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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAIN STREET!

Main Street Turns 20 this month, see page 5 for more information!

### ON THE ROAD AT LAST!

By Ryan J. Donnelly

The feeling is amazing. What can only be described as an adventure has at last reached its conclusion. Years have been spent in an effort to acquire a modified van that I, a young man with a physical disability, can drive independently. It's still hard to believe at times, rolling out into the driveway in my wheelchair, looking at this machine, and realizing that it is mine.

It is a testament to not only my personal effort, but the effort put forth by everyone who had manifested a hopeful idea into the striking-blue vehicle now parked outside my home. My family has offered much help and guidance along the way, driving with me during training sessions, and helping to brainstorm ideas for funding sources. We had sent out letters to all parts of the country, asking for assistance in my hopes for greater independence, through the ability to drive about freely.

The results were not looking good. Many of letters went completely unanswered. Frustration began to take hold of me at the thought of 'How in the world are we going to be able to raise this kind of money?' Not long after, we received a call from the Alton/New Durham Lions Club, which would prove to be one of the greatest contributors to this cause. They had organized several fund-raising events in the town, had put out news of their efforts in *Main Street*, and even helped to work with Ride-Away, the providers and installers of most of the van's modifications. It was a surprise and a blessing that the Lions Club was able to work with us, and has shown me how outstanding the community of Alton can be.

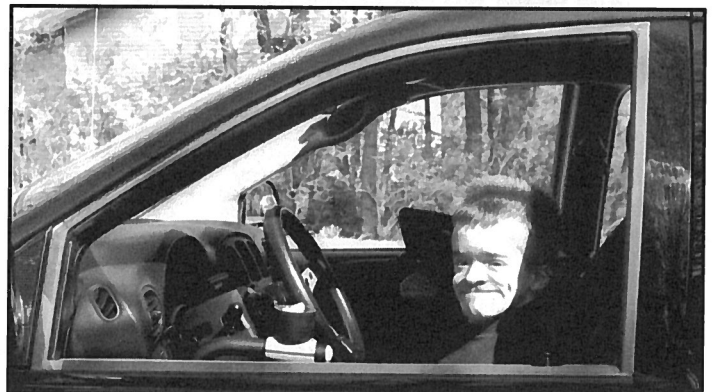
Vocational Rehabilitation also played a large part in the realization of my goal, paying fully for the incredibly costly modifications that made up the bulk of the van's total cost. Though the approval process for the modification funding was a long wait in itself, I can say now that it was certainly worth it.

This is only the technical and financial aspect of course. What good is a vehicle if I didn't know how to drive it? I was able to take Driver's Ed through the school, but only the classroom portion, not the driving one. It was through Crotched Mountain Driving School that I would get behind the wheel of a special van with components that could be swapped out to suit the individual's needs. Through this, we were able to determine what modifications would be best suited for me.

I got my drivers license in October of 2003, and I will admit it was frustrating to have it for so long and not be able to make use of it. Again, patience was the virtue to be had here, and about a month ago, my van was finally delivered to my home. I've since completed the last of my training with the van, and am spending time getting a feel for driving without an instructor. It's a bit scary at times, knowing how much time and effort and money has been put into this thing, and that I am in control of it, but I getting more and more confident in driving ability.

It's wonderful to finally taste a bit more freedom and independence, and satisfying to know that my hard work, and the hard work of everyone else involved has come to fruition. To everyone who lent a helping hand in this massive project, and the entire community of Alton, I extend my thanks. I'm on the road at last!

*Editors Note: Ryan is a 2004 graduate of Alton Central School, and is currently attending the University of New Hampshire. He was awarded the Robert and Catherine Calvert Scholarship in 2004, which is overseen by Main Street.*





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## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM BEGINS

By Patricia Rockwood

Town of Alton - Solid Waste Center Electronics Recycling Program Effective June 1, 2005 The Board of Selectmen has authorized a new electronic recycling program. This program will require that all electronic equipment, i.e., stereos, computers, fax machines, printers, etc., to be recycled. A charge will only apply to televisions and computer monitors as follows: Monitors and Televisions 19" or larger - \$10.00 each Monitors and Televisions 19" or less - \$ 5.00 each All other items - CPU, Mouse or Office Machines, etc - no charge. If there are any questions, please contact either the staff at the Solid Waste Center (875-5801) or the Town Hall (875-2161) Thank you for your cooperation as we endeavor to improve the operations at our recycling facility.

## WINNIPESAUKEE LODGE #75 SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

By Thomas Varney

Winnepesaukee Lodge #75 Free and Accepted Masons is offering a \$1000.00 scholarship to students of Alton, New Durham, Gilmanton, and Barnstead. Eligible students are those attending a vocational school or college or university as a freshmen or upper classman. The criteria for selection is good character, financial need and scholarship. The application deadline is July 15, 2005. Applications for the scholarship may be obtained by calling Thomas W. Varney at 875-7110.

## ALTON B&M RAILROAD PARK UPDATE By Bonnie Barsanti & Judy Fry

In the autumn of 2003, the Downtown Revitalization Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Selectman, was formed with the primary goal of selecting projects in the downtown area of Alton where improvements would revitalize the village for the benefit of the townspeople and visitors alike. The DRC is comprised of six volunteers and a representative from the Planning Board and a representative from the Board of Selectman. The first project chosen by the DRC was the former Boston & Maine Railroad yard, an area located behind the Town Hall.

Plans are well underway for the handicapped accessible Walking Trail, Wetlands Walk and Toddler Playground. As progress is made on each component of the Park, an updated report will appear in future issues of Main Street.

This issue is featuring the Toddler Playground.

This colorful area will be located near the Walking Trail, well away from the Wetland Board Walk and wetland area in the park.

One of our goals in the park was to create an area where all age groups could gather and enjoy a quiet respite. Keeping this goal and the needs of the town in mind, the picture of the playground included in this article evolved to be the best use of this area. After extensive research into commercial outdoor playground equipment our committee has agreed upon a creative play area design. The manufacturing company that we chose is the world's leader in playground equipment. Numerous suggestions from this company helped guide us in our choice.

The toddler's playground plan includes a Steam Engine and Railway Carriage, meant to encourage imaginative role-playing for children ages two to eight years old. The Steam Engine features a bench, various knobs and handles, while the boiler house in front is cave shaped with different entrances. The railway Carriage features benches, tables and shelves. Everything a young child would need if they were going on a long train expedition. So, hurry up, get-on-board, imagine the whistle blowing, don't forget to wave to your friends, because your train journey is beginning. The former B&M Railroad brought excitement into the town of Alton in the days of old. We, your Downtown Revitalization Committee Members, (with lots of public support) would like to bring back some of these memories.

Well, enough imagining, included in the design is a bright red spring seesaw. As we all should remember, you have to use social interaction with a friend or you won't be going anywhere on this bouncy toy. Tucked in a corner is a climbing unit, designed to teach balance, sort of like jumping on large rocks on a sandy beach. Notice the monkey bars, what fun the kids or grandkids could have! Least we forget, we'd like to include a park bench for you to sit on while you watch everyone having fun.



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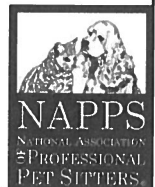
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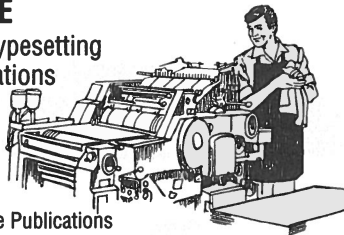
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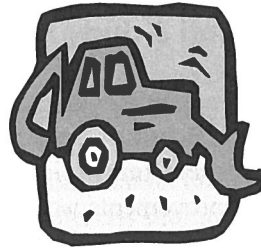
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Welcome to July, summer is here at last and so are the bugs! All this rain we have had has brought them all out, every where.

The highway department crew has been out chipping the trees along the road way, cold patching areas of town, checking culverts as well as the ditch lines, we are also out grading the graveled roads, where needed. We will continue to go over the roadways checking them for any problems that may have occurred. Should you see any problems that we may over looked please call us, 875-6808 or E mail us @ [altonhighway@metrocast.net](mailto:altonhighway@metrocast.net)

I would like to bring to every one's attention that E911 address numbers should NOT be posted on any public property, this includes u channel post (street sign posts). If your house is not visible from the road, these numbers should be secured to a post 10' in from the roadway on your property. They should also be of a reflecting type surface. Please check where your numbers are and if they are on any street sign posts please make the necessary changes. Should you have any questions regarding this please contact the town hall or the highway department.

Stockbridge Corner Rd cut off has been dug up to be paved, there is no scheduled date at this time. Calcium chloride has been done on most graveled roads that we could do within the budget.

We have hired a foreman "Welcome aboard Bryon"!

We are looking for a truck driver still, applications are here at the Highway Department located on 80 Letter S Road. As always we thank you for your calls, together we make Alton a better place to live.

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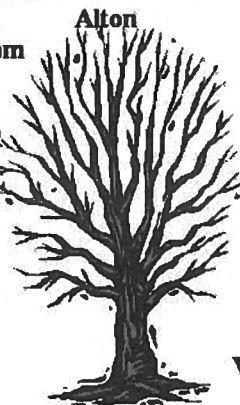
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## IN Main Street

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

...**MAIN STREET** was born! Vol. 1, No. 1. Main Street came about because of a conference about Alton needs. There was a lack of a unified news source for town, school and church events. A volunteer group of five people: Catherine Calvert, Christine Consentino, John Duffek, David McKenney and William Watkins, obtained a grant from C.S.Mott Foundation to start a newsletter. They subsequently incorporated as a non-profit organization: "Voice of Alton". Their purpose was to publish a monthly newsletter for Alton. They called it "Main Street" ...Parks and Playgrounds Committee has started an ambitious project hoping to connect Alton and Alton Bay by a series of recreational facilities along the Merrymeeting River. It will be accomplished in three phases. It will include tennis courts, skating rink, jogging and walking trails, a picnic area, basketball courts and an area for fishing....

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

...The Alton Bay Welcome sign was unveiled in Railroad Square by Pam Andrade, Town Administrator, and Cathy Mars, Chairman of Alton/Alton Bay Improvement Committee. The 100th Anniversary of the opening of the Lake Shore Railroad was observed...Cynthia Bibeault was valedictorian and Brian Fortier was Salutatorian at Alton Central School graduation...Jaime Sample, who won the ACS Talent Show will appear as Brigetta in "Sound of Music" at the Hackmatack Playhouse...Cub Scouts from Pack 53 painted 30 fire hydrants in two days as a community service...

### TEN YEARS AGO . . .

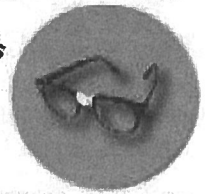
...Kevin Iwans was selected as new Chief of Alton Police. He came from Dover Police Department and has a background of twelve years of police work.. The Gilman Library Expansion Fund has passed the 63% mark... Kellie McGrath (Now Kellie Troendle) was saluted for her good work over her first three years as Parks and Recreation Director...Alton Central School tenth grader, Diane J. Carr was the winner of an E F Ambassador Scholarship for summer travel in Europe. She will join students from all over the United States as Ambassadors to the Global Classroom...

### FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

Russell Holden was appointed Principal of the Alton Central School. He came from Rochester where he was assistant Principal of Spaulding High School...First John Streeter retired from his water and well business and now he has retired after fourteen years as a Water Commissioner. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from his fellow commissioners...Seven students from Grade Eight spent an afternoon planting fifty tree saplings, roses, lilacs, bayberry, high bush cranberries and weigela bushes at Levey Park under the direction of Richard Jones, Levey Park Trustee and teacher, Denise Lachance... Work was completed on the expansion of the town docks to double their capacity...

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Let your thunder boom...we'll spread no gloom  
But exhilarate in your sights amazing!**

At our June meeting, President John Brooks reminded us that new officers will be elected in July. After many years of acting as nominating committee chairman, Dom Giuliano relinquished this position, and John Hagen was duly appointed. We appreciate all that Dom has done for us in this capacity over the years. If anyone is interested in running for a position, please notify John Hagen or leave a message at the center.

Laurie Hagen is now our acting Treasurer in place of Liz Roberts who has moved to Maine. The Seniors surprised Liz with a farewell dinner held at JP China in Alton Bay. She was presented with a huge bouquet of roses, a delicious cake inscribed with "We Love You Liz" and a money card. We thank especially Peg Bowman and Georgianna Nason for organizing the fete for Liz. Her new address is posted at the center for those who want to keep in touch with this amazing and irreplaceable bundle of energy!

Peg Bowman is acting as "good cheer" person until Marge Favreau returns. Marge has been a while at Sunbridge re-hab but is progressing nicely and should be home soon. We are eager to see her back at the center.

John Brooks is planning a trip for July...we really need at least 25 members to sign up. We may go to Meredith Playhouse or the Portsmouth Repetory Theatre. Call the center toward the middle of July or watch for the sign-up sheet while you are there for lunch. We commend John for all his hard work in arranging trips for our pleasure. If anyone has suggestions for future trips, please let us know.

The Card Party is still going strong on Thursdays at the center. New members are welcome, and even if you have never played whist before, someone will teach you. Florence Hannabury is currently in charge, but would be very happy if someone would come forward and volunteer to take over the supervision of the club and its occasional outings.

Thank you Helen Stanford for the refreshments. Congratulations to Georgianna Nason for winning the attendance raffle. We would like to see a full house at our next meeting, Wednesday, July 13th at 1pm. Remember, we will be voting for officers for the year 2005-2006.



**ALTON OUTDOORS**  
By Jack Miller

July is the middle month. The middle of the summer seasons and most of the fishing seasons. It is a time to be out on the water in the long daylight days.

Coldwater fish (salmon, lake trout, brook, brown and rainbow trout) will be heading into deep water, 40-60 feet and deeper in the Big Lake. As the streams and rivers grow warmer, they also become more shallow. Fish here will be seeking the coolest water they can find like shaded areas and under cut banks.

Warm water fish will be in their glory this month as the water temperature allows them to feed in the shallows early and late in the day. They will seek deeper water, around 20 feet, during the hottest part of the day. To fish for them, use surface or shallow running gear early and late, and deeper running lures during the day.

Starting July 1st, you may keep 5 bass if you wish to eat some. Bass from our local cold, clean lakes are very tasty. Look for these fish around underwater structure like rocks, stumps, trees, or drop offs and points. They also hide under docks, pond lilies, shaded areas and in weeds. Good luck.

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**ALTON GARDEN CLUB  
HOME AND GARDEN TOUR**  
By Vi Russell

The Alton Garden Club will be hosting a Home and Garden Tour on July 12 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Those interested in attending should meet at the Congregational Meeting House for tickets, maps and directions. The cost for members and guest is \$10.00. The rain date is July 13, 2005. The hostesses for this fun and colorful event are Margaret Birdsey, Shirley Copeland, and Ann Hoagland.

Anyone interested in joining the Alton Garden Club can call President Vi Russell at 776-4454.



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**Country Line Dancing Lessons With Joan Lightfoot**

Beginners are welcome. Check out this great program and learn new line dances every week. The program is held at the Alton Bay Community Center (ABCC) on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30pm. The registration fee is \$3.00 for the summer season. Please bring a water bottle and dancing shoes.

**Fireworks for July**

The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks on Saturday, July 2 in celebration of Independence Day rain date is July 9. The Fireworks will be launched off a barge in Alton Bay at 9:20pm. Boat parking to watch the show from the water will be available south of Shibley's Restaurant and north of the channel markers going into Back Bay. Vehicle parking will be available on Rte. 11 and in Alton Bay. Other free events on July 2 include: Family Scavenger Hunt at 6pm at the Alton Bay Bandstand, prizes will be awarded and the Pony Express Concert at the Bandstand from 7-9pm. On Sunday, July 3 the Bay Church is sponsoring the 39<sup>th</sup> Army Band starting at 7pm at the Bandstand. Join in the fun as we celebrate our freedom and wonderful country.

**Summer Concerts**

Free Summer Concerts are sponsored every Saturday in July and August from 7-9pm at the Bandstand. All ages are invited.

July 2- Pony Express- Country and Western; July 3- 39<sup>th</sup> Army Band- Sponsored by Bay Church; July 9- East Bay Jazz Ensemble- Swing and Jazz; July 16- Decades- 50's-90's; July 23- Pony Express- Returning favorites; July 30- Bittersweet- Oldies Rock Band

**Preschool Activities**

Our preschool program for ages 3-5 is held on Mondays at the ABCC from 9-11am, \$4.00 per day. Participants must be toilet trained. Space is limited, please sign up early. Choose from our themed classes: July 11- Lady Bug Picnic; July 18- Underwater Friends; July 25- Fun with Care Bears.

**Play, Learn and Grow Program**

Join in this drop-in program with the Giggles and Grins Resource Center. This free program is open to all children newborn to five years of age and is held at the ABCC on Tue. and Thurs. from 9:30-11:30am. Activities include: free play, snack time, reading books and more. Parents must stay and supervise their child during the program and are asked to please bring a snack for their child. Drop by anytime and check out our ongoing program.

**Youth Activities**

**Full Day** programs for ages 6-11 years are held on Wednesdays at the ABCC from 9am-3pm, \$10 per day, register early-space is limited. For a full program description check our brochure or web site. Bring a bag lunch, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and sneakers. **Afternoon programs** are held on Tuesdays at the ABCC from 1-3pm, \$5.00 per day.

**Play Soccer Camp**

August 1-5 at Jones Field from 9-11:30am, ages 6-12, \$86 includes camp shirt. Bring smiling faces, shin guards, soccer ball and water bottle. Register today.

**Recreation Soccer League**

Please sign up today, if you need a registration form call us at 875-0109. The Recreation Soccer League is for Grades 1-6. Practices will be 1-2 evenings per week in Alton. Games are 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 \$25 per child for Alton residents. The deadline to register is August 1; late registrations will be 'wait listed' and charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. The first practice starts August 27 at Jones Field, watch for more information. Volunteers are needed to help coach or be a team parent, contact us if you are interested.

**Men's Basketball - 35 years and over**

Men over 35 years young who are looking to play basketball are invited to join the three on three pick up games at Prospect Mountain High School on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. The program is free and players are asked to please use the gym entrance. For more information please contact Mike Akstin at 776-2719 or the Alton Parks and Rec.

**Mike Burke Volleyball Tournament**

Co-Ed teams of four (one woman minimum required) will play for the tournament title. Sunday, July 24-A Team and Sunday, July 31- B-Team at 9am at the Mike Burke Volleyball Court. \$15.00 includes a tournament shirt. Registration deadline is July 11.

**Alton-Alton Bay Hiking and Biking Trails**

If you like hiking, biking, running, cross country skiing or being outside and are interested in helping develop trails right here in our Town please plan to attend or send your ideas to our first Alton-Alton Bay Recreation and Bike Trail Project meeting on July 27 at 6:30pm at the PRCC. This group is looking to become a part of the Trails with Rails system and to utilize railroad beds. There are many community benefits to trails including: providing a safe place for walking, jogging, biking, cross country skiing and hiking; public access to wildlife and nature; generating positive economic benefits to surrounding areas and reducing automobile congestion and pollution. We are looking for volunteers to provide input and ideas and to help develop this plan into a reality. If you are interested please call MJ at 875-2253 or Alton Parks and Rec. at 875-0109 with your ideas or let us know you will be joining us at the meeting. Life- Be In It.



## NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS OF ROUTE 11-D By Gay Lamoureux

The annual meeting of Neighbors & Friends of 11-D will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 9:30am in the Gilman Library. This association was formed in 1995 and meets once a year to discuss any issues that affect our roadway and to assist with the maintenance of the island entrances. We are a non-profit organization comprised of concerned, caring citizens in the local area that clear trash and debris from Route 11-D to beautify "the loop" for walkers, runners, vacationers & residents. Our association purchases & maintains the flowers at both entrances of Route 11-D.

It is important to keep this association alive in order to have a united voice when presenting any issues of concern to the Town Hall or Police Dept. We will be electing new officers for the coming year & it is strongly suggested that members give serious thought to nominating new names for this year's election.

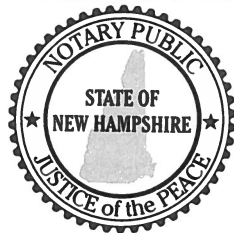
An information/clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday, July 23 from 9am-noon. Those wishing to participate should meet at the island closest to Alton Bay at 9am where plastic gloves & bags will be provided. Rate date would be July 30. Please plan on helping out!!!

Dues will remain at \$3.00 a year (a bargain). Again, we ask for donations for plants, mulch & flowers that adorn each island. We have a faithful group that has planted, watered & weeded these islands for the last few years. They deserve a great deal of credit, and they deserve some help. New members are always welcome to join us & we invite the many new faces along the road to sign up. Donations would be gratefully accepted anytime & checks can be made payable to: Neighbors and Friends of Route 11-D and sent to the treasurer.

We really need volunteers to take a turn weeding & watering. Contact any of the officers if you can spare some time for any of these tasks. We would really appreciate it.

Please be mindful of the many children, walkers & runners who are using the road & please obey the speed limit. President: Mark Dotter 875-5021; Vice President: Edythe DeFrancesco 875-4166; Treasurer: Diane Langille 875-6994 Secretary: Gay Lamoureux 875-4962

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## **MAIN STREET** **2nd ANNUAL "PROJECT BACK PACK"** **STARTING JULY 1** **By Purr Whalley**

Are you an "empty nester" missing your annual summer "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, the staff of *Alton's Main Street* is once again looking for your help! Starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be sponsoring our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Project Backpack". We will be asking folks in town to "adopt" an Alton Central School student to purchase a new backpack or school supplies for or to contribute to the project by sending a financial donation. Any amount would be appreciated!

How do you "adopt" a student?.

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, our "Learning Tree" will be located at Gilman Library with apples ripe for the picking! Each apple lists all the information you need to be a sponsor. There will also be envelopes on hand by the tree for those of you who can't shop, but wish to donate to our project.

Once you have shopped, you may deliver your items to the lobby at Profile Bank on Main Street in Alton by Thursday, August 18th.

We at *Main Street* hope you will help us make our 2<sup>nd</sup> "Project Backpack" a success. Last year we provided over 25 backpacks and collected a wonderful assortment of school supplies!

Back to school shopping can be a burden to many families, and our goal, therefore, is to make sure our young students have new crisp backpacks and supplies with them as they start their new year back at Alton Elementary!

Donations can be sent to *Main Street* "Project Backpack": Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay, NH 03810.

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

Thank you, in advance, for your community spirit!



**THE TOWN OF ALTON**  
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**ON SATURDAY, JULY 2 AT 9:20 PM.**  
**RAIN DATE WILL BE JULY 9 AT 9:20 PM.**

**ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**  
**By Mary Jane Dascoli, Secretary**

Calls for service for the month of May kept the department very busy. We responded to 16 Fire related, 31 Medical Emergencies of which 1 was a motor vehicle crash plus 1 service call. Our calls for services have steadily increased and presently are 48 above last year at this same time.

The new Rescue Truck has arrived. This new 2005 E-One Rescue Truck holds all hydraulic rescue extrication tools and other specialized rescue equipment. This vehicle comes with a 3000 watt light tower located on the roof to assist in illuminating emergency scenes and will also carry cold water rescue suits, rapid intervention equipment, vehicle extrication air bags and a whole lot more. Anyone interested in seeing this latest piece of rescue apparatus is encouraged to stop by the Central Fire Station. As long as we are not out on an emergency, we'll be glad to assist you.

Outside burning requires a written Fire Permit as per State Law; this cannot be done on the telephone. 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 wish to remind residents, especially seasonal, that 911 numbers **MUST** be posted as per the Town Ordinance. We are still responding to emergencies with no numbers posted which impedes our response to you and in some emergencies could prove fatal. Please help us to be able to help you. Any one in need of a copy of this Town Ordinance may obtain one at the Town Hall.

The date is set for the Alton Firemen's Inc. Annual Chicken Barbeque. Come join us Saturday August 13, 2005 for a delicious chicken dinner complete with dessert and a drink at the Central Fire Station on Route 140 - serving will begin at 4:00pm. All proceeds from this chicken barbeque will go towards new rescue equipment to be put on the Fire Department's new rescue truck.

Attention - all single and/or interested women out there, don't miss the American Red Cross "Hotter Than Fire" Firefighter Auction to be held Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Waukegan Golf Course from 6-10pm. One of our own firefighters, Paul Selesky of Alton Bay, has generously agreed to participate in this worthwhile, fun event. Paul initially joined the Fire Department back in 1993 and completed his certification as a NH State Certified Level 1 Firefighter in January of 1994. He took a leave of absence for a short while, but missed us all so much he then rejoined! Firefighter Selesky is certified in Rapid Intervention Training, Boater Safety, and Emergency Vehicle Liability; he also worked for the Alton Police Department for some time. Kudos to you Paul, we know you will do well. For more information, please contact Patty Coates of the American Red Cross at 524-1860.

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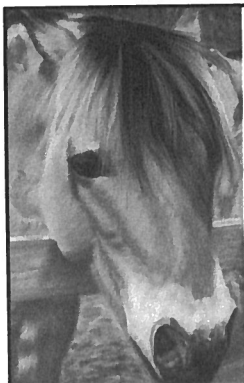
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## LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMENS' GROUP

By Karen Poor

You and your friends are invited to attend The Lakes Region Christian Women's Group luncheon. The event is scheduled to be held from 11am- 1pm on Wednesday, July 13th, at Maurice's Family Restaurant, located at Rt. 25, Moultonborough, N.H.

A program has been planned featuring "Jewelry by Bridgette Gardnier, of New Hampton, New Hampshire. Relax to the sounds of Nancy Nadeau, songwriter and vocalist. "With a Song in her heart and a smile on her face" she will tell her beautiful story in song and animation.

The menu will be a Cold Luncheon Platter: Chicken, Tuna and Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit cup, Cool Dessert and beverage for \$13.00 inclusive.

A complimentary nursery will be provided by making a reservation. Mothers are asked to bring a brown bag lunch for each child.

Reservations are necessary for the luncheon program as well as the child care and may be made by calling Melissa in Alton 776-2224, Faith in Gilford 293-8073 and Mary in Moultonborough 284-6873. Reservations are appreciated by July 11th.

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Group is sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries and is an interdenominational organization located in Kansas City, Mo. There is no membership or dues and all women of the area are cordially invited to attend.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE By Ann Norman-Burke

A Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 18th from 2-7pm at the Bay View Pavillion in Alton Bay. Carl and Darryl Hoitt have again generously offered use of the Pavillion for this Blood Drive.

Each presenting donor will receive a Red Cross t-shirt. Donors also have the opportunity to enter to win Red Sox tickets and be honored at a Red Sox game as the Blood Donor of the Game.

Your blood donor card or a valid picture ID (drivers license/passport) are required to donate. Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors can give blood every 8 weeks. For more information about donor eligibility, call the Red Cross at 1-800-262-2660 or visit their website at www.newengland blood.org. Please be a blood donor, lives depend on it!

Volunteers and food donations are always welcome, contact Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492 for more information.

**THE 39th ARMY BAND IN CONCERT**  
**By Muriel Stinson**

The 39th Army Band of the New Hampshire Army National Guard will perform at the Band Stand at Alton Bay on Sunday July 3, 2005 at 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The band is comprised of approximately 35 musicians representing many communities throughout the State. Many of these soldiers are music educators as well as leaders in their respective towns and cities. The members of the 39th Army Band are dedicated soldiers whose high standard of performance is respected and anticipated whether in a parade or concert format. The 39th Army Band is a shining example of New Hampshire's soldiers at their best!

The Band is under the command of Chief Warrant Officer Thomas G. Fisk. CW2 Fisk has been Conductor of the 39th Army Band since January 1993. His military career spans over 25 years of service having been lead clarinetist with the 18th Army Band at Fort Devens, MA and again holding the position of lead clarinetist with the 8th Army Band in Seoul, South Korea. He is a recipient of the Army Commendation Medal. CW2 Fisk is a graduate of the Philadelphia Musical Academy with degrees in Music Education and Performance. He is presently Music Department Chairperson for the Merrimack Valley school district in Penacook, New Hampshire.

This popular concert is sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department and The Bay Church at Alton Bay.

**DOG LICENSES**

**By Lisa Waterman, Alton Town Clerk**

Dog licenses expire every year on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The license has expired if your dog has a silver, diamond tag dated 2004. As of July 1, 2005 a \$2.00 late fee will be added to the regular cost of a license. You may renew by mail. A self-addressed, stamped envelope, updated rabies or neutering certificate (which will be returned to you) and a check made payable to the "Town of Alton" in the appropriate amount listed below plus the \$2.00 late fee is required. You may send this information to the Town Clerk's Office, PO Box 637, Alton, NH 03809. The regular fees for a dog license is:

- Male/Female.....\$10.00
- Neutered/Spayed.....7.50
- 1<sup>st</sup> Animal of Sr. Citizen over 65.....2.00

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

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**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.

## JULY EVENTS

- Fri. 1 Main Street Backpack Drive kicks off! (p.10)  
 Sat. 2 Family Scavenger Hunt, ABB, 6pm (p.8)  
       'Pony Express' concert, ABB, 7pm (p.8)  
       Fireworks, Alton Bay, 9:20pm (p.8)  
 Sun 3 39th Army Band Concert, ABB, 7pm (p.13)  
 Sat 9 Community Church Fair, Church St. 9am (p.24)  
       'East Bay Jazz Ensemble' concert, ABB 7pm  
       (p. 8)  
 Mon 11 Alton's Book Chat, 6:30pm, Gilman Library  
       (p.20)  
 Tue 12 Alton Garden Club Tour, 9am (p.7)  
       'Inside Russia Today', Gilman Library, 7pm  
       (p.20)  
 Sat 16 'Decades' concert, ABB, 7pm (p.8)  
 Mon 18 Red Cross Community Blood Drive, Bay  
       View Pavilion, 2pm (p.12)  
 Sat. 23 'Pony Express' concert, ABB, 7pm (p.8)  
 Sat 31 'Bittersweet' concert, ABB, 7pm (p.8)

ABB=Alton Bay Bandstand

**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 Mondays at the Bay Church 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](http://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](http://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  
 Downtown Revitalization Committee, 1st Tues, 4pm, Town Hall  
 4-H Club, see website <[www.alton4H.org](http://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](mailto:info@mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com)>  
 OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfeboro -- 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-7898  
 Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Mondays, 5:30, Bay Church. 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  
 CALL 875-2151 TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

# Information Center

## SCHEDULES

### CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside -- Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church -- 11 am Worship Service (10:30 July, Aug), ABCCC; Weds. supper 6:30, Prayer meeting 7:30pm, Church on Rand Hill Rd. Rev. Charles Willson. 875-6765
- 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
- Wolfboro Bible Fellowship -- Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship Service, 10:30 am; Evening Service, 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button

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Sun., Mon., Fri., and Sat., 7am - 4:45pm. Haz Waste 3rd Sat. May-Oct, 404 Beach Pond Road Wolfboro, 569-5826. Rines Road Pit -- As of April 19, Sat. and Sun., 8am-2:45pm.

### TOWN HALL: 875-2161, website [alton.nh.gov](http://alton.nh.gov)

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Building Inspector -- 875-5095 for hours and appts. Parks and Recreation -- 875-0109 for info and appts. Planning Director -- 875-2162 for hours and appts.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BEACH COMMITTEE Monthly on Tue. 7pm, call 875-0109.

BELKNAP COUNTY COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES--Contact Dick Wallace, Alton Appointee, phone 875-8221

BOARD OF SELECTMEN -- 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6pm. (replays on Channel 26 later in the week), Chairman Alan Sherwood, call 875-2161 for appointment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE -- 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 pm, Chairman Gregory Fuller, 875-7448.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION -- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7pm, Town Hall, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-2164.

FIRE WARDS -- 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm, Central Fire Station, Chairman Ken Roberts, 875-6808

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION -- Meets on call, Chairman William Lionetta, 875-0109.

PLANNING BOARD -- 3rd Tues, 7 p.m., Chairman Thomas Hoopes, call 875-2162 for appointment.

SCHOOL BOARD -- 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 pm, ACS Chairman Wayne Fraser, PMHS Chairman Cydney Johnson, call 875-7890 for appointment.

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TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY -- 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, Chairman Nancy Jordan, 875-2550.

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## CALL 875-2151 TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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## TD Banknorth Celebrates Baseball's All-Star Weekend with Safety

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## TOWN HALL NOTES

By Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

The summer season is finally underway and we welcome all those who are vacationing here or coming back to their summer homes.

This year the Fourth of July fireworks will be launched from a barge to be located in the vicinity of the water bandstand. The display will take place on the evening of JULY 2nd. Boaters are reminded that boats will be allowed south of the public boat ramp and north of the buoys at Sandy Point. For more information on the holiday activities, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 875-0109.

A reminder that in the last issue of tax bills; a notice was included regarding the posting of numbers for E911. Numbers must be installed. If you are in need of assistance or have any questions please call the Town Hall at 875-0204. If you are a tenant, the property owner is responsible for ensuring the numbers are in place, please contact us if no number has been posted.

New employees at the Town Hill are Jennifer Fortin and Jennifer McCullough who are working in the Land Use and Property Records Department. Eric Uhlig was recently hired full-time at the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Swap Shop at the Solid Waste Center has been in operation since April. If you have non-perishable and usable items that are no longer needed by your household, please bring them to the Swap Shop. Hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm, Friday - Monday. You may call the Solid Waste Center at 875-5801 for information.

A reminder that Alton's Old Home Day celebration will kick off on August 13th with a band and fireworks display in the evening.

The Selectmen invite citizens to attend their meetings held on the first and third Monday of the month, beginning at 6:00pm.

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**CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**  
**By Lisa Garcia**

Meredith Village Savings Bank is seeking entries for its 2006 Calendar Photography Contest. Amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit entries that capture the character and beauty of Belknap, Carroll and Grafton counties. Photos should display some aspect of community/family life, such as community events, landmarks or seasonal pastimes. Local landscape photography is highly encouraged. Winning photographs will be featured in the 2006 MVSb calendar, to be distributed free-of-charge to the community. Photographers will be awarded a \$50 U.S. EE Savings Bond for each photo that is included in the calendar.

All entries are due by the close of business on Thursday, August 4. Entries may be submitted at any MVSb office or via mail to "Meredith Village Savings Bank, P.O. Box 177, Meredith, NH 03253." A maximum of five entries may be submitted per photographer. Entries may be in color or black and white. Slides or prints are acceptable formats. Prints must have a glossy (not matte) finish. Negatives must be available for selected photographs. Digital photography will be considered, but 35mm images are preferred. Digital images must be a minimum of 300 dpi at 8" x 10" and must be submitted as prints, with disk. Please include a cover sheet with each entry indicating your name, address, and phone number along with a short description of the photograph.

Full contest details are available at [www.mvsb.com/photocontest](http://www.mvsb.com/photocontest) or at any Meredith Village Savings Bank office.

**MOMS IN TOUCH**  
**By Phyllis Brooks**

Praise God another year is over with every student safe. One of the prayers at the top of our list! In the past we have not had that luxury and we pray too for those families who still endure the pain of losing a child.

We have seen many challenges both at the Alton Central School and Prospect Mountain High School and yet God provided. Our last prayer meeting for this school year was June 6th. The many events going on at the end of the year crowd our schedules to keep on meeting as usual.

I would like to thank the six women who were faithful to pray and help support the staff and teachers at both the elementary and high school with baked goods through out the school year. Have a safe and relaxing summer and I pray we will have more mothers join us in September. Keep an eye out for when we will meet. God Bless.

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## BELKNAP COUNTY TASK FORCE LAUNCHES "PROJECT MONITOR" TIP LINE TO HELP PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING

By Shannon Swett

The Belknap County Underage Drinking Prevention Task Force has implemented an anonymous tip line called Project Monitor, which is a tool used to reduce instances of underage drinking. The task force, comprised of representatives from local schools, law enforcement, and several community organizations came together at the beginning of this year to address the problems associated with alcohol use among youth in Belknap County. The first strategy chosen by the group was to create an anonymous, toll-free tip line to encourage community members to report suspected incidents of youth alcohol use or underage drinking parties.

"The goal of the tip line," according to Shannon Swett, Outreach Coordinator for the Community Response coalition (CoRe), "is to prevent tragic situations from occurring. All calls are anonymous; we even offer a website for people to make anonymous tips online." This initiative is based on a similar tip line in the Plymouth region, also called Project Monitor.

To gain involvement from the community and area youth, the task force recently held a contest to create a graphic or logo for Project Monitor. The award, a \$100 gift certificate donated by Wal-Mart, was presented to the winner, Katie Dobbins. Katie is one of several art students from a high school art class at Gilford High School, which incorporated the contest as an assignment for students. The winning entry, as well as the runners-up, can be viewed on the Project Monitor website, [www.projectmonitornh.com](http://www.projectmonitornh.com).

The Belknap County Underage Drinking Prevention Task Force also hopes to raise awareness about the possible ramifications that can come from hosting an underage drinking party. Since the enactment of what is commonly referred to as the "Party Host Law" (RSA 644:18) in New Hampshire, it is illegal for anyone over 21 to knowingly facilitate a gathering in which there is alcohol use among youth. The penalty could carry fines up to \$2000 and a jail sentence up to one year.

If you have knowledge of an underage drinking party in Belknap County, please call the anonymous Project Monitor tip line toll free at 1-877-527-0021 or place an anonymous tip at [www.projectmonitornh.com](http://www.projectmonitornh.com). For more information or to join the Belknap County Underage Drinking Prevention Task Force, please contact Renee Rockwell, CoRe Project Director, at 603-279-6162 or Shannon Swett, CoRe Outreach Coordinator at 603-875-3800 x3160.

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New Hampshire Farmers' Markets offer the colorful and tasty bounty of local farms and gardens all season long. Enjoy the friendly, open air market atmosphere while shopping for fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, locally prepared foods and specialty items.

**Concord Farmers' Market:** Capitol Street. June-October, Saturdays, 8:30am-12pm. Vegetables, fruits, herbs, bedding plants, cut flowers, herbs, pork, chicken, venison, honey, maple products, baked goods, goat cheese, soap, dairy products, books, jams, jellies, wine and much more! 796-2654.

**Farmington Farmers' Market:** parking lot rear of Bank of NH and library, corner of Main St. and Central St. May 7-October 15, Sat. 8:30am-12pm. Farm products, vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies, pottery, homemade soap, baked goods, cut flowers, annuals, perennials and crafts. 859-7861.

**Laconia Farmers' Market:** Beacon Street East, upper parking lot, next to City Hall. June 25-October 1, Saturdays, 8:30am-12pm. Vegetables, fruits, baked goods, jams, jellies, flowers, crafts, maple syrup, honey, goat cheese and milk and eggs. 267-6522.

**New Durham Farmers' Market:** Depot Road, at the Post Office parking lot under the Pines. May 6-October 14, Fridays, 3-7pm. Farm products, vegetables, fruits, berries, homemade soap, pottery, baked goods, cut flowers, annuals, perennials and crafts. 859-7861.

**Rochester Downtown Farmers' Market:** Church of the Redeemer parking lot, 57 Wakefield Street. May-October, Thursdays and Fridays, 3-6pm. Farm products, vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies, pottery, homemade soap, baked goods, cut flowers, annuals, perennials and crafts. 859-7861.

**Wolfeboro Area Farmers' Market:** 35 Center Street across from DeVylder's Market. June 23-September 29, Thursdays, 1-5pm. Organic vegetables, goat milk products, jams, jellies, baked goods, cut flowers, herbs, eggs, honey, syrup and local poultry. Educational events and demonstrations. 323-3369, [telemark@ncia.net](mailto:telemark@ncia.net)

**NH Farmers' Market Week:** Various locations throughout the state, August 7-13. Many of New Hampshire's farmers' markets will feature cooking, fresh produce preparation demonstrations, cultural, musical events for adults and children, special offers on certain produce items. Most markets will feature NH agricultural-based products grown and/or made locally by the farmers' market members, meat products, eggs, fiber goods, crafts, flowers, fresh fruits, berries, herbs, honey, jams, jellies, potted plants, processed foods, seeds, syrup, vegetables, wood crafts, products, small livestock and fowl. 528-1990 [info@nhfma.org](mailto:info@nhfma.org) [www.nhfma.org](http://www.nhfma.org)



## MASTER PLAN 2005 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the Town of Alton Community Survey, sent in the April Issue of the *Alton's Main Street*, were presented at a Public Meeting on June 23 by Kathy Menici, Town Planner and Tom Hoopes, Chairperson. Of the almost 400 respondents, 46% lived in Alton less than 10 years and 54% lived in Alton 11 or more years. The largest age group was 34% in the 41-55 category and 83% had some college education with 53% Graduates. 272 rated Alton's small town atmosphere as #1. 168 felt excessive housing development as the most serious problem. Respondents also felt much more had to be done to protect Alton's lakes, ponds and streams as well as protect historical buildings. 290 respondents wanted Alton to remain primarily a rural residential community and 253 placed single family residences as the type of Housing Development that should receive priority. It was the desire that any new Commercial or Light Industry be limited and mainly be directed to Alton Village on Rte 11, north from the Traffic Circle to Alton Bay. Municipal Services satisfaction were ranked from the Library at #1 to Zoning Enforcement which was at the bottom of the list.

The overall conclusions of the survey calculated by the Lakes Region Planning Committee were:

The environmental quality is an important characteristic to the residents of Alton. The many lakes, ponds and wetlands are perceived as needing more protection as is the groundwater, open space and wildlife habitat.

Development should adhere to architectural standards that are consistent with rural, small town atmosphere in Alton. There is support for improving the town beach facilities and revitalization of the Alton Bay area and the Village. The encouragement of recreational and tourism business are possible future commercial directions.

The Lakes Region Planning Committee were very pleased with the almost 10% response to the 3300 sent out by *Alton's Main Street* and with the background of the responders. Kathy Menici commended *Alton's Main Street* for its Community effort and reminded every one that the Master Plan revisions committees will be continuing their efforts over the next three months. Input from all can be submitted to the Planning Office at Town Hall.

## WHY DOES THE TURTLE CROSS THE ROAD? By Bob Longabaugh

Answer: Because it's being prodded with a stick wielded by Ann Shibley. Ann spotted the rather good-sized turtle on the pavement near the public restrooms in Alton Bay. Afraid that the turtle might get squashed crossing Route 11 in any attempt to get back to the Big Lake, she took it upon herself to nudge it in the right direction while others stopped traffic. The photo shows that a significant number of drivers were patient to allow the turtle to cross the road.



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The Gilman Library has received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to sponsor a public program titled 'Inside Russia Today'.

Inside Russia Today will be presented on Tuesday, July 12 at 7PM at the Library. The program, which is free and open to the public, will feature an informal talk by Marina Forbes, director of International Programs at the New England Language Center in Rochester NH. She has been an interpreter, translator, artist, storyteller and teacher for over twenty years and welcomes the opportunity to promote this special interest beyond the classroom walls.

Marina draws on her own personal experiences in Russia to provide an insightful and often humorous look at the social and cultural changes which have taken place in Russia since the fall of communism in the early 1900's. Come and enjoy this unique program. A display of wooden nesting dolls and other treasures will accompany the talk. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

'Inside Russia Today' is one of over 50 programs and exhibits available to organizations statewide, through the Humanities To Go! catalog. For more information, contact the New Hampshire Humanities Council in Concord at 224-4071 or on the web at [www.nhhc.org](http://www.nhhc.org).

We invite you explore the many adventures of reading this summer by registering for our 2005 Summer Reading Program, "Camp Wanna Read" This exciting program begins on July 13 and continues through August 10. The Summer Reading Program is sponsored annually by CHLIS (Children's Librarians of New Hampshire), a division of the New Hampshire Library Association. Eager campers can sign up with the library staff beginning July 6 but no later than July 13.

We wish to thank The Friends of the Gilman Library and those of you who took part in the Book & Bake Sale that took place during the Town Wide Yard Sale on June 4, either through donating to the sale or purchasing items from us.

The Friends of the Gilman Library will be holding their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Wash on Saturday, July 16 from 8AM to 12PM (Rain Date July 23) in front of the Town Hall. Members of the Friends will be there with all the necessary supplies as well as a desire to wash and dry your car for you. Donations to the treasury will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. As always, the Friends welcome helping hands. If interested please call the library at 875-2550 or stop in and see us. The Friends hope to see you and your car.

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

The book discussion group, Alton's Book Chat, will be meeting on Monday, July 11 at 6:30PM in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room to share their thoughts on The Coffin Dancer by Jeffrey Deaver. If you would like a copy of the book please call 875-2550 or stop by the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

**LAKES REGION SOCCER CLUB  
MOUNT WASHINGTON S.C. WINS LRSC  
SPRING 2005 INTRAMURAL LEAGUE  
BY TERRY STAMP**

The Lakes Region Soccer Club 2005 Spring Intramural League played their last games at Brewster Academy on Sunday June 5. After several weeks of rain and just cold, blustery weather, the day was perfect to conclude the games.

The competition was top class. Teams from Mount Washington S.C.; Prospect Mountain; Moultonborough and Kingswood competed for the right to be called the LRSC 2005 Spring Champion. Many of the players were NH Olympic Development players and also High School Varsity players.

The Championship was not decided until the very last game when Mount Washington S.C. with a record of 4 wins and one loss played Kingswood with a similar record of 4 wins and one loss.

With two minutes to go the score was 4 goals each. Both teams played excellent soccer passing the ball expertly to their team mates. With just one minute to go, Mount Washington S.C. managed to find a chink in the Kingswood defense and fired in a strong shot which beat the keeper. The score now at 5-4. Kingswood struck back but their excellent downfield passing which ended in a potential game tying shot was superbly saved by the Mount Washington S.C. keeper who was named the Keeper of the League. Mount Washington initiated a great move downfield and just before the closing whistle scored their sixth goal to win the game at 6-4 and the 2005 Spring Championship.

All players and their coaches had some excellent games. They learned a lot from playing against other good players. Many thanks to the players and coaches, including Briana Itchkovitch for Prospect Mountain. A great Spring League which all coaches and players requested be held again next year.

**PARTNERS IN HEALTH LOOKING FOR  
SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS  
By Jackie Bonafide**

The Lakes Region office of the New Hampshire Partners in Health program, located at Community Health & Hospice at 780 North Main Street in Laconia, is seeking energetic volunteers to assist the Lakes Region Partners in Health (PIH) program. PIH helps families of children with a chronic health condition to advocate, access resources, navigate systems, and build capacity to manage the chronic health condition of their child. The Lakes Region office serves Alexandria, Alton, Ashland, Barnstead, Belmont, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Center Harbor, Ellsworth, Gilford, Gilmanton, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Plymouth, Rumney, Sanbornton, Thornton, Tilton, and Wentworth.

Prospective volunteers should possess independence, excellent personal relations skills, flexibility, and the ability to multi-task. Other qualifications include basic computer skills, including familiarity with Microsoft applications. Responsibilities may include a variety of office tasks as well as networking within the community. Maintenance of confidentiality and a non-judgmental view are essential. This position offers the opportunity to change the lives of families with children suffering from chronic health conditions throughout the Lakes Region.

Using a family-centered approach, PIH staff and volunteers work within the community to facilitate and enhance the care and services which families feel they need. PIH works with schools, medical providers, churches, social services, and other community institutions to create a setting that will enhance the quality of life of the families they serve.

For more information, please contact Elena Morrison, PIH Family Support Coordinator at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444, ext. 344 or e-mail: [pjh@commhlth.org](mailto:pjh@commhlth.org).

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**COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

By Mim Roques

Registration is now open for the 2005-2006 Community Church of Alton Preschool as well as the Kindergarten After-School program. Registration forms can be picked up at the Church Street building Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 9am to 2pm. There is a registration fee of \$25.00. Please call 875-2289 in the evening if you wish a registration form sent to you.

We will be having classes in the Church building on Main Street across from the town library. A tentative Open House is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. Hand books will be available for those who register. The public is welcome to learn of our certified program which will follow the Alton Central School calendar.

Classes for three-year-olds will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11am. Four-year-olds will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-11:30am. The cost is \$12.00 a day; students will bring their own snack. Parents are welcome to join in during class sessions. We love to sing, share story and discovery times with you as well as invite you into our independent play centers. Our class schedule is flexible with guaranteed opportunity for students to share the wonder of new family puppies, kittens, other pets, and baby siblings, grandparents, and 'scientific discoveries' with the class.

Our afternoon Extended Kindergarten Program will run five days a week from 11am-3pm. The fee is \$15.00 per day with pick up at the Alton Central School. Students will bring their own lunch and snacks. A project program will be in place with opportunity for individual interests to be explored. We will have lunch, talk about things to do, decide on activities, make time for exercise and quiet activities as well as group and individual endeavors. Registration forms and information are as listed above. Please contact us early in the summer so we can plan for a successful program.

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ADULT CPR	5th	9:30-1:30pm	\$35.00 3952
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	25th	6-9 pm	\$25.00 3957
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	25th	6-9 pm	\$40.00 3958
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## PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL TOP TEN GRADUATING STUDENTS - 2005

### The following are the Top Ten Students of Prospect Mountain High School.

1. Christina Jamieson - Valedictorian: I have been an active teammate on the Girls Varsity Soccer team and Varsity Track and Field team for all four years of high school, earning the position as co-captain during my senior year. Over the course of four years playing soccer, I received Most Improved Soccer Player and Scholar Athlete Award twice. In Track and Field, I received a Most Improved Distance Runner Award and a Scholar Athlete Award. I also received the State of N.H. Commission on the Status of Woman 18<sup>th</sup> Annual N.H. High School Woman's Athletic/Academic Award. I have also been an active representative for Student Council for three years, and then took over the role of Senior Class Treasurer. I have been a member of the National Honor Society for three years, and was treasurer during my senior year. I was a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions for two years, the PTSA, Foreign Language Club for one year, and took part in Prom Committee for all four years in high school. I participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program at Rivier College as well as Project Search at the University of N.H. in my junior year. I participated in the NH State Mathematics Competition for three years and attended St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program after junior year. I was also a member of the Big Brother/Big Sister Program, volunteer at Red Cross Blood Drives both in Alton, NH and at St. Paul's School. I have received the Kodak Young Leaders Award and the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award. Next year I plan on attending the University of New Hampshire and majoring in Biochemistry under the Honors Program.
2. Marc Szarkowski – Salutatorian: Activities, clubs, and programs I have participated in include the National Art Honor Society, National German Honor Society, German Club, the Johns Hopkins summer programs, and the Johns Hopkins writing tutorials. Awards I received at Concord High School include the CHS/German Consulate Award for excellence in the study of German, awards for Excellence in Drawing & Painting and English, and award for Excellence in Visual Arts from the New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards Program and the Christa McAuliffe Commendation Award. I will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY to major in Architecture. Scholarships I received from Rensselaer include the Rensselaer President's Award, the Rensselaer Medal Scholarship, and the Rensselaer Alumni Scholarship.
3. Meggan Stock: I am Co-President of the Senior class and have been involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Explorers, Prom Committee, Fusion, and Softball. I enjoy skiing, playing the piano, and photography. I was currently elected DAR Good Citizen for the Winnepausaukee Chapter here in NH. I volunteer as a Sunday school teacher

for grades 1-3 at the Bay Church in Alton Bay, NH. I have taken an EMT-B night class and am enrolled at New Hampshire Technical Institute for a three year major in Paramedic Medicine.

4. Jon Vogel: My name is Jonathan Vogel. I originally came from Texas, where I have lived most of my life until my 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. I enjoy extra-curricular activities including Student Council, SADD, Project Search, and theatre. I was part of the National German Honor society back in Texas, which unfortunately is not offered here. I am currently scheduled to attend the University of New Hampshire where I will pursue a major in Biochemistry or Civil Engineering. After College, my plans are to further my education in Graduate School in the field of Reconstructive Surgery.
  5. Joel Dunbar: My high school achievements are consecutive Honor Roll (High Honors during senior year), National Honor Society, I am a member of both Project Lead the Way and Running Start. Outside of school I work as a shift manager at the Barnstead Country Store. I will be attending New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord in the fall and will major in Mechanical Engineering.
  6. Chelsea Morgan: I moved to New Hampshire two years ago from Hayden, Alabama. I have been an active member of Band playing the clarinet since seventh grade. I have obtained Medals for All-State, four for Solo-Ensemble, two for All-County, and a silver medal for Overall Band Performance at Georgia Tech. I worked for an inventory company for a year as an auditor inventory specialist. I will be going to Calhoun Community College in Alabama to study Pre-Veterinarian Medicine. In two years, I hope to be accepted to Auburn University to finish my Veterinarian Medicine degree. My life dream is to work in Rwanda, Africa with the Mountain Gorillas.
  7. Kyle Storey: I have come to know and understand the universal truth that people never realize how much they value and appreciate other people, places and situations until the have experienced life without them. I have not spent more than three years in any state since my birth. Ultimately, my high school experience has been a wild but valuable journey. My focus on athletics and academics has helped me achieve many goals ranging from breaking school records, being inducted to the National Honor Society, to my most prized achievement, passing Mrs. Adriance's AP English class. As I go on to attend the University of New Hampshire, I will continue to set high standards for myself and strive to achieve my goals.
  8. Jason Beck: I moved to Alton in February of 2004, from Brunswick, Georgia. I attended Brunswick High School, and while there I followed a College Prep program. I was involved in many various auto body and auto mechanic competitions and placed high. After graduation, I plan to take a year off to work to earn enough money to help me when I enroll in UTI (Universal Technical Institute) located in Mas-
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sachusetts. UTI has one of the largest automotive programs in the country. With a degree from UTI, I will pursue a job using my ASE certification.

9. Michael Tidd: I have played Varsity Soccer and competed on the Ski Team since my freshman year at Alton Central School and Prospect Mountain High School and this year I joined Track & Field. Playing the drums has been a big part of my life. I am a member of the Prospect Mountain High School Band and I play in my spare time. I have been a member of the U.S. First Robotics Team for several years, been a member of the Math Team, and have been active with the Lakers United Soccer Club. I was inducted into the National Honor Society last year in Alton and was a member of Alton's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter. I will be heading to Massachusetts this fall to Worcester Poly Technical Institute for a degree in Engineering.

10. Kelly Eagles: Throughout my high school career I have had multiple opportunities to become involved in the community and my school. I have tried to take advantage of all those opportunities. I have played sports since freshmen year including: Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, and Track and Field. I have participated in clubs/groups such as National Honor Society and SADD. I have received awards and recognition in both sports and academics. Outside of school I belong to the Granite State Appaloosa Club and the Lakes Region Show Series, receiving awards such as 2004 Youth Champion Barrel Racer. I plan on attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall and earning a Bachelors Degree in Psychobiology with a specialization in Equine Science.

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## COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR

By Mim Roques

The Community Church of Alton Annual Summer Fair will take place in the Church Street building on Saturday, July 9th from 9am to 1pm. The Fair is sponsored by the Community Church of Alton Women's Fellowship, a group open to all women of the area. Proceeds from the event will be used for community outreach and mission programs.

A wide variety of 'White Elephant' items, baked goods and fudge, hand crafted treasures, Christmas decorations and gifts, linens, plants, a children's novelty table and grab bag cart as well as quality jewelry and book curios will be available for purchase. Many folks have been creating, gathering and sorting items for sale.

If you are redorating, down-sizing or updating, we accept and appreciate clean items for the sale tables. They may be brought to the Church Street building Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 9am until 2pm. The church phone number is 875-5561, call and come. Large appliances, air conditioners, microwaves and over-sized furniture cannot be accepted because of bulk. For questions, a chairperson can be reached at 875-2289 in the evening.

The Fair is a happy occasion where friends and neighbors are often delighted to meet and renew acquaintances. Purchases once in their new home often bring a smile and a recollection of 'I got it at the Church Fair.' Hope to see you there!

## ALTON GARDEN CLUB JULY PROGRAM

By Vi Russell

July 26, 2005 at 12:00PM Program Parsonage Daylilies Rte 107 Gilmanton, NH. Daylilies available for purchase. Speaker Carolyn Dickey. Meeting and Refreshments at 1:30 PM Meadow Pond Gardens Meadow Pond Road, Gilmanton. Hosts Shirley Lane Gardening Requires lots of water—most of it in the form of perspiration. "Lou Erickson" Anyone interested in joining the Alton Garden Club can call President Vi Russell at 776-4454 or come to one of the meetings.

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## HISTORIC ALTON

*Editors Note: Harry Bickford was a lifelong resident of New Durham. His farm was located in New Durham and Alton, and is currently owned by his grandson, Robert Bickford, Jr. Harry worked as a mailman for many years. He kept a farmers diary, detailing the goings-on of the farm and around the Town. Main Street has received permission from George Bickford, Harry's son, to publish excerpts of the diary. It is an interesting look at daily life on a farm. The diary was compiled by Elaine Bickford.*

July 1940

Mon. 1: Fair and cloudy. The boys harrowed the squash piece this AM. We hoed the squashes this PM. Bobby's box of fireworks came by express this PM and is he pleased. Mr. Roberts called this evening and I signed an order for an Allis-Chalmers Model B to be delivered Wednesday morning.

Tues. 2: Fair. Boys mowed the piece between the house and lower barn. The new agricultural teacher called on George and Nelson this PM. His name is Mr. Guptill, born in Northwood, and has been teaching in Colebrook for the last three years. Nelson and George have gone roller skating in the Bay tonight.

Wed. 3: Fair. Hauled the hay in this PM that we mowed yesterday below the wood pile and the lower barn also. The tractor came today and we tried it on the lower end of the oat piece, worked very satisfactory. We went down to Rochester to see the carnival... did not stop long.

Thu 4: Rainy. Harold Cilley came over and he and George lined up the cutter bar on the mowing machine. In the PM we cultivated the potatoes with the tractor. It did a good job. We went to Wolfeboro in the evening to see the fireworks.

Fri. 5: Fair. The boys mowed the big piece today. I dusted the squashes this PM. Nellie went to Concord this PM and got the tractor plates for George.

Sat. 6: A lovely day. Had all kinds of trouble with the tractors this AM. Called up Brackett & Shaw about the noise in the wheel of the tractor and they said they would send a mechanic up in the AM, so the boys started to rake with the old tractor and that wouldn't go right so when I got home from the mail I called up Brackett & Shaw again and they said they would have a mechanic up in the PM and to use the tractor until he came. Got Rennie to come up and fix the old tractor so we could use that while they were working on the new one. We hauled in two loads of hay from the big piece.

Sun. 7: Hottest day we have had this summer. Unloaded a load of hay this morning. George went to Merrymeeting for a swim.

Mon. 8: Fair and hot. George disc harrowed the squashes in the AM.

Wed. 10: A hot day. We got a load of hay in. Jean rode the horse rake for us. George and I mowed some after supper in the front field.

Thu. 11: Cloudy. Hilled up the potatoes in the AM. In the PM we mowed in the front field until it began to rain.

Sat. 13: Cloudy. We cultivated the garden in the AM and raked up and hauled in the hay in the front field that was cut Thursday. I dusted the squashes tonight. We hauled in about a good rack full of hay from the front field.

Mon. 15: A lovely day. The boys mowed in the front field in the AM. Hauled in two rack fulls in the PM. The boys and the Fairbanks went roller skating at the Bay.

Tue. 16: Showry. The boys finished mowing in the front field. I hoed the asparagus and some corn.

Fri. 19: Fair and hot. The boys mowed the piece by the pond below the upper barn. We hauled in a load of hay from the flat ground. Set up the horse fork this PM at the lower barn.

Sat. 20: Cloudy. Got in a load of hay back of the barn before it rained. The boys went to the pictures in Wolfeboro this evening.

Mon. 22: Cloudy. The sun came out this PM and we turned the hay over beside the potatoes and got it in before it rain. We had a big rain after we got it unloaded. The girls came down and helped us haul in a load of hay. Picked the first lot of string beans this year tonight.

Tue. 23: Hot. The boys mowed the piece above the pines. Hauled in a rackful that was left around the pond. Had our first mess of peas today for dinner.

Wed. 24: Hot. We hauled in a load of hay. The boys took the girls to the pictures in Farmington this evening. Paid Louie \$25.00 for his standing grass.

Thu. 25: Hot. Boys went over the squash piece with the spring tooth harrow. I dusted the potatoes in the AM. Mowed the flat in the PM.

Fri. 26: Hottest day this summer, 85 degrees on the front end of the house at 7:25 this evening. Hauled in a load of hay from the flat that we mowed yesterday. Went to see the American Legion Parade this evening.

Sat. 27: Hot. Hauled in a load of hay in the AM. Unloaded it in the PM.

Sun. 28: Scuddy in the AM, hot when the sun came out. I dusted the squashes and cucumbers and melons in the AM. The boys went swimming at Merrymeeting Lake in the PM. A few of the squashes were in bloom today.

Mon. 29: Hot. Boys mowed on the flat, hauled in a load of the light grass in the PM. The horse fork rope broke this PM... went over and got Joe Thurston to splice it for us.

Tue. 30: Rainy this morning. Cleared off this forenoon and we got a load of hay from the flat before we got another shower. I had the first cucumber from the garden this noon for dinner. Mr. M called to see me this forenoon, he was drumming up trade, wanted to get the names of the graduates of the Alton High School. The first time I have seen him in 34 years. Guy Sanborn got the other lot of broilers this morning. 101 broilers at 13 cents a pound.

Wed. 31: Fair. Best day for making hay that we have had this summer. The boys mowed the piece above the garden this morning and by turning it several times today we were able to get it in tonight after we had our supper.

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**AMERICAN LEGION POST #72 ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS****By Tina LaBar**

Alton American Legion Claude R. Batchelder Post No. 72 proudly announces their new Officers for 2005-2006.

American Legion Post No. 72: Commander, Wes Nicholson; 1st Vice, Scott Carpenter; 2nd Vice, Harry Hamilton; Adjutant, Brian Scholfield; Finance Officer, Warren Leary; Judge Advocate, Ed Russell; Chaplain, Everett Mitchell; Historian, Paul Mahoney; Service Officer, Jim Yunes; Sgt-at-Arms, Rick Wheeler; Sons Advisor, Ed Russell.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 72: President, Lisa Rojek; 1st Vice, Gail Hoage; 2nd Vice, Peggy Culverwell; Secretary, Millie Pearce; Treasurer, Tina LaBar; Chaplain, Brenda Bowman; Historian, Louise Desautelle; Sgt-at-Arms, Debra Deckert.

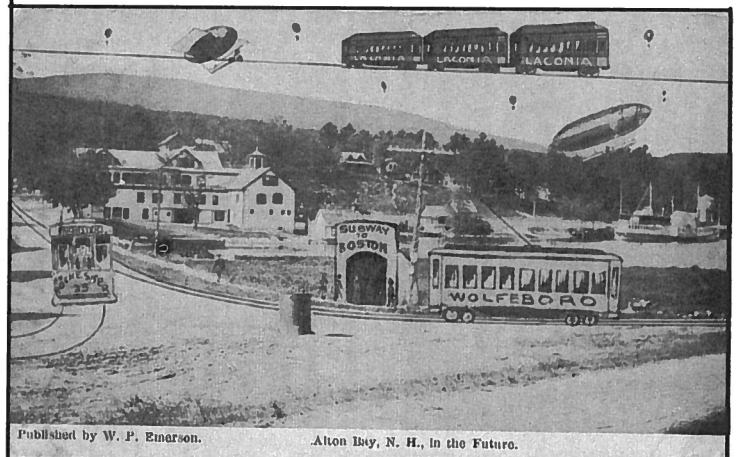
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Sons of The American Legion Squadron No. 72: Commander, William Waterman; 1st Vice, Tom McCabe; 2nd Vice, Dennis Chagnon; Adjutant, Tim Macdonald; Finance Officer, Mike Lincoln; Chaplain, William Feger; Historian, Robert Hoitt; Service Officer, Steve Coates; Sgt-at-Arms, Dick Heile.

Congratulations to everyone for the position that you were chosen to serve.

**ALTON BAY IN THE FUTURE?**

This postcard, from the collection of Purr Whalley, is postmarked August 18, 1916. The card reads: 'This is some town. Play ball nearly every day. I am on a team here playing 3rd base. We play Lawrence Camp and lost 9-4. Going to play Alton tomorrow. *signed Junior*'. While the dirigibles and the subway to Boston aren't in evidence yet, there have been lots of changes to Alton Bay since this was created.



Published by W. P. Emerson.

Alton Bay, N. H., in the Future.

## WANT TO HELP? LEAVE FAWNS ALONE From NH Fish and Game Dept.

With springtime wildlife young now on the scene, remember that you should NOT pick up any animals you may find, especially fawns (newborn deer).

“Remember — the best chance a young wild animal or bird has to survive is with its parents,” says New Hampshire Fish and Game Wildlife Programs Administrator Mark Ellingwood. “Give fawns and other young animals plenty of space and leave them alone and in the woods, where they belong.”

One New Hampshire wildlife rehabilitator, Cathie Gregg of the Elaine Connors Center for Wildlife in Madison reports that, “this is the time of year when people are apt to see deer fawns by themselves. Well-intentioned people are picking up fawns at an alarming rate this year. When a fawn is picked up and admitted to our wildlife center, it is automatically put at a disadvantage, and oftentimes will not survive.”

Seeing a fawn alone does NOT mean that it is orphaned or that it needs our help, says Gregg. Typically the doe (female deer) will feed in the Early morning and evening hours. It is normal for a doe to leave her fawn alone while she goes off to feed. In many cases, the doe will not return until nightfall.

Mark Ellingwood notes that fawns are not defenseless creatures. Their cryptic coloration, tendency to stay perfectly still, and lack of scent, are all adaptations that help boost survival. The absence of a doe at the bedding site of fawns enhances fawn survival as well. Does are easy to detect because of their size and scent; predators would quickly key in on does in order to find fawns, if the two associated with one another constantly. “Well intentioned but misguided

humans who apply human behaviors and attributes to wild animals often literally love our wildlife to death,” notes Ellingwood.

If you’re lucky enough to see a fawn, count your blessings and leave the area. Your continued presence and/or frequent visits will only contribute to the likelihood of the fawn being abandoned. Unless you can verify that a fawn’s mother is dead — please leave it alone. If you have questions, call your local Fish and Game office before taking any action.

Note that it is **ILLEGAL** to have in your possession or take any New Hampshire wildlife from the wild and keep it in captivity. Only qualified people with a special rehabilitator’s permit, issued through Fish and Game headquarters, may possess any wild animal.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state’s fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>.

### FRIENDS FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

By Deborah Cook

On May 23, the Friend’s Foster Grandparent Program held their Annual Recognition Luncheon in Concord. Brenda Desautell from Alton Central School was awarded her Ten Year Service Award as a Foster Grandparent. Brenda, affectionately known as ‘Grammy D’, has worked in Deb Cook’s Grade Two classroom for the past ten years.

Also attending the luncheon were Bernice Snell, Terry Gosselin, Ginny Bayer, former Foster Grandparent MARY Boyle, and retired Foster Grandparent Floretta Shannon. The women were all honored with a Presiden’t Call to Service Award. They received a letter from President Bush, a personalized award certificate, and a pin from the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. We at Alton Central School are very proud of our Foster Grandparents. Keep up the great work!



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