listed.

If you are interested in donating please send a check or money order, made out to **Prospect Mountain High School by July 9, 2004** to: Kim Kelliher/ Student Council Advisor, Alton Central School, PO Box 910, Alton, NH 03809

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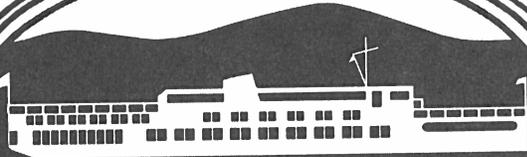


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By Nancy Mooney Hebert

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We thank all 25 members who showed up at our June 9th meeting, a big improvement in attendance!

Our annual election takes place this month. President John Brooks appointed Dom Giuliano head of the nominating committee, and he and his assistants Judy Carmel and Violet Jacques will present a slate of officers to be voted on at the July 14th meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, please call the center at 875-7102.

Sign up for the July 16 trip to the Butterfly Museum and the Christmas Tree shop. The cost is \$30 and the bus will leave the center at 12:30pm, which means you can also sign up for lunch at the center. We will go to Foster's Clambake in August, date to be determined.

A special thanks to Kelly of Parks and Rec and Profile Bank for cosponsoring a Patriotic Bingo afternoon on June 11. We had the pleasure of meeting Janet Hand, Executive V.P. and Ann French, Assistant V.P., who informed us that the bank will sponsor our senior bingo games for the whole year, a wonderful gesture! They announced that it is hoped the new Profile Bank in Alton will be ready for operation by late Fall. Thirty avid bingo fans had a great time. Agnes Coney and Nancy Hebert were the lucky recipients of jackpot prizes. Patriotic door prizes, were awarded as well. We wholeheartedly thanked the two bank officials and we wish them every success with the new bank in Alton. The next bingo afternoon is July 9.

We are pleased that Mary and Dick Downing are our latest members to join the Alton Senior Citizens Association, and we hope that they will always enjoy their time with us.

Our next meeting is July 14th at 1pm. If you are not a member, why not take the plunge and join us? Dues are \$5.00 a year, a real bargain!

ALTON GARDEN CLUB MEETING
By Vi Russell

The next meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be on July 27 at 1:30pm at the Congregational Meeting House: Topic Guess Who's Coming to Lunch. Program: Simple Arrangements: Speakers: Diane Norton and Daryl Czech. Hostesses Chairperson is Peg Kayser: Alton Garden Club is always looking for new members to join us. You can come to any meeting or call President Phyllis Buchanan at 267-8986



ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

The "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" arrive in July with the longer days and warmer weather, which makes it a perfect month to get out and do some fishing. To bring this point home, the Fish & Game Department says, July 1st, you may keep 5 bass per day and use any legal method (bait, lures, jigs and/or flies).

Most fishing in the Lakes Region this month is for warm water species; bass, pickerel, perch (white and yellow), sun fish and horned pout. Any method of fishing will take these fish. The New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept. (NHF&G) on line will tell you what ponds, lakes and streams are stocked with trout. They also tell you what species are in our waters.

If you want to find out more about our lakes and ponds, you can purchase the NHF&G biological survey books. There are 3 books covering all of NH. Survey #8a covers Coos, Grafton and Carroll Counties; Survey # 8b covers Sullivan, Merrimack, Belknap and Strafford Counties; and Survey #8c covers Cheshire, Hillsboro and Rockingham Counties. The books contain a history of the ponds, their depts., clarity, type of bottom and shoreline information. They were printed in 1977, but are still a great starting point when looking for different places to fish. Contact the NHF&G for ordering information.

For trout, most fisher people head north to the remote ponds and streams in the White Mts. and above; the Androscoggin and Connecticut Rivers; or the Pittsburg area. I am going to spend more time this season learning about the striped bass fishing in the Piscataquog River and NH's short seacoast. This fishing is getting better each year and I'm going to try out some saltwater fishing. Maybe I'll have a bit more to report to you soon.

See you out there!

**COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESCHOOL
HAS OPENINGS FOR FALL**

Are you making plans for Fall? If you have a 3 or 4 year-old who is ready for preschool, sign up early for our wonderful program. The Community Church of Alton offers preschool programs for both three- and four-year-olds. Our four-year-old program is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-11:30am. The three-year-old program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:00am. We follow the School Calendar as well as the inclement weather schedule of Alton Central School. Our directors are Marilyn Roques and Jennifer Dube. We look forward to a fun and educational year, serving you and your family's needs! Registration forms can be picked up at the church office, or call 875-5561.



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Program Registration

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Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks

The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks in celebration of Independence Day in Alton Bay on Saturday, July 3, at 9:30pm, rain date is July 10. Other activities on July 3 include: Family Scavenger Hunt starting at 6pm and East Bay Jazz Ensemble Band at 7-9pm.

Concerts in July

Free Concerts are sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department every Saturday evening in July and August, 7-9pm. Bring a chair and your dancing shoes.

July 3- East Bay Jazz Ensemble

July 10- Almost Cowboyz- Country and Western

July 17- The Oldies Band- Oldies and Classics

July 24- Pony Express- Country and Western

July 31- Roger Henry's Six String Band- Rock & Roll

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Senior Bingo ~ Christmas in July

Alton Seniors are invited to participate in the monthly Bingo program co-sponsored by Profile Bank of Alton. Christmas in July Bingo will be held on Friday, July 9 at 1pm at the Pearson Road Community Center. The program is free to Alton residents. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Stop by and join in the fun.

Mike Burke Volleyball Tournament

Co-Ed Teams of four (one woman min. required) will play for the tournament title. Prizes awarded. All proceeds to benefit the Mike Burke Memorial Fund. Register by July 9. Tournaments will be held on Saturday, July 24- A Team and Saturday, July 31- B-Team. 9am, Mike Burke Memorial Volleyball Court. \$15 includes tourney shirt and refreshments.

Pre-School Activities

Themed activities are held Mondays from 9-11am at the Alton Bay Community Center for ages 3-5 years old, \$4.00 per day. July events include: Kitty Crafts, The Stuffy Parade, Dora's Egg Adventure and Krafty Kids. Sign up today.

Youth Activities

Check out our youth activities held at the Alton Bay Community Center, ages 7-12. Full day programs meet on Wednesdays from 9am-3pm and include: Survivor Alton Bay, Sports, Fun and Fitness, Scooby-Doo Mystery Tour and Lost in Space, \$10/day. Half-Day programs are held on Tuesdays from 1-3:30pm and include: Ice Cream Social, Pizza Party and Play, Art Adventure and Craft Social, \$5. We have programs planned in August including: Parks and Recreation Idol, Typhoon Lagoon, Candy Bar Bingo, Australian Outback Adventure, Pirates of the Caribbean and much more.

Swimming Lessons

Lessons are held at the public swim dock in Alton Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee Monday-Friday for each session. Ages 4-16, \$12.00. Session A: July 12-16 or Session B: July 19-23. Program 1- Advanced Swimming-8-8:45am; Program 2- Developing Strokes and Dives- 8:50-9:35am; Program 3- Learning Swim Strokes- 9:40-10:25am and Program 4- Introduction to Swimming- 10:30-11:15am.

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp

July 5-9 at the Alton Central School. Entering Grades 1-4- 8-10am, \$75.00. Entering Grades 5-8, 10:15am-2:15pm, \$115.00. Includes instruction, camp shirt and ball.

Play Soccer Camp

August 2-6 at Jones Field from 9-11:30am, ages 6-12, \$86 includes camp shirt. Bring smiling faces, shin guards, soccer ball and water bottle.

Recreation Soccer League

Grades 1-6. Practices will be 1-2 evenings per week in Alton. Games will be held on Saturdays and may involve traveling to New Durham, Barnstead and Gilmanton. Players must have their own soccer ball, shin guards, black shorts/pants, red and black socks and water bottle. Fee is \$20. Sign up now. Deadline to register is August 2, late registrations will be on a wait list and charged a \$25.00 late fee. Practice starts August 21 at Jones Field, watch next month's article for more information. Volunteers are needed to help coach or be a team parent, please contact us if you are interested.

Community Park Watch

Each year Alton taxpayers must cover the cost of repairing or replacing park facilities and vegetation that has been willfully damaged or destroyed. You can assist by reporting any acts of vandalism to the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or Police Department at 875-3752. Thank you for helping us keep our facilities clean and safe.

Alton Town Beach Committee

The Alton Town Beach Committee is actively searching for desirable parcels of land to locate a Town Beach for Alton residents. The ideal spot would include a sandy beach, picnic area, and additional room for parking and restroom facilities. Residents interested in serving on the Committee or property owners interested in offering their land for the purpose of a Town Beach are encouraged to contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

A VAN FOR RYAN Ryan Donnelly Fund By Arthur W. Hoover for Alton/New Durham Lions Club

Like many 18 year olds, Ryan Donnelly, a June honors graduate of Alton High School, is headed to college. Ryan will begin his freshman year at the University of New Hampshire in August.

Unlike those other 18 year olds about to begin their college experience, Ryan has never walked a day in his life. He is afflicted with "Osteogenesis Imperfecta", commonly referred to as a brittle bone disorder. As a result of this rare disease, Ryan's growth has been restricted; he has suffered several bone breaks during his lifetime and is confined to a wheel chair. Ryan and his trained golden lab, Megan, who assists Ryan in managing his daily tasks, will be living in a dormitory on campus.

His perseverance and resolve to achieve are compelling and set a positive example for people of all ages.

Ryan spent two months last summer learning to drive at the Crochet Mountain Rehab Center in a specially equipped van which is utilized by Crotched Mountain Center to assist disabled people in learning how to drive. Ryan successfully completed that course and obtained a driver's license.

Ryan requires a van which will allow him to travel to and from the University of New Hampshire and also navigate around the campus at the University, where he will major in English journalism. The van will give Ryan the mobility he lacks and better enable him to pursue his education. There is a program available that will modify the van as needed by Ryan at a cost of approximately seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00), which will be funded by that program. What Ryan and his family require is the base van that can be modified, the cost of which is estimated to be between twenty five thousand and thirty thousand (\$25,000 and \$30,000). It is an expense that neither Ryan or his family can manage as Ryan's medical needs and expenses have been extreme.

The Alton/New Durham Lions Club has taken on the project of securing a van for Ryan. The Club currently is sponsoring a raffle for a Bose Wave Radio/CD and has dedicated the proceeds to this project. Information concerning the raffle can be obtained by contacting Charles Greeley, the President of the Lions, at 776-3282 or Susan Hoover, the Lions Club Treasurer, at 875-2800. The Club has also dedicated the proceeds from its mini golf night and car show for this cause. The mini golf night was held on June 23 at the Blue Jay Mini Golf Course in Alton Bay. The car show will be held on August 28, 2004 at the New Durham Railway Restaurant property in New Durham.

The Lions Club has established a special account for Ryan's Van at the Bank of New Hampshire. Any person or any organization, at any branch of the Bank of New Hampshire, can make a deposit to this fund by informing the teller that the money is to go to the fund. As all contributions will be made through the Lions Club they are tax deductible. Donations can also be made by mailing the contribution to the Alton/New Durham Lions Club at P.O. Box 331, Alton, New Hampshire 03809.

This project gives everyone in the Alton community the opportunity to support a worthwhile cause, which will benefit a deserving young resident of the Town who has, and continues, to overcome enormous odds.



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ALTON STUDENT TOPS IN STATE
By Theresa Servetas

At the State track meet held May 19, Alton Central School eighth grader Cody Servetas took top honors in several events. Cody won first place in the long jump and the high jump, and won second place in the javelin throw.

This is the first year that Cody has participated in track. He won every long jump and high jump event he participated in throughout the season. His personal best in the high jump is 5'8", long jump 18'5", and javelin throw 131'. At the recent eighth grade promotion ceremony, Mr. Mark Anthony told gatherers that Codys accomplishments are on par with students participating at the high school or even college level.

Cody's first love has always been basketball, but now he has found his second love, track. We look forward to having Cody on our team in the coming years.

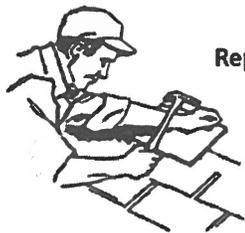
CELEBRATE SUMMER SAFELY-JOIN
LRHHPF JULY 17th
By Sarah Silk

As you prepare for the 4th of July picnics and celebrations, check for common household products that may pose a safety hazard to all those summer guests and relatives, especially the tiny visitors. Automotive fluids, oil base paints, paint thinners, stains, pesticide, weed killers, household cleaners, charcoal lighter fluid, products marked: danger, poison, caution, flammable, should be set aside in original containers in a sturdy cardboard box for disposal at the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF).

Get your LRHHPF pass at Alton Transfer Station prior to attending, bring it with you the 3rd Sat of the month at 404 Beach Pond Road in Wolfeboro. The Facility is easy to locate, there are 2 yellow signs at the entrance on collection day. Follow Rt 28 to Wolfeboro, turn right at the center of town headed to Wolfeboro Falls. After the Wright Museum, bear left at the fork in the road onto 109A. Proceed to the intersection of Beach Pond Rd. Turn right and the Facility is on the left just before the Wolfeboro Solid Waste Facility. Questions? Call 569-Let's Take Care Of it. Leave a message at the Facility or call 651-7530 or 569-2073 to speak with Sarah Silk, Site Coordinator.

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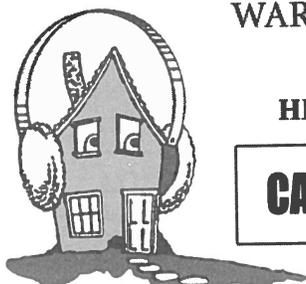
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Community Members of Alton**

As I leave the Community of Alton, I want to take the time to say "thank you" to everyone who has supported me as a teacher and administrator for Alton Central School. It has been an honor and a privilege to work, for nineteen years, with such wonderful children and families. I believe that "my job" in Alton is complete. I look forward to serving the children and community members of Rumney, as their principal. I bid you farewell and I wish you all the best in your educational endeavors for the children of Alton.
Sincerely, Susan Blair

**GILMAN MUSEUM NEW SUMMER HOURS
By Florence Davis**

The Harold S. Gilman Museum, located in Monument Square, announces expanded hours for the 2004 summer season. The museum will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm and the second and fourth Saturdays 10am to 12am from June through October.

Currently on exhibit are the Museums recently conserved clocks, a c.1799 London Tall Case clock made by Fromanteel & Clarke and a c.18840 Howard & Davis wall clock purchased by the U.S. Government for the Twin Lighthouses in New Jersey.

Enjoy a sampling of the 1900 premier arts glass manufacturers, Louis C. Comfort Tiffany, Stueben Glass Works of Corning, NY and the Durand Art Glass division of Vineland Flint Glass Company of NJ.

Explore the variety of Relics and Souvenirs soldiers from the Civil War collected from the battlefield and surrounding areas. This collection includes a small piece of the apple tree under which General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysees Grant at Appomattox, VA April 9, 1865.

Tours by appointment may be arranged by calling 875-0201 Monday through Friday from 10am to 3pm.

**FIELD DAY THANKS!
By Mrs. Dwyer**

The Alton Central School would like to thank all the parents, teachers, community members and students who graciously volunteered their support and expertise to ensure that the participants had a successful Field Day. Although the day began a little damp, the student's spirits were sunny. The cornucopia of events ended beautifully with picturesque weather, satisfied stomachs and thoughts of next year's Field Day dancing in the minds of all students. Words alone cannot thank everyone for their kindness in keeping Field Day a treasured tradition!



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**THE ALTON B & M RAILROAD PARK
Downtown Revitalization Committee
By Judy Fry**

On Saturday, August 7th, a gathering called the Alton B & M Railroad Park Design Round Table discussion will be held on the site of the former railroad yard. The site of the proposed park is located behind the Town Hall adjacent to the Police Station.

Weather permitting, the activities will begin on the site at 8:30am with breakfast refreshments. The planned schedule includes an on-site review, facilitated-with architect - discussion, a light lunch provided, architects preliminary design, followed by a review of the conceptual design, ending with a short wrap-up and concluding commentary at 2pm

Townpeople, year round and summer residents, business owners/managers, organization members, and students are invited and urged to participate in the Round Table Discussion. Come share your ideas, suggestions and questions during the facilitated discussion.

Should it be a rainy day the Round Table discussion will be held at the same time in the Town Hall. The full schedule will appear in the August issue of Main Street.

The Railroad station, site of the proposed park

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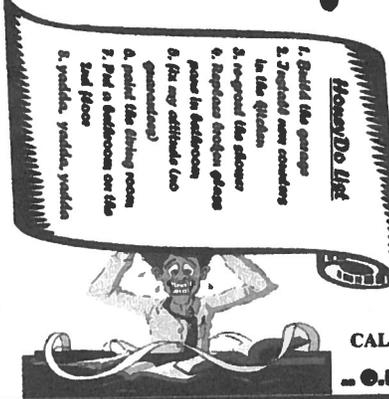
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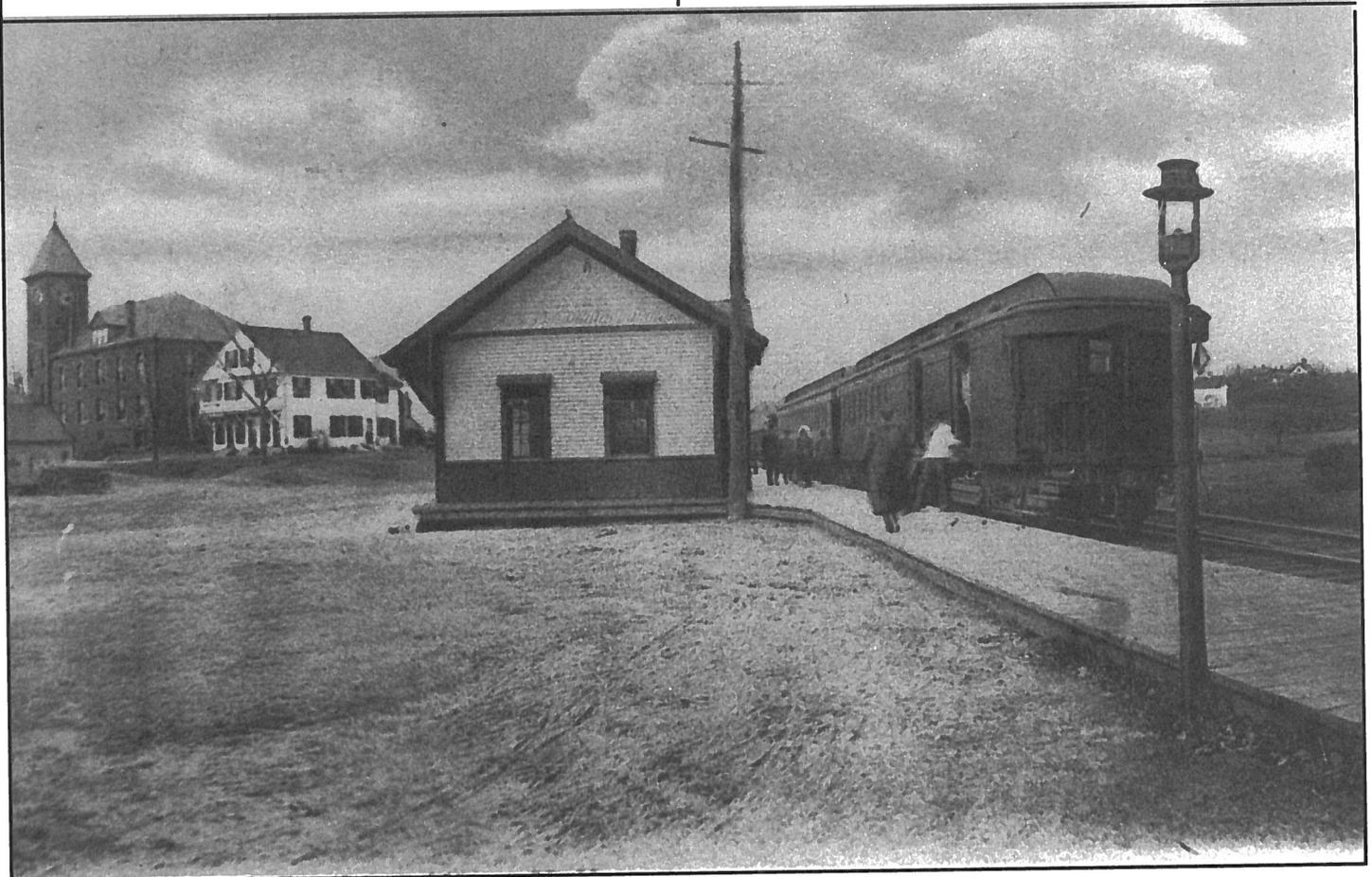

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AUTHOR TO PRESENT SLIDE SHOW By Judy Fry

Julie Boardman, author of the recently published book *When Women and Mountains Meet: Adventures in the White Mountains*, will present a slide show based on her book at the Oliver J.M. Gilman Library on July 20th at 7pm.

When Women and Mountains Meet traces the rich history of the White Mountains of New Hampshire through the lives of about three dozen remarkable women. Some of the women whom Boardman will discuss in her slide show are Lucy Crawford, an early-nineteenth-century innkeeper who wrote the first history of the White Mountains; Lucia and Marian Pychowska, a mother-daughter team who explored the White Mountains region when it was still an untracked wilderness; Emilie Klug, an endearing character who spent her vacations wandering along on the Presidential Range, and Miriam Underhill, who developed her climbing skills in the White Mountains and went on to become the world's foremost woman mountaineer.

Although *When Women and Mountains Meet* deals with many hikers and mountaineers, it also covers women who enriched the region as writers, artists, scientists, and conservationists. In deciding whom to include in her book, Boardman said she chose women who "had a special feeling for the mountains. They loved being in the mountains, were curious about them, and looked to them for adventure, inspiration, or solace."

Boardman is a professional writer whose work has appeared in *Appalachia* (the journal of the Appalachian Mountain Club), *Sierra* (the magazine of the Sierra Club), *Connecticut Audubon*, *Connecticut*, *Ford Times*, and many other publications. Since moving to New Hampshire in 1990, she has hiked extensively throughout New England and climbed all the peaks in the region that are over 4,000 feet high.

Come join us for an evening of adventure in the White Mountains. The public is invited to attend the program. There is no charge for our Alton Historical Society programs. Refreshments will follow the program

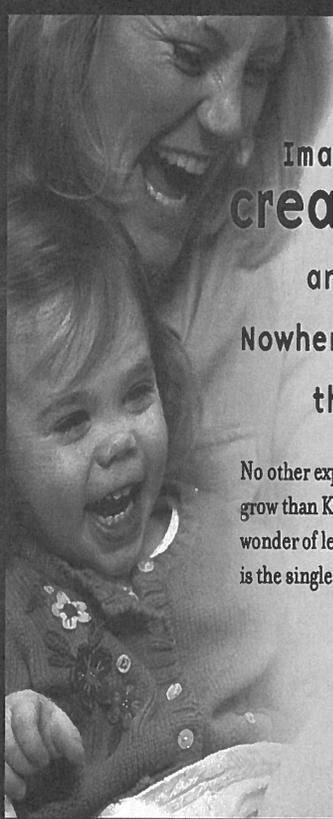


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Shots For Tots, Teens, and In-Betweens: provides immunizations for children to age 19. For dates and location, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

"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.

July Events

- Sat. 3 **FIREWORKS, 9:30pm (p.8)**
 East Bay Jazz Ensemble 7pm (p.8)
 The Southernaires, Concert, Alton Bay Christian
 Conference Center, 7pm
- Sat. 10 **Community Church Fair (p.18)**
- Sat. 10 **Almost Cowboyz, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7pm**
- Tue. 13 **White Mountain Huts, Gilman Library (p.20)**
- Wed. 14 **39th Army Band Concert, 7:30pm (p.2)**
- Sat. 17 **The Oldies Band, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7pm**
 Edmund Bullock Concert, Alton Bay Christian
 Conference Center, 7pm
- Mon. 19 **Mike Burke Mem. Blood Drive (p.2)**
- Tue. 20 **Slide Show, Gilman Library (p.13)**
- Sat. 24 **Pony Express, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7pm**
 John Starnes Concert, Alton Bay Christian
 Conference Center, 7pm
- Sat. 31 **Roger Henry's Six String Band, Alton Bay
 Bandstand, 7pm**
 Ron Aldridge & Deb Phillips Concert, Alton Bay
 Christian Conference Center, 7:30pm

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

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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

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CLASS OF 2004 COLLEGE PLANS By Cathy Bond, ACS Guidance

The Guidance Office is pleased to announce the post-secondary education plans for the graduating class of 2004. The graduates have chosen a variety of colleges and universities.

Many students have selected out-of-state colleges. Tamara Cornelissen will be attending St. Michael's College in Colchester, VT. Two of our graduates will enroll in colleges in MA: Matthew Sydow at Northeastern University in Boston, and Molly Souliere at Western New England College in Springfield. Our seniors heading to ME are Kelsey Yelle, who will be attending the University of Southern Maine Portland/Gorham campus, and Meredith Roy, who will attend the University of New England in Biddeford.

Additional graduates have selected out-of-state colleges. Elspeth Dana, will enroll at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. Three students will head to Florida next fall: Tonya Prescott will attend Rollins College in Winter Park, Richard Enis will attend Fullsail Real World in Winter Park, and Melanie Katsoulis will enroll at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. Lindsay Kenerson will matriculate at Cy-Fair College in Houston, TX. Robyn Ford and Emily Lowthian will both be going to Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI.

Many other seniors have chosen to attend college in New Hampshire. Daniel Quinn and Elizabeth Biddle will both be heading to Keene State College in Keene. Ryan Donnelly and Kyle McAuliffe will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham. Carl Dickson has chosen to attend St. Anselm College in Manchester. Richard Meuse will enroll at McIntosh College in Dover. Numerous students have chosen to attend the NH Technical Institute in Concord, including: Melissa Kim, Kristine Kenerson, Crista Perkins, Isaac Tharpe, Laurence Storey, Shane Drew, Zach Simone and Kristy McDaniels. Vanessa Lampman will attend the NH Technical Institute in Manchester. David Helie will head to the NH Technical Institute in Laconia.

We are pleased to note that additional seniors are still finalizing their post-secondary plans and others are pursuing employment options. Some of our students will attend college in the spring or fall of 2005. We congratulate all of our 2004 graduates and wish each of them well in their future endeavors.

*Have a Safe and Happy
Independence Day!!*

TOWN HALL NOTES

By: Russ Bailey, Town Administrator

Our staff has settled into their newly restored offices. New flooring has been installed along the first floor hallway. The carpeting of first floor offices and the stairway and applying new paint to the walls should be completed within a few weeks. Although there has been a little confusion over the location of Tax Maps and the Building Inspector and Planner's offices, the public for the most part, appreciates the change.

Mr. Thomas Sargent was recently hired as our full-time Town Assessor. He can be contacted by phone at 875-5095 or you may come to the Assessor's Office on the first floor with any questions or concerns. We welcome Tom to our staff.

The Board of Selectmen continues to meet twice a month or more often, if necessary. The meetings are televised live and broadcast on TV Channel 26. The Board members also serve as Representatives to various Boards and Committees. The Board is responsible for all appointed Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Chairman Patricia Fuller is actively involved with the NH Coalition of Donor Towns, and is in contact with our Legislators on behalf of the Town. Chairman Fuller also serves as the Selectmen's Representative to the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Alan Sherwood, Vice-Chairman of the Board is continuing his efforts to ensure the completion of the Town web-site. He also serves as Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board, Lakes Region Planning Committee and the Household Hazardous Waste Committee.

Selectman James Washburn is the Board's representative to the Alton Parks and Recreation Commission and the Conservation Commission and has the distinction of having the most terms served as a Selectman, being first appointed to office in 1992.

Selectman Stephan McMahon is serving his second term as Selectman. He is the Selectman's Alternate Representative to the Planning Board. Selectman Cris Blackstone is the Board's most recently elected member. She serves as Selectmen's Representative to Budget Committee and as liaison to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Selectmen's office continues to answer questions about E911, or they will refer you to the appropriate personnel. The removal of materials at the septage lagoon has been completed and is under budget. The final inspection by NH DES took place on June 17th. We hope you enjoy the summer activities and that you will support the events scheduled by Parks & Recreation as noted elsewhere in Main Street. Fireworks will take place at the Bay on July 3rd (rain date July 10th). Brochures about the Parks & Recreation programs are available here, at the Town Hall.

Remember to visit the Gilman Museum this summer. Florence Davis the Consultant is available during the week, the number at the museum is 875-0201. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 - 2 and on Saturdays 10 -12 or by appointment. Groups are always welcome. There are many interesting items to view in the collection.

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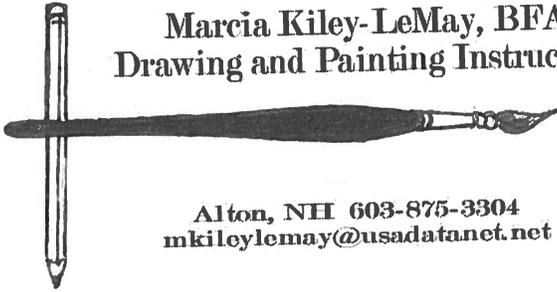
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ALTON COMMUNITY CHURCH FAIR

By Mim Roques

While making those special plans for summer, do save July 10th from 9am to 1pm for attending the Alton Community Church Fair. There will be a variety of tables filled with treasures waiting for you at the Church Street building. Some of the table categories include Fresh Baked Goods, Jewelry, Books and Games, Linens and Aprons, Handmade Gifts, Fudge, and the Children's Grab Bag area. Of course, the White Elephant tables will hold items of great interest from homes around the area. The Christmas table and the Handiwork table may supply just what you need to complete your early Holiday shopping.

The Fair is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the Alton Community Church. Members and friends have been hard at work assembling crafts and hand-sewn items for your pleasure. A wide variety of scrumptious baked goods will come in for sale fresh that morning.

Lunch refreshments will be available from 11am to 1pm. Come build the toppings of your choice on quality hot dogs that are freshly steamed, choose a drink and dessert item. Come meet your neighbors and enjoy the friendly folks around you. All proceeds will go to community and church organizations.

By the way, its not too late to clean closets and donate your no longer used treasures to the Alton Community Church Fair. Feel free to call the church office Wednesday through Friday at 875-5561 for delivery information.

See you at the Fair! Best wishes for a safe and healthy summer!

JENNIFER HOWARD GRADUATES

By Barbara Howard

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Howard, Jr. are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Jennifer, from Bentley College on May 15. Jennifer earned a BS in Accountancy. She also earned a Minor in Information Technology and a Minor in Philosophy. In addition to her studies at Bentley, Jennifer participated in Alpha Psi Omega, an on campus Drama Organization. During her four years with Alpha Psi Omega, Jen held various positions on the Board, was an actress, Stage Manager and Producer of the last two Plays performed. Jennifer has been employed with Terminix International Company, LP as Special Projects Manager. Upon graduation, Jen was promoted to Service Manager. Jen will reside in New York City and proceed with the Terminix General Managerial Training to become a General Manager within the next year. Congratulations to Jennifer for her accomplishments academically and professionally!

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 Sunday – July 4 – 10:30am & 6pm – Dr. Gordon MacDonald
 – speaker
 July 6-8, Marilyn Laszio, Speaker; Tues., Wed., & Thurs. -
 9am; Tues., Thurs. - 7:30pm.
 Saturday, July 10 – 7pm – Toby Travis – illusionist
 July 11-15 – Brent & Dwight Carpenter, Speakers; Sunday
 – 10:30 & 6pm; Tues., Wed., Thurs. @ 9am; Mon.
 Tues., Wed., Thurs., 7:30pm.
 July 12-16 - Daily Vacation Bible School 9:30–11:30am –
 Ages 4-12
 Saturday, July 17 – 7pm – Edmund Bullock – Concert
 Sunday, July 18 – 10:30am and 6pm – Elisabeth Elliot, Speaker
 July 20-22 – Margaret Jensen & Jan Carlberg, Speakers ;
 Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9am; Tues. Thurs. 7:30pm.
 Saturday, July 24 – 7pm – John Starnes – Concert
 Sunday, July 25 – 10:30am & 6pm – Sujo John – Speaker
 July 26-29 – Family Week – “Creations” – drama; Tues.,
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The Gilman Library has received a grant from the NH Humanities Council to sponsor a thought-provoking program titled *The White Mountain Huts: History and the Future*. Additional local support for this event will be provided by The Friends of the Gilman Library.

The White Mountain Huts: History and Future will be presented on Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30pm at the Gilman Library. The program, which is free and open to the public, will feature an informal talk by Allen Koop of Dartmouth College. He has published books and articles on NH and American History and welcomes the opportunity to promote this special interest.

Professor Allen Koop will show how the Appalachian Mountain Club's Huts and their people have formed a unique mountain society with its own history, traditions and legends. A slide presentation will accompany the talk. Refreshments will be provided. This program is one of over 50 programs and exhibits available to organizations statewide, through the Humanities To Go! catalog. For more information, contact the NH Humanities Council in Concord at 224-4071 or on the web at www.nhhc.org.

The Gilman Library invites you to become a superhero this summer by registering for our 2004 Summer Reading Program, "Check Out A Hero!" This exciting program begins on July 14 and continues through August 18. The Summer Reading Program is sponsored annually by CHLIS (Children's Librarians of New Hampshire), a division of the New Hampshire Library Association. Eager superheroes-to-be can sign up with the library staff beginning June 16 but no later than July 14.

We wish to thank The Friends of the Gilman Library and those of you who took part in the Book & Bake Sale that took place during the Town Wide Yard Sale on June 5 either through donating to the sale or purchasing items from us. Thanks to your efforts we enjoyed another great year.

The Friends of the Gilman Library will be holding their 4th Annual Car Wash on Saturday, July 17 from 8am-noon (Rain Date July 24) in front of the Town Hall. Members of the Friends will be there with all the necessary supplies as well as a desire to wash and dry your car for you. Donations to the treasury will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. As always, the Friends welcome helping hands. If interested please call the library at 875-2550 or stop in and see us. The Friends hope to see you and your car.

Don't hesitate to ask about our new museum passes!!!

Alton's Book Chat, will be meeting on Monday, August 12 at 6:30pm in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room to share their thoughts on *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. This long awaited book is sure to spark a lively discussion. New members are always welcome.

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE IN ALTON - A Tribute to Jack Miller By Dick Cunningham

There are those of us who dream about all the things we would like to do in life and of the places we would like to see. One man in Alton is living that dream. This month we would like to highlight Jack Miller, who writes *Alton Outdoors* for *Main Street*.

Jack was fortunate in his youth to have the opportunity to journey from his home in Fitchburg, MA to fish Sawyer Pond in the White Mountains. He fell in love with New Hampshire, as had his wife Cindy, who vacationed with her Aunt and Uncle on Rum Point. After a stint in the Navy, Jack and Cindy moved to New Hampshire 27 years ago to settle and raise a family. By an act of fate, they moved to the Old New Durham Road and met John Duffek, one of the founders of *Main Street*. Duffek was very impressed with Jack's knowledge of hunting and fishing and convinced him to write a monthly article on Fishing and Hunting in the Lakes Region. That was 14 years ago, and Jack is still committed to writing for *Main Street*.

As a member of the Farmington Fish and Game Club, Jack recognized the importance of perpetuating the sport of hunting and volunteered to teach Hunter Safety Education for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. He has recently completed his 25th year.

A few years ago, Jack and Cindy had a chance to purchase a piece of property on Sunset Lake in Alton. The property was well off the beaten path and had a seasonal dwelling on it but to Jack and Cindy it was a little piece of Heaven. Deer, Turkey and Grouse at their front door and fish just a cast away. They built a beautiful year round home, a sports families' dream. They are surrounded with walls containing their trophies and pictures of memories of their travels to Labrador, Newfoundland, Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta and the Great Lakes.

In his home operation center, Jack engages in his favorite indoor sport, tying trout flies and planning future fishing and hunting trips. Jack's love of fishing doesn't just end with Salmon, Trout and Bass. He has discovered White perch fishing on Winnepesaukee and his now looking to expand into Crappie and Shad (Whitefish). What's in the future? Northwest Territories, Alaska, New Zealand? Somehow I feel Jack will do it all. In the meantime, if you have any questions about fishing or hunting in the Lakes Region, address your question to Jack c/o *Main Street*. We will print your questions and answers for all to share, but don't ask Jack for his secret fishing place. You will have to find your own.

*In the photo at right, Jack Miller sits at his 'command center'.
Photo by Dick Cunningham*

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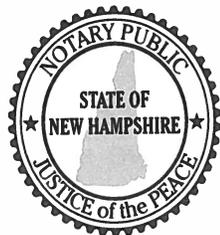
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ALTON FIRST GRADERS COMPLETE RISK WATCH PROGRAM

By Mary Jane Dascoli

Three cheers for the Alton first graders who participated in the Risk Watch program that was implemented at the school this year. All three first grades were involved. Risk Watch was developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and co-funded by Lowe's Home Safety Council. It is designed to help children and families create safer homes and communities by teaching them the skills and knowledge they need to make positive choices about their personal safety and well-being. Mrs. Krista Diamond, Alton guidance counselor and EMS Lt. Sharon Hannafin of the Alton Fire Rescue Dept. have been co-teaching the first graders on a bi-weekly basis. The students have learned about motor vehicle safety; fire and burns prevention; choking, suffocation and strangulation prevention; poisoning prevention; falls prevention; firearms injury prevention; bike and pedestrian safety; and water safety.

Alton First Graders in the Risk Watch program.



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For some, back to school shopping is a fun family activity. For others, the expense of buying clothes, shoes, and school supplies is a real financial burden. While many of us carried our books in book bags, the weight of today's school texts and the lack of storage space makes a good sturdy backpack a necessity.

Main Street Board member Purr Whalley will be heading up a drive to purchase backpacks for Alton Central School students. Those interested in either donating backpacks or donating money to be used to purchase backpacks, may contact Purr at (603) 875-7266.

Watch for more details in the August issue.

**A BIG THANK YOU
FROM THE CLASS OF 2004
By: Linda Roy and Kim Kelliher**

The graduated Class of 2004 would like to thank everyone in the community for supporting them over the past 4 years with donations, fundraisers, advise, scholarships, encouragement and inspiration. During their graduation from ACS on Friday, June 11, the students spoke in regard to being raised in a small town with so much influence from teachers, parents and community members. It really brought tears to many eyes. Nancy Merrill spoke of her many years here at ACS and how rewarding, meaningful, fun, and how it is the best job in the world. She will retire after 44 years of teaching (30 at ACS). Mr. Donald Parks, Superintendent, reminded the families and friends that Alton Central School's first graduating class was held in 1904 - 100 years ago this year - with 2 students and this class of 38 will be the final graduating class from ACS. Prospect Mountain High School will be opening in September.

Of the 37 graduates, 16 have been at ACS since Kindergarten (they call themselves the "K-Twelve's"). They indicated that they felt like they were more like siblings growing up and that is what makes the Class of 2004 very special. Some of the students that graduated have overcome many obstacles in their young lives and tribute our small town of Alton to their successes.

The class would like to also acknowledge the following: Interim Principal, Mr. Richard Gremlitz, Superintendent, Donald Parks, PMHS Principal, Russell Holden, Guidance Director, Marilyn St. Cyr, Assistant Principal & Teacher, Michael Folan, Assistant Principal & Teacher, Susan Blair, Maria Dreyer, Special Education Director and all of the teachers and staff of ACS for all of their inspiration and wisdom over the past years. They will never forget them.

A special THANK YOU goes to Leslie Jackson of Alton's Hidden Treasures for all of her hard work and dedication to Alton Central School over the many years in helping with the Senior Awards Ceremony, Graduation and anything else we needed her for.

We wish the best to our students and good luck in all of your future endeavors.

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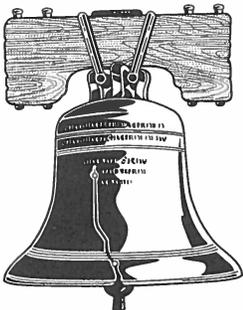
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ALTON FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS 'HEROES' Reprinted from a letter sent to the Board of Selectmen by David W. Tower, Chief Operating Officer of Huggins Hospital

At a time when little good news is heard or good deeds are being done by friends and neighbors, I am writing to tell you that the Alton Fire and Ambulance Service Volunteers are heroes.

Following a recent ambulance transport to Huggins Hospital the Alton Ambulance Crew volunteered to transport a critically ill patient to Wentworth-Douglass Hospital for emergency surgery. It is extraordinary for a volunteer service to transfer a patient to another hospital. However, there was no time to call a transport service or wait for another ambulance to arrive. Surgery was needed as quickly as possible.

As a result of their action, the patient arrived in Dover to a waiting surgeon and operating room team who saved his life. Clearly, the outcome might have been different without these concerned professionals.

Often, the actions of dedicated people go unnoticed or overlooked - or worse, taken for granted. I hope you will take time from your busy schedules to thank them for doing a great job. We at Huggins Hospital are proud to work with them.

Main Street and the people of Alton are both proud and grateful to have such a dedicated team of volunteers.

ALTON FIRE AND RESCUE CONGRATULATES INTERNS By Mike Viscariello

The Alton Fire and Rescue Department congratulates interns Joe Stalker and Brian Ryll on graduating the fire science program at the NH Tech. Joe and Brian have been living in the Alton Central Fire Station for two years while attending the Tech and NH Fire Academy. In return for the live-in program, Brian and Joe respond to calls and do station duties, which include painting, truck checks, and jobs at no charge to the town. Brian is a level 2 firefighter and EMT-B and is currently finishing his EMT-I while Joe is a level 2 firefighter and is already an EMT-I. Both will be leaving soon to make room for five new interns coming in the fall. Good luck is wished to both, and a final thanks for your service to the Town of Alton.

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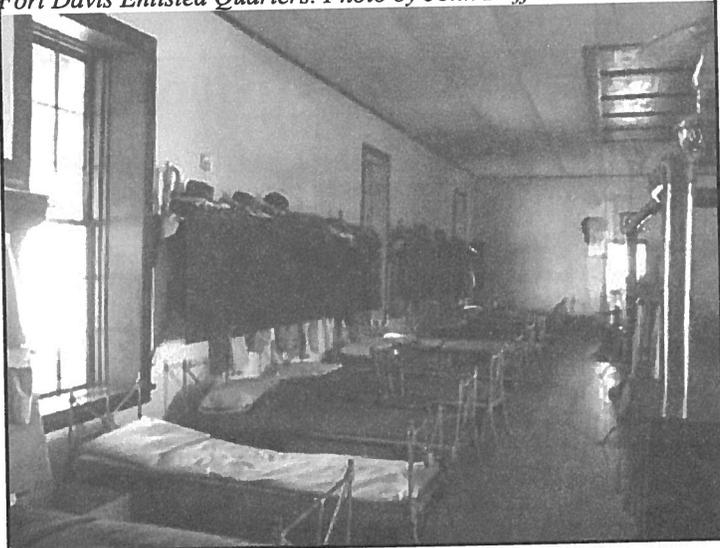


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Fort Davis Enlisted Quarters. Photo by John Duffek.



FORT DAVIS

We were camped in Fort Davis, the highest town in Texas, located in a small mountain range at 5100 ft. above sea level.

We drove over to Ft. Davis National Historic Park, about 1/2 mile from our campground. This fort was active from the Civil War until 1891, being a stop on the Overland Trail, which ran from St. Louis to San Francisco. Ft. Davis is located between San Antonio and El Paso, in the Davis Mountains. All the references here are to Jefferson Davis, Confederate president. Even the county is called Jeff Davis County. The county had only 2 towns - Ft. Davis, and Valentine, which is becoming a ghost town.

The National Park was the original fort, some buildings recreated to their original use, others just foundations. Most of the officers' quarters were still standing. The commandant's house had been restored and furnished to the period. The houses were very comfortable. All were lined up in a neat row, and each had a separate kitchen out in back, along with a walled in yard. Despite popular thought that forts were enclosed with logs, this is not true of western forts. First, there were not enough large trees to make a stockade fence. Most of the buildings were made of adobe (brick) or local quarried stone, which were available in the area. The enlisted men slept in long buildings, with a kitchen out back also. One had been restored and was furnished with beds, chairs, clothing, and even decorations. It looked fairly comfortable.

In the middle of the fort was a large parade ground. While we walked around, the bugle was sounded periodically and announcements made that would have been heard while the fort was open. The fort also had a church, school, court, meeting house, and dance hall - all in one building! The fort was backed up against some rocky hills, and looked out onto the Limpia Creek (which is now dry).

According to its website it is "one of America's best surviving examples of an Indian Wars' frontier military post in the Southwest. From 1854 to 1891, Fort Davis was strategically located to protect emigrants, mail coaches, and freight wagons on the Trans-Pecos portion of the San Antonio-El Paso Road and the Chihuahua Trail, and to control activities on the southern stem of the Great Comanche War Trail and Mescalero Apache war trails. Fort Davis is important in understanding the presence of African Americans in the West and in the frontier military because the 24th and 25th U.S. Infantry and the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry, all-black regiments established after the Civil War, were stationed at the post."

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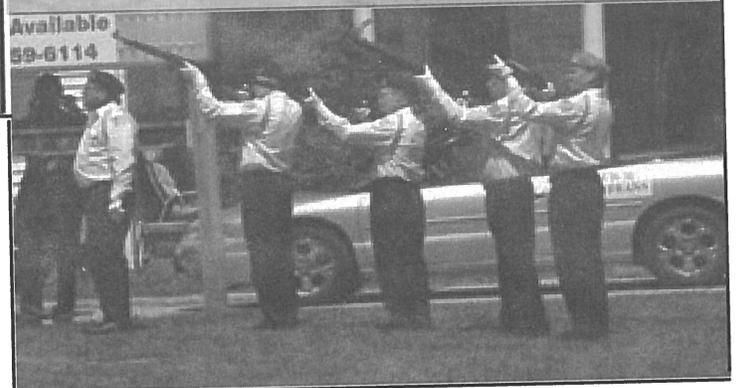
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