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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

THE GOOD OLD DAYS IN ALTON By Philip Laurion

The Alton Historical Society will hold our second program of the year on Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm in the lower level of the Gilman Library. The program is titled 'Alton Remembrances' and will feature several long-time residents of Alton sharing their memories of the town. This year our panel of speakers includes Priscilla Jones Puleo, Wanda Hale Brooks, Christine Sanborn and Doris Barnes.

In past years this has proven to be a very popular program as we all learn some interesting facts about how life in Alton was different than we experience today. It is surprising how much has changed even in the last 40 or 50 years in regards to the school system, the entertainment available, and the businesses located in town. If there is some topic you are particularly interested in, please bring your questions as audience participation is strongly encouraged.

Please join us on the 17th for a fun and informative evening. The program is free of charge and all are welcome, we even provide refreshments at the end of the program. If you enjoy the program, please consider joining the Historical Society as we can always use new members.

CAMPGROUND BOARDING HOUSE, 1906

The postcard below is from the collection of Mr. Richard Jones of Wolfeboro. It is postmarked 1906. The card is labelled 'Campground Boarding House, Alton Bay, N.H.' The note reads 'Dear Dottie - This is where we buy some of our dinners. We come three miles on a boat to get it.'

The campground referred to is currently the location of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. Nearly half of the original buildings were destroyed in a fire in 1945. The Alton Bay Campmeeting Association celebrated its' 140th anniversary in 2003.



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By Margo Toppan

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ALTON YOUTH LEAGUE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR YARD SALE

By Kathi Hopper

The Alton Youth League, which provides athletic opportunities for Alton area youth, is taking part in the Alton Town Wide Yard Sale, which will be held on Saturday, June 4.

This is the third annual Alton Youth League Yard Sale, and the group is now looking for donations for the sale. The yard sale will be held on the front lawn of the Alton Central School on School Street.

Funds from the yard sale have helped to provide equipment for the baseball and softball teams, and this year's sale is expected to be the biggest and best yet!

The Youth League is accepting donations of good quality, clean new or used items including household, white elephant, good quality furniture, antiques, books, toys, CDs, and tapes. Due to space constraints, they cannot accept computers, electronics, or clothing.

A bake sale will also be held during the Alton Youth League Yard Sale.

For more information, or to donate items, call Kathi and Rick Hopper at 293-2327.



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LRHHPF HAZ WASTE SEASON BEGINS

By Sarah Silk

Spring has finally arrived and with it the opportunity to dispose of your household hazardous waste. The 3rd Saturday of the month from May thru October at 8:30am-noon, you may bring your common household hazardous waste products to the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility at 404 Beach Pond Road, Wolfeboro.

Alton is a member community. To attend, please pick up a PASS at the local Solid Waste Center. The passes are free to residents of Alton. Bring the pass with you to the hazardous waste facility. For speedy drop-off, place products in their original containers in a sturdy cardboard box in your trunk. You will be asked to participate in a brief survey to help us improve our collection effort. A comprehensive list of eligible items is in the brochure available at the Solid Waste Center (latex paint is not a hazardous waste). We also collect NiCad batteries and cell phones for recycling, and offer free mailing envelopes for printer cartridge recycling.

Participation in 2003 was 97 households, there was an increase to 140 in 2004 from the town of Alton (for reference, Wolfeboro increased from 231 to 308 in 2004). You may want to attend May to August as attendance is higher the last 2 months.

Take Rt 28 to Wolfeboro, turn right on Center St, then bear left onto Rt 109A. Turn right onto Beach Pond Rd. The facility has 2 bright yellow signs at the entrance from 8:30AM to noon when open. Questions? Call Sarah Silk, Site Coordinator, at 569-Let's Take Care Of it on collection days; other days try 651-7530 or 569-2073 and leave a message, your call will be returned.

BIG LAKE HALF MARATHON RETURNS

By Keith Jordan

Last year, The Big Lake Half Marathon continued it's tradition of New Hampshire running excellence, with more than 1300 entrants. Race Director and Series founder Keith Jordan is looking for bigger and better things this year, when the race returns to Alton on Saturday, May 7. "We're increasing the field to 1400 runners. We want to make sure the quality of the race is extremely high, while giving the biggest number of runners the opportunity to race." Jordan has been working hard with the town and Police to make the race even better than last year. "We're adding more live entertainment, bigger and better aid stations, and some surprises. We're going to have digital clocks at every mile for the runners again, so everyone can accurately check their splits every mile. Of course, we'll have the post-race band and pizza party for all of the athletes. Our goal is make this the premier Half Marathon in New England and the country."

Jordan is looking for volunteers for the event. Last year, there was a competition for the best aid station on the course, with the winner being awarded \$250. This year, all groups will be given a \$200 donation for their charity, along with the chance to win the \$250 for the best aid station. If you have a group who'd like to help out, please call 293-8353. "We're also looking for entertainment on the course, so if you're a musician, let me know. We'd love to have you and really make this a great Alton event. We're also looking for volunteers to help out with the finish line area and registration," says Jordan

The course will remain unchanged, starting on Letter "S" road at 9:00am. It will continue on Routes 11 and 11D, before returning to the finish line in Alton Bay.

To start the festivities off, The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Friday Evening, May 6, at Alton Central School. Come join the fun!

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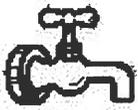
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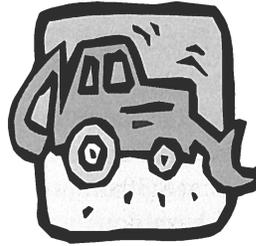
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Welcome to May! Finally some warm weather - it was a very wild winter, and we're glad to see the snow gone.

The weight limit signs are still in effect and will be until approximately the first week of May weather permitting. All the rain we've had has helped quite a bit, but there is still more frost. The rains we received in April caused many wash outs, we are fixing them and will pave these areas when the asphalt plant opens.

The highway crew has been out opening the culverts to allow the flow of the water to run into the ditch lines and not over the road way.

We have also been out raking the graveled roads keeping ahead of the water so as not to create pot holes.

We are still looking for a truck driver and a working foreman, applications are available at the Town Hall (Monument Square) and the Highway Dept. (Letter S Road).

As always thank you for your calls, please continue to call us should you see anything we may have overlooked - 875-6808.

LAKES REGION MUSIC FESTIVAL
By Kim Tinkham

The Lakes Region Music Festival was held at the Kingswood Regional Highschool auditorium on January 15th, 2005. Prospect Mountain Highschool choir members selected to participate by their choir director, Mrs. Jamie Bolduc were Sopranos: Camile Niquette, Alisha Price and Alto: Brooke Price. Prospect Mountain Highschool band members selected to participate by their band director, Mr. Tom Stevens were Josh O'Neil (Alto Saxophone 1), Lyndsey St. Laurent (Flute 1), Ashley Finethy (Flute 2), and Kelsey Tinkham (Clarinet 2). The music festival gives highschool students from the Lakes Region a chance to showcase their musical talent together as one choir, and as one band.

The festival began twenty one years ago and has had many host sites. Next year is our opportunity to host the festival at the Prospect Mountain Highschool auditorium. So, look for the Lakes Region Music Festival's arrival sometime in January 2006, and join us for a wonderful display of musical talent and sound.

The Prospect Mountain High School music department is in the process of forming a support group to help with all of the activities the music department is involved in. If you are interested in helping out, please contact band director, Mr. Tom Stevens at 875-3800 ext. 2007.

IN Main Street

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

...Alton High School received a \$1500 grant from Community TV Corporation of Laconia for purchase of video production equipment. The students hope to videotape school and community events. Video technology will be incorporated in journalism and performing arts curriculum... Bill Heidke was honored at a dinner and presented with a clock in appreciation of his many years of service to the Town... Cub Scouts of Pack 53, with the help of Milt Jensen, built 18 wood duck houses. They will be placed throughout Alton supervised by Randy Hillsgrove from N H Fish and Game...

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

...Bicentennial fund raising, with sales of pewter medallions, T shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags, is doing well... Joan Chase is working on the first of two murals in the Town Hall. One will depict Alton Village and the second will be of the Bay area... Eighth grade students Sarajane Peck, flutist, and Andrea Guttormsen, clarinetist, were selected to represent ACS in the Lakes Region Junior High Music Festival... A Coed Adult Softball League Sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Dept will play three nights a week from June 20 through September 1...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

...The Alton Fire Department is going to have a series of fund raisers in order to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera. A dinner will be the first event. Alton's town physician for 37 years, Dr. Arthur Appleyard, died in April. He was an outstanding clinician and dedicated to his patients. With the help of his Wife, Delree, he selflessly served the people of Alton day and night... Alton Central School French teacher, Mary Bourgault, helped arrange an Alton visit for nine French students and their chaperone. Alton families hosted the families in their homes. The students toured our State Capitol and met the Governor. Donations came from local organizations.

DOG LICENSES

Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk

To all dog owners who have not yet licensed your dogs, you will be fined \$1.00 per month after May 31st. Also, you will be in violation of RSA 466:1 and a civil forfeiture will be issued carrying a fine of \$25.00. Don't add to the cost of a dog registration, come in soon. License fees are: Male/Female-\$10.00, Neutered/Spayed -\$7.50, 1st Animal of Citizen over 65 -\$2.00.

You may renew your dog license by mail. We require a self-addressed, stamped envelope, updated rabies certificate, neutering/spayed certificate, if applicable, and a check made payable to "Town of Alton" for the appropriate fee. The certificates will be returned to you with the new license.

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ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

May is a special month to the outdoor person. It is a month when the hunting and fishing can be great, and you can do both in the same day.

May 3rd is the opening of the spring turkey hunting season. With an abundance of wild turkey in the Alton area, one does not have to go far to hunt. Winter was not harsh to these big birds this year, so quite a few survived in good health. Only Toms may be hunted with bow and arrow or with shotgun. Legal hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon thru May 31. It is exciting when you try to call the male ("Tom") turkey to you using sounds of a lusty female turkey. Good calling techniques and total camouflage are needed with these sharp eyed birds. What a beautiful sight a strutting, gobbling tom is.

Salmon fishing can still be good this month; as long as the water does not heat up too fast. The state Fish and Game Department says we are fishing over "tons of fish" in Winni. There could be some excellent fishing for the 24th annual Winni Derby held May 13, 14 and 15. Entrance fee is \$40.00 and there are 4 boat, motor and trailer packages as prizes for: Adults-1st and 2nd largest salmon; Junior (15 or under)-largest salmon; and anyone-largest lake trout. For more info go to www.winniderby.com

Trout fishing in ponds, rivers and streams gets off to a good start this month as the BUGS start hatching. Weekly fishing reports and stalking lists are available at: www.wildlife.state.nh.us Remember May 14 -June 15, ALL bass must be immediately released, unharmed, at the sight of the catch.

May is a wonderful time to be out in Alton's Outdoors!

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

Sounds of Summer
Saturday Social

We are sponsoring a Sounds of Summer Social at the Alton Bay Community Center on Saturday, May 14 for students in grades 2-6 from 10am-12pm, \$5.00. We are going to make kites to fly in the park, enjoy a hand scooped ice cream cone, make picture frames and play cooperative games. This is a great way to enjoy the sunshine and use the wind off the lake to make our kites fly. Please register at the Parks and Recreation Department by May 6.

Senior Bingo Co-Sponsored by Profile Bank

Join in the fun as we play Bingo at the Pearson Road Community Center on Friday, May 20, at 1pm. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Come by and meet new people. The program is free to Alton Seniors.

Co-Ed Adult Softball Meeting

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department's Co-Ed Adult Softball League will have a team captains meeting on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30pm at the Alton Town Hall to confirm the season schedule. Please bring registration fees, waiver forms and completed rosters to the meeting.

2005 Summer Schedule

Our schedule will be ready for distribution this month. Activities include: Fireworks on July 2 and August 13, Free Concerts at the Bandstand, Red Cross Swimming Lessons, Canoe and Kayak Race, Alton Biking Club, 5K Road Race, Old Home Days, Youth Full Day and Afternoon programs, Adult Volleyball Tournament, Pre-School Program, Play, Learn and Grow Program, Basketball Camp, Soccer Camp, Soccer League, Senior Bingo, Walking Program, Family Scavenger Hunt and more. The Summer Brochure will also be available on our website: www.altonparksandrecreation.com.

Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 4, rain date is June 5, from 9am-3pm. All residents in Alton are invited to sign up for this Town Wide event. This is how it works: if you would like to have a Yard Sale on June 4, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 before

May 9 with your Yard Sale location. Late sign ups will not be taken due to printing deadlines. When calling please include your complete address with specific directions on how to get there. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide a map with all of the Yard Sale locations; last year there were over 70 Yard Sale locations. There is no charge to have your Yard Sale listed and no charge for the maps. This is a fun community event. Maps will be available after May 23 at the Parks and Recreation Department, Town Hall, Bank of NH and Gilman Library.

Play, Learn and Grow Program

Join in this drop-in program co-sponsored with the Giggles and Grins Resource Center. This free program is open to all children newborn to 5 years of age and will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center, on Tues. and Thurs. from 9:30-11:30am; everyone is welcome. Come and meet new parents and other children. Activities include: free play, snack time, activity or craft, reading books and more. Parents must stay with their child during the program and are asked to please bring a snack for their child. Please drop by and join our fun program, it's a wonderful way to meet new people and get involved in a community program.

Backyard Compost Bin Sale in Honor of Earth Day

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Backyard Compost Bin Sale in celebration of Earth Day 2005. In an effort to reduce household leftovers from preparing food in your kitchen from being thrown away, the Alton Parks and Recreation Department has joined a statewide effort to recycle the table scraps into rich, soil amendment. It is estimated that 25% of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps which can easily be composted. Think of the space and money that would save in filling the landfills and reducing trash disposal costs. Through May 7, a home compost bin and how-to-guide with a combined retail value of \$80 can be purchased for \$35. The bin is black, has a ten-year warranty, and is made of recycled plastic. It is approximately 33" high and 33" wide, or large enough for a family of five. New this year to help collect the kitchen material is the Kitchen Waste Pail which is \$10.00, it has a hinged lid which snaps securely to the pail and comes with a mount to hang on the inside of a cabinet door, it is white and beige with a 7.5 liter capacity. The pail width easily accommodates the shape of plates for "mess free" scrapings. Look for order forms at the Parks and Recreation Department, Town Hall, Gilman Library and Alton Home and Lumber Center. For more information or to have an order form mailed to you please call us at 875-0109. Alton already recycles 25% of its disposables. Let's boost that number higher while helping our gardens grow.

Seasonal Employment Positions Available

The Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of hiring our seasonal staff. We have openings for Lifeguards and Softball Umpires. Please contact us if you are interested.

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ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT By Mary Jane Dascoli, Secretary

Calls for service for the month of March are as follows: 12 Fire related, 24 Medical Emergencies of which 7 were motor vehicle crashes or rollovers; plus 4 service calls that included a flooded oil burner, tree into a garage, a motor vehicle that rolled into another in the same driveway and a Fire Drill at the Central School.

Our new ALS Ambulance has arrived and we expect delivery of the new Rescue Truck in the next few weeks, maybe even by the time of this publication. Anyone interested in seeing these new pieces of equipment is encouraged to stop by the Central Fire Station. As long as we are not out on an emergency call, we'll be glad to assist you.

Any outside burning **NOW** requires a Fire Permit. Come in to the Central Fire Station at 65 Frank Gilman Highway to obtain a permit Monday through Friday 8-4PM; Saturdays or Sundays call first (875-0222) as we may be out on an emergency.

We'd also like to remind residents and visitors if and when you see an emergency vehicle, drivers are required to **pull safely to the right side of the road and stop**. There are many misconceptions regarding this law; the more room you can give to these large emergency vehicles the better. We want to respond to your emergency and arrive safely to assist you.

We wish to thank the Alton Police Department, Alton Highway Department, and other mutual aid departments that assist us with both Fire and Medical emergencies. We appreciate your continued assistance and support.

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UNITED WAY PARENTING PROGRAM - ADJUSTING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Judi Taggart

Parents of elementary students will want to attend a free parenting program at Laconia’s Memorial Middle School on Thursday, May 5 from 6-8pm. Adjusting to Middle School—Helping Your Child in Transition will help parents support their early adolescents as they they move from elementary to middle school. Join other parents to learn about and discuss: How to address concerns about peer pressure and academic success, recognizing the effects of social class, race, ability and gender biases and learn tips to better manage this school transition.

The program will start at 6:00 with Mexican food to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, sponsored by Project EXTRA! From 6:30 to 8:00 p.m, Donna San Antonio, Ed. D. and Lecturer on Education, Human Development and Psychology, Harvard Graduate School of Education, will share information based on her book “Adolescent Lives in Transition: How Social Class Influences the Adjustment to Middle School.” San Antonio studied how social class background affected 30 young students as they transitioned from their home town elementary school to a regional middle school in a NH school district. She discovered some surprising results as students went from grade 6 to grade 7 from vastly different economic backgrounds and community cultures. There is much to be said about making NH schools welcoming and encouraging to students from all social class backgrounds.

San Antonio’s book will be available at this program. Parents could win a copy as a door prize! The book is also availbe on on the web: <http://www.sunypress.edu/details.asp?id=60906> To register for this program, which is co-sponsored by Project EXTRA!, call voice mail 527-2966 or email register@upstream.org. Preregistration will save you time and help to plan refreshments. Walk-ins are welcome! Assistance with home child care is available with advance notice. This program is made possible by a grant from Belknap County Incentive Funds. UpStream is a program of Lakes Region United Way, and receives support from LRGHealthcare, its members and the community. For more information, click on www.upstream.org.

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Intro to Wheel Thrown Pottery	8	Wed. July 6	6:00-8:00	78	\$105.00	T. Corriveau
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Fundamentals of Investing	3	Tues. July 12	6:30-8:30	108	free	S. Holly
Scrap Booking	6	Wed. July 6 FIRST WEEK, FREE DEMONSTRATION	6:30-9:00	91	\$25.00 Additional \$50.00 for supplies	L. Wood
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Yoga Advanced	8	Sat. July 9	8:00-9:30	gym	\$80.00	J. Bradway

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For Course Descriptions, See Page 24

Clubs and Services

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

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

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

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

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

MAY EVENTS

- Thu 5 United Way Parenting Program 'Adjusting to Middle School', 6-8pm, Laconia Memorial Middle School (see p. 10)
- Fri 6 Lions Club Spaghetti Supper, 5-8pm, Alton Central School (see p. 22)
- Sat 7 Big Lake Half Marathon, 9am (see p. 3)
- Fri 13 Clearlakes Chorale Hallelujah Concert, 8pm, All Saints Episcopal Church, Wolfeboro (see p. 15)
- Sat 14 Clearlakes Chorale Hallelujah Concert, 8pm, All Saints Episcopal Church, Wolfeboro (see p. 15)
- Tue 17 Alton Historical Society Presents the program, 'Alton Remembrances', 7pm, Gilman Library (see cover)
- Tue 17 Eastern University Touring Choir performance, 7pm, Community Church on Church Street (see p. 18)

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 Centennial Rotary Club -- Thursdays, 7am, American Legion Hall, for more info see www.altonrotary.org.
- 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), Mondays, 5:30, Alton Bay Community Center. Call 434-7578
- PTSA. -- 3rd Wed., Alton Central School HS Library, 7 p.m.
- Senior Citizens -- 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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

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Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

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

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

Community Church -- Sun. Service, 9am, Main Street Church Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor; 875-5561

First Free Will Baptist Church -- Sun. School, 9:45 am; Church, 11 am; Evening Service, 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason

North Barnstead Congregational Church -- Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 am, 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Rev. Gray Fitzgerald

St. Katharine Drexel -- Weekend Masses Sat. 4pm, Sun., 8:30am and 10:30am; weekday Masses, Mon. through Fri., 8am; Rev. George Ham; 569-2548

Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship -- Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship Service, 10:30 am; Evening Service, 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

GILMAN LIBRARY: 875-2550

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PAJAMA PARTY FOR K-2 STUDENTS!

By Dr. Jacqueline R. Verville

Alton Central School is hosting a Pajama Party for K-2 students on the evening of May 25th from 6-7pm. What better way to get your children some good books to read during the summer months! Two teachers will be assigned to each grade level and fun activities will be occurring! Come join us for the fun. I am sorry, but there will be no baby-sitting for children under five.

That same evening we are also hosting a buy one, get one free book fair. The book fair will be held on the evening of May 25th from 3-8pm and all day on May 26th until 2: 30pm, and will be held in the middle school library. We encourage you to stop by the school and gather up your books for summer reading!

I would also like to encourage you to take advantage of the summer reading program being held at the Gilman Public Library. Any and all reading that takes place during the year and over the summer months helps your child(ren) maintain their level of ability in reading.

A good way for you to check if the book is too difficult for your child follows: open to the middle of the book and have your child read a page. Count the number of words your child is unable to read or pronounce. If that number is more than five, the book is too difficult.

LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

By Karen Poor

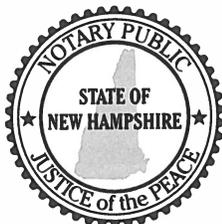
The fun and challenges of step-parenting is the theme for our May Luncheon being held on Wed., May 11th from 11am to 1pm at Maruice's Family Restaurant, Rt. 25, Moultonborough. The menu will be Chicken Parmesan with Ziti, salad, dessert, and beverage for \$13.00 inclusive.

In honor of Mother's Day, we will be hosting a husband and wife team. Our Special Speaker will be Evangeline (Van) Sawin from Topsham, Maine and the Special Feature will be her husband Farwell Sawin, who's expertise lies in Woodworking; clocks, puzzles and toys. Evangeline, a bride at middle age, taught Home Economics. She enjoys sewing, baking, entertaining and traveling. They are parents to 9 children and grandparents to 23. Learning how to blend all aspects of multiple family life can be stressful and discouraging. Come learn how to cope, handle and enjoy all the day to day challenges that arise with this situation.

Reservations can be made by calling Melissa in Alton 776-2224, Faith in Gilford 293- 8073 or Mary in Moultonborough 284-6873. Child care provided by reservation. Please bring a brown bag lunch for your child. Reservations must be honored or canceled, one day prior.

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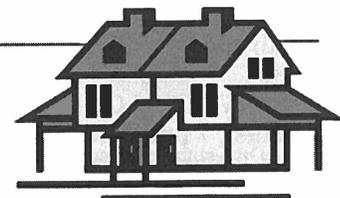
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**CLEARLAKES CHORALE TO PRESENT
HALLELUJAH CONCERT
By Carolyn Olzerowicz**

The Clearlakes Chorale is pleased to announce its *Hallelujah Concert* featuring Beethoven's *Mass in C*. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th at 8:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church on South Main Street in Wolfeboro, NH. On Sunday, May 15 this concert will be presented at the Opera House in the Wakefield Town Hall in Sanbornville, NH at 3:00 PM.

Hallelujah is the word used by the ancient Hebrew psalmists to praise God. All of the music in this, our spring-time concert, was composed so that choirs could lift their voices in praise to God. Beethoven was commissioned to write the *Mass in C* in 1807 by Count Nikolaus Esterhazy of Hungary in honor of the name day of his wife, Countess Maria Hermenegild. The talents of this mighty genius of music were now brought to the work of composing a mass. The completed work was, of course, quite a departure from the masses of Beethoven's predecessor, Haydn. It was not well received at its premier performance. Today, nearly 200 years after it was composed, we have a better perspective from which to appreciate this towering masterpiece.

Genius comes in many forms and from many places. The poem *Rejoice in the Lamb*, was written within the walls of an insane asylum. The poet, Christopher Smart, was possessed of a kind of religious compulsion to pray continuously, even dropping to his knees on the street to pray. Benjamin Britten has set this peculiar and delightful text to music that is vibrantly rhythmic, and both forceful and charming. Listen for the repetitive motif in the organ part that illustrates the movement of Smart's beloved cat, Jeoffry. The arias will be sung by 12 year old soprano, Ben Sigler.

Also on the program will be Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*, Franz Joseph Haydn's *The Heaven's Are Telling*, Vaughn William's *O Taste and See*, Stainer's *God So Loved the World*, Thomas Tallis' *If Ye Love Me*, and the first movement from the Vivaldi *Gloria*. We are blessed to have the composer of *Ode to Spring*, Barry Lockard, as one of our own members!

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THE CHECKOUT DESK By Holly Brown Librarian

The Friends of the Gilman Library are off to a great start this year. If you missed the annual meeting in April it is not too late to join us. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library. The Guest Speaker will be Florence Davis from the Gilman Museum, Main Street, Alton. Florence will present a program entitled "The Role of Museums in Communities". This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Gilman Library. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends. All are welcome; admission is free. Come and see what the Gilman Museum has to offer our community. Don't forget to bring a friend!!

The book discussion group "Alton's Book Chat" will meet at the Gilman Library on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. If you would like a copy of the book of choice, entitled "The Complete Sherlock Holmes" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle please let us know. The group will be discussing two of the stories included in the collection. They are The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes and The Hound of the Baskervilles. New members are always welcome.

Many thanks to all who helped us celebrate National Library Week by purchasing a brass book mark and receiving a bag of book sale books free of charge. All proceeds from this event were added to the Gilman Library Building Fund. If you missed the sale it is still not too late to purchase a brass book mark and /or books from our book sale. In addition, posters, collectables, book bags, t-shirts, bricks and afghans are still available for purchase and make great gifts for Mother's Day. For more information stop at the circulation desk or call 875-2550.

SAVE YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS! By Lawrice Ballentine

This fall, the Alton Central School will be conducting a magazine subscription fundraiser to be used for middle school activities. The sale will run from September 16th through September 26th.

If you have subscriptions that need to be renewed, or you would like to subscribe to a new magazine, please save your orders for our fundraiser. You can also plan to give magazine subscriptions as gifts this year.

Let your friends and relatives know about the fundraiser and ask them to save their subscriptions as well. Renewal orders will simply extend current subscriptions.

Magazines you can order include Reader's Digest, American Girl, Better Homes & Gardens, Entertainment Weekly, Money, Newsweek, New Hampshire Magazine, Real Simple, Seventeen, Sports Illustrated, Time, and TV Guide.

DONATE A PHONE, SAVE A LIFE
By Lisa Piwnicki

Are you wondering what to do with your old cell phone? Did you know that by donating it you could help stop family violence? The Body Shop Cell Phone Collection is giving new life to used cellular phones by supporting the fight to stop family violence. All donated phones will be sold, refurbished, or recycled, with proceeds benefiting the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) and the Wireless Foundation. The funding will support programs that educate the public about domestic violence and will provide support to survivors. Nearly 1,500 cell phones will be donated to domestic violence shelters to victims of domestic violence and become lifelines for victims when faced with an emergency.

If you are interested in donating your old cell phone, please deactivate your service and include the battery and charger, if possible. Cell phones are being collected at the Alton Police Station through June 30th. Tax receipts will be available at the Alton Police Station.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Piwnicki at 776-2331. For general information about getting help for victims of domestic violence, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or visit the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence website at www.ncadv.org.

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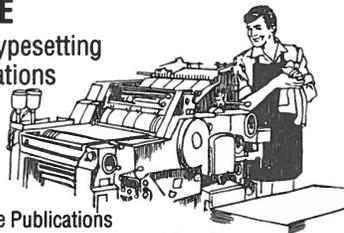
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ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER CELEBRATES NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER By Nancy Pritchard

On Thursday, May 5, National Day of Prayer, millions of Americans at home and abroad will gather together in many places in prayers of blessing for the nations. The 2005 national theme is "God Shed His Grace on Thee".

The Chapel at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center will be open all day for prayer and a special service will be held at noon in the Chapel to pray for our community, our country and the world. The service will include patriotic selections by soloist Carolyn Schaeffner. All are welcome.

HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB 20TH ANNUAL DOLL SHOW By Ruth Messier

The Happy Hobby Doll Club of Alton will present its 20th annual doll show and sale on Sunday, June 26, from 9:30am to 2:00pm. The show will be in the new Prospect Mountain High School, Route 28 South in Alton, where there is plenty of free parking.

Adult admission is \$3.00; however, bring a non-perishable food donation, per adult, for the food pantry, and receive a \$1.00 discount. For children under 12, admission is \$1.00.

This year will feature free appraisals and special guest John Burbidge, with a selection of his little ladies of fashion dressed splendidly in Victorian and Edwardian dress. John will be available to discuss his fashion dolls and career at Priscilla of Boston, and sign his new book, 'Les Petites Dames de Mode (An Adventure in Design).'

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LOCAL MAN CLIMBS KILIMANJARO

Local attorney Arthur Hoover reached the highest peak in Africa (19,344 feet), summiting Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania on January 25.

Hoover (on the right in the photo below), with his son, Jeffrey (left) and good friend Donald Whittum, a Rochester attorney, were in a group of 10 hikers, 6 of whom completed the climb, assisted by 17 porters, 2 cooks and 4 guides.

Hoover (64) and Whittum (69) were the two oldest hikers their guides had taken to the summit.



ALTON GRADUATE PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN
By Linda White

Laura Levesque, Daughter of Darrell & Linda White of Alton, a 1997 Alton Central School Graduate and a 2001 UNH & ROTC Graduate was promoted to Captain, with G2, Military Intelligence unit on March 1, 2004. Captain Levesque is stationed at Fort Drum in upper state New York and will be deploying to Afghanistan in January.



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ASHES TO BEAUTY By Nancy Pritchard

On the evening of March 22nd, Ruth Sylvester of Alton Bay arrived home to find her house on fire which destroyed her home. A futile attempt to enter her home was soon abandoned as smoke and flames engulfed the rooms. She fled to her neighbor, former Fire Chief, Russell Sample, for help which soon brought the Alton Fire Department, followed by neighboring fire companies from Gilford, Gilmanton and Barnstead, and the Red Cross. As word spread lodging for the night was provided by a friend, and in a few days a work party of family members set out to winterize a summer cottage where Ruth could soon stay. Hot coffee and sandwiches for the workers suddenly appeared from members of Ruth's Friendship Bible Coffee group and Amilyne's Corner Market donated a boxful of cookies. Meanwhile Ruth picked through the rubble and found her mother's ring and her own engagement ring covered in melted-down plastic of a ring holder at the kitchen sink. She also found her late husband's Purple Heart.

In spite of the many losses Ruth is grateful to be alive and not to have been in the house at the time of the fire. She is also thankful for the support of the community and The Bay Church where she attends. Ruth has lived in Alton Bay for 35 years and worked as a caregiver. She also worked for the Heidtke Foundation, a support program for the elderly to remain in their homes.

It is ironic that Ruth, who is an elder widow herself and still working independently as a companion, is now without a home. However, she refuses to dwell on her losses and has a hopeful heart. Ruth's recent reading from the book of Isaiah reminds her, "He will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of despair."

Should there be any kindnesses or assistance for Ruth, please contact: The Bay Church, c/o Helping Hands Fund, P. O. Box 295, Alton Bay, NH 03810 or leave a message at (603)875-6765.

Ruth Sylvester adds "I wish to thank the Alton Fire Department for their prompt response and fine job done in fighting the fire that broke out in my home. As they fought the flames that took 90% of my home, the firewomen who work alongside the firemen were kind and comforting to me".

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The 4th Annual Big Lake Half Marathon is taking place on May 7th this year and the Lions will be having a spaghetti supper on May 6th. The supper is from 5-8pm at the Alton Central School, and is open to the public. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 under 12. Come and join the runners at the supper on Friday and cheer them on to victory Saturday.

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Ms. Rainey-Axon is a resident of Massachusetts and a long-time visitor to Alton. She wins a dinner for two, donated by Shibley's at the Pier, which is located in Alton Bay.

Congratulations to Ms. Rainey-Axon and many thanks to all who participated in this years' Ice-Out contest!

LOCAL STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT WORLD MARTIAL ARTS HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

The World Martial Arts Hall of Fame, a non-profit organization that bestows recognition to deserving Martial Artists, will be holding it's induction ceremony this year in Manchester. The event will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. Along with the induction ceremony, the event will also feature seminars, demonstrations, and a tournament.

Alton martial arts students will be performing at the Gala Banquet Show to be held on Saturday. The theme for this year is "Today's Youth... Tomorrow's Masters". This event is a unique opportunity for NH Martial Artists to be recognized as the event is usually held Ohio and next year will be in Canada.

As part of the ceremony, there will be a board break-a-thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research. For more information, please contact Meg Jones at 875-1171.

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Useful Techniques for Internet Users

The Internet is a vast place – and, it's easy to get lost! This course will help you to navigate the Internet more efficiently and to find what you need or want. From obtaining an ISP to configuring your browser and safely surfing the web, this course should help you to learn how the Internet can become a daily resource.

Intro to Wheel Thrown Pottery

Students create their own functional and decorative wheel thrown pottery vessels. Students will be introduced to basic clay construction and basic wheel throwing techniques. This course is designed for students with little to no experience or as a refresher. Cost of course includes instruction, one 25lb. bag of clay, use of clay tools and glazes for the clay. Additional materials available at additional cost.

Beyond Introduction to Wheel Thrown Pottery

This course is designed for students with a little experience in basic wheel thrown pottery. Students will create their own functional and decorative wheel thrown pottery vessels. Students will finish their pottery with a variety of glazing techniques and glaze finishes. Cost of course includes instruction, one 25lb. bag of clay, use of clay tools and glazes for the clay. Additional materials available at additional cost.

Fundamentals of Investing: How to make Better Decisions about Your Money

This three-session seminar covers the fundamental issues for novice investors. The first session covers why people need to invest, the importance of planning and introduces different investment options. The second session discusses stocks, bonds, and mutual funds in more detail. The third session introduces retirement and tax planning issues.

Scrap Booking

Learn how to create safe, meaningful photo albums to preserve your heritage and memories for generations to come. New tools, fun and simple techniques. First week is a FREE demonstration. If you are interested, sign up for the remaining 5 weeks. Work on your album, including creating fun borders for fast pages with easy techniques. Don't let time and the elements destroy your memories any longer.

Scrap Booking Workshop

This Scrap Booking workshop will be spent working on your photo albums with emphasis on specialty borders, page accents, journaling and organizing, with hints on getting you started and finishing an album. Supplies are available from the instructor.

Advanced Yoga

Principles of hatha/iyengar, and Kundalini yoga. Emphasis upon building muscular strength

Sewing and Home Decoration

Find the rewarding world of home design without Martha's price ticket. ALL fabric acceptable/student supplies. Machine and hand sewing.

To sign up for classes, see the Registration form on Page 11.



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Beginning with its formation in the fall of 2003, the Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) has been working toward its goal of selecting a project where improvements would revitalize the village for the benefit of the townspeople. The former B & M railroad yard behind Town Hall presented such an opportunity and has been selected as the DRC's first project.

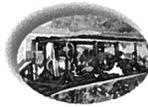
The Park will be nestled on a site that in earlier days bustled with activity as passenger and freight trains arrived at the Village Station. It has been designed through the combined efforts of the townspeople during a 2004 Charrette, monthly meetings with public input, the services of an architect-designer and the DRC.

The Park will provide a walking path from Depot Street to Ginny Douglas Park. It will offer areas for picnicking, barbecuing, badminton and music concerts. It will also provide an opportunity to visit an educational wetland. The Alton Historical Society members will be participating in the future plans for the 1896 Freight Building located in the park.

Our goal is to raise money through community donations and grants. As the Gateway to the Lakes Region, we are presented with the opportunity to leave future generations a lasting gift to our town by donating to Alton B & M Railroad Park.

The park will be environmentally friendly and handicapped accessible.

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