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MAIN STREET RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE By Judith Pellowe, Editor

On Monday, June 28, Alice Calvert and myself (Main Streets' Publisher and Editor, respectively) were invited to attend the annual meeting of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. We were presented with an award, which reads 'Lakes Region Planning Commission presents this Award of Excellence to Alton's Main Street for Promoting and Facilitating the Exchange and Flow of Information, and Understanding that the Communication of Vital Community Experiences Encourages Effective Citizen Involvement and a Sense of Place.' During the introduction, the speaker noted that the Commissions intent was to 'recognize Towns who reach out to the community in order to create a better enlightened and informed citizenry'.

As Editor, I was privileged to be the one to receive the award, but the credit for Main Street is far reaching. The Board of Directors keep Main Street focused on its' mission of printing information of interest to the community. The many Town Officers and committee members who send articles every month are working to keep the community informed. The volunteers who collate Main Street every month make sure that the publication makes it into the community in a timely fashion. John Duffek, founding member and editor of Main Street, and Bob and MaryBee Longabaugh, longtime editors, all deserve awards for their contributions. Main Street is an excellent publication because of the involvement of the entire community.

CELEBRATING THE FOURTH, UNOFFICIALLY By Judy Fry

Friends and neighbors began lining up along Roberts Cover Road, Lake Side and Cedar Cove communities in anticipation of the eleventh Annual Unofficial Parade. The twenty-three entries began gathering at the north end of Roberts Cove Road at 2:30 PM. At the start of the parade each driver received a patriotic dash plaque commemorating this annual holiday event.

At 3:00 PM Unofficial Parade Organizer, Irving Roberts, and Unofficial Parade Navigator, Russell Jones, set the pace with Irving's bright red calliope providing continuous music along the parade route. Never has there been such a large group of winners assembled for the Unofficial Fourth of July Parade.

A variety of vehicles passed along the parade route this year including two vintage military Jeeps, several colorfully decorated Golf Carts, and a Dune Buggy. There were several colorful convertibles; a Mustang, Porsche, Corvette, and Cadillac. There were antique cars and trucks, a 1930 Maxim Fire Truck, WWII Army truck, Model A Pickup Truck, plus a restored 1939 McCormack Deering Tractor. A modern fire truck rounded out this lively group of entries. A bright yellow Electric Car colorfully represented 'fuel saving cars'. Floats were patriotically decorated with American flags and bunting, including Lake Sides, Breeds Hill Battle complete with Patriotic and British dressed soldiers, a Volkswagen Transporter displaying a Camp Alton sign, 'Constitution' Electric truck and the Roberts Knoll Campground float.

The parade ended in the field near Route 28 where Mark Northridge was serving hot dogs, homemade cookies and drinks to the enthusiastic paraders. It was a fitting conclusion, all unofficial, or course, to a day celebrating our nations 228th Birthday. Special thanks goes to the NH State Police.

Photo, left, is a WWII Army Truck, one of the many vehicles participating in the unofficial East Alton Parade.

Photo By Judy Fry





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MORE AND MORE LOCAL VIDEOS ON CABLE AND AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY By Bob Longabaugh

The amateur journalists who co-edited Main Street for six years have switched their form of reporting from the print media to television. Viewers of Metrocast Cablevision's Channel 25 and 26 may have noticed an increase in Alton shows over the last few months. More and more school board meetings are appearing on Channel 26, and lately even the Alton-Barnstead Joint ("J.M.A.") School Board meetings are starting to show up on Channel 26.

On Channel 25 the meetings of the Alton Historical Society and the Friends of the Gilman Library are appearing with regularity. The July 13 meeting of the Friends featured Dartmouth Professor Allen Koop presenting a slide show on "The White Mountain Huts -- History and the Future" that contained photos going back to the late 1800's, as well as contemporary scenes of the Appalachian Mountain Club's present operation. The July 20 Historical Society meeting had Julie Bordman relating "When Women and Mountains Meet."

Alton residents do not have to have cable TV to see these shows inasmuch as they are also available for checkout at the Gilman Library. In fact, when the Longabaughs are the producers, the videocassette is available at the library even before it is shown on LRPA-TV.

ANNUAL RED CROSS FUND RAISER

For a fun time for a good cause, the White Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross that serves Alton will be holding their annual Firefighters Auction on Saturday, August 7th at the Winnepesaukee Expo Center in Laconia from 6 to 10PM. Come join in the fun as eligible Firefighters are auctioned off for dates. In addition hundreds of donated items from Businesses, Restaurants and Recreational areas will be auctioned off in a silent auction. Advance tickets can be purchased at Patrick's Pub or American Red Cross Headquarters, 21 Lyford St in Laconia. Call 524-5411 for further information.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004
by Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk**

The State Primary Election will be held at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2004. Republican and Democratic candidates will be chosen for the following positions: Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Executive Councilor, State Senator, County Officer, State Representative and Delegate to the Republican State Convention.

If you are not an Alton registered voter, you can register at the polls. You may also register at the Town Clerk's Office until September 7th or between 7-7:30 pm with the Supervisors of the Checklist at the Town Hall. You must present a photo I.D. and 2 pieces of mail with your name and Alton physical address on it such as a utility bill, car registration, or lease agreement.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office. A registered voter must complete an application before a ballot can be mailed or handed to the applicant. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13th to accept any absentee ballots. Absentee ballots will be accepted by **Mail Only** on the day of the election.

**MAIN STREET OWES A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO INDEPENDENT COLOR PRESS
By Judith Pellowe, Editor**

Last month, while trying to get the July *Main Street* to press, computer problems caused *Main Street* to reach the printer over a week late.

Main Street would like to thank Ernie and Deb of Independent Color Press, printer of *Main Street*, who went out of their way to get the paper out. Deb came in after her work day had ended to make sure that the product she finally received was something she'd be able to work with. Ernie went above and beyond the call of duty, and got *Main Street* out in record time - in time for the Fourth of July weekend.

In addition, the Main Street Board got the paper to the Post Office and the Post Office got the paper to YOU, which involved personal sacrifice and extra effort from everyone involved. As editor, I would like to extend my personal and heartfelt 'Thank You' to Independent Color Press, the Main Street Board, the Post Office, and the members of the community who appreciate receiving our publication each month.



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**TIME FLIES
SEASON HALF OVER FOR HAZARDOUS
WASTE COLLECTION
By Sarah Silk**

Have you postponed attending the HHW Collection because it's open 6 times? Time flies and the season is already half over. The remaining 3 dates are August 21, September 18, and October 16. It is best not to wait until the final collection which had long lines last year. Placing common household hazardous products such as automotive fluids, cleaning products, garden supplies and pool chemicals, in a cardboard box in the truck speeds up removal by the waste haulers.

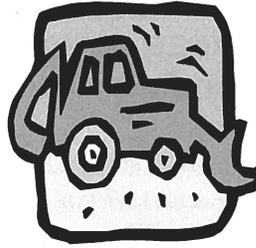
Get your LRHHPF pass at the \ Alton Transfer Station prior to attending, bring it with you the 3rd Sat of the month May through Oct. at 404 Beach Pond Road in Wolfeboro. The Facility is easy to locate, there are 2 sunny yellow signs at the entrance on collection day. Follow Rt 28 to Wolfeboro, turn right at the center of town headed to Wolfeboro Falls. At the Army tank, on the right at Wright Museum, bear left at the fork in the road onto 109A. Proceed on 109A to the cemetery on the right at the intersection of Beach Pond Road. Turn right and the Facility will be 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.

**ALTON GARDEN CLUB MEETING
By Vi Russell**

The August Garden Club meeting will be a time to pick blueberries and peaches. We will be meeting at 10:00AM August 17, 2004 at Ridge Runner Farm, New Durham for a fun time of picking peaches and blueberries. Perennial Gardens to view with plants for sale. Don't forget the plant exchange next month at the meeting. New members are always welcome just meet us at the Ridge Runner Farm in New Durham for fun picking peaches and berries

**HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
By Ken Roberts
Highway Agent**



Welcome to August!

The excavator has finished on Stockbridge Corner, we cleaned out the ditch line and widened the road. The excavator has now arrived on Spring St. We are widening the road, we will continue to widen the road throughout the month of July. What isn't finished this year will be possibly finished next year.

I also would like to note Please DO NOT drop off any oil at the highway garage, please call ahead to the department to make arrangements for your drop off and please ONLY OIL;

NO mixtures of other hazardous material such as gas, water and anti-freeze. Thank you!

As a reminder, when in need of a right of way permit and drive way permit ONLY please come to the highway department to see my secretary for these permits, she will also answer any questions that you have regarding these permits.

We would like to Congratulate our grader operator Mark DiVito on his wedding, he is getting married July 30th CONGRATULATIONS MARK AND NANCY.

As always thank you for your calls we appreciate you making the town of Alton a better place to live.

Remember public safety is our number one concern.

Mary Jane Dascoli
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IN Main Street
By Geo. Trevlac, Guest Columnist

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . .100 volunteers were sought for a one-day assembly project to construct a new playground at ACS. . .To the distress of many young readers, ACS announced its opening day and bus routes for the 1989-1990 school year. . .As part of Old Home Week festivities, Alton Town Hall staff challenged the Alton Police Department to a game of softball on the new Parks and Playgrounds field. . .

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

. . .The First *Unofficial* Fourth of July Parade was held and led by *Unofficial* Parade Organizer Irving Roberts with his calliope. . .The 14th annual Old Home Week was held August 13-21 with the theme "The Crossroads of Rails and Sails". . .Alton hosted its 45th annual Barbershop Jamboree. Proceeds from the event were donated to local and national charities. . .

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

. . . An 18-wheel gasoline tanker truck overturned and spilled 1643 gallons of fuel at the Alton traffic circle. Approximately 50 residences and stores were evacuated in the area and 80 firefighters attended the accident scene. . .The Gilman Library received a generous \$50,000 gift from Alton summer resident Dorothy Williams. . .The Alton Board of Selectmen voted to join the coalition of towns and cities proposing to sue the State of New Hampshire on account of the revised school funding plan it adopted. . .Korin L. Eagles of Alton was named as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist.

CALLING ALL CITIZENS
By Tim Kinnon

The Budget Committee for the Town of Alton is looking to fill one remaining vacancy on the committee. If you would like to know how the budget process works or would like to actively participate in the budget review process this is the job for you.

There is no monetary compensation for being on the Budget committee, But, the personal rewards are priceless. If interested then please Call or email the Chairman, Gregg Fuller, at 875-5546, or gregf@worldpath.net, or simply attend the next Budget committee which will be held at Town Hall on September 16 at 7PM.

If you do not have the time to commit to being a member of the budget committee please come the meeting anyway. This is your money we are discussing and we value your opinion.



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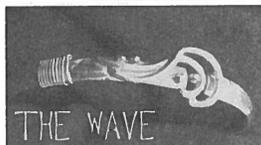
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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER By Nancy Mooney Hebert

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Us with icy air blown from KathmandU
Somberly, we sit, discuss and assesS
This month's antipodal temperamenT

Keep up the good work, members! Twenty-four attended our July meeting, at which a new slate of officers for the year 2004-2004 was presented by nominating committee chairman Dom Giuliano. Elected unanimously were: President: John Brooks; vice-president: Georgiana Nason; Secretary: Peg Bowman; assistant secretary: Nancy Hebert; Treasurer: Liz Roberts; assistant treasurer: Laurie Hagen; Auditor: Claire Fitzgerald. These members will be inducted in a special ceremony at the August meeting, and take office in September.

Sign up now if you want to go on the Foster's Clambake trip to York, Maine, on Tuesday, August 24. Please pay \$48.00 by August 18. The cost is a little higher this year because of increased bus fare and gasoline prices. A trip to Indian Head Resort is being planned for late September.. always check on the latest information by calling the center at 875-7102.

A new membership list is being prepared by Jeanette Barton. Because of the E-911 changes in addresses, all our paperwork has to be reorganized, so we ask for your patience. Soon every member should receive this handy document. Three "new" members were omitted from recognition last year. They are Alice Gilbert, Dianne Leary, and Peggy Stevens...we hope you have enjoyed your year with us and will continue to do so in the future.

Our town senior bingo games are getting more popular! Forty people turned out on July 9th for a great time at the center with Kelly of the Parks and Recreation Dept. and Janet Hand, Executive Vice-President of the Profile Bank, now cosponsoring our games for a year. Christmas in July was the theme, and the prizes were appropriately and attractively decorated. Leah Birdsall won the jackpot..After the games, door prizes were awarded and refreshments served. We thank our co-sponsors for providing us with this special pastime. The next bingo afternoon is August 6th, and the more players, the merrier!

We thank Liz Roberts for providing refreshments for our July meeting, and congratulations to Dom Giuliano for winning the attendance raffle. Our annual meeting is August 11 at 1 p.m. We would like to see all our members attend!



ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

August is a fishing month and a "get ready" month. Local waters are at their warmest this month, so the warm water species are the fish to go after. Largemouth bass, perch, pickerel and sun fish are all found trying to "beat the heat". Early morning and late afternoon are the prime times to find these fish active. They will hide in deep structures, under docks, in weed beds and along the shaded side of the shore line. Lily pads are hard to fish, but provide some excellent action. Use of weedless lures is a must! When the fish (usually a bass or pickerel) hit the lure, you get a quick jolt of adrenalin. The upper (northern) part of the Big W is the best area to find plenty of suitable habitat for these fish.

Smallmouth bass will be seeking cooler waters in the depths of our lakes, so one must fish deeper for this species. Crawfish are a favorite food of the smallies. I have been using plastic imitations of crawfish on an ultra light spinning rod with good success. The best imitation crawfish I have found is by YUM lures. They are a soft plastic tube lure in which you insert a weighted tin jig (no lead please). They do work well! Give them a try.

This month, one can also "get ready" for the upcoming fall seasons. Black bear hunting season starts September first (1) and archery deer season starts Sept. 15th. Now is the time to practice to be ready for these hunting seasons. Farmington Fish & Game Club in New Durham has a 15 target archery range and a 100 yard rifle range. Join the club, meet new people, have a place to practice and support the sports of hunting and fishing.

This is the last month of warmer temperatures, so go enjoy Alton's great outdoors.

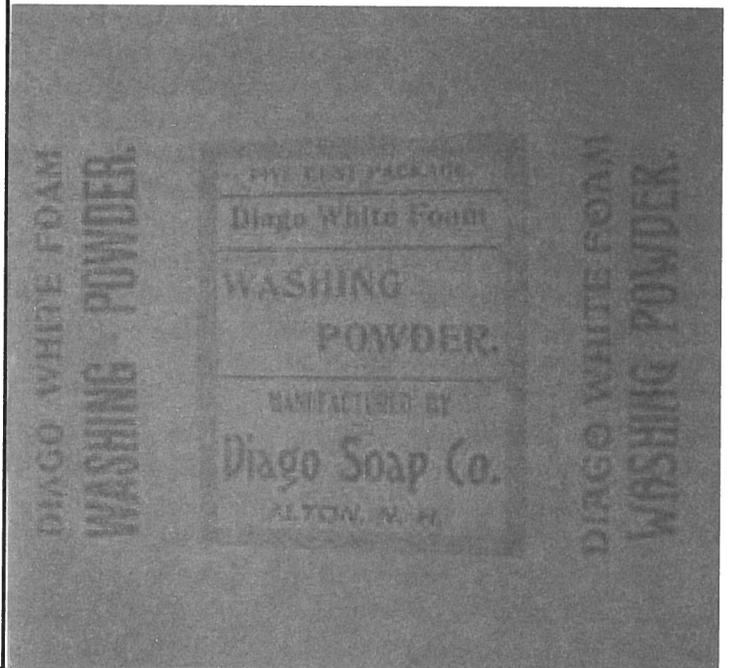
MYSTERY SOAP LABEL
By Christine Elliott

In 2003 the Harold S. Gilman Museum received this printed unused label as a gift. We have been unable to find any reference to this company operating in Alton. The text reads:

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The label is on 11" x 7" purple paper with black ink. If anyone has any information about this company please contact Florence Davis at the Museum at 875-0201.

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Old Home Days Celebration and Fireworks

The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks in celebration of Old Home Days in Alton Bay on Saturday, August 14 at 9:30pm, rain date is scheduled for August 21. For a list of activities see below or check out our web site.

Alton Old Home Days -August 13-15

Celebrate the Town of Alton with community members at the many events scheduled throughout the weekend. Friday, August 13- Free Band Concert at the Alton Bay Bandstand from 7-9pm featuring the New England Noise Band. Saturday, August 14- 9am- 5K Road Race; 9am-5pm- Alton Bay Craft Fair; 3pm- Decorate Your Wheels Contest for ages 10 and under and 11+ at the Alton Bay Bandstand, prizes awarded; 5pm is Free Outdoor Bingo at the Alton Bay Bandstand, prizes awarded; 7-9pm- The Echo Tones Band Concert sponsored by Profile Bank at the Alton Bay Bandstand; 9:30pm- Fireworks in Alton Bay. Sunday, August 15- 9am-3pm- Alton Bay Craft Fair and 10am-12pm is Free Arts and Crafts Program for ages 6-12 at the Alton Bay Bandstand.

Concerts in August

Free Concerts are sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department every Saturday evening in August from 7-9pm, unless otherwise noted*. Bring a chair and your dancing shoes. All ages are welcome.

*August 7- Freese Brothers Big Band- Sponsored by Trustees of Trust Funds, 7:30-9pm

*August 13- New England Noise- Jazz, Rock & Roll, Zydeco and Blues

August 14- The Echo Tones- Classic Rock & Roll through the ages- Sponsored by Profile Bank

August 21- Decades- 50's-90's Rock & Roll and Country

August 28- East Bay Jazz Ensemble- Swing and Jazz favorites

*September 4- Pony Express- Country and Western

5K Road Race

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August 14, 2004

Run with the crowd or walk this scenic, slight varying course, flat/downhill with one moderate inclined, paved. Computerized timing provided by Granite State Race Service, results posted online. Awards to overall male/female, top male/female finisher in each age category, first Alton male/female and first male/female walkers. If you are not a runner,

volunteer to help at the finish line or come by and cheer the runners on. Register by August 2 and receive a 2004 Race Shirt. Registration fee is \$12 and includes the timing service, raffle open to all runners and post race refreshments. Event is co-sponsored by Bank of NH.

Old Home Days Craft Fair

Saturday, August 14 from 9am-5pm and Sunday, August 15 from 9am-3pm at the Alton Bay Community Center and Railroad Square Park. Free Admission. Handmade New England craft items include: fine woodcrafts, jewelry, fleece, quilts, floral, doll furniture, pottery, homemade fudge, fabrics, scroll saw fretwork, handmade soaps and much more.

Decorate Your Wheels Contest

August 14 at 3pm at the Alton Bay Bandstand. Free event, weather permitting. Categories include 10 and under and 11+. Prizes will be awarded to all participants. Decorate your bike, big-wheel, wagon or carriage and come down to the Bandstand in the Bay for a Wheeled Contest Parade.

Outdoor Bingo Game For all ages

August 14 at 5pm at the Alton Bay Bandstand, weather permitting. Play free novelty Bingo games with the Parks and Recreation Department and challenge your mind and luck. Bring a chair and bingo marker. We'll supply the games, cards, prizes and fun.

Arts and Crafts -Ages 6-12

August 15 from 10am-12pm, weather permitting. Stop by the Bandstand and make a free Old Home Days craft to take home.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

With Instructor Joan Lightfoot

Join in this great program and learn new dances every week looking over scenic Alton Bay. Line Dancing is great exercise and a wonderful opportunity to meet new people. Beginners are welcome. Program is held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30pm. Bring a water bottle and dancing shoes. Program fee is \$3.00 for the summer season, what a great deal.

Senior Bingo -Fun and Games

Alton Seniors are invited to participate in the monthly Bingo program co-sponsored by Profile Bank of Alton. Fun and Games Bingo will be held on Friday, August 6 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.

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. Registration accepted until August 2.

Recreation Soccer League

We promote learning soccer while having fun. The program is sponsored for children in Grades 1-6. Practices will be 1-2 evenings per week in Alton. Games will be held ...continued next page

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on Saturdays and may involve traveling to New Durham, Barnstead and Gilmanton. All players must have their own soccer ball, shin guards, black shorts/pants, red and black socks and water bottle. Program fee is \$20. Deadline to register is August 2; late registrations will be placed on a wait list and charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. The first practice starts August 21 at Jones Field. Please arrive at the following times: Grades 1&2- 8am; Grades 3&4- 9am and Grades 5&6- 10am. Volunteers are needed to help coach or be a team parent, please contact us if you are interested. Team sponsors are also needed (business or private), please call us if you would like to sponsor a soccer team.

Water Country Tickets

Tickets for Water Country are available at the Parks and Recreation Department for \$26, which is a savings of \$3 per ticket. Buy your ticket in advance and save money and avoid waiting in line. Please call for availability, cash only please.

Lost and Found

Each year we find items that were left behind at the parks, swim areas and playgrounds. Please contact us if you are missing something we might just have it.

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.

The School Smiles Program, a school-based oral health program, is the recipient of this year's proceeds from the VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County's Annual Geranium sale. The Geranium sale is a community fundraising event for the VNA-Hospice. Each year the proceeds go for a special project or need of one of the many programs and services that the agency provides to the community.

The funds will be used for eligible children to help pay for dental treatment. The School Smiles program provides preventive oral health services to eight elementary schools in the area. The program targets children in grades K-3 and provides oral health education to all children in those grades. In addition, the Registered Dental Hygienist offers an oral health screening to all children. For those children not currently seeing a dentist for regular care, the hygienist will provide a cleaning and fluoride treatment

The geranium fund will be utilized for children needing further treatment at a Dental office. Some of these families lack sufficient insurance or means to access that treatment. The program screened 799 children last year and cleaned the teeth of 166 children. Of those children, 21 had significant dental health problems that required treatment from a Dentist, Oral Health Surgeon or Pediatric Dentist.

The VNA-Hospice thanks all community members who participated in this year's Fundraiser by purchasing geraniums. For more information regarding School Smiles please contact Bette Coffey or Janice Hemel at 569-2729

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LIONS CLUB NEWS By Steve Parker

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club held their annual Mini-Golf night on June 13th. It was a huge success. The monies raised were earmarked for the Ryan Donnelly Van Fund. The Lions would like to thank everyone for their support. There is still time to help us in this worthwhile project. There is an account set up with the Bank of New Hampshire. Any of their helpful employees will assist in accessing the account for donations.

Our next project, to help us with out other charities, is our annual Car Show, to be held August 28th, 2004 from 9am to 3pm at the New Durham Station Rest. Rain date is Sept. 11th. Hope to see you there!!!

Below, Lions George Bornheim, Robert Smith, Steve Parker and Charles Greeley with Ryan Donnelly and Megan. Photo by Digital Magic



WANT TO JOIN A KNITTING CIRCLE? By Linda Hess

Four women got together recently, to share interests in knitting, and to discuss the possibility of starting a knitting circle in Alton or Alton Bay. We talked about knitting groups in other areas, and what we hoped a circle here might provide. We agreed that a knitting circle should be an open, informal, mutually supportive group of people who like to knit, want to learn to knit, or want to improve their knitting skills. We talked about possible meeting sites and scheduling, and decided to plan to start one in the fall. The Gilman Library has kindly agreed to schedule time for an initial meeting where needs, hopes and preferences will be discussed. This meeting will take place at 10 am on September 14th. All are welcome to attend. If you'd like to be on the list of people who might be interested in joining such a group, or if you'd just like to be kept informed as this evolves, please call me, Linda Hess at 875-8103.

Main Street Back to School Backpack Drive - This Month! By Purr Whalley

Are you an "empty nester" missing your annual August back to school shop with the kids? Or perhaps, someone who loves hunting down a bargain? Or maybe, just maybe, a person who believes that one of the best gifts in life is the gift of giving?

If you fit in to any of these categories, Alton "Main Street" is looking for your help! Starting on August 1st, we will be sponsoring our 2004 "Back to School Backpack Drive". We will be asking folks in town to "adopt" a selected Alton Elementary School to buy a backpack for or to contribute to the project by sending a financial donation. Any amount would be appreciated!

How do you "adopt" a student? Our "Learning Tree" will make it's first appearance at our *Main Street* sponsored breakfast on Rte 28 at the Alton American Legion on Sunday, August 1st. The tree will be covered with "apples" for each child. To select the grade and sex of the child you want, simply pick an apple and commit your name and address to that child. Just deliver your newly purchased backpack to the Alton Town Hall Social Services Office located on the second floor by Monday, August 16th. The office is open from 8:30AM to 4:00PM.

After the "kick off" breakfast, the "Learning Tree" will be located at Gilman Library, with apples ripe for the picking! All the information you need to be a sponsor will be at the library. There will also be envelopes on hand by the tree for those of you who can't shop, but wish to donate to the project.

We, at *Main Street* hope you will help us make this project a success. Back to school shopping can be a burden to many families, and our goal, therefore, is to make sure our selected young students have new crisp backpacks with them as they start their new year back at Alton Elementary!

Donations can be sent to *Main Street* Backpack Drive, Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay, NH 03810

Questions? Please ask a *Main Street* board member or call Purr Whalley at 875-7266

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RED HAT SOCIETY WINS PARADE AWARD

By MaryAnn Ryan

The "Fair Warning" Chapter of the Red Hat Society has entered the Wolfeboro 4th of July parade for the past 3 years. Last year they came in 2nd for their division and vowed to do better in 2004. They accomplished their goal by coming in 1st place this year. The "girls" worked hard with help from several husbands and created a float which included "Uncle Sam" and the highlight was a huge RED HAT sitting high above the Queens throne. The Red Hat Society has been in existence in Alton for 3 years and you may see them gathering on occasion in front of the Alton Town Hall. It's hard to miss those ladies in the purple outfits and red hats! If you are not "in the know" the Red Hat Society is for ladies over age 50 who want to have fun. There are currently 20,000 chapters world wide and growing.

The Red Hat Society Float



HIKING THE SIERRAS

By Philip Laurion

The Alton Historical Society program for August will be "Hiking The Sierras." Mary Batchelder, of Alton, will be discussing various backpacking expeditions that she and her husband have had in the Sierra Mountains. In particular she will focus on their hiking of the John Muir Trail from Mount Whitney north to Yosemite. Her discussion will be complemented by a slide presentation showing the mountain scenery in varying seasons. This will be a great opportunity to learn about mountains other than the White Mountains (which were covered in a different manner at our July program).

The Program, which is free of charge and open to all, will take place on Tuesday August 17 at 7pm with refreshments provided afterwards. Please note the location for this presentation will be the Mount Major Community Center (the former West Alton Grange Hall) located on Route 11 next to the West Alton Fire Station. We are pleased to be able to offer you both a quality program and the opportunity to view one of Alton's historic buildings in the same evening.



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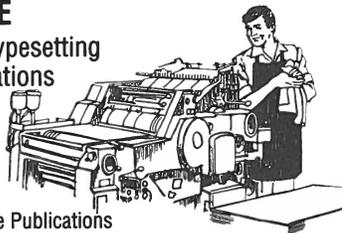
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PASTA AT THE PAVILION By Philip Laurion

The Knights of Columbus - St. Joan of Arc Council #7533 would like to invite you to join us for a spaghetti dinner which we are hosting at the Alton Bay Pavilion during Alton's Old Home Day celebration on Saturday August 14th. What better way to begin the evenings festivities than with a delicious spaghetti dinner, complete with homemade desserts, at your lakeside table in this historic venue. After dinner walk next door to the bandstand to enjoy the concert and fireworks. (Arriving early to attend the dinner might even help you get a better parking space!)

The dinner will take place on August 14th from 4-7pm. The price for adults (13 and up) is \$5.00, children 6-12 is \$4.00, and children under 5 are free. To help make this a truly affordable event for families, the cost for a single family will be no more than \$15.00.

THE FIRST ALTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE By Pat Fuller and Dick Wallace

The Alton Community Visions Team (ACVT) held its first Information Exchange in May. The ACVT team was founded following the Alton Community FORUM held in November 2002 by a group of community volunteers to assure that the needs and interests of the community expressed at the FORUM would not become lost. The idea of an Information Exchange emerged in response to the high priority that the Community assigned during the FORUM to the need for additional communication, cooperation and coordination of activities within the Community.

Fifteen organizations in Alton made presentations about their purpose, activities and needs. A summary of the presentation of each organization will be available shortly at the Gilman Library and the Town Hall for the public to view; a copy will also be sent to each organization invited to present at the Information Exchange. Perhaps the most telling story about this event was the requests we heard asking us to repeat this event! In response the ACVT team plans to schedule this event annually on dates to be announced. Other comments we heard was that the event was informative, revealing and lively. We heard comments like "I never knew you did that"!

We look forward to expanding the number of presenters and public audience at our next Information Exchange. Organizations that wish to present next year may contact either Pat Fuller (875-5546) or Dick Wallace (875-8221). We thank all who volunteered to make this event meaningful to the Alton Community.

Alton Fire/Rescue Department by Fire Chief Alan Johnson

The Alton Fire/Rescue Department wishes to remind residents to please be sure and post your new E-911 numbers so that in an emergency, we will be able to locate you. If you are not sure of your new E-911 number, you may inquire at the Town Hall.

Calls for service for the month of June totaled 65. These calls included 13 Fire related and 52 Medical Emergencies of which 21 were crashes; 12 involving motorcycles, 7 with motor vehicles, 1 with an ATV, and 1 on a moped.

The Town of Alton has appointed a committee to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan for our community. This committee is represented by a wide variety of local interests including the Town Administrator, Emergency Management Director, Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, and the Water and Sewer Department. The committee's focus will be on the natural and manmade hazards that put Alton at risk, and the development of recommendations to protect the safety and well being of Town residents. The committee will begin holding meetings August 11, 2004 at 1:30pm at the Town Hall. This is an open meeting and the general public is encouraged to attend.

Hazard Mitigation Planning is as important to reducing disaster losses, as are appropriate building codes and land-use ordinances. The most significant areas of concern for Alton include perennial and flash flooding, potential for wildfires, and snow and ice storms that produce power outages. With the development of the Alton Hazard Mitigation Plan, community leaders will be able to identify goals and actions to reduce the impacts of these hazards. Alton community leaders want the Town to be a disaster resistant community and believe that the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan will bring Alton one-step closer to that goal. For more information please call the Alton Town Hall at 875-2161.

The new "Pumper" Fire Truck will be arriving to Alton sometime in August. This new truck will be designated as Engine 2, carrying 2500 gallons of water with the ability to pump 2000 gallon per minute when needed. It will have a six man crew cab whereby providing for extra personnel. The new Engine 2 will be housed at the Central Fire Station; Engine 5 will be moved to the West Station which will provide for better fire protection in the West Alton area.

Five new Intern Students will be arriving this Fall living at both the West Alton Station and the Central Fire Station. These new Students will be entering our Intern Program with EMS and Level 1 Firefighter certifications. We are looking forward to their arrival.

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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.

AUGUST EVENTS

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 Lions Car Show, p. 10

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 -- 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, 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

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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
- North Barnstead Congregational Church -- Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 am, 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald
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EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE SUPPER By Sandy Hammond

The East Alton Meeting House Society will have its annual pot luck supper at the meeting house on Gilman's Corner, Alton, on Saturday, August 28 at 6:00 P.M. All are invited to come, meet your neighbors and make new friends. Bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share plus, your own place setting and serving utensils. The annual business meeting will convene after the supper.

Sunday, August 29, the Rev. Peter Bolster from the Alton Community Church will deliver the annual vesper service at 4:00 P.M. to which the public is invited. The meeting house is decorated with fresh flowers and is a perfect setting for this lovely event. The historic building was constructed around 1810 and has undergone various renovations, additions and changes over the years but still maintains its historic ambience. The East Alton Meeting House is available for weddings and baptisms during the summer months. Interested parties may reserve the space by calling Sandy Hammond at 603-569-3745.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS By Ray Nadeau

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, August 7th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Tables and/or spaces will be rented for \$15. Each. This year you may choose from INSIDE spaces or OUTSIDE spaces. We expect a crowd, so get your reservations in early! Contact Millie Pierce at 875-2838 for further information.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY

The Jr. Auxiliary will kick off their fall meeting schedule with an initiation/graduation ceremony at its first meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2004 at 6:30 PM. New members who joined during the previous year will be initiated and members who have reached their 18th birthday will be graduated to the ranks of the Senior Auxiliary. Come and support our active Jr. Auxiliary.

The Sons of the American Legion will hold their annual beef roast on August 21. It includes free camping, games/activities for the kids, horseshoes, volleyball and breakfast the next morning. Tickets and information are available at the Legion Post Home and are \$25.

We continue to have our Sunday breakfasts from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. We encourage any non-profit group in the area to contact us to sponsor a breakfast. Call Andy at 875-3461 for info on dates and number of volunteer workers required.

TOWN HALL NOTES

Who is Effie Deans? How long has Effie has been at the Town Hall, she has been lingering here longer than anyone can remember. How did she get here???. No one knows for sure, but after all she is 186 years old. The ystery surrounding Effie began when she concealed a secret and was confined "up yonder in the tolbooth". Who had the Heart to put her there? Was it the Landlord ? Our research does show Effie has a Scottish ancestry that will tie her to her homeland forever even though Robert S. Lauder made her famous world wide. Who was he and how did he do that? And how does this connect Effie to our Town and who or what has she been protecting?. We invite you to a Selectmen's meeting, perhaps you could offer some insight to this mystery.

The Board of Selectmen meet twice a month, on the first and third Mondays. Public Input is taken twice during these meetings, come and make your voice heard. For information please call the Town Hall at 875-2161.

We continue to take donations for the Alton Community Services Program, Food Pantry. Non-Perishable food products may be left on the first floor in the Heidke Conference Room. Donations may also be brought directly to the Food Pantry, they are open 10 -12 on Saturdays, the number 875-(CARE)2273.

If you have questions or concerns about E911 call us at 875-2161 or 875-0102.

Elsewhere in this publication, is information on a fundraising effort to purchase backpacks for needy school children. If you are in need of one of these for your child or know of a child who could qualify, applications are available at the Town Hall.

The Board encourages residents and visitors to participate in the summer programs offered by Parks & Recreation and to enjoy the many natural attractions location here. Visit Levey Park located at the Bay and other Conservation areas in our Town.

The septic lagoons are now closed, the work has been completed well under budget.

The municipal web-site process is ongoing, and will be available for viewing in the very near future.

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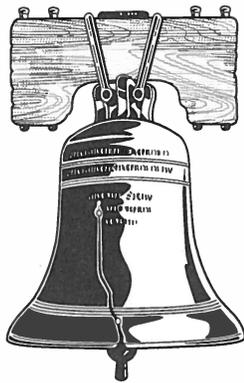
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The staff of "Main Street" invites all our readers, families and guests to help us "kick off" our 2004 Back to School Backpack Drive as we host breakfast at the Alton American Legion this Sunday, August 1st from 8-12.

Profits from the event will go towards the purchase of new backpacks for selected Alton Elementary School students. Our "Learning Tree" will be at the Legion that morning for anyone interested in picking a student's "apple" with all the necessary information (sex, grade and color request) of the child to do their own backpack shopping.

Please join us Sunday at the Alton American Legion on Rte.28 for a first rate breakfast. It is guaranteed to be a fun event and you'll be helping make a young student's first day back at school just a bit more exciting!

For questions, call Purr Whalley 875-7266.

FARMER'S MARKETS IN THE ALTON AREA

New Hampshire Farmer's Markets offer the colorful, tasty bounty of local farms and gardens. Enjoy the friendly, open air shopping for fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, locally prepared foods and specialty items. The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture offers the following markets in the Alton area:

Alton Farmers' Market - Route 11, Alton Bay, Saturdays through September 11, 10am-1pm. Vegetables, strawberries, blueberries, herbs, baked goods, goat cheese, goat milk, smoked meats, honey, maple syrup, wool products and plants. Rain or shine. 364-5279.

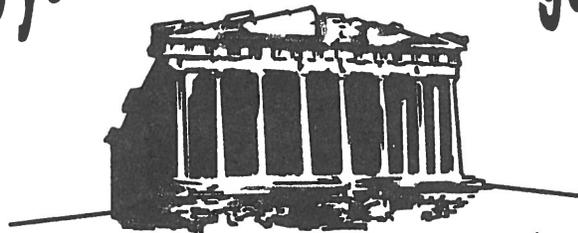
Farmington Farmers' Market - Parking lot rear of Bank of NH And Library, corner of Main and Central Streets, Saturdays through October 16, 8:30am-noon. Farm products, vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies, pottery, homemade soaps, baked goods, cut flowers, annuals and perennials. 859-7861, tdhuse@metrocast.net

Laconia Farmers' Market - Beacon St East, upper parking lot, next to City Hall, Saturdays through September 25, 8:30am-noon. Vegetables, fruits, breads, home baked goods, maple syrup, honey, goat cheese, farm fresh eggs. 267-6522, bpramsay1@aol.com.

New Durham Farmers' Market - Route 11 and Depot Road, Depot Restaurant parking lot under the pines. Wednesdays through October 16, 3-6pm. Vegetables, fruits, soap, pottery, baked goods. 859-7861, tdhuse@metrocast.net.

Wolfeboro Area Farmers' Market - 35 Center St. across from DeVlyder's Market, Thurs. through September 30, 1-5pm. Organic vegetables, goat milk, jams, herbs, eggs, honey. 323-3369 telemark@ncia.net.

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**LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN
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FASHION SHOW AND FLUTE
By Karen Poor**

The Lakes Region Christian Womens Group is pleased to invite you to our special August 11th Luncheon Meeting on Wednesday at "Maurice's Family Restaurant", Route 25 in Moultonboro from 11am-1pm.

Our speaker will be Becky Watson of Essex Junction, VT. Becky is a wife, mother of two girls and a music teacher who learned to balance her busy life when she began to feel out of tune. Come listen to the mastery of her flute and life as she tells us of the 'sharps and flats' that daunt us all.

Our special feature will be a fashion show by "Dress Barn" of Tilton. Dress Barn offers something for everyone of all sizes and for every occasion. Get a head start on the coming Fall season.

Lunch Chicken Chablis or Broiled Haddock, rice, vegetable, dessert and beverage for \$13, pre-paid. Make your reservation by sending your name, phone number and lunch choice by July 30th. Money will be refunded if cancellation is made by August 9th. Make checks out to L.R.C.W. and mail to Ann Reynolds, 121 South Main St, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

Nursery care is available by reservation by calling either Melissa in Alton at 776-2224 or Faith in Gilford at 293-8073. Please provide a bag lunch for children.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Group is a non-denominational group with no formal membership or dues required. Everyone is welcome and we hope that you will find this program inviting and will join us on the 11th.

**THE CHECKOUT DESK
By Holly Brown
Librarian**

Many of you have been waiting for DVD's to arrive here at the library. We are pleased to say that we have included 9 DVD's as part of our collection. They will be allowed to circulate in the same manner that the VHS tapes circulate. Stop by and check them out!!

We have recently become an "institutional/library" member of the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro. This membership entitles our library to two passes good for 2 adults and 4 children under the age of 18 to visit the museum. For more information regarding how you can "check out a pass" please call 875-2550 or stop in and see us. This is a great way to "Check Out A Hero" during the summer reading program and/or "Travel Back in time to 1939-1945 America". Watch for the exhibit of Home Front Memorabilia from that era and the Wright Museum Program coming in September!

Don't miss "Alton Men in the Civil War" to be held on Tuesday, August 10 at 7PM in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library. Presented by Charles W. Canney Camp #5 The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Learn about some of Alton's brave men who fought, hear about their way of life, view displays and go back in time as members of Charles W. Canney Camp #5 make history come alive. This program is a continuation of "The Union Forever!" which was presented last summer here at the library. If you enjoyed the program last year come back to learn more. If you missed last year's program here's a second chance to enjoy a very entertaining and educational evening. Either way, this is an experience you don't want to miss. All ages are welcome. Admission is free. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Gilman Library.

Members of Alton's Book Chat will be meeting on Monday, August 9 at 6:30PM in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room here at the library to discuss Agent For Justice by Duke Southard. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book please call 875-2550 or stop at the circulation desk.

The summer reading program "Check Out A Hero" is well underway!! Please pay close attention to deadlines and mark your calendars for special events listed on your registration form. We welcome all of our Super Readers!!!

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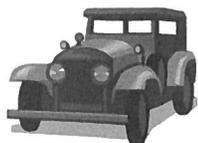


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ALTON PARKS AND RECREATION CANOE AND KAYAK RACE
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 By Kellie Troendle

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored its annual Canoe and Kayak Race on Sunday, June 27. The 5 mile race started at the Merrymeeting River and ended in Alton Bay. 40 canoes and kayaks participated in the race. Categories included recreational, racing, kayak and seniors. Prizes were awarded to the top finisher in each category.

Race results:

1st place overall- with a time of 25:55- Doug Armstrong (racing kayak single category); Recreational Men- 1st- Dan O' Reilly and Dave Lameroux; 2nd- Eric Smith and Dale Keirstead; 3rd- Gerry Theodora and Bill Ryan; Recreational Women- 1st- Emily Donahue and Heather Donahue; 2nd- June Sanborn and Mary Lou Brown; Recreational- Adult and Child under 13- 1st- Marc DeCoff and Bryana DeCoff; 2nd- Bill Stackhouse and Jill Stackhouse; Recreational- Co-Ed- 1st- Eric Cobb and Beryle Martin; 2nd- Elizabeth Helfer and London Summers; 3rd- Robert Caryl and Sara Caryl; Recreational Senior over 65 years- 1st- Jim Washburn and Chuck Westen; 2nd- Maureen Dugan; Recreational Kayak Single- Man- 1st- Greg Lowell; 2nd- Edward Hyslop; 3rd- Syd Rouleau; Woman- 1st- Hallie Fairchild; 2nd- Sara Wilson; 3rd- Ann Parnell; Recreational Kayak- Tandem- 1st- Fred and Jan Sallah; Racing Men- 1st- Scott Ricker and Andy Oulette; 2nd- Mark Peters and Bill Bakes; Racing Women- 1st-Lorrie Drake and Rebecca Helfer; 2nd- Susan Amaral; Racing- Adult and Child Under 13- 1st- Chris Finnell and Amanda Finnell; 2nd- Elizabeth Bean and Sarah Bean; 3rd- Jim Bean and Matthew Bean; Racing Co-Ed- 1st- Anya Bean and Howie Bean; 2nd- Susan Morris and Bob Morris; 3rd- Ron Keslar and Kim Russell; Racing Single- 1st- Larry Douglas; 2nd- Michael Gawlicki; Racing Kayak Single - Man- 1st- Doug Armstrong; 2nd- Ryan Fairchild; 3rd- Clive Roberts; Woman-1st- Alison Roberts

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank Parker Marine for co-sponsoring the race, River Run Deli for donating prizes and L&C Springwater for donating water to all the participants. The Department would also like to thank the volunteers who make the race possible: Bill Lionetta, Mike Lionetta, Lindsay Bishop and Brian Bishop. The 2005 Canoe Race will be Sunday, June 26 call 875-0109 for more information or contact us at parksrec@alton.nh.gov.



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ALTON GARDEN CLUB FLEA MARKET By Vi Russell

Alton Garden Club will be holding a flea market on August 14, 2004 at the home of Daryl Czech on Main Street in Alton from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Hostesses Chairpersons are Daryl Czech and Mary Lou Brown. Anyone wanting to drop off items for the yard sale, bake sale, and plant sale, can call Daryl at 875-3815, or drop off after July 31, 2004.



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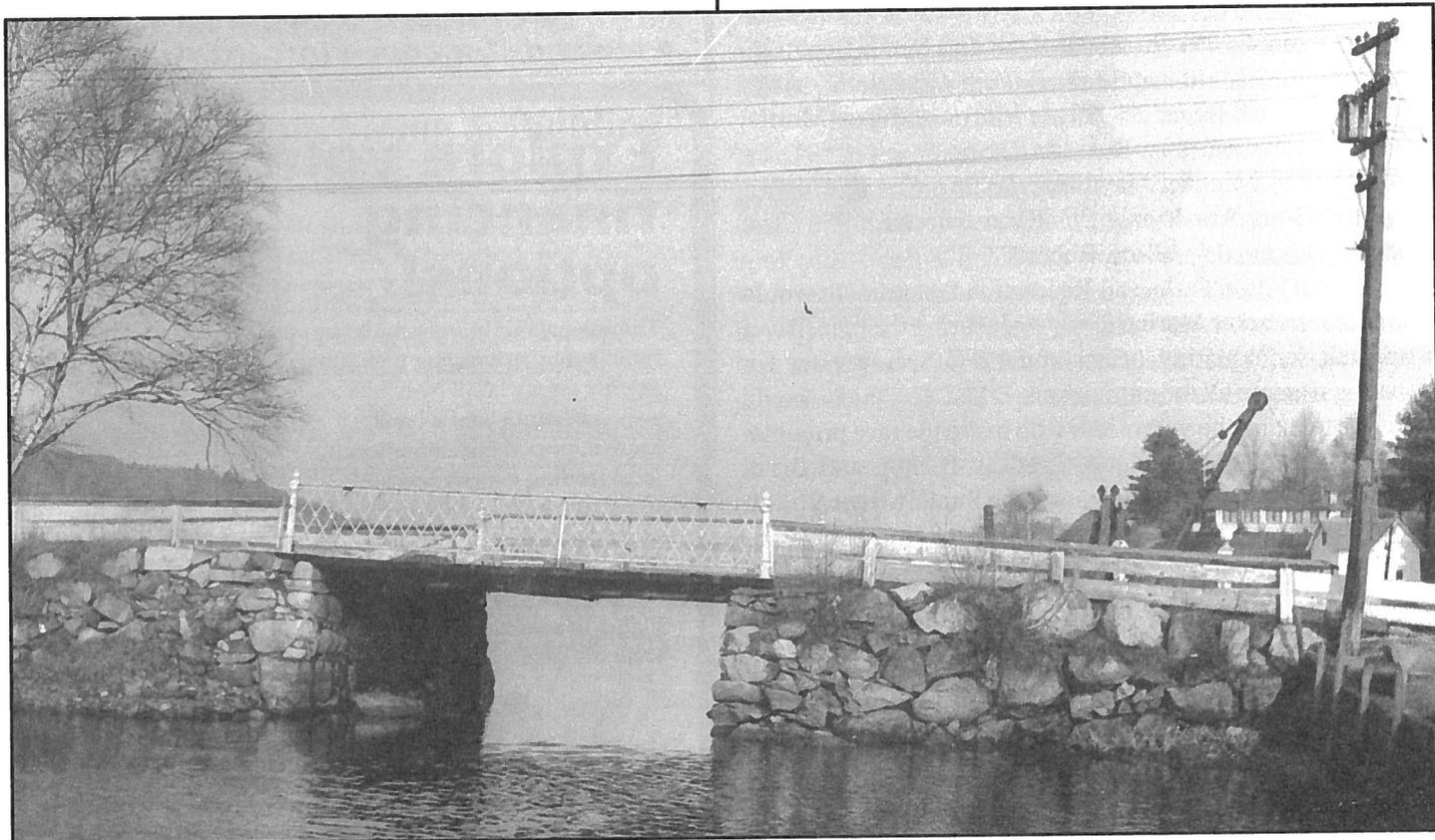
ST. PAUL'S ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAM by Marilyn St. Cyr, Guidance Director

Christina Jamieson, who will be a senior this fall at Prospect Mountain High School, will be attending the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. The Advanced Studies Program was founded in 1957 to provide talented New Hampshire high school students with challenging educational opportunities otherwise unavailable to them.

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

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS BRIDGE IS?

If you think you do, email Main Street at altonms@yahoo.com, or call Publisher Alice Calvert at 875-2151. Next month we'll reveal the location and let you know how many readers guessed right! If you think you know the time period of the photo, let us know that too!



ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER - AUGUST EVENTS

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Saturday, August 7 - 7pm - J.C. & Friends - Concert
Sunday, August 8 - 10:30am & 6pm - Dr. Mark Shepard,
Speaker

August 10-12 - Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9am and Tues., Thurs.
7:30pm Speaker - Russell Carle.

Saturday, August 14 7pm - Young Continentals - Concert
Sunday, August 15 - 10:30am & 6pm - Fred Fullerton -
Speaker

Saturday, August 21 - 7pm - Justin Fennell - Humor
Sunday, August 22 - 10:30am & 6pm - David Alves -
Speaker

Saturday, August 28 - 7pm - The Brunt Family Singers -
Concert

Sunday, August 29 - 10:30am & 6pm - Dr. Charles Gailey -
Speaker

ALTON'S BOOK CHAT By Debra Laurion

At our July meeting we discussed The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown. It was a mystery, with strong religious overtones. Everyone at the meeting enjoyed the book, felt the mystery was good, and enjoyed learning about the religious aspects the book brought to light. Although the book may be considered controversial no one in our group was offended by it.

For the August meeting we have selected Agent For Justice by Duke Southard. This will be the second book we have read by this local author (who we had speak at the library in March). The meeting will be on Monday August 9th at 6:30 pm in the Agnes Thompson Room of the Gilman Library. All are welcome, just stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book.

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ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES THANK YOU By Dorothye S. Wentworth

The Alton Community Services would like to thank all our donors and volunteers who make our program so successful. We service fourteen to sixteen families weekly.

We have received over \$7,000 from St. Vincent dePaul to assist in utilities and rent this year. There are over 250 children in the Alton area who are enrolled in Healthy Choice Insurance through the State.

We have just received eligibility guidelines for receiving USDA surplus commodities. A family of two with a yearly income of \$23,107, monthly income of \$1,926, or weekly income of \$445 is eligible. The income limits increase according to household size.

If you have extra fresh vegetables from your garden, please remember the food pantry. You may drop items off at the office on Main St. in back of the Alton Village after 9:30am.

We will be meeting August 6 at 4:30pm at the Congregational Church on Church St. Everyone is welcome.

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ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP A SUCCESS

By Judy Fry

During the week of June 14th twenty-one volunteers participated in the Third Annual East Alton roadside 'Grab It & Bag It' clean-up project.

On the morning of June 19th seventeen volunteers set out with their bags to remove trash along the roads in East Alton, as well as Route 28. The generous supply of bright blue bags were donated by New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc., of Littleton, whose motto is "Fight Litter."

By late morning many bags had been filled by the volunteers who picked up trash along eleven roads covering twenty-four miles. The bags of glass, plastic bottles and aluminum cans were separated from tin cans and other trash before reaching the Transfer Station.

Predicted showers arrived as the workers arrived back at the East Alton Fire Station before noon. As there were no takers for grilled 'road kill', grilled hot dogs were served instead, topped off with homemade brownies, cookies, and lemonade.

The East Alton Fire Association Directors wish to thank each volunteer who donated their time cleaning the neighborhood - despite the mosquitoes and misty weather.



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In the photo above, East Alton Fire Assoc. 'Grab It and Bag It' volunteers sort trash. Below, Hali Wilde, Edythe De Francesco and Sid Wilde water Route 11D flowers with a water barrel mounted on Sid's 1930AA Truck





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NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS OF ROUTE 11-D
By Edythe De Francesco

The annual meeting of the Neighbors and Friends of Route 11-D was held on Saturday, July 10th at the Gilman Library in Alton. The officers for the coming year are: President, Mark Dotter, Vice President Edythe De Francesco, Treasurer Diane Langille, Secretary Gay Lamoureux.

The annual clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday July 24 from 9am to 12pm at the Route 11-D island entrance closest to Alton Bay. A tent will be set up with volunteers distributing plastic gloves and bags so you can pick up any trash along the road. Our theme is 'See It Clean It'. Lets keep our roadways neat! Rain date is July 31.

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FICTION

Chiaverini, Jennifer
Connelly, Michael
Greeley, Andrew M.
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Perry, Anne
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Sandford, John

The Master Quilter
The Narrows
The Priestly Sins
The Things We Do For Love
The Shifting Tide
A Little Fate
Hidden Prey

NONFICTION

Edwards, John
Northrop, Suzane
Quindlen, Anna
Roberts, Cokie

After Life
Everything Happens for a Reason
Loud and Clear
Founding Mothers

EASY

Carle, Eric
Meddaugh, Susan

Mr. Seahorse
Perfectly Martha

JUVENILE

DiTerlizzi, Tony
Fischer, Jackie
Levine, Gail C.
Lowry, Lois
Osborne, Mary P.

The Ironwood Tree
An Egg on Three Sticks
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Messenger
Summer of the Sea Serpent

VIDEO

The Lord of the Rings (The Return of the King) Parts 1 & 2
Mona Lisa Smile

**KELLY EAGLES
SELECTED TO ATTEND GIRLS STATE
By Cherie Hebert**

Kelly Eagles has been selected as one of 100 High School Juniors throughout the State to participate in the 61st Session of Granite Girls State. The program will be held at Rivier College in Nashua.

Girls State is a nonpartisan program aimed at teaching young women the responsibility of citizenship and their roles as citizens in a democratic society. Participants will receive an intense first hand experience in running their own town, city, county and state government to include the writing and passing of their own legislation. Girls State Citizens will be electing a Governor, Governor's Council and State Senators based on their platforms. Participants of the 2004 Girls State program will be afforded the opportunity to participate in a scholarship program that will provide ten \$20,000.00 scholarships nationwide.

Kelly was sponsored by the American Legion Post #72 Auxilliary. Congratulations Kelly!

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM STARTING UP
By Margie O'Toole**

The after school program held at the Community Church is starting up again this September. The program will run Monday through Friday from 2:45pm until 5:30pm.

We will pick the children up at school and walk them back to the Church. They will given a snack and will be provided with an opportunity to do homework, as well as other activities like arts and crafts and game playing.

When Kid's Klub starts the after school program children will be able to join. It's a free program that runs every Tuesday.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR BELKNAP COUNTY PARENTS

By Judith Buswell

A leadership training series open to parents who reside in Belknap County will begin on Saturday, October 16th and continue for four additional Saturdays through March 19, 2005. Called the P.A.L.S. Program (Parents As Leaders in Society) and modeled after Leadership New Hampshire and the New Futures Community Leadership Institute, this interactive training provides non-partisan information and skill development for parents interested in the problems and challenges facing children and families in Belknap County.

The P.A.L.S. series, funded in part by a grant from the NH Children's Trust Fund, is sponsored by a collaboration of parents with the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families, UpStream, Youth Services Bureau, P.A.C.T., Laconia Project EXTRA, the Laconia Human Relations Committee, and the Center for Civic Engagement. "We are looking for parents from throughout Belknap County to apply," says Alan Robichaud, Executive Director of the Citizens Council and the Chair of the P.A.L.S. Steering Committee. "Ideal applicants are those parents who are interested in boosting their leadership abilities and in applying their new skills right in their own neighborhoods and communities."

Robichaud explains that the long-range goals of the program include building local networks of parents and community citizens who are knowledgeable and comfortable as advocates for children and families.

"Grassroots community activity that comes from the unique strengths of each community is a far more effective change agent than top-down edicts," continues Robichaud. "We have numerous parents throughout this county who want their communities to be safe places where children and families can thrive. And, these are the folks we hope will enroll," he says, explaining that applicants don't have to be "super famous leaders in their communities", but rather "just regular citizens interested in helping out where they can."

The P.A.L.S. Series begins on the third Saturday of October with the UpStream-sponsored, parent conference, "Strengthening Families and Communities", at Memorial Middle School in Laconia. The afternoon P.A.L.S. session will begin immediately following the conference luncheon break.

Led by more than a dozen presenters from around the Lakes Region and New Hampshire, the five-session seminar will cover such topics as community-building skills, the political process, family dynamics in the 21st century, communication skills, an overview of child development, available resources for children and families, and leadership skill development. Participants will have ample opportunity at every session to share their experiences and reactions as they carry out these tasks.

There are no registration or tuition costs for participants and lunch will be provided. Limited childcare assistance is also available.

According to Robichaud, "We do not want any motivated parent to pass up this opportunity because of unmet childcare or transportation needs or due to any reason that we may be able to help resolve."

Applications and further information can be found at the Council's website, www.bccj.org, at the Citizens Council office in the Busiel Mill in downtown Laconia, or by calling 528-3185.

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By Ruthi True**

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**LAKERS UNITED BOYS 17-19 TEAM NEW
HAMPSHIRE CHAMPIONS
LAKES REGION SOCCER CLUB NEWS
BY TERRY STAMP**

The Lakes Region Soccer Club has just completed a very successful spring season. It had six travel teams entered into the Seacoast League four of which won their way into the New Hampshire Open Cup Semi Finals and one team, the Boys 17-19 team retained the NHSA Open Cup as Champions.

The Under 11 Girls coached by Peter Clifford, Michael Hillis and John Dywer ended the season as League Champions and won their way into the NHSA Open Cup semi-finals. They eventually lost to the powerhouse team of Bedford Classics after a great game in which the Lakers dominated the first half.

The Under 14 Girls coached by Steve Beranger had a great season and finished in the middle of the table. This was the girls first season. They all had fun and will do well in the Fall and next spring.

The Under 16-17 Girls coached by Richard Wargo and Kara Kennedy had their best spring season. They played very well against some very tough teams. Each season sees an improvement in the girls performance.

The Under 12 Boys coached by Lynne Hart and Adam Downs had a great season. The team performed well at the Mount Washington Valley Soccer Club June Tournament. They made it to the NHSA Open Cup eventually losing to the Upper Valley Lightning Club.

The Under 16 Boys coached by David Blue and Jonathan Morerod had their first season together in the Seacoast League. They were drawn against several older teams but held their own throughout the season. This was a building year for Coach Blue who will have many returning players for next year.

The 17-19 Boys team coached by Matthew Locke for the third year in a row won their Seacoast League undefeated. Congratulation to Coach Matthew Locke. There aren't many coaches who can put together a team, keep players happy and progressing in their individual skills and win the New Hampshire Open Cup three years in a row.

The Club is always looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors or on the Coaching staffs of the various teams. If anyone is interested in serving please call Terence Stamp at 569-1810.

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