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ALTON, N. H.

ALTON DESIGNATED AN OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS PLANNED BY COMMITTEE

By Bob Calvert

Alton has been honored by its designation as an official Constitution Bicentennial Community. The honor recognizes the unique day-long celebration planned for Sunday, September 6, by the local committee led by Nancy Johnston. Mrs. Johnston and her committee believe firmly that the Bicentennial offers a chance for all Alton families - indeed all Americans - to reaffirm the principles for which the Constitution of their country stand - rights and liberties all too often taken for granted.

Sunday, September 6, is a family-orientated day and it is hoped that Alton families will attend one or more of the exciting events throughout the day and evening. Just come!

The Moore Chapel at the Advent Christian Campground will be the scene of a 7a.m. Sunrise Service followed by a "Constitution Breakfast" until 11a.m. sponsored by American Legion and Auxiliary Posts 72 at the Legion Hall. The breakfast cost is \$3.

An appealing early afternoon feature at the Alton Bay Bandstand will present the "Newmarket Militia" with cannon, musket and manual of arms displays from 1 to 2:30p.m. This event is sponsored by the Gilman Lyceum Fund. A huge "Celebrate America Picnic" along the Alton Bay waterfront will bring together scores of Alton families and visitors. Bring your own food, supplies, and seats.

Sunday evening, again at the Alton Bay Bandstand from 7 to 8p.m., the U.S. Air Force Band of New England will perform in concert. Selectmen will present a special proclamation during the concert. In the event of rain this segment will be held in the Alton Central School Gym.

The "capper" on the long and significant day will be fireworks at the Bay sponsored by American Legion Post 72. In case of rain, the fireworks will be on Monday, September 7, Labor Day.

The person who takes responsibility on his shoulders isn't likely to have a chip there.

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STATE FIREMEN CONVERGE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 90th Annual Convention of the New Hampshire State Firemen's Association will bring more than 600 firefighters, spouses, guests, and exhibitors to Alton on Saturday, September 12 for the two-day event.

Fire equipment displays, round table discussions, the annual business meeting and a vesper service will offer a full range of activities for the participants. Wives will enjoy a quilt show, a doll show, and a fashion show luncheon.

The dinner-dance is scheduled on a special cruise of the M.S. Mount Washington that will depart from Alton Bay Saturday evening.

The major public event will be the parade of fire apparatus through town from the School and Main Streets starting point at noon.

The Alton Fire Department last served as convention host in 1973.

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Advent Christian Church - Sunday, 11a.m. & 6p.m.
- Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday, 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
- Community Church - Worship Service 10a.m., Baptist Meeting House, Rev. Dwight V. Meader
- Hosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday School, 9:45a.m., Church, 10:45a.m., American Legion, Pastor Gene V. Beaudry
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo Hines

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 - AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 - AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
 - BOY SCOUT TROUP 53 - Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Steven Temple, 859-6270
 - CHESS CLUB - Wednesday, 7p.m., Busy Corner Store
 - CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 - EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 - GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday, 875-6426
 - FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
 - HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Tuesday, 7p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, 293-7749
 - LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-5645
 - LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-5916
 - MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
 - NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., New Durham School
 - OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Monday, 7p.m., 1st two at Cozy Cottages; 2nd two at American Legion Hall
 - ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
 - SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Tuesday, 12:30p.m., Community House
- COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:**
 Mon. & Fri., 1 - 3p.m., Wed., 9a.m. - 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

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- ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman J. Leo Meehan, Jr. 875-5311
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- PLANNING BOARD - Meets first Monday at 7:00p.m. Chairman Stephen Barsanti 875-5555
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- SCHOOL BOARD - Meets second and fourth Mondays. Chairman Terri Noyes 875-7140
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DIORIO FAMILY/FRIENDS AGAIN BEST OVERALL IN OLD HOME WEEK PARADE

The winner in the Private Float category went on to be named Best Overall Float in the 1987 Old Home Week Parade. The Diorio Family and Friends entry took top honors as they have in the four other years they have entered the competition.

The Farmington Fire Department edged out the Alton Fire Department to win the Annual Bed Race.

Other parade winners were:

Emergency Vehicle

- 1st Place - Tuftonboro Fire Department
- 2nd Place - New Durham Rescue
- 3rd Place - Wolfeboro Rescue

Bands

- 1st Place - Hudson American Legion Post 48
- 2nd Place - Moulton's Band
- 3rd Place - DeRose Orchestra

Organization Float

- 1st Place - Alton Cub Scouts
- 2nd Place - Alton Lioness Club

Novelty

- 1st Place - Constitution Bicentennial Committee of Alton
- 2nd Place - Kora Temple Shriners

Commercial Float

- 1st Place - Farmington National and Savings Bank
- 2nd Place - Century 21
- 3rd Place - Village Video

Antique Vehicle

- 1st Place - Tom Fry (1930 Model A)
- 2nd Place - Cecile Chasson (1963 Chrysler)
- 3rd Place - Mal's Used Cars (1961 T-Bird)

FLASHBACKS

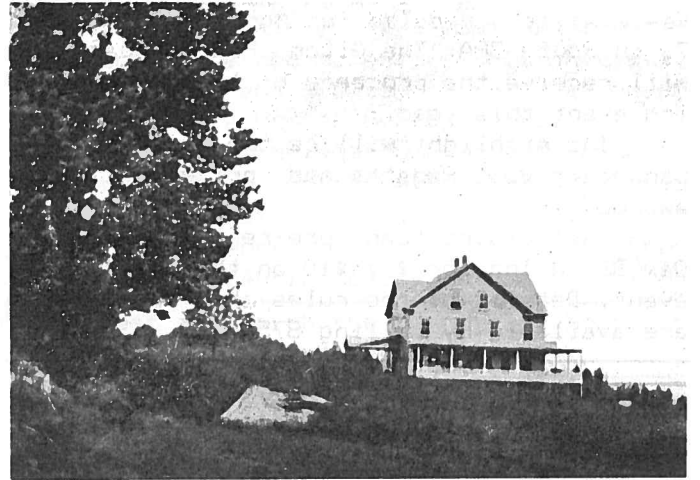


Photo Courtesy of Bob Witham "Smith's Point R.R. Station" is the clue in this 75 year old photo. Provide some trees and shrubbery, give the old place a paint job, and you have the William Tell Restaurant in West Alton.

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ANNUAL WATER FESTIVAL SET BY OAK BIRCH INN

The Fifth Annual Oak Birch Inn Water Festival is scheduled for Monday, September 7, on Route 28A. The Alton Fire Department will receive the proceeds of the fund-raising event this year.

The highlight will be the ever-popular Cardboard Boat Regatta and prizes will be awarded.

Participants can pre-register at the Oak Birch Inn for \$7; \$10 on the day of the event. Details of the rules and regulations are available by calling 875-5200.

DOLL HOUSE DOLLS

The monthly meeting of the Happy Hobby Doll Club will be held Friday, September 25, at 7p.m. in the Alton Bay Community House. The theme of this month's meeting is "Doll House Dolls".

Call Ruth Messier at 875-6750 for additional information.

The best cure for insomnia is Monday morning

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Fri. 4 - SOCCER SCRIMMAGE vs. Coe Brown, 4p.m., Home
- Sat. 5 - CRAFT FAIR - Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m.-6p.m.
FILM: "STILL NOT ASHAMED" - Bible Conference Center 7:30p.m.
- Sun. 6 - CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:
Sunrise Service, Christian Campground, 7a.m.
Breakfast, American Legion Hall, 8 to 11a.m.
Newmarket Militia, Bandstand, 1p.m.
Family Picnic, Alton Bay, 5p.m.
Air Force Band Concert, Bandstand, 7p.m.
Reading of the Proclamation, Bandstand, 7:45p.m.
Fireworks, Alton Bay
- Mon. 7 - LABOR DAY - Town Hall Closed
WATER FESTIVAL - Oak Birch Inn, Route 28A
- Tues. 8 - FIRST DAY OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR
VOLLEYBALL vs. Sunapee, 4p.m., Away
SOCCER vs. Calvary Christian, 4p.m., Home
CROSS COUNTRY vs. Winnisquam, 4p.m., Home
- Fri. 11 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Concord Christian, 4p.m., Away
SOCCER vs. Concord Christian, 4p.m., Home
CROSS COUNTRY vs. Concord, 4p.m., Away
- Sat. 12 - CROSS COUNTRY at Bishop Guertin Invitational
FLEA MARKET - Lioness Club, Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m.-3p.m.
- Sun. 13 - PARADE: NH STATE FIREMEN'S CONVENTION, Noon
- Mon. 14 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Ashland, 4p.m., Away
SOCCER vs. Ashland, 4p.m., Away
- Tues. 15 - SOCCER vs. Derryfield, 4p.m., Home
CROSS COUNTRY vs. Derryfield, 4p.m., Home
- Wed. 16 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 1p.m.
"POISONED PENS: MYSTERY FICTION" - Gilman Library 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 18 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Pittsfield, 6p.m., Away
- Mon. 21 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Gilford, 4p.m., Home
- Tues. 22 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Moultonboro, 4p.m., Away
SOCCER vs. Moultonboro, 4p.m., Away
CROSS COUNTRY vs. Interlakes, 4p.m., Away
CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT - American Legion Hall
SCOUTING SIGN-UP - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Wed. 23 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 1p.m.
- Thurs. 24 - POSH HASHANAH
- Fri. 25 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Nute, 4p.m., Home
SOCCER vs. Nute, 4p.m., Home
"DOLL HOUSE DOLLS" - Sponsored by Happy Hobby Doll Club, Alton Bay Community House, 7p.m.
- Mon. 28 - CROSS COUNTRY vs. Gilford, 4p.m., Home
- Tues. 29 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Epping, 4p.m., Home
SOCCER vs. Gorham, 4p.m., Away
- Wed. 30 - CROSS COUNTRY vs. Sant Bani, 4p.m., Away
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 1p.m.
"POISONED PENS: MYSTERY FICTION" - Wolfeboro Public Library, 7:30p.m.

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American Legion Post 72 will sponsor a Cribbage Tournament beginning Tuesday, September 22, through November 10 if 28 players pre-register. Call Ronnie Rojek, 875-6670; Peggy Fogg, 859-6921; or Ed Beaulieu, 875-6789, for more information.

FOCUS ON:

JEAN-ALBAN MOTIER

By Bill Watkins

"Freedom" is the response of Jean-Alban Mortier when asked what has impressed him most during his first trip to the United States.

The 17 year old high school graduate, one of 8 French students visiting New Hampshire communities, spent 4 weeks this summer with the David McKenney family. Pressed to explain his comment, he cites the freedom from pressure to conform, the acceptance of individual preference and expression as part of the American life style.

Jean's home is an apartment in Le Havre where he lives with his parents and 10 year old sister. His father is a doctor, but Jean wants to enter "La Fleche", a sort of preparatory school for the military, in hopes of acceptance into flight training at Grenoble. He speaks English and German as well as his native French, has travelled to England, Spain, Switzerland, Germany and Austria. He enjoys tennis, skiing and water sports, but his favorite recreation is golf; modestly he admits to a championship in his class, a skill certain lakes region duffers can confirm.

"The United States", he says, "is the country of my dreams". His extensive knowledge of our history, geography and civics would embarrass many of his American peers. Now that he has seen one corner of our country, what does he think of it? He enjoys the quiet, relaxed atmosphere - "ambience" - of a small town, so different from the largest port in France. He likes the local teenagers he has met. Shopping is wonderful - so much variety, and inexpensive. The Canobie Lake Amusement Park, the State House in Concord, the view from Mt. Washington. Strange American customs like cooking hamburgers at a roadside picnic. He wants to try water skiing, maybe a jet ski, visit Pease Air Force Base, play some more golf, and go shopping for American clothes.

And what does he not like? Most definitely, the mosquitoes! It takes time to get used to the space and the distances; at home he can walk almost everywhere he wants to go, here you need a car, everything is so far apart. (He doesn't drive, you have to be 18 in France, and he really doesn't care much about it.) No complaints. He is polite.

He is also personable, smart, articulate, and, says Linda McKenney, constantly surprising his hosts with the depth and scope of his knowledge. He came to Alton under the auspices of World Exchange, a non-profit educational organization based in Putnam Landing, New York, which arranges month-long in-

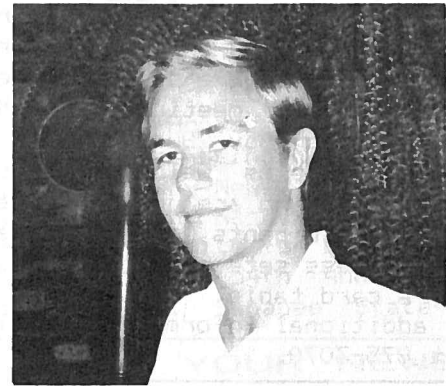


Photo by Bill Watkins

ternational exchange visits for students from half a dozen European countries and Japan, as well as the United States. Patrice Hallock of the World Exchange office in Laconia says this is the first year they have found hosts in New Hampshire. She hopes the two year old program will expand both here and throughout the country. The McKenneys hope Jean returns to France with as good an impression of Alton as the one he left behind.

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Beginners are as welcome as seasoned players or those who are just curious about the game. Participants are encouraged to bring their chess sets and boards and, if possible, a card table.

For additional information, call David Howell at 875-3070.

CAN YOU HELP?

Town Historian Nina Liedtke is seeking old name genealogies to copy and place on file for present and future researchers.

Contact her at 875-3119 after 2p.m. or write to P.O.Box 224, Alton, 03809.

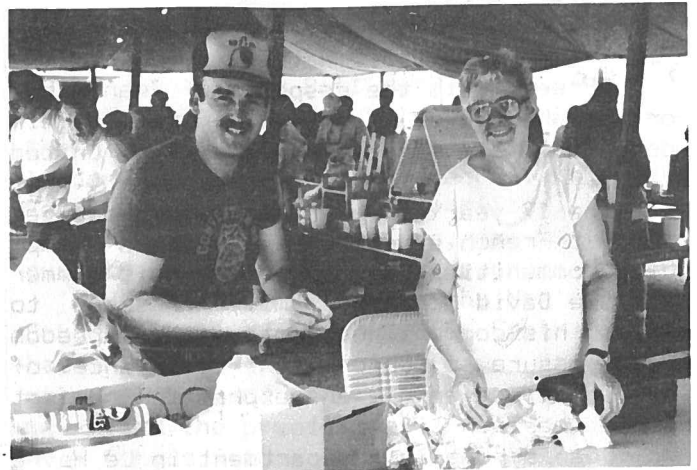


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PENNY SALE workers Jim Wheeler and Marion MacDonald at last month's benefit for the Alton Police Association.

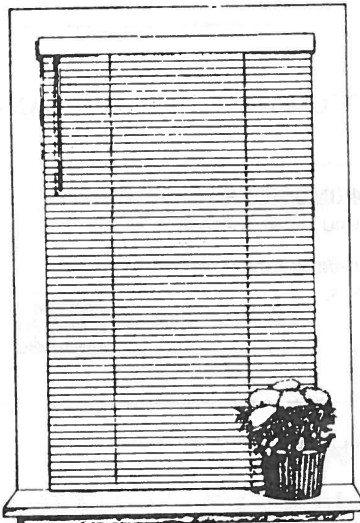
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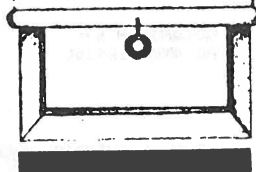
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SUPPORT WELCOMED

The publication of Main Street is made possible by the Alton businesses who advertise each month. Support these businesses and mention that you saw their ad in Main Street.

Many individual residents have expressed their appreciation for Main Street and have indicated an interest in supporting this activity financially.

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SPECIAL DISPLAYS IN PARKER MARINE WINDOW

By Jeanne Cole

Many visitors to town have enjoyed looking at the Cabbage Patch Kids in the window of Parker Marine in Alton Bay.

The recent display, featuring the Old Home Week theme - "A Town For All Seasons", shows several dolls fishing, others in a boat pulling a water-skier, an ice skater, and even Santa with his sleigh and reindeer.

The dolls belong to Maureen Parker and she makes or buys their various outfits. Although the dolls all come with birth certificates, she does not remember their different names except for one favorite, Ulysses.

The window is changed several times during the year as the seasons change and new ideas come to mind. Maureen tries to get all of her co-workers to help and credits Jay Sydow and Skip Moulton with the excellent scenery and props.

She thinks this is a good way to dress up the front window and she enjoys the children who come by to check the scene and ask when she plans to change things around again.

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.....John Conboy and the Old Home Week Committee for demonstrating how successful volunteering can be.....Matt Locke for his humanitarian trip to Honduras and Nicaragua... ..Bonnie Simpson for being named Cook of the Week by the NH Sunday News.....Alton Craftsmen Nancy Stillwagon, Harry Besett, Thomas Hoopes, and Sandra White for being selected to participate in the 54th Annual Craftsmen's Fair at Mt. Sunapee State Park.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public.

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Items to appear in the October issue must be received by September 15.

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MAJOR ADDITIONS to the Alton Central School are well underway as students and staff return for the new school year on Tuesday, September 8.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN

By Bill Watkins

The Alton School Volunteers will renew their dedicated service this year under the leadership of a troika of coordinators. Vikki Fogg, Anne Hoopes and Cindy Miller, experienced volunteers themselves, met in late August to start the 1987-88 program rolling.

Under the auspices of the New Hampshire School Volunteer Program, the Central School has an award-winning record of commitment, reliability and innovation. Newcomers to town find the program an excellent way to meet others with a real interest in the quality of the school.

Citizens of all ages, skills and experience have discovered this rewarding opportunity to participate in a vital community institution. They share a sense of pride and accomplishment when Principal Sherwood Fluey says "I don't know what the school would do without our volunteers".

Last year's volunteer corps will be advised of the date for a meeting to kick off this year's activities. As always, the coordinators are looking for new members. As the school expands, so does the need for more community participation. No experience or expertise is required, only a little spare time to commit to the enrichment of the educational experience.

For information, call Anne Hoopes at 875-3400 or Cindy Miller at 875-3690.

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"Poisoned Pens: Mystery Fiction" is the title of a reading and discussion series announced by the Gilman Library and the Wolfeboro Public Library and funded by the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities.

The series begins Wednesday, September 16, at the Gilman Library meeting every other week through October 28 and alternating with the Wolfeboro Library.

Participants will read eight books, two for each evening presentation by a New England scholar of literature followed by small group discussion.

Betsy Alexander, professor of English at New England College, will host the first evening featuring The Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey and Unsuitable Job for a Woman by P.D. James.

Subsequent programs include Death in a White Tie by Ngaio Marsh and Reflex by Dick Francis, led by Jeanette Ritzenthaler, on September 30; Dance Hall of the Dead by Tony Hillerman and The Chinese Bell Murders by Robert Van Gulik, led by Sally Boland, Plymouth State College English Professor, on October 14; and The Dutch Blue Error by William G. Tapply and The Judas Goat by Robert B. Parker, led by William G. Tapply, author and instructor, Lexington High School, on October 28.

Anyone interested in participating in the series is encouraged to preregister and obtain the first reading selections at either library.

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CONSTITUTION BREAKFAST

The Constitution Breakfast sponsored by American Legion Post 72 on Sunday, September 6, will include eggs, ham or sausage, home fries, toast, milk, juice, and coffee for only \$3 per person. The breakfast is available from 8 to 11a.m.

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NEW TEACHER PROFILES

New teachers and staff at Alton Central School include:

Alexander Brunell - Industrial Arts - 8 years teaching experience; graduate of Fitchburg State College; taught at Cristobal High School in Panama; IA certified.

Patricia Detoro - Elementary Special Education - teaching since 1965; Rhode Island College graduate; master's from University of Rhode Island; Alton resident; certified in general special education, learning disabilities and reading specialist.

Karen Dudman - High School Resource Program - Ed 51 teacher in Alton for 3 years; 6 years teaching experience; graduate of Keene State College; certified in general special education and elementary education.

Barbara Enos - Junior and Senior High English - bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts; masters from Central Connecticut State College; teaching since 1967.

Katherine Latchaw - Transition Program - 12 years of teaching experience; degree in elementary education/special education from Keene State College; completing masters in special education.

Suzanne L'Esperance - Physical Education - 6 years of experience; undergraduate degree from Westfield State College and graduate degree from Mankato State College; physical education certification.

Brenda Meehan - K-12 Health Program - registered nurse; graduate of St. Anselm's College; resident of Alton.

Ellen Parisi - Elementary Guidance Counselor - UNH degree in social service; guidance counseling masters from Notre Dame College; part-time position.

Jean Weymouth - Grade Two - a teacher since 1967; University of Connecticut graduate; master's degree in elementary education from Southern Connecticut State College.

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**ALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
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By Bill Watkins

Alton is a volunteer town of conscientious citizens serving public needs. Of such are the Fireflies, auxiliaries to the Alton Fire Department.

Founded in 1976 by Pauline Thumm, the names and numbers have changed over the years, but Alton Firefighters have learned to rely on a smile and coffee and a sandwich when the mean work of major fires or accidents begins to wear them down.

Special occasions like interdepartmental training exercises find the Fireflies with refreshments. Their help was invaluable in planning for this month's NH State Firemen's Association Convention. Fund-raising projects such as bake sales, flea markets, and the sale of Old Home Week tee-shirts have outfitted the department with an impressive list of gear: pagers, handtools, air packs and a recharging system, slide projector and screen, and a public address system.

The Fireflies' civic commitment extends beyond the Fire Department. At Christmas time Toys for Tots and presents of handknit hats and mittens and other warm clothes make the season a little brighter for some of their neighbors.

These dedicated ladies welcome new members, age 18 or above, who would like to give a little time to support the volunteer firemen. Fireflies president Jean Sample will be glad to provide additional information at 875-7534.

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES END
WITH SPECIAL EVENTS**

Summer activities and the Reading Program for children concluded with a flourish. Forty-three children fulfilled their reading contracts and 38 of them went to the Children's Museum in Portsmouth and Prescott Park for a picnic lunch and tour of the gardens on August 20.

Once again, the Library would like to thank Shibley's Ice Cream and the Farmington National and Savings Bank for their continued support of the Reading Program.

CHILDREN'S COUNTRY FAIR

The Second Annual Children's Country Fair on August 15 netted \$200 to buy new children's books. This amount is \$70 over last year's result and all of us are very pleased. Our profound thanks to all moms and dads who supported the children in their efforts to raise money for new books and to all you people who patronized the Fair. Our special thanks are extended to Peter and Susan Fenton who helped extensively with weekly programs as well as the Fair.

HAVE YOU READ.....

Dirk Gentry's Holistic Detective Agency by Douglas Adams, The Cherry Blossom Corpse by Robert Barnard, Patriot Games by Tom Clancy, or Collected Stories by Carson McCuller?

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Story Hour for 3 to 5 year olds begins September 16 with the annual Teddy Bear Picnic from 1 to 2p.m. Eligible youngsters are welcome with their favorite stuffed animal.

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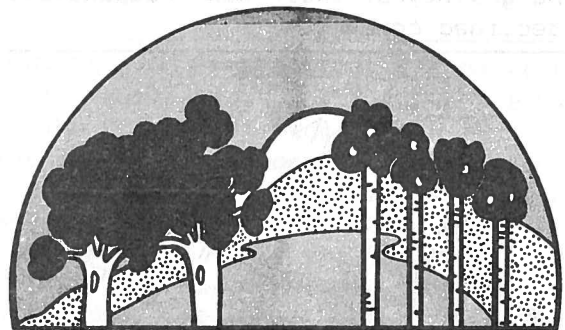
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TEDDIES TO THE RESCUE

Story and Photo by Bill Watkins

Two more volunteers have joined the ranks of Alton's emergency responders.

The Happy Hobby Doll Club has presented two charming teddy bears to the Fire Department and the Ambulance Service, as full-time crew members for the rescue truck and the ambulance. Their role will be principally to provide comfort and company for youngsters involved in the sometimes frightening kinds of incidents to which these vehicles respond.

Club president Maureen Parker, introducing the bears to their new commanders, noted they had not been given names, an omission which will probably be corrected on each assignment.

Marion Macdonald assured that the new ambulance attendant will be available to patients of all ages who require his services. Fire Captain Russ Sample opined his new recruit will get sufficient on-the-job training. The two teddies, obviously impressed with the gravity of their new responsibilities, declined comment.

ALTON SCOUTS ANNOUNCE UPCOMING SIGN-UP NIGHT

On Tuesday, September 22, Alton Pack 53 and Troup 53 will hold a Scouting Sign-Up at 7p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

Boys must be in first grade to become Tiger Scouts where they are introduced to the world of scouting through shared activities with an adult partner and other community members.

Cub Scouts is open to boys grades two, three, four or five.

Eligibility for Boy Scouts includes completion of Webelo or enrollment in the sixth grade or up.

Registration is \$3 and \$6.60 for a subscription to Boy's Life magazine.

The Scout program is sponsored by the American Legion Post 72 and more information is available from Steven Temple, 859-6270; Ron Sayles, 776-8399; or Gerry Fifield, 875-7254.

TOWN HALL HAS PART-TIME JOBS


The Selectmen's Office announces a part-time opening for a clerk for the Planning Board. Needed is the ability to organize, arrange and take minutes of meetings, prepare and maintain a variety of records, reports, and related materials.

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