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DOOR PRIZE WINNER

Paulette Wentworth, left, receives the video player door prize from Lion Cecile Chase during the 40th Annual Penny Sale and Jamboree sponsored by the Alton-New Durham Lions Club.

LIONS CLUB PENNY SALE RAISES \$4500 FOR ALTON DISASTER VICTIMS

The 40th Annual Penny Sale and Jamboree sponsored by the Alton-New Durham Lions Club broke all known Penny Sale records last month when \$4,500 was raised for the victims of the dam breach in March.

Area businesses and individuals responded with incredible generosity, many doubling their usual gift to help those in need. Hundreds of people attended the event in an attempt to win one or more of the hundreds of prizes on display and tickets sales exceeded all expectations.

An example of the support received was the volunteers that showed up to help run the event from the Meredith and Gilford/Laconia Lions Clubs, including the zone and region chairmen of the Lions District organization.

The major raffle prizes were won by local residents Kelly Ferland of Alton who won the mountain bike and Dolores Van Malden of New Durham who won the Alton Afghan. Paulette Wentworth of Alton won the door prize, a video player.

The Lions Club sponsors a number of fund raising activities to finance the many contributions to needy individuals and community organizations. While its primary focus is in the area of eye care, the Alton-New Durham Lions Club sponsors two \$400 scholarships, one in New Durham and one in Alton; supports the youth league activities in Alton and New Durham; and various projects aiding the disabled.

Upcoming events include the New Durham Spring Fling on May 11, and a Mini-Golf Night at the Blue Jay Golf Course on June 11. Any men or women interested in joining the Lions Club, or to find out more about membership, should call Membership Chairman John Irving at 875-2791 or Secretary/Treasurer John Duffek at 569-4441.

CODE OFFICIAL CANUEL ORGANIZES VOLUNTEER CONTRACTOR COALITION

By Bob Calvert

First responding emergency services get on the scene fast, "do their thing" and usually move on. So noted Alton Code Official Dick Canuel. Early on he saw the need for local, continuing service to the families heavily impacted by the recent dam break. More importantly, he did something about it!

Canuel, in his code official role, is concerned with building inspections, safety and the enforcement of building codes in Alton. The role sometimes risks portraying the Code Official as a negative force who often has to say "no". What he has achieved in the face of the recent tragedy is highly positive! In the midst of flooded furnaces, water-drenched electric panels, soggy wiring and stalled water pumps, the objective was immediately obvious to Canuel....to make the affected homes structurally safe and functional as rapidly as possible.

Contractors and tradesmen and women responded to Canuel's call, and Dick thankfully calls for a "big pat on the back" to all of them.

Responding have been electricians Sam Fisichelli of Alton and Lyle Doughty of Farmington. General contractors and builders include: Jim Parandes, Dave Huston, Craig Talmadge and Brad Hunter of Alton and Dave Thurston of New Durham. Plumbing and heating contractors are Dick Corson and Andrew Terragne of Wolfeboro and Chris Cook of Rochester. Architects are Jonathan and Nancy Downing of Alton and Lincoln Swan of Laconia. Carpenters are Don Woodland and Tim Roy of Alton. Gilbert Block Company of Laconia and Cameron's Lumber Yard in Farmington have also been at the forefront.

All these contractors have given their service free. Some have even included equipment. It is expected that when new equipment is required, estimates will be submitted and the First NH Bank Flood Damage Fund may consider funding such requests for funding of equipment.

So what's ahead? Canuel, who has been on the job in Alton for 3½ years now, suggests that the ongoing decision will have to be made on whether to repair damaged building and equipment in each case or replacing and rebuilding. The expertise of this "contractor coalition" is being used currently to help make these decisions wisely.

Certainly a big pat on the back is due these wonderful people. But save a very special "big pat" for Code Official Dick Canuel who has brought it all together!

SENIOR CLASS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Alton High School's Class of 1996 is holding the Spring Spaghetti Supper at Sandy Point Restaurant on Friday, May 10, from 5 to 8p.m. The cost will be \$6 per person and \$4 for senior citizens and children under 12.

**TONY MARIANO IS WINNER OF
MAIN STREET ICE OUT CONTEST**

Tony Mariano forecast this year's ice out at 11:45a.m. on April 17 and Mother Nature did her annual thing at 9:48a.m. that day, making Mariano this year's winner of the Main Street Ice Out contest. He will receive a certificate for dinner for two at Shibley's at the Pier.

Ice out was announced by Bob Aldrich, the unofficial spokesman for a group of local residents that pinpoints the exact date and time when the last large section of ice disappears from Lake Winnepesaukee. At that point, the M/S Mt. Washington could make each of its ports unobstructed by ice.

Last year it was April 15. The earliest date was on March 28 in 1921 and the latest was May 12 in 1888, the first year the event was recorded.

**ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS
ELECT 1996-97 OFFICERS**

William Sullivan was elected president of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club for 1996-97 at a recent meeting. Other officers include First Vice President Richard Gwinn, Second Vice President Virginia Gwinn, Secretary/Treasurer John Duffek, Tail Twister Eldon Swim, Lion Tamer Robert Smith, and Immediate Past President Wesley Nicholson.

The Club meets the first and third Thursdays at 6:30p.m. at Mama Rina's Restaurant in New Durham and new members and guests are always welcome.



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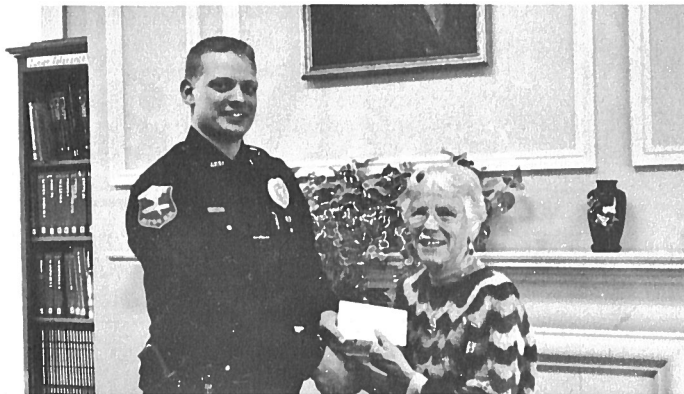


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Officer Steve Holly, representing the Alton Police Association, presents a check for \$1,000 to Librarian Pat Merrill. The gift from the Association is for the Gilman Library Building Fund.

WENTWORTH TO LEAD SELECTMEN

Reuben Wentworth has been elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen by his fellow Selectmen Pete Shibley and Stanley Czech.

Shibley will serve as vice chairman and represent the Board on the Planning Board and Parks and Recreation Commission. Czech will serve on the Budget Committee, Water Commission and the Belknap County Economic Development Commission. Wentworth will be on the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and represent the Board in union negotiations.

**MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES
PLANNED FOR MONDAY, MAY 27**

Memorial Day exercises are scheduled for Monday, May 27, at 10a.m. under the auspices of Claude A. Batchelder Post 72 of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the Alton-Alton Bay VFW Post 11163.

Parade participants will gather at 9:30 a.m. at the Legion Hall for the invocation. The parade will march to Riverside Cemetery for various activities and return to Monument Square for more ceremonies and the benediction.

Specific information on participants and activities were incomplete at press time.

**ALTON GARDEN CLUB
SPRING LUNCHEON**

The annual spring luncheon of the Alton Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, May 28, at 12:30p.m. at the Congregational Meeting House. The speaker will be Virginia Chisholm who will talk about Celia's Garden on the Isle of Shoals.

The hostesses are Chairperson Judith Huss assisted by Winifred Alden, Margaret Birdsey, Shirley Copeland, Aida Downing, Mary Downing, Virginia Gwinn, Michelle Hanley, Sharon Howard, Patricia Northup, and Dorothy Woughter. Members are reminded to bring a casserole or salad to share.



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POLICE CHIEF KEVIN IWANS REFLECTS ON RECENT ALTON DAM DISASTER

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Alton Police Department and myself to give a sincere "thank you" to the members of the Community. I have never seen such an out-pouring of concern, support and generosity for their fellow man, as I have from the people of Alton and the surrounding communities. The recent tragedy has touched all our lives one way or another, and for those families whose homes and lives were shattered by this event, it will be a long time mending. In all my years of law enforcement, I have seen so many times over the same senseless loss of life that endlessly prevails, and yet still there is no way to put into words, or into song, or onto canvas the sorrow and loss felt by these families. I only wish there was a way to share the pain felt by the Sinclairs and others, and if for any reason at all, to at least give something of myself in a way which says, "I care".

I know there will be those who may question the sincerity of my words, but what is important to me is that I know they are heartfelt and genuine. I have come to learn so very much from the community in the short time I have been here. I will tell you that I make mistakes, but that is part of being human. I have also learned you can't make everyone happy, even in the worst of times when you're trying your best to keep things together. But I will tell you what I learned recently is more valued by me than anything else learned over the past eight months. I know that this town's heart is in the right place, and that its people have strength, courage and determination!

The Alton Fire Department, Highway Department, Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service and the countless volunteers who unselfishly worked to support the many agencies which responded to assist us was overwhelming. It was an impossible task which was made possible, because of people who care. I know I cannot mention everyone by name or every agency, but if you were there then you know who you are! I know Fire Chief Russell Jones said it best when he said, "I didn't do it alone".

In closing, I would also like to thank the town on behalf of the Police Department for the unprecedented support at the Town Meeting. The message you sent to us was that you care, and for this we as a department are truly thankful.

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NEW RESIDENT THANKS THOSE WHO HELPED

By Lorraine Sullivan

Thank you to all who helped me at the time of the Bergeron Dam Breach. I too wish to commend Fire Chief Russ Jones who coordinated the emergency services. I was amazed at how quickly the emergency services and volunteers were activated.

I don't remember all who were here, there were so many people: Sam Fisichelli, Mike McGovern, Jack Beggeley, Sherman Brown, Richard Canuel, Frank Mello and Denise from the Red Cross, the Alton Police and the Alton Fire Department.

While it was a shock moving into an area I knew nothing about and finding out that there was a dam a quarter mile uphill from my home, I also found out that I live in a special town where, when there is a disaster, the whole town is there to help - neighbors, professionals, trades people, merchants, churches, even the surrounding towns.

I am proud to call Alton home.

HELP WANTED ON MAY 30

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 875-7300.

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collators and staplers to help put it all together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, May 30, at 6:30p.m. Join us!

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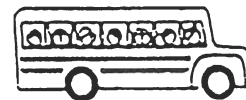
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ALTON SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS PERFORM IN JUNIOR HIGH FESTIVAL

Five members of the Alton Central School Concert Band recently traveled to Kennett Junior/Senior High School in Conway to participate in the 1996 Lakes Region Junior High Music Festival. The students, who were accompanied by Band Director Anne Stevens, were: Elvira Hufschmid, flute; Katie O'Meara, bass clarinet; Joshua Dewey, alto saxophone; Jason Morris, trumpet; and Renee LaFreniere, trumpet.

After a rigorous day of rehearsals, the students presented a spectacular evening concert. The Festival Chorus performed five numbers ranging from the "Dies Irae" from Mozart's "Requiem" to a very jazzy "Duke's Place" by Duke Ellington.

The Festival Band performed four very difficult and enjoyable numbers for the audience. Their program consisted of "Praises" by McBeth, "Air for Band" by Erickson, Disney Blockbusters, and John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever".

The Lakes Region Junior High Music Festival is a non-competitive festival designed to provide students who attend the 14 Lakes Region area schools with the opportunity to perform with their peers in a festival environment. The Festival is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who participate in their school's music program.

BICENTENNIAL CANCELLATION PLANNED BY POST OFFICES

The Alton and Alton Bay Post Offices will have pictorial cancellations in honor of the Bicentennial celebration. Representatives will be stationed at the Town Hall on June 16. Bring your own stamped envelope or post card or purchase one there. There will be more information about the hours of service in the next issue of Main Street.

TOWN HALL NOTES

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

REVALUATION UPDATE

Let's hope that April snow showers bring May flowers. I know most folks are looking forward to spring, and especially our Highway crew. These guys deserve some applause and a break from the constant late-nights, long hours and weekend road maintenance work that has continued since last November.

The town is pleased to welcome Ann Wentworth aboard as a volunteer intern for the next few weeks. She will be training in computer operations and clerical skills as part of a program through the New Hampshire Job Training Council.

An update on the revaluation project: Things are currently in the wrap-up phase. Most properties have been visited and measured and homes have been photographed. The DRA staff is now conducting sales analysis and investigations into local construction costs. Preliminary figures will be mailed to property owners in June and everyone will have an opportunity make an appointment with appraisers and/or review other preliminary values at the Town Hall. There will also be a public hearing early this summer. Once these processes are complete, the Selectmen will then vote to accept the final values and booklets will be published. Taxpayers will still have an opportunity to appeal their assessments through the abatement process. In the meantime, the Town will soon be sending the first issue of tax bills, due July 1, and equal to 1/2 of last year's total tax. The second issue of bills that will be due on December 1 will have the new assessment values included with all adjustments to be made.

Please be advised that road reconstruction is slated to take place August through October on New Durham Road and Route 11-D. The problem we have is figuring out how to manage \$700,000 worth of work with \$510,500. This is an issue which the Selectmen will soon be attempting to resolve. Nonetheless, everyone should expect delays during the construction period. A public forum will be held in July to give residents of these roads a chance for some input and to look over plans before the projects are finalized. Notices will be mailed.

Don't forget - 1996 is the Town's Bicentennial! Every month there is a different display in the Town Hall depicting scenes and memorabilia from our past. And if you have not yet seen the murals in the Town Hall, you are missing some local works of art.

Some other things to remember - dog licenses are past due and library books should not be; beware of motorcycles and children on bikes; is your lawn mower ready?

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BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE URGES USE OF COLONIAL COSTUMES

Virginia Dore, Muriel Stinson and Bob Calvert showed up at the March Annual Town Meeting in colonial garb and hopefully started a trend. The Bicentennial Committee is now urging many more of us to consider throwing together a "costume" for use on Sunday, June 16 (the big 200th birthday) as well as on several occasions throughout the rest of 1996.

Costumes can be very simple and inexpensive. But they help create the community-wide spirit so vital in such events. June 16 is the actual date of 200 years ago that Alton was incorporated.

There will be a big breakfast at 8a.m. that dy in the Conference Center at the Alton Bay Campmeeting Association. From Noon to 1:30p.m. there will be an "Open House" at the Town hall followed by our "Bicentennial March" to the Alton Central School for the big Bicentennial Program marking the events of 1796. From 5 - 7p.m. there will be family picnics at Alton Bay and a Freese Brothers concert at 7:30p.m., capped by fireworks at 9:30p.m. Costumes will make it very special!

Another great opportunity is August 17 for the big Bicentennial Parade and again on September 21 when the Bicentennial Capsule is sealed at the Town Hall. And there will be scores of other opportunities and events in between. Catch the spirit! Need help on "costume" suggestions? Contact any of the "costumed trio" listed above.

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GILMAN LIBRARY BUILDING FUND TO BENEFIT FROM SALE OF POSTER

Alton artist Peter Ferber is hard at work on a colorful "Village of Alton" poster that will make its appearance around June 16. Ferber is donating his creative services to the benefit of the Gilman Library Building Fund. A similar poster was created commercially by Ferber for the town of Kennebunkport, Maine, and this caught the attention of the library fund raising team. Creative juices and a tiny bit of artistic freedom provide a long distance look from below Alton village clear up to Alton Bay and the lake and mountains beyond.

The 18" x 24" posters will have a horizontal layout and will all be hand signed by Ferber. Artists proofs number 1-50 will sell for a larger price and become unusual collectors' items. All can be framed with a frame of the owner's choice. Just the poster will be sold, and pricing will be announced in next month's issue of Main Street. Thus the special poster will take its place beside the now famous Alton Afghan as delightful by-products of the library campaign.

Incidentally, Afghan sales have now zoomed past 400! A total of \$422,941 has been realized in the total campaign as of the end of March, with \$200,000 of this in escrow from town meeting appropriations.

Twenty-two special foundations are currently being pursued across the country. Most foundations restrict their giving to localized geographical areas, but these 22 consider gifts in all parts of the country with priorities to building fund campaigns and public libraries in particular. None is located in NH and only two are in New England.

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**MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON
STEVEN HOLLY
POLICE OFFICER**

By Muriel Walker

In April of 1995, Steven Holly began his position as a full-time patrolman for the Alton Police Department. He was born in Plantation, Florida, and lived in Fort Lauderdale. When he was eight years old the family moved to Moultonborough, New Hampshire, where they have remained.

Steve's father is a carpenter and his mother works as a special education teacher at the Interlakes School District. He has two sisters, one a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire and the other a freshman in high school.

Steve graduated from Moultonborough Academy. Being interested in law enforcement, he became a police cadet there and attended the NH State Police Cadet Academy in both his junior and senior years. While at Moultonborough Academy, Steve was also very active in sports. He played varsity basketball and baseball and was captain of the baseball team. He played soccer, but when a knee injury prevented further participation, he became manager of the volleyball team. In addition to sports, Steve was the technical director for theatrical productions where he was in charge of staging and lighting.

After high school, Steve enlisted in the Air Force in August of 1992. He did his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, from August to November. He was then stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois training as an Air



Launched Mission Systems Specialist. While at Chanute, Steve was also dorm chief in charge of 400 men. In April of 1993, Steve was assigned to Griffith Air Force Base in Rome, NY, where he remained until his discharge in October 1994.

Steve became a police officer in Alton in April of 1995. He has his part-time police certification and in April began a 12-week course at the Police Standards and Training Academy in Concord for his full-time certification.

Sports of all kinds are important as leisure time activities. "As a kid I attended many baseball camps and besides playing in high school, I was on the Commander's Softball Team in the service. I like to play volleyball and basketball, too, and am looking to play on local teams", says Steve. His other interests are his extensive baseball card collection and computers. Steve also volunteered his time one day a week at the Parks and Recreation Department Summer Camp last year. He explained, "I talked about police work to the kids and they asked me questions. It was a lot of fun. I enjoy working with kids. They need role models, someone to talk to and I think I have a good rapport with them."

When asked what he likes best about his work, Steve replied, "I like helping people. I want people to feel comfortable coming to me if they need help. Giving speeding tickets is important to hopefully avoid accidents, but that is only part of the job. The real goal is helping people." About his work in Alton, Steve says, "What's nice about a small town police force is that you know each other personally. It's like a family and there is great rapport here." He says his girlfriend, who is a student at the University of New Hampshire, is accepted into the "family atmosphere" as well.

Steve's future plans are to remain within the law enforcement field. "I'm looking at gaining training and experience for now. Then there are many options within the field - like canine work, drug work, working with juveniles, or specializing in helicopters", explains Steve.

We wish Steve success and are glad to have him as a member of our dedicated Police Department.



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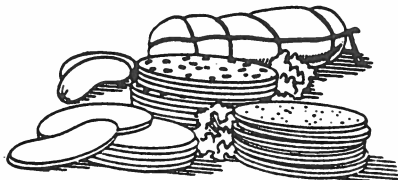
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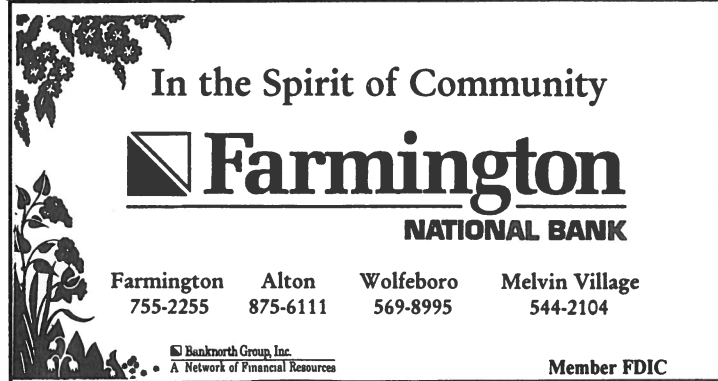
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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney

LOOK

We seniors are a hardy lot! We have plowed through the long, snowy winter and withstood the vagaries of fickle April weather with undaunted spirits. May is here with such a great variety of activities in store for us that it will more than compensate for all the days that winter held us in bondage.

Two bus trips are in the offing. On Tuesday, May 7, seniors will travel to the Rockingham Mall in Salem for shopping and lunch. Bus fare is \$5. On Sunday, May 19, a trip to Beverly, MA, for a dinner theater will attract many. Total cost: \$39. Please call the Senior center at 875-7102 or check the bulletin board at the Center for more details. You can also call trip coordinator Ginny Myers at 875-5713.

Mark Saturday, May 18, on your calendar. Our incomparable chef Tony Mariano and his tireless volunteers will sponsor a ham and bean supper for the public at the Community Center on Pearson Road. Price \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, including seconds!

You will not want to miss the annual May day events sponsored by the NH Division of Elderly and Adult Services. Set aside Wednesday, May 29, and follow the crowd to Gunstock for a day full of activities, seminars and free health screenings. The health screenings include blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, vision and hearing. The spelling bee will be great fun for the audience and participants, with teams from all over the state competing for the state championship. Last year, Alton's team came in fourth, but we promise to do better this year! Live music and entertainment will be on tap. A hot lunch consisting of chicken breast, salad, roll and beverage will be available for \$4. At the closing ceremony, the Vaughan award will be presented to an outstanding volunteer. This year, elevators will be used to transport seniors to the second level of the Gunstock buildings, making things much easier for the disabled and not so sure-footed. For more information, visit the Senior center or call 875-7102.

Our April Senior Citizens Association meeting was canceled because of the snow, so we are urging everyone to attend the meeting on May 8 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. There are many items to discuss. Refreshments will be served.

We wish to thank everyone for responding to our request for puzzles, games, etc. We received a large number of donations. We also remind you that cards and bingo are ongoing activities at the center. And did you know that many seniors belong to the Wolfboro Senior Citizens? They are a very active organization too, so no senior should fall prey to boredom with all these opportunities to keep one busy and involved.

On a final note, John Brooks and Dom Guiliano, who run the Common Pantry at the center, were able to donate over ten cases of food to the Alton flood victims. They are very grateful to all who donated food. Have a great May! See you next month.

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5 YEARS AGO.....

.....the High School Drama Club presented "The Sneeze".....the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours was hosted by J. H. Downing & Co., Inc.....the Board of Selectmen recognized Municipal Clerk's Week and cited Town Clerk Gwendolyn Jones for her service to Alton.....the Freese Brothers Big Band appeared at the Alton School as part of the Gilman Concert Series.....Jaime Sample was the winner of the Second Annual Variety Show held at the Alton Central School.....sidewalk sales were featured during the Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Day.

SHIBLEY CONTINUES AS SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN

Pete Shibley, recently re-elected to the Alton School Board, will continue as its chairman for another term. Loring Carr is vice chairman and Don Mitchell is secretary.

Committee assignments are Budget Committee - Mitchell; Negotiating Team - Shibley, Carr and Dick Quindley; Delegate to NHSBA/NHSBIT - Shibley; Buildings and Grounds - Carr and Quindley; Personnel - Quindley and Mitchell; Capital Improvement Program - Quindley; School Lunch - Mitchell; Curriculum Review - Al Burbank; Enrichment - Open; Voc Tech - Carr, Burbank and Quindley; and Selectmen's Liaison - Shibley.

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CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

STATUS OF SENATE & HOUSE BILLS

Upon receipt of some 350 Senate bills, hearings take our time. Sessions are infrequent. A Senate bill concerning 3 or 4 person jet ski machines (Power Water Craft) is being considered in the Committee of Transportation. It would include such PWCs under single and double PWC regulations. Meanwhile, the Senate has received the last of our 800 bills.

1. To clarify forestry statutes controlling the cutting of trees near significant streams or ponds within a twelve month period.
2. To increase the tobacco tax eleven cents and designating a small portion for cancer related activities including anti-smoking campaigns.
3. To establish a fund to assist in planning and maintaining kindergartens. It was funded with only one dollar to keep the fund open to receive any available monies in the future.
4. To establish a fund from the hazardous waste clean-up fund to aid cities and towns in cleaning up contaminated sites.

The following bills have passed the Senate, and when passed by the House will go to the Governor for his signature.

1. Purchase recycled paper for use by state agencies.
2. Allow Physicians' Assistants and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners to give the mandatory school physical exams when a physician is not available.
3. Maintain present driver attitude training program. (It was due to expire.)

The following bills have been kept by their committees for further study:

1. Review reporting and registration by lobbyists.
2. Review sentencing of juvenile delinquents. This is part of a large study of the system.
3. Making major changes in hunting and fishing permits.
4. A major welfare reform bill which was very late in getting to the Health and Human Services Committee. Because of its magnitude, it needs careful scrutiny. It seems to conflict with reforms recently passed and just now being implemented.

A bill was killed which would have repealed last session's law mandating English as the language for government business.

The session has passed the half way mark. More complex bills and a few money bills (this is not a budget year) will take a good deal of time. A number of the bills will have to be settled in Committees of Conference with seven House and Senate members attempting to reach a compromise.

I will be at the Alton Town Hall on May 6 from 3-4 p.m. Meanwhile, I can be reached at 875-2151.

VFW FLEA MARKET

Post 11163 of the VFW will sponsor a Flea Market at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturday, May 25. Space at \$10 per table is available. For information, call 875-5978.

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The Alton Central School Instrumental Music Department is pleased to announce that the Freese Brothers Big Band will once again perform at the School to help raise money for the band program. The performance, which is being underwritten by the Farmington National Bank, will be held in the School gymnasium on Friday, May 24, at 8p.m. Tickets, \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children under 12, are on sale at the school. Refreshments will be available.

BILL FRASER ELECTED COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

The annual election of officers for American Legion Post 72 was held last month and Bill Fraser was chosen commander for the coming year.

Other officers are Norman French, senior vice commander; Gerard Paris, junior vice commander; Julius J. Shimkonis, adjutant; Ronald Rojek, judge advocate; Norman Paquette, sergeant-at-arms; Warren Leary, finance officer; Walter Brent, historian; Harold Murray, chaplain; and Don Parker, service officer.

Installation of officers will take place on Friday, May 10 at 7p.m.

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- ADDRESS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman David Jensen, 875-5637.
- AD HOC COMMITTEE - Meets on Call.
- BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - 4th Wednesday, 4p.m., Gilman Library, Chairman Nancy Merrill, 875-2626.
- *BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday, 7 - 9:30p.m., Chairman Reuben Wentworth. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3rd Thursday, 7p.m. Chairman Gregory Fuller, 875-5546
- CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Robert Boudreau, 875-6368.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES - 1st & 3rd Monday, 1p.m., Chairman Florence Shaw, 875-2220.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7p.m. Chairman Lisa Erickson Harris.
- FIRE WARDS - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on Call, Chairman Juliet Peeverley, 875-7232.
- LEVY PARK TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Jonathan Downing, 875-7243.
- OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-5188
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 1st Thursday, 6:30p.m., Chairman Debbie Burton, 875-5188.
- *PLANNING BOARD - 1st Monday, 7p.m., Chairman James Washburn. Call 875-5095 for Appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6p.m., Chairman Arnold P. Shibley, 875-2849.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on Call. Chairman Alice Ziegra, 875-2151.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - 3rd Monday, 3:30p.m. Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R.Houle, 875-7321.
- *WATER COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8a.m. Chairman John Streeter, 875-2490. Office, 875-4200.
- *ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 2nd Thursday, 7:30p.m. Chairman Donn Brock, 875-4343.
- *DENOTES A CHANGE OF INFORMATION
CALL 875-7300 OR FAX 875-3162
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Schedules

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church - Sunday, 11a.m. and 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7p.m., Pastor Roy Ames Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October-April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June-August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor
- 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, James Nason, Pastor
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines, Pastor
- Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship, Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service, 10:30a.m. (Summer 10a.m.), Evening Service, 6p.m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7p.m., Route 28, Lee Button, Pastor

GILMAN LIBRARY:

- Monday & Wednesday Noon to 8p.m., Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m., Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

- Monday - Friday, 10a.m. to 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

SOLID WASTE CENTER

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8a.m. to 3p.m.
Sunday - Noon to 3p.m.; Closed Tuesday & Thursday
Rines Road Pit - Saturday, 8a.m. to 3p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 3p.m.

TOWN HALL:

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
- Town Planner - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings by Appointment, Closed Noon to 1p.m.
- Building Inspector - Call 875-5095 for Office Hours and Appointments

ORGANIZATIONS:

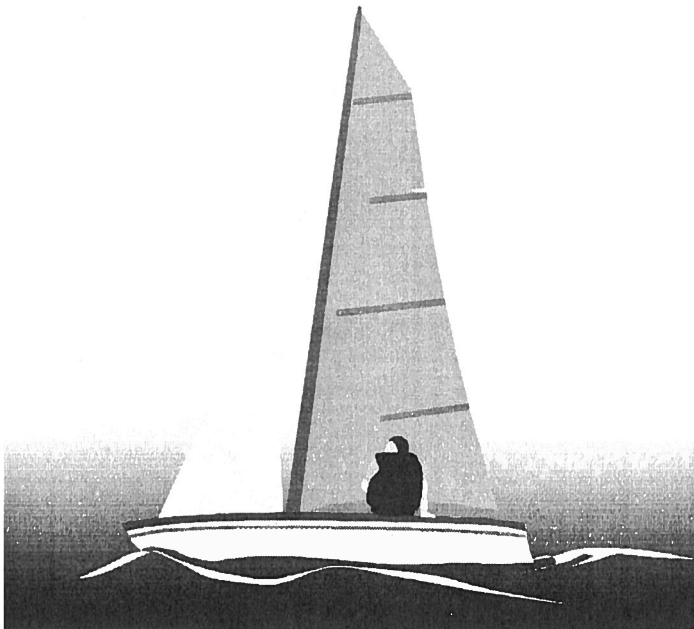
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday, 8p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
- AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall
- COUNTRY DRIFTERS DANCE CLUB - Wednesday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
- CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 6:30p.m., Legion Hall
- EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
- GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
- FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
- HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, April - October
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Wednesday, 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
- LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Mama Rina's Restaurant
- MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Tuesday
- PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
- ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
- SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday, 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
- VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
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THE MOUNT WASHINGTON IS SUBJECT OF MEETING AND BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY

Many of you know that the lovely lady who cruises Lake Winnepesaukee from May to October has a long and glorious history. You will not want to miss the Historical Society's May program in conjunction with the Bicentennial Committee.

"The Story of a Boat: The Mount Washington" will be presented at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center at 7:30p.m. on Monday, May 20. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited. Hostesses for the meeting are Virginia Dore and Elizabeth Locke.

The M/S Mt. Washington is the theme of the Bicentennial display in Town Hall for May.



MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

Classified Ads

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad. Ads must be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of the preceding month.

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PERSONAL

The family of Rodger Matthewman would like to thank everyone for the loving concern, flowers, phone calls, visits, meals, etc. shown at the time of our loss. The thoughtfulness and caring has been deeply appreciated. We feel truly blessed to have such special friends. Alice Matthewman and Family

The Alton High School's Class of 1996 would like to extend its gratitude to Bruce Transportation for its generosity. Thank you for the donation of the bus and driver to transport the Senior Class to Maine for its class trip. THANKS AGAIN!

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS**U.S. SENATE**

Robert C. Smith, 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, 800-922-2230.

Judd Gregg, 393 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, 202-224-3324.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Zeliff, 224 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, 800-649-7290.

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Ray Burton, 271-3632(w), 747-3662(h).

NH SENATE

Leo Fraser, 225-3664(w), 435-6626(h).

NH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Bartlett, 524-1220(w), 524-6536(h).

Paul Golden, 269-4071(w), 269-5511(h).

Linda Ann Smith, 293-9637.

Alice Ziegler, 875-2151.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Reuben Wentworth, 875-3388

Arnold Shibley, 875-2849

Stanley Czech, 875-3815

May Events

- Wed. 1 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 3 - SOFTBALL at Sunapee, 4p.m.
 BASEBALL at Sunapee, 4p.m.
 Sun. 5 - SOFTBALL vs. Linwood, 1p.m., Doubleheader
 BASEBALL vs. Linwood, 1p.m., Doubleheader
 Tue. 7 - PARENTS SERIES: Parenting Skills, Alton Central School, 6:30p.m.
 Wed. 8 - SOFTBALL at Laconia Christian, 4p.m.
 BASEBALL at Laconia Christian, 4p.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 BUSINESS AFTER HOURS, Farmington National Bank, 7 to 8:30p.m.
 Fri. 10 - SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Sandy Point Restaurant, 5 to 8p.m.
 Sat. 11 - SOFTBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 10a.m., Doubleheader
 BASEBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 10a.m., Doubleheader
 Sun. 12 - MOTHER'S DAY
 Tue. 14 - PARENTS SERIES: ADHD, Alton Central School, 6:30p.m.
 Wed. 15 - SOFTBALL vs. Concord Christian, 4p.m.
 BASEBALL vs. Concord Christian, 4p.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 17 - GUEST NIGHT, Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, 6:30p.m.
 Sat. 18 - SOFTBALL vs. Sunapee, 11a.m.
 BASEBALL vs. Sunapee, 11a.m.
 HAM & BEAN SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5 to 7p.m.
 Mon. 20 - SOFTBALL vs. Nute, 4p.m.
 BASEBALL vs. Nute, 4p.m.
 PROGRAM: The Mount Washington, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.
 Tue. 21 - PARENTS SERIES: Substance Abuse, Alton Central School, 6:30p.m.
 Wed. 22 - SOFTBALL at Nute, 4p.m.
 BASEBALL at Nute, 4p.m.
 BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Fri. 24 - SOFTBALL at Concord Christian, 4p.m.
 BASEBALL at Concord Christian, 4p.m.
 CONCERT: Freese Brothers Big Band, Alton Central School, 8p.m.
 Sat. 25 - FLEA MARKET, Alton Bay Community Center, 9a.m. to 5p.m.
 Mon. 27 - MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, American Legion Hall, 10a.m.
 Tue. 28 - SPRING LUNCHEON, Garden Club, Congregational Meeting House, 12:30p.m.
 PARENTS SERIES: Medication/Community Resources, Alton Central School, 6:30p.m.
 Wed. 29 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
 Thu. 30 - THEATRE: The Matchmaker, Alton Central School, 7:30p.m.
 Fri. 31 - THEATRE: The Matchmaker, Alton Central School, 7:30p.m.
 CHAMBER CABARET, Alton Bay Pavilion, 7:30p.m.

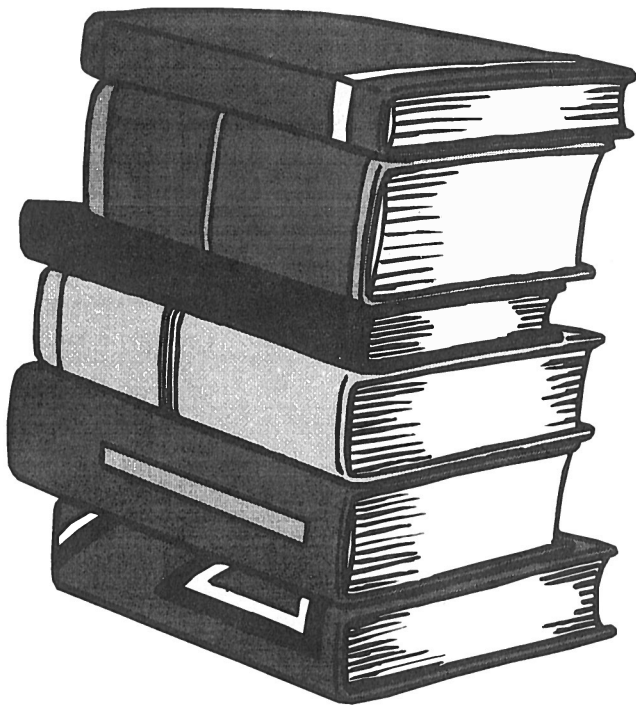
**ALTON AMBULANCE SERVICE
ACQUIRES USED VEHICLE**

The Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service (AVAS) has acquired a used much-needed ambulance to further its mission of providing consistent medical care for Alton residents. It is a 1993 chassis with a 1987 box.

AVAS officers extended their appreciation to fellow members that performed so well and gave so much of their time during the dam breach.

Once again, AVAS is appealing for additional members. No experience is necessary, the Service will provide all required training. Only available time and a willingness to serve the community are needed.

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FICTION**

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- Firestorm by Nevada Barr
- Remember Me Irene by Jon Burke
- Bodies of Water by Roseanne Cash
- Tapes of the River Delta by Peter Cunningham
- Sudden Exposure by Susan Dunlop
- Jaded by Nick Gaitano
- Trail of Secrets by Ellen Goudge
- Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
- The King-Makers by John R. Knaggs
- Tiger's Tail by Gus Lee
- Kernow & Daughter by Malcolm MacDonald
- Caesar's Women by Colleen McCullough
- King of Hearts by Susan Moody
- Dance for the Dead by Thomas Perry
- Pentecost Alley by Anne Perry
- The Hippopotamus Pool by Elizabeth Peters
- The Tale of the Body Thief by Anne Rice
- The Serpent Garden by Judith M. Riley
- The Dark Room by Minette Walters

NONFICTION

- Undaunted Courage: Meriweather Lewis, Thomas Jefferson & the Opening of the American West by Stephen Ambrose
- History and Heroes of New Hampshire Aviation by Jean Batchelder
- The Book of Virtues by William J. Bennett
- Keeping Faith by Jimmy Carter
- Prince Charming by Wendy Leigh

CHILDREN

- Children's Prayers From Around the World by Mary Batchelor
- Little Donkey Close Your Eyes by Margaret W. Brown
- The Middle Passage. White Ships: Black Cargo by Tom Feelings
- Art Dog by Thatcher Hurd
- A Hole is to Dig by Ruth Krauss
- Zin Zin Zin A Violin by Lloyd Moss
- The Roly Poly Pudding by Beatrix Potter
- Appley Dapple's Nursery Rhymes by Beatrix Potter
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- The Tale of Tom Kitten by Beatrix Potter
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- The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
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FIRESIDE CHATS

By Stan Czech

PERMITS NEEDED FOR BURNING BRUSH

Well, it's that time again! Yup, after April 1 you need a permit to burn brush, leaves and such. Here are the rules:

1. Starting the first of April you must have a permit to burn.
2. You must burn between 5p.m. and 9a.m. If it is actually (really) raining, you may burn at any hour. But, if the rain stops then you must stop burning and wait until 5p.m.
3. Permits are only good for one day. If you don't finish on that day, you must get a new permit.
4. Permits may be obtained by calling any one of the following individuals:

Charles Adams 875-7246,	Norman Barrett 776-6301,
Russ Jones 875-7510,	Henry Nowe 875-6820,
Irving Roberts 569-2629,	Russ Sample 875-7534,
Bob Witham 875-4122.	

The following is a list of Fire Department calls received from Lakes Region Dispatch for the month of March. It does not include training activity or the time spent working after the dam failure.

- March 1 Mutual Aid, New Durham
- 2 Motor Vehicle Accident, Route 28 North
- 2 Motor Vehicle Accident, Route 28 South
- 3 Motor Vehicle Accident, Route 28 South
- 5 Motor Vehicle Fire, Route 28 South
- 11 Accidental Alarm, Echo Shores Road
- 11 Chimney Fire, Depot Road
- 12 Medical Emergency, Letter S Road
- 13 Dam break, Route 140
- 14 Structure Fire, Alton Mountain Road
- 14 Rescue, Route 140
- 15 Electrical Problem, Old Wolfeboro Road
- 20 Medical Emergency, Main Street
- 20 Medical Emergency, West Alton Station
- 28 Mutual Aid, New Durham
- 29 Mutual Aid, New Durham
- 31 Vehicle Fire, Route 28 North

As a driver of emergency vehicles, it appears to me that there are a lot of folks who are not familiar with NH laws pertaining to

right-of-way rules for emergency vehicles.

First, what is an emergency vehicle? By the statute, vehicles of fire departments, police departments and ambulances are emergency vehicles when responding and are displaying visual emergency signals (flashing lights) or making use of audible signals (sirens) or both. Also included in the definition are privately owned vehicles being driven by volunteer firefighters or other volunteer emergency personnel and using lights and/or sirens.

So, now you know what to look for, but what do you do when you see one while driving your vehicle? Here's what the book says, "A driver of a vehicle upon the approach from any direction of an emergency vehicle with the siren or flashing lights in operation shall turn immediately as far as possible toward the right-hand side of the way and shall bring his vehicle to a standstill until such emergency vehicle has passed."

Most everyone will pull over when a fire truck or other obvious emergency vehicle comes up from the rear. Some don't and there are many who won't yield when I'm responding to the fire station in my car with a flashing red light and emergency flashers on. But, the greatest offenders are people driving in the other direction. In three years of driving our fire trucks, I would say maybe one vehicle in 50 of opposing traffic will pull over and slow down. Most folks in the other lane just keep driving with very little appreciation for what it takes to maneuver some of those large vehicles around Alton roads. Give it a thought, folks, because we need all the help we can get!

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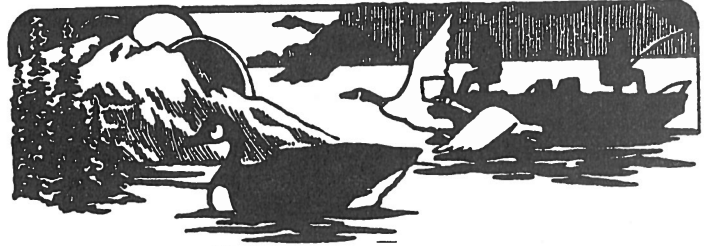


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By Jack Miller

WILD TURKEY - THE NATIONAL BIRD?

May is the month that starts the summer season when most people think of fishing, but there is also a hunting season open this month. May 4 is the opening day of the spring turkey season.

If Ben Franklin had his way the wild turkey would have been the national bird instead of the bald eagle. The eagle is a bird of strength, but the turkey is a bird of cunning. With eight-power eye sight, faster assimilation than most animals, and the ability for fast flight, the wild turkey is a challenge to hunt.

In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to love and so it is with the turkey and this is their undoing. Only male or "tom" turkeys can be hunted during the breeding season. He can be lured by a hunter sounding like a willing female turkey. One must locate a turkey roost (trees where they spend the night) and hide nearby and try to call a tom within range without being detected. If successful, the hunter must then try to shoot the turkey in the head or neck with a charge of shot. The bird's heavy feathers and meaty body are too thick to be penetrated easily by shot and hunting with a rifle is illegal in New Hampshire. \$6 purchases a wild turkey permit.

May offers the fisherperson many opportunities as waters warm and the bugs begin to emerge. Trout pond fishing opened the fourth Saturday of April and the trout streams are being stocked this month. Be sure to check regulations for your favorite spot. Remember, all bass must be released immediately from May 15 to June 15 as this is their time to be on their beds.

Some other dates to remember are May 19 - Farmington Fish and Game Club's Annual Kid's Day Fishing Derby at the Club Pond in New Durham, May 31 - the deadline for moose hunting applications, and May 17-19 - the salmon fishing derby on Lake Winni.

See you out there!

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By Kellie McGrath, Recreation Director

COACHES TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED BY DEPARTMENT

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department has established an official chapter of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association to train local volunteer youth coaches on the appropriate methods of working with children.

More than 750,000 volunteer youth coaches have been certified by NYSCA through the more than 2,000 chapters that exist nationwide.

NYSCA's coaching certification program provides coaches with information on the psychology of coaching youth sports, safety, first aid, maximizing athletic performance, legal liability, the coach as a role model, practice organization, how to teach the proper techniques of the sport and how to help steer children away from drugs, alcohol and tobacco use, among many other important areas.

To complete the program, coaches must pass a written exam on the material presented and sign NYSCA's Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge.

Coaches who successfully complete the program receive \$500,000 of liability insurance, a membership card and patch, are eligible for NYSCA's state and national Coach of the Year awards and receive Youth Sport Coach, the official publication of NYSCA.

NYSCA is a division of the non-profit National Alliance For Youth Sports based in West Palm Beach, Florida, that works toward safe and meaningful sports for America's youth.

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a clinic for first and second year coaches in baseball and softball on Thursday, May 2, at the Gilman Library at 6p.m. If you are planning to attend please call ahead and register. There is a \$15 registration fee.

CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Co-Ed Adult Softball League games on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings for adults 18 and over. The Co-Ed Adult Softball season is June 18 - September 5. All games begin at 6p.m. Playoffs will be held after the regular season. An official will be present at all games. There is a \$10 per player registration fee to offset the umpire fees and equipment costs.

Team coaches must contact the Parks and Recreation Department for registration information. Players should contact their coach for registration forms, payment of registration fees and League rules. Coaches can register their teams at the Parks and Recreation Department from May 6-31. The Co-Ed Adult Softball League is limited to the first 6 teams that register. REGISTER EARLY TO GUARANTEE A TEAM!

A mandatory coaches meeting, for coaches only, will be held June 4 at 7p.m. at the Town Hall to discuss League rules and game scheduling. Coaches must bring all of their players registration forms, fees and questions to the meeting.

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HARD BODIES WORKOUT

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Hard Bodies Exercise Program with instructor Julie Libby on Mondays and Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Drop in anytime, \$3 per class.

Hard Bodies is a "no frills" class designed to build strong, lean muscle while reducing body fat through strength training, the program is open to men and women of all ages. The class pays special attention to trouble areas: inner and outer thighs, lower abdomen, waist line, hips, buttocks, chest, triceps and back. The workout is geared to each participant's level of fitness through exercise modification.

Hard Bodies is perfect for the novice who wants to begin an exercise program or the expert who wants to round one off.

STEP TRAINING WITH JULIE LIBBY

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a beginner step training program with instructor Julie Libby on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 - 5:30p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center.

Drop in anytime, \$1 per class. Steps are provided.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING LESSONS

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Country Line Dancing Lessons every Tuesday from 2 - 4p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. The program will run April 9 - September 10 with a one time registration fee of \$3. The classes are open to adults of all ages. Bring a friend or come single and have a great time learning new dances every week.

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its first annual Co-Ed Adult Volleyball League. Teams will play outdoor beach volleyball on the Mike Burke Memorial Court, located at the Route 140 recreation area. Games will be played on Mondays at 6 and 7p.m. starting June 3. The registration fee is \$10 per person and coaches must register their teams at the Parks and Recreation Department by May 24. Teams must have at least six players. The league is co-ed but co-ed teams are not mandatory.

For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109.

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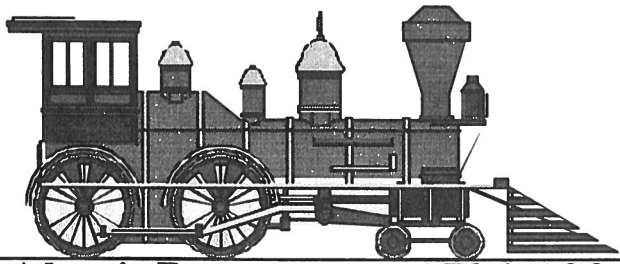
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By Pat Merrill, Librarian

ONGOING BOOK SALE BEGINS

The Library has been blessed with many gifts of books, both hard cover and paperback. Consequently, the decision was made to have an ongoing Book Sale to start them moving before our Annual Book Sale in August.

Generally speaking, paperbacks will be 25¢ and the hard cover books will be 50¢, unless otherwise marked. There just may be the exact book you were looking for right here in Alton. Come see.

Help! The Library is missing the January 1995 issue of National Geographic. If you have one and would be willing to donate it, we would be most grateful.

Spring is here and the Library is celebrating in style with gardening books out for your perusal. Just looking at the pictures of blooming flowers somehow seems to bring Spring that much closer! And, of course, there is the usual complement of good fiction and non-fiction books to read. Don't forget, our collections of videos and audiotapes come in on a regular basis. Your Library is the best bargain in town. So come see us.

VNA/HOSPICE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The VNA/Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc. is starting a new volunteer program to work in conjunction with Home Health Care Unit. This volunteer program will bridge the gap to meet the needs of people receiving services and will provide such volunteer services as companionship through home visits and phone calls, emotional support, transportation, running errands, light household chores, light meal preparation and other services not currently provided.

The VNA/Hospice regularly serves the town of Alton, Brookfield, Effingham, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, Wakefield and Wolfboro, and helps in the towns of Moultonboro and Tamworth.

Volunteers are needed for this program from all the service areas of all ages, interests and abilities. Please join us in lending a helping hand to our neighbors and our community. For further information, please call Bette Coffey or Liz Brown, an Americorp members, at 569-2729.

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Tee-shirt, sweatshirts and decals may also be purchased by calling the two committee members or from the Alton Village 5 & 10. The peel and stick decals sell for \$1.50 each and may also be purchase at the following locations: Wayside, Village Store, Bay View Market, Mustard Seed Craft Shop, East Alton Store and Town Hall.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB SPONSORING GUEST NIGHT

The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club is hosting a guest dinner at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center on Friday, May 17, from 6:30 to 9p.m.

Featured will be artist Larry Frates presenting "He Draws a Crowd". Also performing will be singer Tom Hanks from Meredith and the guest speaker is Tom Holt, a financial expert who talks about real values.

The cost is \$8 per person. No child care will be provided this month. Prepaid reservations are required as seating is limited. Mail names with address and phone number along with a check for the correct amount payable to Lakes Region C.W.C. no later than Friday, May 10, to Harriet Ireland, 78 Marshall Court, Laconia, NH 03246.

For more information call Muriel at 875-5211.

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BICENTENNIAL FOCUS

By Judy Fry

THE TAVERN KEEPER Part II

The early New Hampshire tavern keeper was one of the most prominent individuals encountered by travelers. In 1842 the tavern keeper was often a magistrate, the leader of a battalion of militia, or even a member of the state legislature. Since New Hampshire law limited the number of taverns which could operate in a given town, the competition among prospective innkeepers was keen. Each applicant not only had to prove that his house was located either on a major thoroughfare or at a local center of activity, but also that he himself was a man "of sober conversation".

The operation of a public house was often not the sole occupation of its owner. Many who became licensed as tavern keepers continued to work at their former trades or occupations. Besides keeping a tavern, occupations or trades included physicians, goldsmiths, cabinet makers, skilled woodworkers or joiners, farmers, hairdressers and shopkeepers.

Tavern keepers served another important need of the traveler by boarding horses and keeping horses and vehicles for rental purposes. This practice often led to horse breeding, horse racing, veterinary medicine, and black smithing.

In providing daily tavern fare, most innkeepers acquired exceptional culinary skills. Any occasion calling for refreshments, whether a special celebration held at the tavern or a catered event elsewhere in town, was an opportunity for the tavern keeper to demonstrate his skill as a professional cook.

A tavern keeper did not expect to operate even the smallest public house without the assistance of family members, servants, and in some cases, slaves to carry on the repetitive daily chores. The male staff, including the landlord himself, included a waiter, the innkeepers, groom, driver, porter, and stable boy. Young women, either family members or neighbor girls, often served as tavern waitresses and cooks. When European travelers learned to modify their habits and treated American tavern workers as equals, there was suddenly no limits to the services offered. "It is not thought in reason, in New England especially, that one man should assume a tone of confirmed superiority over the rest of mankind, merely because he wear a better coat, or has more money in his purse."

Interactions among tavern guests generally took place either around the table or by the fireside. One English traveler, who visited both New Hampshire and Vermont around 1810, expressed amazement at the range of tavern conversation, both in subject matter and quality. "Throughout the evenings the public room was filled with guests and a great deal of political, agricultural, commercial, barometrical, thermometrical conversation was carried on, usually either too profound to be understood or too shallow to be worth attending to."

Although naturally talkative, local residents, when first approached by a stranger, often appeared uncommunicative. As one Englishman noted shortly after arriving in Portsmouth in 1807, "If a question is asked by a person apparently a foreigner, Americans hesitate and avoid giving a reply by demanding the visitor's business, leaving the stranger under the most unpleasant sensation which is produced by a doubtful and uncertain reception." This characteristic aloofness frequently covered a curiosity which, from all accounts, was the local residents' reactions to visitors from afar.

Conversations among tavern guests were not always congenial. Occasionally a quarrel between tavern guests ended in manslaughter. Elisha Thomas was hanged in Dover, New Hampshire, in 1788 for the murder of his close friend, Captain Peter Downe. This hanging resulted from an evening of drinking at Randall's Tavern in New Durham. The ready availability of alcohol increased the likelihood of tavern conflicts.

Although many highly diverse individuals patronized New Hampshire taverns in the early days of travel, only a few visitors were famous enough to be written about extensively in the newspapers of the time and recorded in town histories. In 1789, during his grand tour through New England, George Washington ate and slept at several New Hampshire taverns along his route. In 1825 and 1842, the renowned American Revolutionary hero from France, the Marquis de Lafayette traveled through New Hampshire during his celebrated return to America.

A somewhat surprising fact was that a large proportion of the tavern's typical clientele was female. Women were highly visible as travelers and tavern guests. They also kept taverns, ferries and tollgates. Generally women obtained such positions only when it became necessary to support themselves, often after the death of



their husbands.

By the late seventeenth century, tavern keeping was considered an especially suitable occupation for single women and widows. In fact, more than one third of the innkeepers licensed in the late 1690's were women. Like the male counterparts, however, women tavern keepers relied heavily on family members and domestic servants to help with the tavern operations.

By the mid-nineteenth century, foreign travelers were commenting on the relative independence and mobility of American women. By the late 1830's, sitting on the stage coach roof itself was a novelty which both men and women were eager to experience. Having seen several other women take seats on top of the stage, one woman from the South, traveling through New Hampshire in 1836, decided "to try it from Keene to Fitzwilliam, before breakfast" and discovered the thrill of seeing "the driver snapping his long whip beneath, and the landscape stretched around."

As early as the 1820's, women were included in the parties who were beginning to tour the White Mountains for purposes of "health and relaxation".

Tavern keepers and their guests occasionally became the victims of roving criminals and misfits. Although saddlebags and wagons, as well as other items of value to travelers, were often stolen from tavern yards, there was little or no actual highway robbery in early New England.

One of the most common forms of crime to affect travel on New Hampshire's early highways was theft. Advertisements offering rewards for the return of stolen horses were common in practically every newspaper throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Theft and counterfeiting were not the only illegal activities associated with the tavern and highway in early America.

In large cities such as Boston, taverns operated by women were occasionally accused of allowing, if not actually encouraging, prostitution. According to surviving evidence, the "disorderly" conduct which New Hampshire tavern keepers, both men and women, were sometimes accused of allowing, does not seem to have been generally of this nature. New Hampshire's taverns seemed to have been the setting for travelers' amorous adventures of a less incriminating nature.

Most tavern keepers quietly worked for the comfort of the travelers. These long forgotten men and women provided an important public service in maintaining the safety and comfort of life on the road. They earned the gratitude of the travelers and respect of their respective communities.

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Alton High School Drama will proudly present "The Matchmaker" on May 30, 31, and June 1 at 7:30p.m. in the school auditorium.

"The Matchmaker", originally produced as "The Merchant of Yonkers" in 1938, was first seen on Broadway in 1955 starring Ruth Gordon and Arthur Hill. It was subsequently transformed by Jerry Herman into the hit musical "Hello Dolly". The play tells the story of a certain old merchant of Yonkers, Horace Vandergelder, who decides to take a second wife. To this end, he employs a matchmaker, Dolly Levi, who then involves herself in the lives of Vandergelder's clerks, assorted young and lovely ladies and the head waiter at an expensive restaurant where this quick farce runs headlong into a hilarious climax of complication. Hysteria and romance abound in this uproarious evening of fun.

The cast of talented Alton High School students includes Greg Salvatore, Tom Bernhard, Mike Langer, Anna Varney, Jacob Swain, Nadine Vailotte, David Temple, Cathy Chapman, Andy Fuller, Dorene Lemay, Jill Gagnon, Tyson Blake, Kristina Gerdt, Amber Locke and Shemry Brown. The production stage manager is Rebecca Blair and the production is directed by faculty member Elizabeth Lent.

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The series will be presented at Alton Central School every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. beginning April 30 with a discussion of Crisis Intervention.

Other programs are May 7 - Parenting Skills, May 14 - ADHD, May 21 - Substance Abuse, May 28 - Medication/Community Resources, and June 4 - HIV/Aids.

For further information and to register call 524-1100.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

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. Color or black and white photos of your organization's events are also welcome

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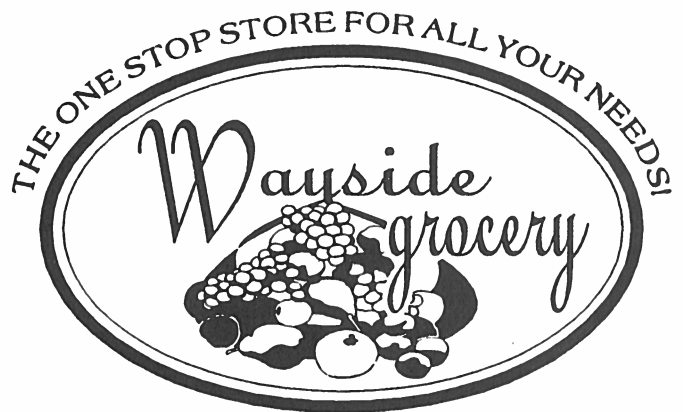
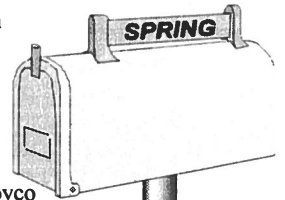
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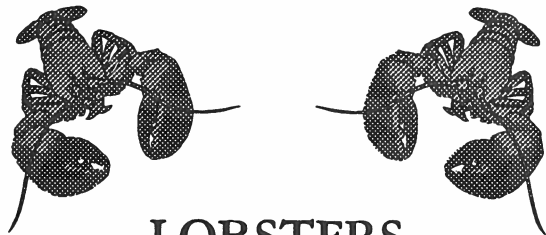
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce recently held a reorganization meeting at which it adopted by-laws, elected officers and planned events.

Marie Sheldon of Horse and Buggy Cottages was elected president for the coming year. Other officers are Jonathan Downing of J. H. Downing & Co., Inc., vice president; Cecile Chase of Farmington National Bank, treasurer; and Nancy Downing of Alton Bay Pavilion, secretary.

Members of the Board of Directors were selected for two-year terms. They are Christine Consentino, Alton Village 5 & 10; Ginny Stevenson, Riverview Motel; Steve Parker, Parker Marine; Steven Rogers, Bay Side Inn; Steve Sheldon, Tenant Credit Reports; and Shelby Husak, Shelby's Interiors for Living.

Committees were formed for Membership - Pam Reynolds, chairman, Cecile Chase, Steve Sheldon, and Sherry Barsanti; Volunteers - Fran Washburn; Calendar - Marie Sheldon, chairman, Ginny Stevenson, Cecile Chase, and Nancy Downing; and Information Center - Keith Chamberlain and Linda Misiaszek.

Upcoming events include a Business After Hours on Wednesday, May 8, from 7 to 8:30p.m. hosted by the Farmington National Bank; a meeting of the officers and Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 15, at 7p.m. at J. H. Downing & Co.; and a public fund raiser and membership drive on Friday, May 31, at the Alton Bay Pavilion featuring cabaret entertainment from 7:30 to 10:30p.m. Admission is \$10 per person or \$15 for two with the introduction of a new Chamber member. Bring your own beverage and an hors d'oeuvre to share.

Any organization or individual planning a public event in Alton during the summer months is invited to submit information about the event to P. O. Box 550, Alton, 03809, by Wednesday, May 15. for publication in the Chamber Activities Calendar. Include the event name, date, time, location, sponsoring organization and your name and phone number.

Any individual wishing to volunteer at the Information Booth at the Alton Bay Community Center is invited to call Fran Washburn at 364-7413.

Membership fees were set at \$50 and an additional \$25 for each additional business owned by the same member. Applications are available at the Farmington National Bank, J. H. Downing & Co., Inc., or by calling President Marie Sheldon at 875-5600.

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

The following students were named to the honor roll for the third quarter at Alton Central School. High Honors requires a grade of at least 92 in all subjects and Honors requires a grade of at least 83 in all subjects.

Grade 4 - High Honors: Kyle McAuliffe and Dan Quinn; Honors: Lyndsey Caron, Robert Clifford, David Currid, Elspeth Dana, Carl Dickson, Jillian Green, Tonya Prescott, Meredith Roy, Carl Timmons, Krista Shibley, Dakotah Walker, and Kelsey Yelle.

Grade 5 - High Honors: Scott Baumgartner, Dennis Callahan, Nicholas Hallin, Amanda Jones, Mathew Scott, and David Snell; Honors: Adam Ames, Megan Audette, David Bailey, Hilary Ballentine, Heath Berthiaume, Katie Brooks, Jennifer Carr, Jamie Coigley, Patricia Currid, Christopher Duffy, Jill Feger, Shelby Gunn, Stephanie Hillsgrove, Terese Hopper, Daniel Laurin, Tyler Lowthian, John McGlone, Kristin Murray, Patrick Quann, Lindsay Sleeper, Amanda Tharpe, Erin Wood, and Jennifer Zirpolo.

Grade 6 - High Honors: Matthew Currid, Serry Hayward, and Dana Lang; Honors: Joshua Albair, Kayla Ballentine, David Benedetto, Scott Blair, Kathleen Bristol, B. K. Brown, Shawn Ford, Taylor Gunn, Rebecca Howard, Christopher Martin, John McAuliffe, Jillian Moulton, Kathryn Moulton, Marissa Peterson, Jane Varney, and Steven Wood.

Grade 7 - High Honors: William Bristol, Renee LaFreniere, Katie Morrill, and Emily Sydow; Honors: Amy Beauregard, Nicole Beauregard, Kelsie Croes, Sara Dore, Allyson Fortier, Shawn Hillsgrove, Ashley Southwell, Meghan St.Cyr, and Matthew Tardy.

Grade 8 - Honors: Jessica Benedetto, Amanda Coughlin, Joshua Dewey, Frederick LaCrosse, Tanya Lewis, Jenny Martin, Danielle Moore, Eric Morrill, Nicholas Moulton, Michael Murray, Katharine O'Meara, Victor Stone, and Bridgette Temple.

Grade 9 - High Honors: Amanda Lambert; Honors: Daniel Alting, Rebecca Blair, Timothy Croes, Jennifer Emanouil, Christy Holway, and Nadine Vailette.

Grade 10 - Honors: Aaron Dore, Blake Kellar, Jennifer Merfeld, Tammy Murtagh, and Aaron Terravechia.

Grade 11 - High Honors: Rebecca Miller; Honors: Matthew Collins, Jessica Donahue, Matthew Fenton, and Elizabeth Knowlton.

Grade 12 - High Honors: Diane Carr, Paula Hufschmid, and Hilary Jacques; Honors: Kristina Gerdt, Marisa Kelley, Kelly Lord, Stephanie Osborn, and Jessica St. Pierre.



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