



# Main Street

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## INNKEEPERS LETTER TO ALTON RESIDENTS

We have all suffered a great loss. The Oak Birch Inn, in all its grandeur, is gone forever.

It was a flavor of New England for some, a movie theatre for others, a home away from home for many. It was loved by a multitude of people for its distinct charm and character.

To all the firefighters in Alton and the surrounding communities, we thank you for your hard work and all your efforts in trying to save the Oak Birch Inn.

We would like to thank all who have expressed their support to us in one way or another. Your love, friendship and support will help us to get through this devastating experience.

A special thanks to our neighbors, the Roberts family, for their assistance on the day of the fire.

The Oak Birch Inn will truly be missed by all. Although the building itself is gone, we will have all the memories to treasure. The Inn will never be forgotten.

Thank you again,  
Myde, Dick, Mariel & Adam Stocker

## DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

Katherine K. Waldron was the first and only woman principal of Alton High School? She served from 1919 to 1924.

## HISTORIC OAK BIRCH INN CONSUMED BY FLAMES

By Jeanne Cole

Residents of Alton were saddened by the loss of the Oak Birch Inn. The 80 year old landmark went up in flames on Monday, April 3, despite the efforts of over 100 firemen from Alton and the surrounding communities.

From across the lake, people watched the flames soar into the sky and they shared their own special memories of time spent there. Who could forget an evening sitting on the large front porch watching the boats glide by and the sun setting behind the mountains? And how about a lazy Sunday when a group would sail down to the OBI for brunch or a fun-filled evening in the lounge. To others, it was an early movie and at least one box of popcorn in the old theater.

Some older residents even remember the days of big bands and dances, with ladies in long dresses sweeping down the staircase. And even those who had never been inside say they will miss the graceful old building sitting up on the hill on Route 28A.

Fortunately, the building was vacant so there were no injuries or deaths. Also, firemen were able to contain the blaze so no other properties were ruined.

But summer won't seem the same without a trip or two to the Oak Birch Inn.

Photos by John Duffek

**SCHEDULES**

**CHURCHES:**

- Advent Christian Church - Sunday 11a.m. & 6p.m., Pastor Dr. Warren Harris
- Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
- Community Church - Sunday School 9:30a.m., Morning Worship 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Rev. David B Howe, Interim Minister
- Mosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday School 9:30a.m., Church 10:30a.m., American Legion Hall, Pastor Dick Veilleux
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines

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- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall
- BOY SCOUT TROOP 53 - Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- CHESS CLUB - Tuesday 7:30p.m., Busy Corner Store
- CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
- GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
- FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
- HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
- LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday 6:30p.m., Community House
- LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Community House
- MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday
- NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School
- ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m., Church Hall
- SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Tuesday 10a.m., St. Joan of Arc Rectory

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**ICE-OUT CONTEST**

At press time the official date and time of Ice-Out had not been declared. The winner of this year's contest will be announced in the June issue of Main Street.

**NEW FEES SET FOR HAWKERS AND PEDDLARS**

By recent action of the Board of Selectmen, new and increased fees were established for the issuance of Hawkers and Peddlars permits for the 1989 season. A special area has been designated in the Bay for up to five permit holders. None will be close to an existing business.

Short term permits (one day, a weekend or series of days) will be at the rate of \$25 per day. Season-long permits from Memorial Day to Labor Day will cost \$500, \$250 for Alton residents. A \$500 or \$250 ceiling will be placed on any repeat short-term permits. The fee schedule had not been adjusted for two years. All applicants must provide a copy of a current, valid NH Hawkers permit and furnish proof of product liability.

Local non-profit organizations are not affected by this ordinance. The ordinance applies only to commercial ventures.

**ROCKET LAUNCHING SET FOR MAY 6**

The Young Astronaut Trainee and Pilot Chapters at the Alton School have scheduled a rocket launching for Saturday, May 6, at 10a.m. at the School playground. The public is invited.

Trainees will launch rockets assembled from kits while some of the pilots will launch rockets of their own design.

Chapter leaders are Ann Hoopes and Connie Racine and School Volunteer Rolf Dutzmann serves as advisor to both chapters. Other volunteers in the program are Sue Fenton, Maryalice Gaylus and Ed Consentino.

In case of inclement weather, rain or winds over 10mph, the event will be rescheduled to Saturday, May 27.

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**APACHE PLAYERS OFFER YEAR'S FINAL SHOW**

The Apache Players of Alton High School will present their final production of the 1988-89 school year, Peter Dee's "Voices from the High School", in the Recital Hall on May 11-13.

The play consists of a series of contemporary scenes and monologues which reflect the joys and problems of growing up too quickly in America. The scenes are devastatingly honest and sometimes hilarious but they always speak from the adolescent heart.

The ensemble cast includes seniors Amy Armer, Steve Burke, Gabe Biderman, Dana Sackos, Jennifer Decatur, David Roberts, Gail Podmore, Patrick Moore, Sara Woods, and Glenn Lamper; junior Andrea Shealy; sophomores Amy Best, Jennifer Brady, Rori Boyce, Lynn Snow, Mikel Meyers, and Luke Howell; and freshmen Jim Clark, Amelia McKinney, and Steve Vernal. The production is under the direction of Elizabeth Lent.

"Voices from the High School" will be performed each evening at 8p.m.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

At the 1989 School District meeting, voters authorized the School Board to complete a study and hold a public hearing on the educational and financial desirability of withdrawing from SAU 51 and forming a single district SAU.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact School Board Chairman Richard Quindley at 875-2910.

**MAIN STREET SALUTE TO**

.....the firefighters of Alton and surrounding communities for their efforts at the Oak Birch Inn fire.....Photographer Sylvia Countway for her selection as exhibitor of the month by the Governor Wentworth Arts Council.....NH Fish and Game Conservation Officer Randy Hillsgrove for being named the state's Wildlife Officer of the Year by the Shikar-Safari Club, a conservation organization.

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**PLAYGROUND DONATION** from the Alton-New Durham Lions Club was presented to Playground Committee Chairman Connie Racine by Club President Richard White. Club members John Racine and Gary Noyes hold the banner representing the \$2000 donation. (Photo by John Duffek)

**CORRECTION**

Warren Nott and Evelyn Nardo were write-in winners for the three-year positions on the Budget Committee not two-year positions as reported last month.

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# FOCUS ON TRACEY & STUART MORRIS

By Debby Eyler

There are raccoon babies by the road. The mother hasn't been by in several days. You know that they will die if nothing is done. You also know that it is illegal to take in wild animals unless licensed. And then you think about the serious diseases that animals carry and the harm that might happen to you or the animal by trying to pick it up. What would you do?

Just such a situation happened to Tracey and Stuart Morris of Alton. Last year, three abandoned baby raccoons were found in the Morris' neighborhood. Tracey and Stuart decided to start making phone calls to get information on how to care for the babies. That was how they met Walter Brent, an Alton resident who, for the past 50 years, has been taking care of sick and injured wildlife. His compassion for and commitment to the animals impressed them.

Four years ago, Tracey and Stuart Morris and their three children moved from the Nashua Area to live in Alton. They started



Photo by Debby Eyler  
 their own commercial cleaning company, Aerocare, which is a 24-hour business. As if between the children and their company they didn't have enough to do, they have become rehabilitators for wild animals. The Morris'es have always loved wildlife, but unlike most of us, they don't just talk about how humans have to learn to live with other animals, they are doing something about it.

The Morris'es had read about the International Wildlife Rehabilitators Council, IWRC, in a National Wildlife Association newsletter. The idea had them very interested. The newsletter also had made the statement that "every day of every year a plant or animal becomes endangered." This along with their experience with the raccoons and their contact with Walter Brent started them towards their licensing as Animal Rehabilitators.

In order for the Morris'es to receive their licenses, they had to pass strict requirements of the state, the federal government and IWRC. In addition to having to have the obvious - space, cages and reference books - they found that they also had to have experience or training. They each took an 18-hour course given by the IWRC and a 12-hour course from the NH Fish and Game Department. They are signed up for the IWRC advanced training course and have paid for all their own training.

Now Tracey and Stuart are licensed to care for just about any kind of animal. Those animals with which the Morris'es aren't fami-

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### COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP SET FOR JUNE 3

The Alton Bay Improvement Committee and the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Clean-up Day on Saturday, June 3. Volunteers of all ages are needed and should report at 9a.m. to the Central Fire Station. Work teams will be assigned throughout the area and then will gather back at the Fire Station at Noon for lunch.

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liar or can't handle are referred to the state-wide network of rehabilitators. This network of caring people will take in wild animals that are hurt or too young to live alone. One of their network friends took in 19 animals recently, owls, foxes, raccoons, opossums, deer. The animals are cared for until they are 100% able to live their natural lives.

Tracey brought home the point of just what a task that would be by describing feeding and cleaning of a frightened, injured adult raccoon. Stuart added that it is not just the daily care that takes time, but also the research involved to determine the nutritional needs, making sure the injury is healing properly and the animal is kept healthy. Severely injured animals are taken to the vet, but they have learned through experience, the network, and their classes how to deal with minor injuries.

The Morrises do all this without any reimbursement. All their expense have come out of their own pockets. When asked if they take donations, they both smiled and said "Sure!" They can use any kind of dog or cat foods, fencing materials, cages, and carriers. Another useful item is expired baby formula. In fact, Wolfeboro Day Care Center has recently given them a carton full of old formula.

So now, if you found raccoon babies what would you do? Not touch them and call Tracey and Stuart Morris at 776-3701. They will take care of them. If it's true that the world is made up of all kinds, then Alton is very lucky to have two of this kind living here.

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### NEW LANDFILL FEES IN EFFECT MAY 1

Recent changes in the Landfill and Recycling Ordinance take effect on Monday, May 1. The changes primarily affect special items which can be accepted only on Saturdays and Mondays upon payment of special fees.

Non-burnable stuffed furniture and mattresses will be \$3 each. There will be a \$5 charge for scrap metal white goods such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, and dryers. Tires will now be \$2 each and batteries \$1 each.

A new \$25 charge will prevail for each load brought to the septic lagoon. The gates will be locked with the key available at the Police Station upon payment of the fee.

Disposal of construction and demolition waste now requires the payment of fees.

Debris in passenger cars will not be charged. However, commercial haulers and contractors will be charged \$15 per pick-up truck load.

All 1-ton vehicles, commercial trailers and 10 cubic yard roll-offs will be charged \$35. Six to 10-wheel trucks and 15 to 20 cubic yard roll-offs will cost \$75 each. All dump trailers and roll-offs over 20 cubic yards will be charged \$100.

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It may be a tongue-twister to say, but, by all means, you should plan to be there!

This year's Memorial Day Craft Fair in Alton Bay is sponsored by the Alton High School Senior Class and will be packed full of homemade goodies at the Alton Bay Community House from 9a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturday, May 27. There will be clothing, jewelry, wooden toys, dolls, wheat weaving, dried flower baskets, tole painting, sweaters, porcelain painting, baskets, hand-spun yarn and much more.

Although the space is nearly filled, Linda McKenney, committee chairperson, said that there are a few booths left for crafters. There are no flea market booths allowed. At \$15 to \$25 per space, crafters have an inexpensive but high profile outlet for their wares. Especially because Memorial Day Weekend opens the Mt. Washington's season.

The seniors will be manning the concession stand. Such goodies as coffee, donuts, hot dogs, soda and pop corn will be available. There also will be a Senior Craft Table of donated items with the proceeds going to the class. Call McKenney at 776-7931 if you have donations or want to reserve a space.



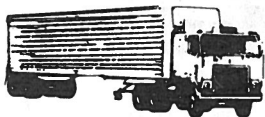
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### OFFICER JAMES WHEELER PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

On recommendation of Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor, Sergeant James Wheeler was promoted to lieutenant by the Board of Selectmen effective April 10. As such he is second in command of the Department.

Wheeler was named sergeant in April of 1988 and has completed nine years with the department. He began as a special part-time officer at Alton Bay in 1979 and has proved to be a "real professional in the ranks and a standard-setter" for his associates, according to Chief Mynczywor.

Wheeler is the son of former Alton Police Chief Charles Wheeler and lives in Alton with his wife, Cindy, and year-old son, Patrick.

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**CONCORD CORNER**

By Alice Ziegler, Representative  
**VARIETY OF BILLS  
 MAKES FULL SCHEDULE**

On March 23, Crossover Day, about 800 House bills went to the Senate and the House received almost as many from the Senate. Hearings are underway in each body. The governor has already had some bills put on his desk.

The Senate is considering the child safety belt for children up to 12 years old. The House voted down mandatory seat belts for adults. We also killed one fireworks bill in anticipation of a Senate bill which forbids sale and use of fireworks except by permit in commercial displays.

The Appropriations Committee hopes to establish state issued savings bonds to help families with college tuition. Other states have had success with this legislation.

A plan for closing landfills over a period of years has passed the House.

As there is no veteran's cemetery north of Cape Cod, a resolution will be sent to the northern New England Congressional delegation asking them to pursue this.

Much time now is spent ascertaining what monies are available and trying to make the best use of them. Decisions are very difficult.

I will be at the Alton Town Hall on Monday, May 1, from 4 to 5p.m. or call me at 875-2151.

There are three kinds of memory - good, bad and convenient.

**TRAILER PARKING AND  
 BOAT LAUNCH RULES**

Again this year from Memorial Day to Columbus Day boat trailer parking will be banned in Alton Bay and on both sides of Route 11.

The practice last summer eased overcrowding of the limited parking available and removed much of the hazards previously experienced in the area. Boat trailers can be parked free on town property next to the Highway Department building on Letter S Road. The road will be one-way from Route 11 to Route 140.

The same boat launch fee system will prevail. A \$10 fee will be collected at the boat launch area each time a non-resident launches a boat during the following hours: Fridays - 4 to 8p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays - 7:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Memorial Day through Columbus Day.

Alton residents will pay no fee, providing a current landfill sticker is affixed to the driver's side window of the towing vehicle.



Debra Warner

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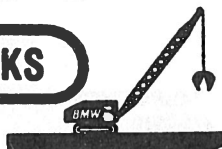
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### BUDDING SCIENTISTS TO DISPLAY PROJECTS

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Students will be competing in two divisions - Junior for grades 6 through 8 and Senior for grades 9 through 12. Their projects can deal with anything from outerspace to innerspace. Most projects will be based on trying to prove or disprove a theory or hypothesis. The student must decide on the hypothesis and gather their own data through investigation, study and experiments. Another option is a project based on Taxonomy, the study and classification of objects, usually plants and animals.

The judging will be done after school by local people with backgrounds in science, engineering or related fields. A first, second and third place winner will be named in each class. Each division will have a grand champion. An Open House for the public will be held from 6 to 8p.m. at the School.

Frank Walker, coordinator of the event, hopes that enough interest can be generated to encourage students to try for the state and national awards next year. Anyone interested in serving as a judge should contact Walker at the School, 875-7500.

### "GARDENING IN NH" IS MEETING TOPIC

Members of the Alton Garden Club will be meeting for the Annual Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 23, at 12:30p.m. at the Congregational Meeting House. Each member is to bring a place setting and a casserole or salad.

Following the luncheon, Sylvia Dyck will present a program, "Gardening in New Hampshire." Mrs. Dyck, an Alton resident, has a greenhouse and will be giving some timely information on annuals and bedding plants, along with some of her own poetry.


Chairpersons for the luncheon are Ruth Conway and Mildred Billings and committee members are Winifred Alden, Virginia Dore, Doris Gray, Anna Haase, Hazel Hurd, Muriel Miller, Audrey Ritchie and Elsie Trull.

### LIBRARY FRIENDS ELECT OFFICERS

The Friends of the Gilman Library elected the following officers at their annual meeting in April: President, Phyllis Chamberlain; Vice-President, Virginia Dore; Secretary, Mary Batchelder; and Treasurer, Emily Todd.

Plans are underway for the seventh annual photo contest in preparation for their 1990 calendar. Good, clear prints of Alton, past or present, should be left at the Library desk before May 20.

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The fourth and final concert in the Gilman Concert Series will be held on Friday, May 5, at 8p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. The concert will feature the Freese Brothers Big Band from Concord. The program will include works from World War II-era charts to jazz and rock.

The Freese Brothers Big Band has performed throughout New Hampshire at events including two inaugural balls, First Night New Hampshire and fundraisers for groups including the NH Lung Association, the North Country Center for Performing Arts and the Concord Music School.

Its members are from about a dozen central New Hampshire communities from Alton to Pembroke. Band members donate their time for weekly rehearsals and performances, with proceeds from performances supporting the William S. Freese Memorial Scholarship Fund for young people pursuing music studies.

Advanced tickets are required and available free at the School, the Farmington National and Savings Bank, and the Gilman Library. Bleacher seats are available as well as "pops"-style tables with light refreshments available for sale.



**SENIOR MEAL SITE ACTIVITIES**

- Mondays - Exercise Class and Bingo
- Tuesdays - Arts & Crafts and Cards
- Wednesdays - Bingo
- Thursdays - Movies
- Fridays - Exercise Class and Bingo

**NATIONAL POPPY DAY**

American Legion Auxiliary #72 will be distributing poppies at various locations in the community on Saturday, May 13, National Poppy Day. Donations will be used to aid veterans throughout the country.



Robert I. Williams

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### CHAIRMAN CALVERT MAKES SELECTMEN ASSIGNMENTS

Selectmen Chairman Bob Calvert recently announced assignments for the three-member Board in two categories - working members and liaison.

Assignments as working members include Pat Merrill to the Planning Board, Marion MacDonald to the Wage and Salary Review Board, and Bob Calvert to the Budget and Capital Improvements Committees.

Liaison assignments are Pat Merrill for the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Conservation Commission, Marion MacDonald for the Parks and Playgrounds Commission, LCIP Task Force and Old Home Week Committee, and Bob Calvert for the School Board and Alton Bay Improvement Committee.

Liaison assignments have been defined as maintaining contact with the committee or board to help keep the Board of Selectmen informed as well as to increase communications with each group.



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Space for classified ads is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad.

Ads may be mailed with payment to P.O.Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810. The deadline is the 15th of the preceeding month.

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- Mon. 1 - WHIST PARTY - West Alton Fire Station, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 2 - TRACK vs. Sant Bani & Hopkinton at Sant Bani, 3:30p.m.
- Wed. 3 - STORY HOUR:3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 4 - TRACK vs. Interlakes, Hopkinton, Kingswood, Plymouth at Interlakes, 3:30p.m.
- Fri. 5 - SOFTBALL vs. Concord Christian, Home, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL vs. Concord Christian, Home, 4p.m.  
SPAGHETTI SUPPER - Sponsored by Alton Senior Class, Sandy Point Restaurant, 5 to 8p.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
GILMAN CONCERT - Freese Brothers Big Band, Alton School, 8p.m.
- Sat. 6 - ROCKET LAUNCH - Young Astronaut Chapters, Alton School Playground, 10a.m.
- Tue. 9 - TRACK vs. Kingswood, Raymond, Berlin at Kingswood, 3:30p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Moultonboro, Home, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL vs. Moultonboro, Home, 4p.m.
- Wed. 10 - STORY HOUR:3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 11 - TRACK vs. Raymond & Franklin at Raymond, 3:30p.m.  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Meeting, Town Hall, 7p.m.  
"VOICES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL" - Presented by the Apache Players, School Recital Hall, 8p.m.
- Fri. 12 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
PAST COMMANDERS & PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER, Foxy Johnnie Restaurant, 7:30p.m.  
"VOICES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL" - Presented by the Apache Players, School Recital Hall, 8p.m.
- Sat. 13 - NATIONAL POPPY DAY  
TRACK vs. Concord, Bishop Brady, Sant Bani, Berlin, Kingswood, Minnisquam at Concord, 10a.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Calvary Christian, Home, 11a.m., (2)  
BASEBALL vs. Calvary Christian, Home, 11a.m., (2)  
"VOICES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL" - Presented by the Apache Players, School Recital Hall, 8p.m.
- Mon. 15 - SOFTBALL vs. Nute, Away, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL vs. Nute, Away, 4p.m.  
WHIST PARTY - West Alton Fire Station, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 16 - TRACK vs. Sant Bani & Brady at Sant Bani, 3:30p.m.  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Community Church, 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 17 - STORY HOUR:3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Concord Christian, Away, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL vs. Concord Christian, Away, 4p.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 19 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.

- Sat. 20 - TRACK - Wilderness League Meet at Concord, 8a.m.  
SENIOR CLASS AUCTION - Alton School Gym, 10a.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Wilton, Home, 10a.m. (2)  
BASEBALL vs. Wilton, Home, 10a.m. (2)
- Tue. 23 - GARDEN CLUB - Congregational Meeting House, 12:30p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Moultonboro, Away, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL vs. Moultonboro, Away, 4p.m.
- Wed. 24 - STORY HOUR:3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Nute, Home, 4p.m.  
BASEBALL vs. Nute, Home, 4p.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 25 - SCIENCE FAIR - Alton Central School, 6 to 8p.m.
- Fri. 26 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 27 - CRAFT FAIR - Sponsored by the Senior Class, Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m. to 5p.m.  
TRACK - Class Meet at Salem, 10a.m.
- Mon. 29 - OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Tue. 30 - MEMORIAL DAY
- Wed. 31 - STORY HOUR:3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.

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**RESTORATION OF MAXIM FIRE TRUCK UNDERWAY**

By Judy Fry

Part one of this story in the April issue of Main Street covered the early history of the Maxim Fire Truck including the warrant articles to purchase the pumper in 1929 and 1930, the documentation of its age, and the date of delivery to Alton.

**CONCLUSION**

During the early days of the Fire Department, firemen were assigned to drive specific fire apparatus. Only Edward and Lester Downing (brothers) were designated drivers for the Maxim Pumper. These two men took care of all the mechanical needs of this truck for many years. Due to its length a section was added to the Bay Hose House to accomodate the Maxim. This Pumper then joined the Department's other fire fighting apparatus, the 1917 Model T Ford.

The maxim saw service at the second and less serious fire at the Alton Central School on February 3, 1931. The Pumper was one of the many fire trucks that worked at the Alton Bay Camp Ground fire in 1945. It



remained in active service through the 1950's and early 1960's. The Maxim was used extensively during the disastrous series of barn fires in Alton during the 1960's.

Upon its retirement in the early 1960's the Maxim was stored briefly in Jim Potter's barn on the Old New Durham Road. In 1964, a new home was found in the barn of Irving Roberts in East Alton. While stored there the Roberts family cared for and maintained the truck.

In 1973, the Alton Fire Department hosted the NH State Firemen's Convention and the Maxim joined in the festivities and the parade. Upon the completion of the East Alton Fire Station in 1976, the Maxim was moved to its present home.

Although retired from active fire fighting service the Maxim has been kept busy. In 1981, the idea of a day long celebration for townspeople expanded to

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### CLASS OF 1989 PLANS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

It's that time of year again! The Senior Spaghetti Supper is planned for Friday, May 5, from 5 to 8p.m. at the Sandy Point Restaurant. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens.

Besides good food and company, the evening offers a raffle for a flower arrangement. The whole supper is planned, cooked and served by the Senior Class as a fund-raiser for Project Graduation, their alcohol and drug free senior trip.

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Alton's Old Home Week with a large parade featuring floats, bands, antique cars and fire apparatus of all ages. Through the efforts of the members of the East Alton Fire Association the truck received a mechanical as well as a start toward a cosmetic tune-up. The truck was readied in time for the first Old Home Week parade.

Since 1981 the truck has participated in the Annual Fourth of July Parade in Wolfeboro, the 91st Annual Firemen's Association Convention held here in September 1987, and the Annual Old Home Week Parade held each August.

The restoration project is underway. It takes hundreds of dollars to undertake a poroject like this one. In March, the Fireflies presented a nickle-plated antique fire bell for the Maxim to Chief Russell Jones. The Firemen's Association has set aside a sum of money toward the restoration of the Pumper Truck. The plan is to take care of the mechanical problems and then over a period of time restore the body, especiall taking care to preserve the original gold leaf design and lettering.

The committee of Jack Woodland, Richard Brown, Norman Barrett, and Tom Fry would welcome pictures, information, history, and stories about the marvelous old Pumper Engine. As the project progresses, articles about the Maxim will appear in Main Street.



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### ALTON REPRESENTED IN AAU TOURNAMENT

Each year, the National Amateur Athletic Union hosts a basketball tournament where students from approximately 40 states will compete for the AAU Junior Olympics Championship. This year's tournament will be held in Coral Gables, Florida, July 20-30.

Kelly Hall and Keri Pelletier have been selected as two of the 12-member team to travel to Florida to represent New Hampshire in the AAU 13 and Under Tournament.

Kelly and Keri participated in regional tryouts and statewide round-robin competition prior to being selected to the team.

AAU is a non-profit organization with no formal support. Therefore, in addition to their commitment, the girls are involved in a shoot-a-thon and other fund-raising activities in order to help meet their team's expenses.

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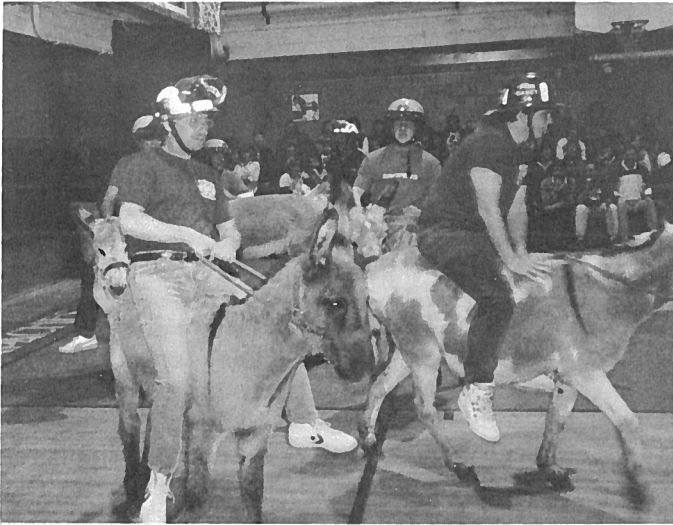
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**CLASS TRIP TO BENEFIT FROM SENIOR AUCTION**

Enjoy the excitement of an auction and at the same time support a great cause.

On Saturday, May 20, at the Alton School Gym, the Senior Auction will take place with goods and services donated by community businesses and individuals. The proceeds will go towards Project Graduation, the alcohol and drug free senior trip.

If you would like to donate an item, call Paullete Alden or Mary Christy at the Alton School, 875-7500.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PLAN ALTON SESSION**

The Belknap County Commissioners have accepted an invitation from the Board of Selectmen to come to Alton to discuss county government, its services and costs. The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 11, at 7p.m. in the Town Hall Court Room.

A probable 19% increase in the county portion of the local 1990 tax makes the meeting very timely, as does the state's possible passing along several human services costs (previously borne by the state) to the counties and thus to the taxpayers in Alton and other towns and cities.

One of the subjects the commissioners will address is what the county specifically does for Alton. The selectmen have several questions to ask and they are sure many townspeople would like the same opportunity.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HEAR STUDENTS**

The Alton Historical Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:30p.m. at the Community Church on Church Street.

The program, "Archeology in Alton", will be presented by Middle School Teacher Mike Folan and 4th grade students will present "Colonial New Hampshire History."

Refreshments will be provided by hostesses Mary Batchelder and Judy Fry and the public is invited.

Mrs. John Boles recently donated a 100 year old quilt to the Society that was made by Julia Bucher.

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