

Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire



LEVEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS DEDICATED BY TRUSTEES

Levey Park Trustees Lee Joyal, Paul Kneeland and Chairman Jonathan Downing are joined by Town Administrator Scott Dunn as recent improvements to Levey Park are dedicated.

The ten acre park located on Route 11 between Alton and Alton Bay was donated to the Town in 1924 for use as a park in memory of William Charlesworth Levey.

The first stage of improvements was the upgrading of the picnic area in the northeast end of the park that is within the stone foundation walls of a building that used to occupy the location. Research is underway, according to Trustee Kneeland, to determine if the building was a school house or a store. The parking area in front of the picnic area has been widened for safety and a new granite post and cedar rail fence has been erected. The picnic area has been resurfaced to provide an even, consistent surface and new picnic tables have been installed. In addition, the park's public water faucet and drinking fountain has been relocated to a more convenient position adjacent to the picnic area.

Future improvements to the park will include re-establishment of trails throughout the park, the repair of a stone bench and the restoration of a lookout position at the top of the park's small hill. Also planned is a ramp to allow small boats to be launched in the Merrymeeting River which borders the southwest side of the park. A sign with historical information about the park also will be erected.

All improvements to the park are paid for from the park's trust fund, as the original deed prohibits taxpayer funds from being used for park purposes.

ALTON CITIZENS LEND HELPING HAND TO TOWNS IN MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS

By Judy Fry

Efforts are underway to lend a helping hand to the flood-ravaged families in our sister towns of West Alton, Missouri, and Alton, Illinois.

A group of townspeople got together at a meeting in August. At that time, they learned that there was a need for monetary donations. Clothing, water and other household items were adequate at the moment according to officials of the stricken towns. Fund raising efforts here are being coordinated with relief officials on the scene.

Donations and pledges actually began arriving as the planning meeting proceeded. Following a short discussion, the group decided to officially start the Flood Relief Fund Drive on August 5 and continue it until Monday, September 20.

Committee members include Scott Dunn, Reuben Wentworth, Ken Ortman, David Tuttle, Frances and James Washburn, Pat Pellowe, Penny Jones, Irving Roberts, Ken Gilbert, Chris Consentino, Charles Shields, Judy Fry, Paul Kneeland, and Priscilla and John Farrell.

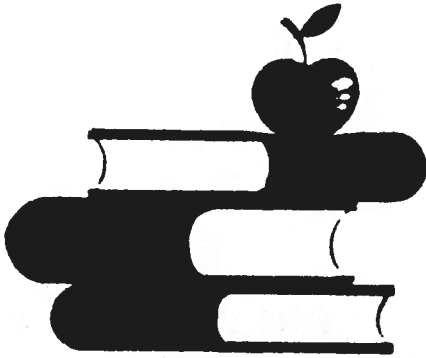
Work assignments were divided among the committee members. Town businesses, clubs and organizations will receive a letter about the drive. Canisters, with a sign-up sheet where donors may sign their name and a brief message to their mid-western neighbors, will be distributed throughout the town. A flea market and bake sale in front of the Town Hall are planned for Saturday, September 4, from 9a.m. to 2p.m. with space available for \$15. Call 875-0206 to reserve space and for additional information. Arrangements are being made to sell containers of bottled water to raise funds and a walk-a-thon will begin at 8a.m. at the south end of Route 11D on Saturday, September 11.

Special accounts have been opened at the First NH Bank and Farmington National Bank on Main Street for donations and gifts are accepted by Town Clerk Penny Jones during work hours at Town Hall.

For more information about the fund raisers and flea market, call 875-0206. Reuben Wentworth, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and spokesman for the "Alton 2 Alton" committee, stated, "We simply have to try to help our sister towns. Even though our economy is hurting, the mid-west Altons will be devastated. So I'm asking our citizens to give a little something."

LABOR DAY 1993

Labor Day 1993 will be observed on Monday, September 6. The Alton Town Hall, Transfer Station and Recycling Center and Central School will be closed.



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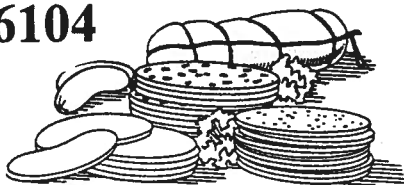
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**SELECTMEN PRESENT CERTIFICATE
TO RETIRING LEE CIAMPO**

The Board of Selectmen recently recognized retiring town employee Carl "Lee" Ciampo by issuing the following Certificate of Appreciation:

Whereas, Carl "Lee" Ciampo was employed by the Town of Alton on May 25, 1987 as an Attendant/Equipment Operator at the Alton Landfill; and

Whereas, Lee Ciampo also worked as a Truck Driver and Equipment Operator for the Alton Highway Department; and

Whereas, during his tenure with the Town of Alton, Lee attended many courses and training seminars to better perform his responsibilities with an increased awareness of safety issues; and

Whereas, Lee became the official Town line painter and welder in addition to his other duties; and

Whereas, Lee has retired from the Town of Alton after six years of distinguished service to the community effective August 1, 1993; and

Whereas, Lee was given a retirement party on July 17 by his family, friends and co-workers;

Now, therefore, the Alton Board of Selectmen is pleased to present this Certificate of Appreciation to Carl "Lee" Ciampo in recognition of his honorable retirement; and

Furthermore, the Alton Board of Selectmen wish Lee many years of relaxed happiness and comfortable enjoyment of life's rewards from this point onward.

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NEW STAFF AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

New teachers for the 1993-94 school year at Alton Central School include:

Jennifer Van Cor (Art, K-12) She was graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston as well as Hope College in Holland, Maine. She previously served as a part-time art teach at Alton.

Heather Mason (Physical Education, K-12) Presently attending Keene State for her master's degree, Mason is a graduate of Frostburg State University and has taught PE in Baltimore, Maryland.

Karen McCarthy (Instrumental Music, K-12) She is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music and has recently taught at the Frisbee Middle School in Kittery, Maine.

Curtis Nichols (Math and Computer, K-12) Nichols is a graduate of Dartmouth College and has a master's degree from the University of New Hampshire. He has taught math and computer at Laconia Technical College, Franklin Pierce College, Moultonborough Academy, Montessori Learning Center, and Concord High School.

Donna Ray (Chemistry and Physics, 9-12) She is a graduate of Boston College and has a master's degree in Natural Science from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She has taught at Pembroke Academy and in Winchendon, Massachusetts.


DANCE CLUB LOCATION

The Country Drifters Dance Club is now meeting at the Alton Bay Community Center from 7 to 9p.m. on Thursdays beginning September 9. Call 875-4126 for information and new members are always welcome.




BEST OF SHOW/PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Carol and Dave Ogilvie of Dover receive the Best of Show and People's Choice awards for their 1954 Crown Victoria entry in the 2nd Annual Classic Car Show. The awards are being presented by Show Chairman Mike Fuller. 65 vehicles were on display with trophies presented in 15 classes.



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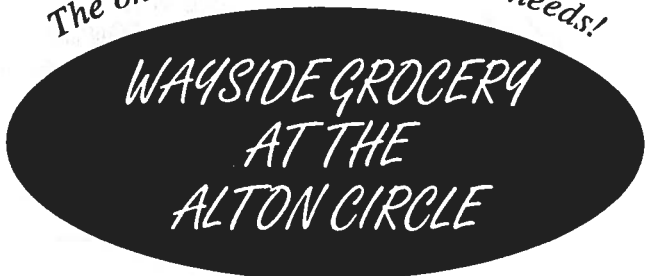
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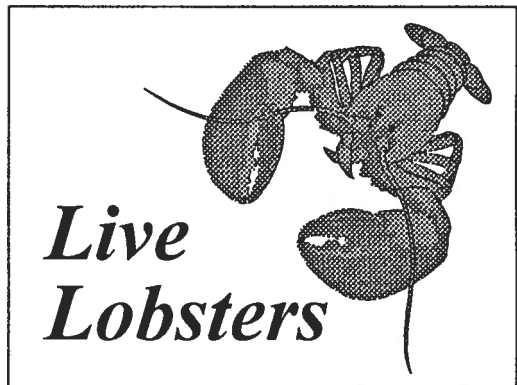
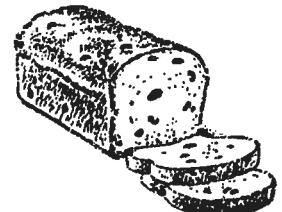
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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

**FISHING FUN CONTINUES AS
SUMMER ENDS AND FALL BEGINS**

With September comes another change of seasons. Shorter days and cooling temperatures usher in fall and end summer.

Fall is usually associated with the hunting season, but there is still some good fishing to be had. September 30 is the last day of the regular salmon and lake trout fishing season. But, right here in Alton, the diehard fisherperson can fly fish for spawning salmon in the Merrymeeting River

from the dam to the Route 11 bridge at Alton Bay until October 31. Remember though, the day after Labor Day until October 31, one must use flies with barbless hooks or the barbs pinched down, and all fish caught must be released. If you don't fish, you can stop by and take a look at the size of these fish that visit Alton's waters.

Archery deer season opens September 15 to start off the fall hunting seasons and runs until December 15. Be aware that September 15 falls on a Wednesday. Unlike the past opening days, which were always a Saturday, the Fish and Game Department has decided to try to make things simpler by making September 15 the opening date from now on, no matter what day it falls on.

With the record take by archers last year and the number of deer I've had to dodge this summer, the prospects look good for some tasty venison this fall. Now, if luck does its part....

If you still need some practice, the Farmington Fish and Game Club has a 15 paper target shoot every Thursday evening between 5:30 and 7p.m. at Club Pond in New Durham.

Good luck and remember - "Good planets are hard to find".



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**TWO ALTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
RECEIVE JOHN L. BUCHER SCHOLARSHIPS**

Thad Gulbrandsen and Luke Howell were recently selected as recipients of John Laurence Bucher Scholarships given in memory of Bucher, a long-time teacher at Alton High School. The award is given to Alton graduates majoring in English, theater, liberal arts, music, art or education.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Registration for Sunday School at the Community Church of Alton will take place on Sunday, September 12, at 9:30a.m. in the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street. The children chimers also will be registered at that time. The first day of classes will be Sunday, September 19, at 9:30a.m.

Also beginning on September 12 will be a worship, sermon and film series focusing on the significance of the church. During morning worship at 11a.m., Dr. Peter Roussaki will deliver sermons entitled: "What Happens at Church?", "Affirming and Celebrating Our Heritage", "Learning How To Deal With Problems", Caring For One Another", "Confessing and Forgiving", and others. The 10-week series will include evening sessions at 6:30p.m. with videos depicting the formation, trials and testimony of the early church. All are welcome.

For more information on any of the activities call 875-5561.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Open House at the Alton Central School is Wednesday, September 15, beginning at 6p.m.



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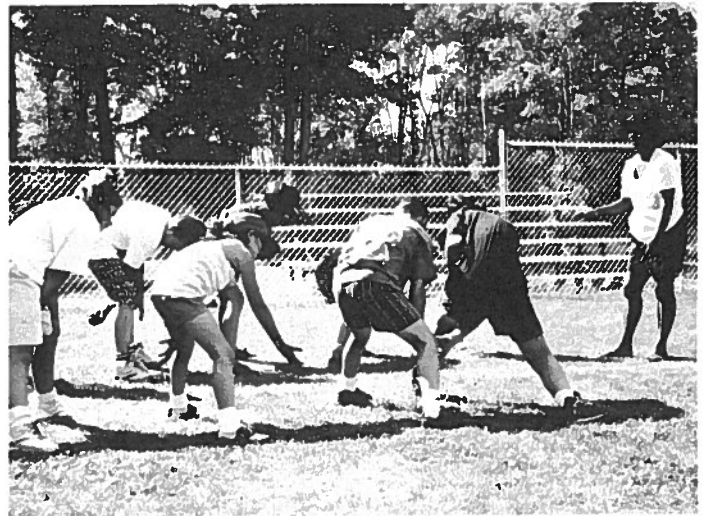
PARKS AND RECREATION CONTINUES SEARCH FOR NEW AND DIFFERENT

The Parks and Recreation Department has been hard at work bringing new programs, events and entertainment to the Alton community.

Some of the new activities and programs featured this summer were an Adult Co-Ed Softball League, Country Dance Lessons, Day Camp, Healthy Strides Exercise Program, Soccer Camp, and Beach Volleyball.

The Department also has taken an active part in helping to coordinate Old Home Week activities.

With a full committee and an energetic staff, the Parks



DAY CAMP FIELD DAY

and Recreation Department is busy planning a Fall schedule full of activities and special events for the whole town to enjoy. Some of the special events coming up are an October Festival, Great Pumpkin Hunt, Haunted House, Haunted Hayride, and a Ski and Skate Sale.

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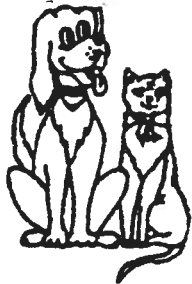
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VOLLEYBALL TEAM OPENS AGAINST LACONIA CHRISTIAN

On Friday, September 3, the Alton Volleyball team will start its pursuit of 1993 post-season honors at home against Laconia Christian.

Last year the team finished third in the rugged combined Class M-S division before losing in the quarterfinals to Sunapee. Coach Elaine MacDonald lost five graduating seniors, but has two 1992 starters returning: Sara Wyatt and Mandy Waterman. Also returning are Maureen Coots, Courtney Newton, Jesse McKinney, Juleigh Everson, and several from a very strong 1992 JV squad.

Cautiously optimistic, Coach MacDonald says, "We expect to be competitive again this year."

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....School Principal Sherwood Fluery was named assistant superintendent of SAU 51 and Assistant Principal George Rogers became principal.....ballot counting was automated with the introduction of a counting machine during the primary elections.....installation of water meters for year round customers began.....volunteers turned out to rake the playing fields at the School in preparation for the athletic seasons.....the Alton Women's Club "retired" after 65 years of service to the community.....Elizabeth Felipe, Nancy Hammerton, Anne Hoopes, and Margot Walker were named to the School staff and Nancy Zappone returned after a year in France.

ALL ABOUT ALTON: Eleazer Davis was our first elected town clerk and moderator.

SELECTMEN VOTE AGAINST SENDING TAX INVENTORY FORMS

The Board of Selectmen voted last month not to send out tax inventory forms this year and to review the matter again next year.

The decision was made after hearing from Assessing Clerk Diantha Moulton who described the forms as "too time consuming to be usable". She also noted that the forms often were received incomplete.

CUB SCOUT SCHOOL NIGHT PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 23

Cub Scout Pack 53 is gearing up for another successful year beginning with School Night on Thursday, September 23, at 7p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Boys in grades 1-5 interested in joining Cub Scouts are invited to come with a parent and join the Pack.

For more information, call Cub Master Debbie Burton at 875-5188 or Chairman Frank Alden at 859-8881 evenings.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS LAKE SUNAPEE CRUISE

On Tuesday, September 21, the Alton Historical Society will travel to Lake Sunapee for a two-hour cruise aboard the MV Mt. Sunapee II. The trip will leave at 8a.m. from the Congregational Church parking lot. The cost is \$9 or \$8 for

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MASONIC LODGE TO HOST FRIENDSHIP NIGHT

Thomas Reed, master of Winnepesaukee Lodge in Alton has announced that a Masonic Friendship Night will be held at the Edgewood Restaurant on Route 28 North at 7:30p.m. on Friday, September 17. The program will provide an introduction to Freemasonry with a video presentation and guest speakers. There will be a light buffet, spouses are welcome to attend, and reservations are required.

Reed noted that "too little is known about Masonry and the charitable work we do. We hope to take this opportunity to explain the fraternity; its history, customs and ritual. In the past, we have done a poor job promoting ourselves and our work, and as a consequence, myth and misunderstanding is generally what the public perception of us is."

Masonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternity, with over 600,000 members in this country alone. Eleven U.S. presidents have been Masons, including Harry Truman and Gerald Ford. Masons and Masonic organizations raise over \$1 million per day to support many charities, including the Shriners burns and crippled children hospitals.

According to Reed, "Masonry is open to all men over the age of 21, regardless of race, creed, national origin or religious affiliation. We feel Masonry is an excellent way to give of yourself and help your fellow man through a local



organization."

For more information call Reed at 364-7363 or Bill Ryan at 875-2112 or return the form below to Winnepesaukee Lodge #75, P. O. Box 745, Alton 03809.

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Community Church - Worship at the Baptist Meeting House, 11a.m. in May, 10a.m. in June through August, 11a.m. in September, Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor, 875-5561

First Free Will Baptist Church - Sunday School 9:45a.m., Church 11a.m., Evening Service 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7p.m., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason

St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines

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Board of Selectmen - 1st and 3rd Monday, 7p.m.; 2nd and 4th Monday, 9a.m.

Planning Board - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings with Planner by Appointment, Closed Noon to 1p.m.

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AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall

CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., 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 April through October

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall

LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30p.m. Mama Rina's

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MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday

PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - 3rd

Wednesday 7p.m. Alton Central School

ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m.

Church Hall

SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday 10a.m., Pearson Road Center

VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m. American Legion Hall

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September Events

- Wed. 1 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
Thu. 2 - CROSS COUNTRY vs. Belmont, 3:30p.m.
Fri. 3 - NO SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL vs. Laconia Christian, 6:30p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
Sat. 4 - FLOOD RELIEF FLEA MARKET, Town Hall, 9a.m. to 2p.m.
Mon. 6 - LABOR DAY - School, Town Hall, Transfer Station Closed
Wed. 8 - CROSS COUNTRY at Belmont, 3:30p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
Thu. 9 - SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL vs. Sunapee, 4p.m.
Fri. 10 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
Sat. 11 - FLOOD RELIEF WALK-A-THON, Route 11D, 8a.m. FLEA MARKET, Pearson Road Community Center, 9a.m. to 1p.m.
SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL at Concord Christian, 10a.m.
CROSS COUNTRY at Bishop Guertin Invitational, 10a.m.
Sun. 12 - SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION, Congregational Meeting House, 9:30a.m.
Mon. 13 - SOCCER vs. Derryfield, 4p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY at Sanborn Invitational, 4p.m.
Wed. 15 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Nute, 3:30p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
Thu. 16 - SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL at Epping, 4p.m.
Fri. 17 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
MASONIC FRIENDSHIP NIGHT, Edgewood Restaurant, 7:30p.m.
Sat. 18 - CROSS COUNTRY at Coe Brown Invitational, 9a.m.
SOCCER vs. Calvary Christian, 1p.m.
Mon. 20 - SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL vs. Moultonboro, 4p.m.
Tue. 21 - CRUISE on Lake Sunapee, 8a.m.
CROSS COUNTRY at Belmont, 3:30p.m.
Wed. 22 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL vs. Concord Christian, 4p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
Thu. 23 - CUB SCOUT SCHOOL NIGHT, Legion Hall, 7p.m.
Fri. 24 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
Sat. 25 - CROSS COUNTRY at Manchester Invitational, 10a.m.
SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL at Linwood, 2:30p.m.
HARVEST SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5p.m.
Tue. 28 - GARDEN CLUB, Congregational Meeting House, 1:30p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY at Sant Bani Invitational, 3:30p.m.
SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL at Sunapee, 4p.m.
Wed. 29 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.

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ALTON TEEN TRAVELS TO LITHUANIA

By Lori Durkee

On February 14, 1993, Kevin Thomits, 16 year old son of Linda and Arthur "Skip" Thomits, joined Larry Frate's art/theater group and chaperons on a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, to perform. Everyone was awed by the Russian culture and the intimidating attitude of the soldiers as they checked passports at the airport. The whole atmosphere was unnerving.

The group also performed at the U.S. Consulate General's home. Kevin did the technical "behind the scenes" work, lights, scenery, etc. From there, they took the train to Vilnius, Lithuania. Kevin met and resided six days with a Lithuanian family, Vytautas (Vee-tus) and Holina Jurkunas (Yur-coon-us) and their sons, Jonas and Andrius, while the theater group performed children's shows and two dance numbers at the Lithuanian Youth Theater and Salomeya Neries School. They were followed by TV crews and their performances were featured on television. They were in Europe two weeks, having a great time. The Jurkunas family invited Kevin back.



KEVIN THOMITS IN RUSSIAN UNIFORM

On Sunday, July 4, Kevin flew, alone, on Continental Airlines from Logan Airport to Newark, NJ, where he changed to SAS (a Scandinavian airline) and landed in Copenhagen. From there, he flew to Vilnius Airport in Lithuania. Kevin was met by Jonas and Andrius Jurkunas. Kevin enjoyed three weeks and three days with the Jurkunas family and their friends.

The first Friday, Kevin, Jonas and three Lithuanian friends took a five to six hour bus ride to the Jurkunas' seven room, summer cottage in Nida, on the Baltic Sea. Andrius was ill so he remained at home.

On Wednesday, Kevin and his friends walked the large sand dunes on the peninsula which ends in the gulf and is in Russian territory. As a Russian border patrol approached, Jonas warned Kevin to stand still and not speak or they could be detained. One of Jonas' friends reached into his pocket for a cigarette causing one of the guards to quickly lower his gun toward the friend. Jonas' friend withdrew his hand and cigarettes out of his pocket, in slow motion. It was



THE JURKUNAS FAMILY

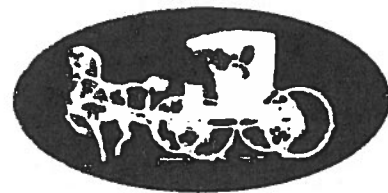
a spine chilling few moments for Kevin and his friends as they gathered a few sweat beads along their brows. They were relieved when the guards continued on their patrol. It didn't take the boys long to move on to safer grounds.

As the daylight lasts longer, the swimming hours are from 6a.m. to 11p.m. At 11p.m. the Soviet patrol rakes the beach so they will know when and if spies have used the dunes during the night. Jonas explained to Kevin how spies wear homemade moose feet when they cross the sand dunes to deliver information to waiting boats.

Other interests were rusty torpedoes reaching out of the sand on the beach, Soviet bombs in the woods near the path leading to the beach and the rustic guard towers used by the Soviet for spotting the enemy.

Kevin got to spend some evenings, while at Nida, on a Baltic boat that was restored and restructured into a cafe, listening to a jazz band. The back deck had tables and chairs and the bar was below deck, making for much exercise for the barmaids. Kevin, however, didn't indulge in the spirits. When he got back to Vilnius, he and Andrius joined in some cafe parties, again having fun without alcohol.

There will be more on Kevin in the next issue.



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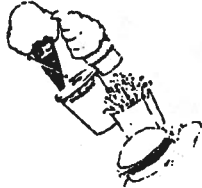


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The Parks and Recreation Department would like to express its sincere gratitude to the people, businesses, organizations and especially the volunteers that helped make the programs and events a success.

We cannot start to mention the names of all who have made generous contributions. There is not enough room in these pages. To all of you who have helped with the summer programs and events, we greatly appreciate your time and efforts.

This year was enjoyable to all who participated and you helped make it happen. Sincere thanks from the Parks and Recreation Department and Committee.



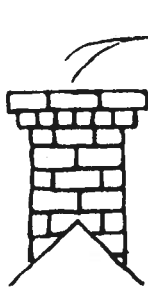
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Coach Gary "Bubba" Noyes is pleased with the quantity and quality of returning players. They include: Marc Newlin, Eric Waterman, David and Scot Overall, Justin and Jacob Swain, Gary Noyes, Mike Warner, and Matt Pelletier. Of special interest is the presence on the team of German exchange student Andre Steingraeber from Schleswig Holstein, who is residing with the Overalls.

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BI-CENTENNIAL FOCUS

By Judy Fry

EARLY INHABITANTS

Precisely who among the first white explorers to set foot on the shores of New Hampshire will probably never be known. Possibly the Irish around 1000 A.D. were the first settlers in what is now known as North Salem, NH.

There are stone ruins in North Salem believed by many archaeologists to be the oldest megalithic (prehistoric construction using huge stones) site in North America. Carbon dating conducted in 1970 showed this site to be at least 4000 years old.

Another school of thought is that Vikings arrived shortly after 1000 A.D. and set up out posts around New England. We do know an Italian explorer in the service of France named Giovanni da Verrazano skirted the coast of New England and landed in the area we now know as Portsmouth in 1524. In 1603, just 11 years before John Smith's arrival, explorer Samuel de Champlain sailed along the coast of New England. Also that year, Captain Pring of England explored the Piscataqua River area.

Arriving back in England in 1614, Captain John Smith published a written description and map of land from Cape Cod in Massachusetts to Penobscot, Maine. In 1623, King James I gave Captain John Mason and Fernando Gorges a triangular piece of land in the area we now know as New Hampshire, named by Mason after the English County of Hampshire. In the spring of 1623, David Thompson arrived in the "New World" and settled at Odiorne's Point (Rye) which is near the area we know today as Portsmouth.

The first real step toward settling this wilderness came in 1652 when a party of six travelled up the Merrimack River. Several days later the four men with their two Indian guides reached Franklin Falls where the Merrimack forked

with the Winnepesaukee River. Following this branch the band of men came upon a body of water which the Indians called "Winipishshoki Pond". Where the river and "Pond" joined the men found a village of friendly Aquadoctan Indians. This tribe was known for its hunting and fishing skills. The Aquadoctans built an unusual and unique fishing trap called a weir at the mouth of the Winnepesaukee River. Unfortunately all traces of these old fishing traps have disappeared in the interest of improved navigation.

In studying Chester B. Price's Indian Trails Map, dated 1956, it clearly shows that Merry Meeting Bay (Alton Bay) was a junction for many Indian trails and in later years was used by military troops and settlers. There was a well defined trail along the eastern shore of the lake which clearly showed campsites at Roberts Cove and Camp Kabeyun.

At the prospect of continuing Indian wars it seemed advisable to build a fort or garrison at the foot of the Bay. The uneasy peace between the early settlers and Indian tribes that erupted into bloody warfare beginning in 1675 would continue for nearly 100 years ending with the Treaty of Paris in 1763.

There are differing opinions whether a fort was ever built within the boundaries of Alton. Although bills were introduced as early as 1722 to the General Court in Portsmouth, no action was taken. It appears the costs of construction were never funded.

The other locations where it was said a fort or garrison/blockhouse was located was at the top of Levey Park hill. A blockhouse consisting of rough logs may have been erected on this small hilltop. It offered rustic protection from the weather and raiding French and Indians. It provided a view of the trails and lake and an enemy could be seen travelling in any direction on Merry Meeting Bay.

The Winnibisauga, Quannippi, Cochikek, Penekek, Abenaki and Masquamagonk tribes all played an important part in helping early settlers survive in this rugged land before the Indian wars. There is a marker next to the sidewalk near the Alton Bay bridge commemorating the location where six tribes of Lakes Region Indians met and held annual pow wows.

One only needs to read Jeremy Belknap's History of New Hampshire, Vol. I, 1812, to learn about Indian activity covering the period from the early 1600s to the late 1700s. This area is rich with Indian history, legends and, most importantly, artifacts are still being discovered in Alton. Pieces of flint, burnt soil, fragments of pottery, stone gouges, a double edge ax and a skeleton have been found here.

Contributions from the Indians are too numerous to list here, but several should be mentioned: maize/corn, maple syrup, snowshoes, moccasins, birch bark and dugout canoes, and herbal medicines. Our mountains, lakes and highways bare the names of notable Indian men and women. Such names as Passaconway, Kangamagus, Ellacoya and Chocorua left their mark long ago. However, their legends will continue to be passed on for generations to come. Their spirits live on.

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By Pat Merrill, Librarian


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The Story Hour for 3-5 year olds will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 10:45a.m. Our first program on September 22 celebrates "The Teddy Bear's Picnic". The program includes a story, activity, and either a video or film strip. The librarians look forward to this very special event -- and hope to see LOTS of children. Bring your favorite stuffed animal, kids, and come for some fun, see our library and take home books!

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By Diane Carr, Class of 1996

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Six days were spent with 21 other excellent students (ages 15-18) from across NH listening to lectures on such subjects as the importance of soils, the functions of trees, tree identification, the diseases and pests of trees, and stewardship and urban forestry management planning, all



taught by top experts in their fields. These subjects were very informative and helpful in preparing us for the major project we were to accomplish by the end of the week.

By the second day, we were divided into four groups and assigned various parts of the Deerfield community and forests to improve the quality of the town by using

conservational methods. At the end of the week, we presented our ideas and options to the people of Deerfield.

Even though our week quickly ended, the program has not. With the help of my appointed advisor, Chris Kane, and

the knowledge I have gained, I can now implement the same kind of benefits of urban trees into my own town of Alton.

Besides the educational aspects of the conservation camp, I also met many new people from throughout NH with whom I will have memories and friendships for many years to come.

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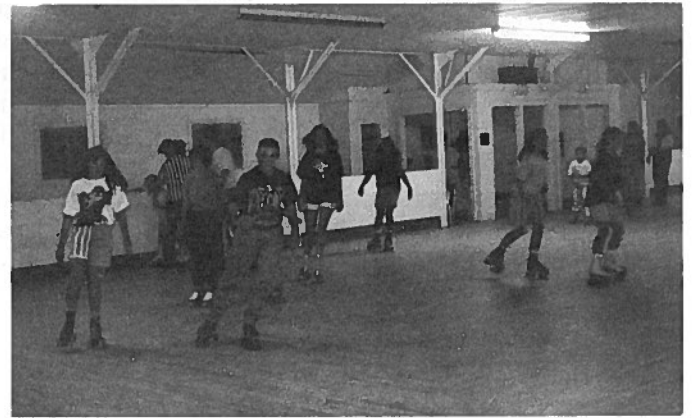
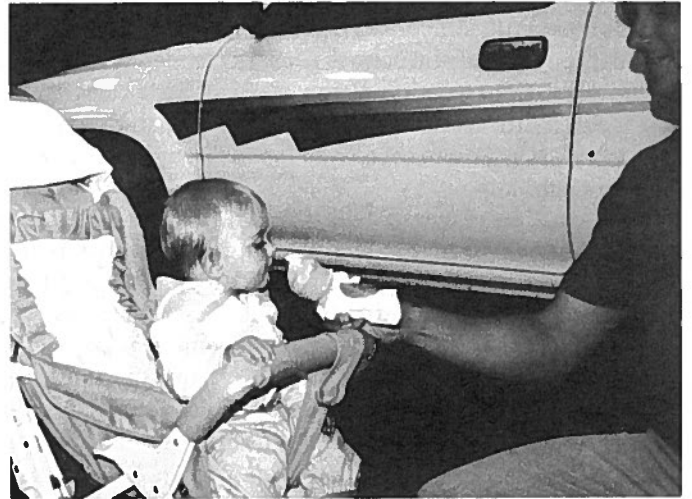
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