



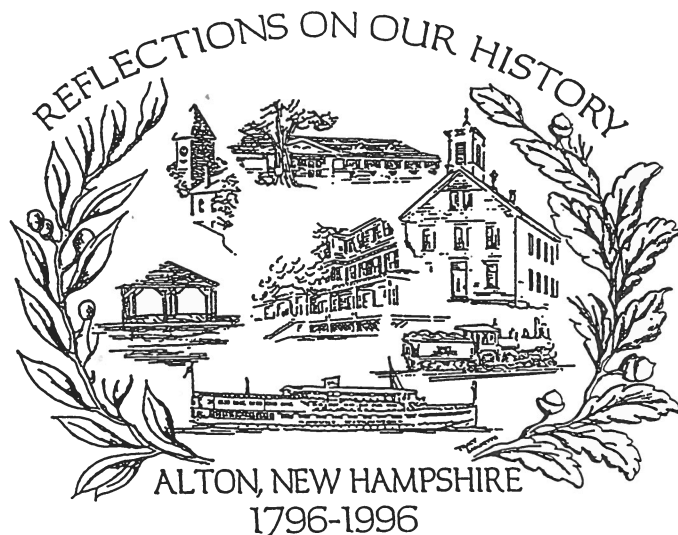
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Alton, New Hampshire

Alton Celebrates Bicentennial



BICENTENNIAL BREAKFAST KICKS OFF JUNE 16 EVENTS

At 8a.m. on Sunday, June 16, the place to be is the big Bicentennial Breakfast in the Conference Center at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. It's first come, first served at just \$4 per person. No reservations needed and no tickets on sale in advance. Just come out and pay at the door.

Brief histories of the churches of Alton will be presented. Sponsor for the event is the Alton Bay Campmeeting Association. June 16 was chosen as the date of the first big series of Bicentennial events, because it was on June 16, 1796, that Alton was incorporated as a town.

BICENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE AT NOON

When the church bells ring out at high noon throughout the area, Altonians are urged to come out to the Alton Town Hall where a "Bicentennial Open House" will be held from noon to 1:30p.m. Fascinating historical documents and memorabilia will be on display and the two terrific murals painted by Joan Chase will be dedicated. The two murals were underwritten and sponsored, one each, by the Richard Dame and Thomas Fry families.

Representatives of the Alton and Alton Bay post offices will be present from 11a.m. to 2:30p.m. to cancel your pre-stamped envelopes and/or post cards. There will be a pictorial cancellation in honor of the Bicentennial celebration. If you don't have stamped envelopes ready, we are told that you can purchase them there. In case of bad weather the cancellation will be available at the Alton Post Office on School Street. And then at 1:30p.m., a dramatic "march" will head from the Town Hall to the school.

BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM AT ALTON SCHOOL

All roads lead to the Alton Central School for the 2p.m. gala Bicentennial Program, being emceed by former selectman Bob Calvert.

Moulton's Band, sponsored by First NH Bank in Alton, will play several patriotic selections. The governor, both U.S. Senators, our state representatives and state senator have all been invited.

Todd McKinney's bicentennial song will be unveiled, and Terri Noyes will read a special poetic tribute to Alton written by the late Dorothy Rollins. The Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator will be the recipients of plaques and scrolls commemorating the event. A response from the 200th will be given to those long since deceased participants of the 100th in 1896. The emcee of that event challenged this current generation to be "devoted to the upbuilding of Alton" and to be "true to its best interests and abundant contributions to its prosperity." The emcee on this 200th will assure those from 1896 that we have kept the faith in every way and will similarly challenge those who will be on hand for the 300th birthday celebration in 2096.

A spirited "march" from the Town Hall to the Alton School will include those at the Town Hall at 1:30p.m., some resplendent in costumes. For those coming directly to the school, come early for good parking.

EVENING EVENTS BEGIN AT 5PM

Wait! There's more Bicentennial activity right into the evening and night to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Alton.

From 5 to 7p.m. family picnics will blossom all over the green and open spaces at Alton Bay. Plan on it now! It's Father's Day and dads can be uniquely honored at this special segment. Bring your own food, beverages and equipment, and join your neighbors in this special informal event. It's also a great opportunity to wear period costumes. No formal program will be observed, but "bicentennial visiting" will be the order of the day on the banks of the Big Lake.

And at 7:30p.m. what else but a magnificent Bicentennial Concert by the very popular Freese Brothers Big Band, sponsored by the Farmington National Bank. Bring your lawn chairs or whatever to be comfortable, sit back, relax and dream of the fabulous 200 year history of our great town!

Finally at about 9:30p.m. it's Bicentennial Fireworks at the Bay following the concert. And thus at the conclusion of a very busy day on June 16, the Alton Bicentennial will have been officially launched as we prepare for and anticipate many more events throughout the summer and fall.

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**BOB CALVERT HONORED BY
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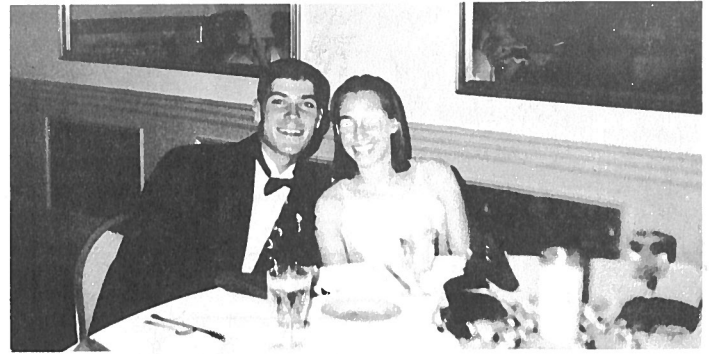
The New Hampshire Library Trustees Association has awarded a Special Library Award to Robert Calvert of Alton. The citation is as follows:

"Mr. Calvert is the leader of the 'Kitchen Cabinet Committee.' This committee has set a goal of \$350,000 in a private fund-raising for the expansion of the Gilman Library in Alton. The estimated construction cost is \$600,000. Bob Calvert is a former Alton Selectman. After the Library Trustees selected Architect Bruce Brook of Concord, Bob worked to tabulate the results of a community survey regarding space needs requirements, and then participated in two Library Profile sessions along with many other members of the Alton community. When the trustees began to explore the necessity to pursue private fund-raising in order to meet construction cost estimates, Bob Calvert offered his knowledge and lifetime experience as a fund raiser for the Boy Scouts of America. Bob shared his expertise with a novice, dedicated group of library supporters who were called together by the Gilman Library Trustees. Bob trained this enthusiastic group and has continued to motivate the efforts of the 'Kitchen Cabinet' Committee during the past year and a half of fund-raising. As of April 29, the group has raised \$225,824.05 toward their \$350,000.00 goal. Bob Calvert has publicized various fund-raising activities during this time through his monthly written contributions to Main Street (an Alton monthly community publication). These articles have carried the progress of fund-raising efforts, but most importantly have kept encouraging community members to 'Help Make the Gilman Library All That It Can Be'."

This motto was suggested by Bob Calvert for the fund-raising effort, and has been the rallying slogan which has inspired the fund-raising success to date. The trustees hope to reach their fund-raising goal during the next six months, and they are grateful for Bob Calvert's leadership in this effort.

LEGION AUXILIARY POPPY SALES

The Alton American Legion Auxiliary sponsored its annual poppy sale on Saturday, May 11, and would like to extend its appreciation to everyone who made donations and helped make the day a success. All proceeds support programs at the Veteran's Hospital in Manchester and the Veteran's Home in Tilton.



PROM KING AND QUEEN

Eric O'Brien and Stephanie Osborn were elected Prom King and Queen during the Alton High School Prom held last month at the Wolfeboro Inn.

**SPRING BAND AND CHORAL CONCERT
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5**

The Music Department at Alton Central School is pleased to announce that the annual Band and Choral Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, June 5, at 7p.m. in the school gym.

There will be performances by the elementary, middle and high school choirs under the direction of Mindy Eickel. They will be performing several selections including "Hashivenu", a Jewish folksong; "Hail, Holy Queen", from the movie, "Sister Act;" and the very popular "Danny Boy" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

The ACS bands will be performing under the direction of Anne Stevens. The Jazz Band will once again wow the audience - this time with a little "hog-squealin", rip-snortin', belly-achin' blues" as well as the jazz standard "Take the A Train."

The 61-member Intermediate Band will perform three marches and the Concert Band will offer "Midway March" and "English Folk Fantasy."

The finale of the evening will be a combined number with the Intermediate and Concert Bands (103 instrumentalists) performing "Brass Triumphant."

**LOCAL VNA-HOSPICE WINS
STATEWIDE SAFETY HONORS**

At the 25th Annual Safety Conference of the Safety and Health Council of NH, held at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester recently, the VNA-Hospice serving Alton and seven other neighboring towns received two significant awards. One was the statewide Governor's Safety Award for the best safety record for 1995 in the Miscellaneous Business category with employees of 50 to 99. The second plaque was for "most improved safety record" in the same category. It was the only Visiting Nurse Association in the state to be honored in any category. The other categories were Manufacturing and Agriculture, Forestry, Construction and Mining.

Accepting the awards on behalf of the VNA-Hospice were two Alton residents: Sandy Currid, Administrative Coordinator; and Bob Calvert, volunteer Board of Directors member and Chair of the agency's Quality Improvement Committee.

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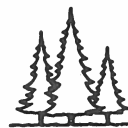
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**UNITED ASSOCIATIONS OF ALTON
SPONSORING MOCK TOWN MEETING**

On Saturday, June 29, from 9:30 to 11a.m., the annual "spring" meeting of the United Associations of Alton will take place in the upstairs auditorium at the Alton Town Hall. Periodically over the years this group has sponsored a summer "mock" town meeting to update association members on town affairs and current issues before the town, since most of them are here only during the summer months and don't get to the March Annual Town Meeting. Any interested Alton resident is welcome as well.

The meeting will be opened and closed by United Associations President Tom Todd. The Board of Selectmen, it is hoped, will participate and regular Town Moderator John Duffek will play that role at this meeting as well. Town Administrator Scott Dunn will give an "interim update report" covering the period since the end of last summer.

Five "warrant articles" will be on the meeting warrant. None will carry any legislative weight, of course, hence the term "mock." But as discussed and acted on, they will provide input to the selectmen and the town from a representative cross section of summer residents. Articles will deal with keeping up with road rebuilding, the recent much-discussed ballot bill, potential change in fiscal year and moving town meeting from March to May, town appropriations to come up to and match equally the Gilman Library Building Campaign totals raised in the "private" phase, and speeding up and completing Emergency 9-1-1 capability.

Everyone is invited on June 29, and the meeting will be over early enough so that everyone will have a full weekend free. Come join in!

**ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB
OFFERS MINI-GOLF NIGHT SPECIAL**

Everyone is invited to the Annual Lions Club Mini-Golf Night at the Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course in Alton Bay on Tuesday, June 11.

All proceeds will be donated to a New Durham youngster who is battling cancer. The activity begins at 6p.m. and a round of golf is available for only \$1 per person.

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

READING -- THE BEST GAME AROUND

Our winter programs may be over, but we are certainly looking forward to summer activities.

The theme for the Summer Reading Program is "Reading -- The Best Game Around." The Library has purchased an amazing selection of paperback books for this theme and there will be enough to share.

In addition, of course, we have our usual selection of books, "Ranger Rick" and "World" magazines, and a great variety of videos.

We have already started our book sale this year because we have LOTS. We are selling paperbacks for 25¢ and hard cover books for 50¢, unless marked.

We still feel the Library is the best bargain in town! Come see us.

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

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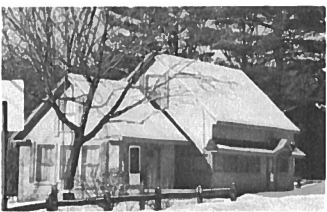
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OM TEAM WINS CREATIVITY AWARDS

The Alton Central School's Odyssey of the Mind Team was one of two teams in a field of 85 teams to win the Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award at the recent state level competition at Merrimack High School. The team received a trophy for its use of the shadow theme in its problem solution. According to the judges' report, "This team showed exceptional creativity in risk taking though use of an impressive shadow theme that was creatively unique." Team members are: (back row, left to right) Anne Farrell, Travis Hopper, and Michael Tidd; (front row, left to right) Kelly Eagles, Erin Hannafin, and Stephanie Tanguay.

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TO HOLD GENERAL MEETING**

The Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a general membership meeting for Wednesday, June 19, at 7p.m. at the office of J.H.Downing and Co., Inc., located next to the Alton Bay Pavilion.

A discussion and vote on the anniversary date of membership is expected to be on the agenda.

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**STUDENTS AND AMERICORPS REPAIR
MERRYMEETING RIVER BANK DAMAGE**

Students from eighth grade at Alton Central School teamed up with AmeriCorps volunteers last month to repair environmental damage to the Merrymeeting River banks caused by the dam breach in March.

Brian Davidson, science and math teacher, and Jennifer Mayo of AmeriCorps will coordinate the efforts of 49 students to re-vegetate along 250 feet of the river. The project will help deal with silt infiltration.

Middle school students have been involved with the Merrymeeting River for some time as participants in the Merrimack River Watershed Program. They regularly perform water quality testing and observations, reporting their findings to a coordinating group for study and analysis.

Plant donations were received from Agway and the Belknap County Conservation District.

**BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY PROVIDED
BY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

The Town Clerk's office will highlight materials of interest in the Bicentennial display case located on the first floor of the Town Hall during the month of June.

Along with some of the original leather bound books, will be papers from periods throughout the 1800s and 1900s and photos that should interest everyone. Barbara Gibbs of The Art Place in Wolfeboro has very generously provided the framing of the original incorporation document. It will be presented to the selectmen as a special event during the June 5 selectmen's meeting.

The Town Hall is a treasure of information. Come and look at the books and papers that are rarely shone to the public.

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CONCORD CORNER

By Alice Ziegra, State Representative

COMPLEX BILLS FACE CONSIDERATION

Near the end of the legislative session, the complex bills are often made more so. There are special project/program bills and those making major policy changes. On the way through the House and Senate, amendments that are added may skew the original intent. Important to know is that when one chamber makes a change in a bill, the other must concur. If agreement is not reached, a committee of conference (4 House members and 3 Senate members) must try to find a compromise satisfactory to both chambers. It must be a unanimous agreement. Failing this, the bill dies. Most frequently, however, a compromise is reached.

Bills passed will: 1. Exempt the Healthy Kids Corporation (insurance for low-income school children) from insurance premium tax; 2. Better define timing of eviction writs and make more uniform the court scheduling of eviction hearings; 3. Clarify the ability of self-employed people to collect unemployment; 4. Clarify the transportation of dogs in pickup trucks enumerating four ways to protect an animal from being thrown as well as allowing owners freedom to create any other way to protect the dog during the ride; 5. Proclaim December 7th as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day;" and 6. Add two dam inspectors and shorter intervals between dam inspections on larger dams.

Killed were bills to: 1. Have state requirements concerning materials given to students and parents at public schools. This should be the responsibility of the local school district; 2. Further address the removal and replacement of trees in front of billboards; 3. Allow liquor to be sold at the University of New Hampshire sports/ entertainment complex on special occasions; and 4. Add 3-and 4-person personal watercraft machines to the regulations for smaller craft.

Sent to study were bills to: 1. Study changes in the laws regarding trustees of estates; and 2. Find a solution to illegally obtaining insurance policies by out-of-state people.

It should be noted that several modifications passed to address early perceived problems with Senate Bill 2 (ballot law bill). There will be many more amendments necessary to try to achieve the proposed purposes of the bill.

For the last time this year, I will be at the Alton Town Hall on Monday, June 3, from 3 to 4p.m. Please feel free to call 875-2151 if there are questions or problems.

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RAISES \$4500 FOR FLOOD VICTIMS**

Wes Nicholson (right), president of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, presents a check for \$4,500 to Alton Town Administrator Scott Dunn for those affected by the dam burst in March. The money was raised through the club's annual Penny Sale and Jamboree in April.

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**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB
MOTHER/DAUGHTER LUNCHEON**

On Wednesday, June 19, at 11:30a.m., the Lakes Region Christian Women's Club will host a Mother/Daughter Luncheon at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center.

The featured guests are Elaine Hardy with "Creative Memories" photographic arrangements, singer Tavia Cushing, and speaker Betty Patterson, a young mother and counselor of children.

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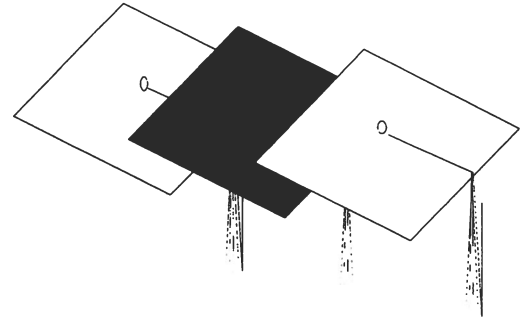


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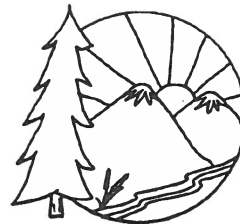
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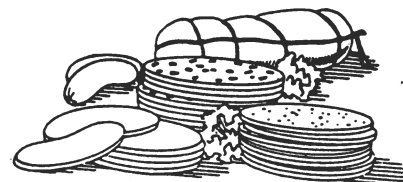
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MT. WASHINGTON PROGRAM RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10

A program about the M/S Mt. Washington, scheduled last month by the Historical Society and the Bicentennial Committee, has been rescheduled for Monday, June 10, at 7:30p.m. at the Alton Bay Christian Campground.

Bruce Heald will present "The Story of a Boat: The Mount Washington." Admission is free and the public is invited.

GARDEN CLUB TO HEAR ABOUT AQUATIC GARDENS

The June meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at 1:30p.m. at the Baptist Meeting House. The program, Aquatic Gardens, will feature Jim Okis.

Hostesses are Chairman Betty Locke assisted by Pauline Annis, Geraldine Besse, Phyllis Chaffee, Margaret Faveau, Betty MacKay, Muriel Miller, Alice Nelson, Jeanne Perkins, and Jane Rojek.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By Nancy Mooney

ACTIVITIES PLANNED AT SENIOR CENTER

June is "bustin" out all over, and the senior citizens couldn't be happier to get back into the swing of things after the long winter and cool spring. At our May Senior Citizens Association meeting, upcoming events and activities were brought to our attention, as well as the impending election of officers at the July meeting.

For those of you thinking about joining the Alton Seniors, there is no better time than now! Come to our meeting on Wednesday, June 12, at 2p.m., part with \$2 for dues, and be recognized as an official Alton Senior citizen with full voting privileges at the August meeting. Dom Giuliano has been appointed head of the nominating committee and will present a slate of officers to be elected in July.

We appreciate the good turn-outs for the suppers that Tony Mariano and staff have put on for the community. Your support of our efforts is commendable. Circle June 29 on your calendar and come to the spaghetti supper at the Center on Pearson Road from 5 to 7p.m.

Tony Mariano is also in charge of the Alton Senior Citizens Flea Market to be held Saturday, July 6, at the Alton Bay Community Center. He is reminding you to reserve a table for \$10 now by calling him at 875-5978.

More trips are in the works. You should sign up now if you want to go to Foster's Clambake on July 16, as spaces on the bus are going fast. Did you know that if you are a member of ACS and routinely help out with activities at the Center, that you will qualify for a \$10 rebate on trips costing over \$39? Claire Fitzgerald, the CAP site manager, also informed us that CAP will sponsor two bus trips this summer if the demand is there. One trip would be to Castle in the Clouds and the other would be to Lake Sunapee for a boat tour.

Finally, Arthur Saulnier, one of the founding members of Alton Senior Citizens, is compiling a few notes about the Senior Center, the first of which we include in this column: **Saga of the Old Barn on the Hill**

As we approach the 5th anniversary of the Alton Senior-Community Center on Pearson Road, the Association feels that we should put to rest the misconceptions and myths about the center.

About 8 years ago, a group of seniors got together and formed a committee to speak to the Town Selectmen to see what could be done to complete the interior of the building. Permission was granted, and the Alton Senior Building Fund was established. Evelyn Nardo was chairman, Art Saulnier was Treasurer, and Warren Nott and Stanley Olender were advisors. Many suppers and sales were held to help increase our funds for the building. Next month, we will continue the saga with recognition of donors and workers.

Happy June and Happy Bicentennial! Don't forget June 16, Bicentennial Day!

Half of being smart is knowing what you're dumb at.

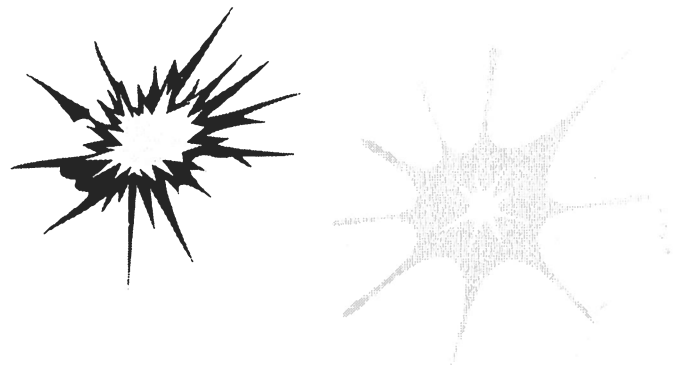
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PLANNING CONTINUES FOR OLD HOME WEEK

The Old Home Week program for this Bicentennial Year, August 10-18, is shaping up to be very exciting with the highlight of the week being the Bicentennial Parade on August 17.

Those individuals or organizations that want to enter a float or participate in the parade should contact Old Home Week Chairman Debbie Burton. There is still plenty of room in the parade for more participants.

The program book will be a collector's item and ads should be submitted Burton by June 1.

The committee is in need of volunteers for the fund raising car washes on Saturday June 29 and July 20. Perhaps there is some organization or business that would like to take on one of these as an Old Home Week project.

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 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

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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, 875-6750
 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, 875-6750
 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 Thursday, March - December, Route 28S
 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
 CALL 875-7300 OR FAX 875-3162

HELP WANTED ON JUNE 27

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, June 27, at 6:30p.m. Join us!

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- *ADDRESS COMMITTEE - Thursday, 7p.m., Town Hall, 875-2161.
 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, 6:30 - 9:30p.m., Chairman Russell Jones. Call 875-2161 for Appointment.
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 *CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. 875-2161.
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 LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on Call, Chairman Juliet Peverley, 875-7232.
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 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle, 875-7321.
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- Neighborhood Yard Sale, June 8, South View Lane off Trask Road, 9a.m.

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June Events

- Wed. 5 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu. 6 - CLASS DAY, Alton Central School, 8:30a.m.
- Sat. 8 - BOY SCOUT CAR WASH, Town Hall, 9a.m. to Noon
- Sun. 9 - PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION, Jones Field, 8:30a.m.
- Mon. 10- SPEAKER: "M/S Mt. Washington", Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 11- LIONS CLUB MINI-GOLF NIGHT, Blue Jay Golf Course, 6p.m.
- Wed. 12- STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
 YOUNG AUTHORS, Gilman Library, 1p.m.
- Fri. 14- FLAG DAY
- Sat. 15- GRADUATION, Alton Central School, 9a.m.
 BOY SCOUT CAR WASH, Town Hall, 9a.m. to Noon
- Sun. 16- FATHER'S DAY
 BICENTENNIAL DAY
 Breakfast, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8a.m.
 Open House, Town Hall, Noon to 1:30p.m.
 March to Alton School, 1:30p.m.
 Formal Program, Alton School, 2p.m.
 Family Picnic, Alton Bay, 5p.m.
 Freese Brothers Band Concert, Alton Bay, 7:30p.m.
 Fireworks, Alton Bay, 9:30p.m.
- Tue. 18- SPEAKER: "Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books", Baptist Meeting House, 7p.m.
- Wed. 19- LUNCHEON SPEAKER: "Creative Memories", Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 11:30a.m.
 GENERAL MEETING, Chamber of Commerce, 7p.m.
- Thu. 20- FIRST DAY OF SUMMER
 KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION, Alton Central School, 7p.m.
- Sat. 22- BOY SCOUT CAR WASH, Town Hall, 9a.m. to Noon
- Mon. 24- BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m., Doors Open 6:30p.m.
- Tue. 25- SPEAKER: "Aquatic Gardens", Baptist Meeting House, 1:30p.m.
- Sat. 29- BOY SCOUT CAR WASH, Town Hall, 9a.m. to Noon
 MOCK TOWN MEETING, Town Hall, 9:30a.m.
 SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Pearson Road Community Center, 5 to 7p.m.
- Sun. 30- CANOE RACE, Route 28S at Masonic Temple to Alton Bay, 10a.m.



BICENTENNIAL FOCUS

By Judy Fry

**NEW DURHAM GORE AND ALTON TAVERNS AND INNS
Part III**

Settlers from the Old World who arrived on these shores to make a new beginning faced many hardships as they began to clear the land for farming and homesteads. You will learn in this chapter who some of these settlers were, where they came from and how they survived in the area near the "Big Lake" called New Durham Gore. Here too, the tavern and inn played an integral role in their lives

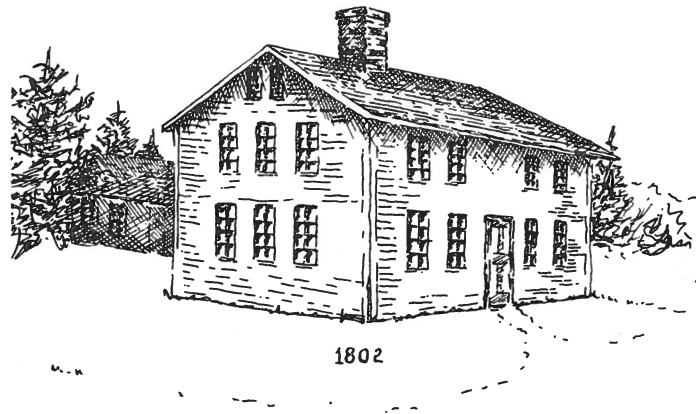
The town of Alton was incorporated June 16, 1796. Prior to that date this area was known as New Durham Gore because of its configuration. To avoid confusion any reference to this area prior to June 16, 1796, will be referred to as New Durham Gore. The name will be changed to Alton after the official date of incorporation.

Enoch Sawyer Tavern & Inn

Enoch Sawyer of Dover, New Hampshire, along with his bride, Eleanor Horn of Rochester, purchased a one-acre lot in the Village at the corner of School and Main Streets in 1798.

This enterprising young man, age 21 at the time, started a barrel-making business while he was building a large colonial house often referred to as the Ricker House. Enoch finished it about 1802 and shortly thereafter opened another business benefitting the traveling public, an inn. In 1803 he was granted a tavern license.

By 1820, he would own, among other real estate holdings, 80 acres in the center of Alton Village. This white colonial house still stands over 190 years later as testimony to one of our early settlers.



ENOCH SAWYER'S INN

The Gliddens

In 1727 an early pioneer named Richard Glidden, from Exeter, settled in the town of Gilmanton. Due to the demands of the Indian wars and the responsibilities of a large family, he was never able to settle on his land grant in the area near Lake Winnepesaukee. However, his dream was passed on to his children.

Forty-three years later Richard's sons, Andrew, John, and David Glidden signed three deeds on August 1, 1770, in the Portsmouth office of Attorney John Fisher, giving each of them one hundred acres of land in the wilderness area known as New Durham Gore. This land was in the area known then and now as Coffin Ridge.

There were requirements placed upon these land grants. The Glidden's had to build houses "...Twenty feet long, sixteen feet wide with seven foot posts." These dwellings, better known as cabins, had to be erected within one year and "... every year thereafter for ten years hence, four acres of land must be cleared each year."

Ephraim Chamberlain's Tavern

Of f to the south behind the ridge to the west of Mt. Prospect two other settlers had arrived in 1770 to clear land for their homesteads. They were the Chamberlain brothers, Jacob and Ephraim, from Rochester. They would be prominent leaders in the new settlement throughout the remainder of the eighteenth century.

In 1770 the two brothers brought their families to the newly cleared land and they temporarily shared a low single storied wood frame house until each brother could build his own more substantial home nearby. This house still stands today with the nearby stone wall, at the edge of the property, serving as the boundary line

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By the end of 1771 the cellar holes had been dug, foundation rocks put in place, and timber hauled, waiting to be hewn. Additional preparations for building would begin that winter on the two new houses; Jacob's home would be a few hundred yards away from the present dwelling while Ephraim's would stand on Muchado Hill Road looking southwesterly across his fields down towards his brother's home.

Jacob's house still stands on Meaderboro Road in South Alton, a beautiful example of an 18th century colonial farm. The current owner is Amschell Rothchild of Suffolk, England. Ephraim's house burned down around 1963 or 1964. From the size of the cellar holes they indicate that it was just as imposing as Jacob's. In fact, Ephraim's was the first licensed tavern and inn here in New Durham Gore in 1785. A new house stands on this sight.

Stockbridge Tavern

Information is scant about another tavern located on or near the Chamberlain Road in South Alton. Notes taken from a copy of an 1800 map of South Alton, clearly show a dwelling of Israel Stockbridge. Israel was one of the earliest settlers in New Durham Gore, carving out a homestead about 1789. He fought in the Revolutionary War, serving at Portsmouth Harbor and with Colonel Task's regiment at White Plains, New York. This homestead was known as the Stockbridge Tavern.

Jewett Tavern

Two enterprising young brothers, Thomas and James Jewett from Dover, New Hampshire, left a lasting legacy in and around the New Durham Gore area from the village to the lake. Thomas, the older brother, arrived first in 1784 and began his successful financial career by purchasing a goods store from Charles Rogers, located in the vicinity of the Letter S Road and Main Street. He also operated an inn for travelers passing through the village. In 1795, Thomas Jewett received a license from the selectmen to open an inn and "to provide entertainment there in." This inn was considered the first in the village of New Durham Gore, soon to be Alton and was in operation for only a few years, but did provide food and lodging for travelers passing through the Lakes Region.

James Jewett, the younger brother, earned a reputation of being a shrewd businessman quickly. Among his numerous enterprises were land and farm transactions involving more than thirty sales and purchases amounting to more than 3,000 acres. He kept his official residence at his mills in New Durham (not New Durham Gore), but spent most of his last years on his two hundred acre farm on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee between Clay Point and Beaver Brook in East Alton.

One of his businesses was a tavern in East Alton located at the north end of Roberts Cove Road, at the entrance to Brickyard Cove Road.

In Barton McLain Griffin's book, The History of Alton, New Hampshire, 1960, he quotes a paragraph from the Town Records, "James Jewett may sell retail spirits at his store in Said Town of Alton for one year..." dated September 30, 1796, to September

30, 1797, signed James and Daniel McDuffee, Selectmen. The tavern was located in East Alton and it appears that it was a joint effort with his brother, Thomas, to operate this business.

James Jewett died in 1823 and is buried across the road, Roberts Cove Road, from his farm that no longer exists. Thomas died in 1811; his final resting place is possibly in Tuftonboro.

Other Taverns

To meet the needs of the people and especially the travelers, small taverns were kept in several parts of New Durham Gore/Alton. One place was in the dwelling of Benjamin Bennett, Old New Durham Road, also known as Bay Road.

Samuel Small Tavern

About 1800, Samuel Small, formerly of Rochester, purchased land at what we now know as the junction of Routes 11 and 11-A in West Alton. In 1802 he opened a tavern, having obtained a liquor license from the selectmen. For nearly 30 years Samuel and his sons ran the business serving much of West Alton and catering to travelers between the Bay and Meredith. For some years he also operated a saw mill business located on the brook behind the house and barn, however it appears he abandoned the mill to concentrate on his store and tavern. As years passed the tavern evolved into an inn and post office. The house and barn Samuel Small built still stands at this busy junction in West Alton.

Excerpts from this mini-history will conclude in Part IV with the following taverns: John Rawlings, Joseph Mooney, Savage House, and White Lodge.



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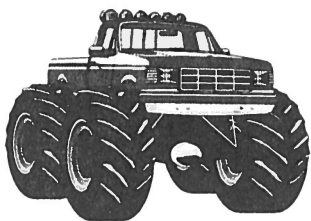
The Alton Historical Society and The Friends of the Library will meet Tuesday, June 18, in the Baptist Church at 7p.m.

Kenneth Gloss, a noted antiquarian book seller from Boston, will be the guest speaker. His topic: Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books. In the first half of the program, Mr. Gloss will cover the highlights of his career and discuss how to determine the value of old books. The latter half of the program will be devoted to the members of the audience who have brought in old books for him to evaluate. Start searching your attics now for those books of yore that may be worth more than you think.

Hostesses for the evening are Ruth Latham and Nancy Mooney. The public is invited. There is no admission charged. For further information, call Jessie Bakeman at 569-1487 or Nancy Mooney at 875-3374.

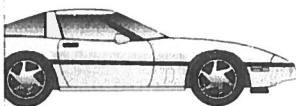
BOY SCOUT CAR WASHES

Alton Boy Scout Troop #53 is offering free car washes on Saturdays in June from 9a.m. to noon in front of the Town Hall. Donations will be greatly appreciated and will be used to send boys to summer camp at the Hidden Valley Campground.



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Kindergarten: Tony Castagnaro, Amber Couture, Meagan Divito, Jacob Dore, Ryan Finethy, Jessica Harrell, Chelsea Hawkins, Daniel Hopper, Logan Hopper, Jesse Lane, Christopher Loprete, Alina Loynd, Samantha MacDonald, Karol Anne Mansfield, C.J. Moulton, Amanda Pellowe, Tara Prescott, Abby Rasbridge Matthew Rojek, Jennifer Shafer, Julie Shafer, Brianna Tidd, Olivia Varney, Krystal Vique, Caitlin Wenzlau, Jonathan Yelle, and Jordan Yelle.

Grade 1: Dottie-Jean Bailey, Kristopher Callahan, Kimberly Clow, Mara Cook-Hamer, Katie Dunn, Jane Farrell, Ashley Finethy, Kimberly Hannafin, Caila Kantar, Joshua Liedtke, Kelsey Moore, Cassandra Moulton, Jessica Roy, Marc Roy, Suzanne Sherwood, Bryce St.Cyr, Jeffrey St.Cyr, Ashley Sweeney, Ty Tremblay, Ben Varney, and Joshua Vlk.

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Grade 3: Brittany Bartlett, Amanda Boudreau, Kelly Eagles, Anne Farrell, Vanessa Gilbert, Makayla Goings, Erin Hannafin, Sarah Heinrich, Travis Hopper, Elizabeth Husak, Brian Kivlehan, Alicia Lambert, Danielle LePouttre, Tara Loprete, Ashley Marren, Whitney Marston, Camille Niquette, Brenna Quann, Stephanie Tanguay, Michael Tidd, and Ashley Waterman.

Grade 4: Lindsey Caron, Robbie Clifford, Jessica Coigley, Tamara Cornelissen, Carl Dickson, Kate Dore, Glenn Gordon, Jesse Gunn, David Helie, Falon Lambert, Dylan Laurion, Kristy Lefebvre, Kyle McAuliffe, Dan Quinn, Meredith Roy, Krista Shibley, CJ Timmons, and Kelsey Yelle.

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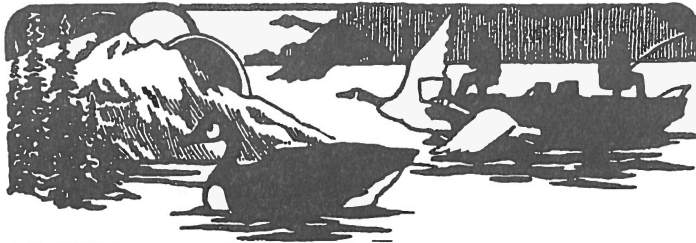
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By Jack Miller

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Early morning fishing on the Big Lake can still find some salmon and rainbows near the surface. Local rivers should be at their best flow levels with insect hatches coming off the water providing some good fly fishing.

Warm water species are in the shallows since this is their spawning season. Remember that all bass must be released through June 15. From June 16 to the 30, the daily limit is two bass, and from July 1 to ice-in is a five bass limit.

Being one of the best all around fishing months, June is a good time to try fishing. The Fish and Game Department makes this easy by designating June 8 as a "free fishing day." Free fishing is for residents and nonresidents and no license is required for freshwater sport fishing on that day. The state of Vermont also offers this treat on the same day. If you'd like to try fishing, get out there! As always, be sure to check the regulations in the 1996 Fresh Water Fishing Digest before you go.

June is also a good time to head north to the big rivers such as the Upper Connecticut and the Androscoggin. These rivers are well stocked and there is lots of room to fish without feeling crowded.

If there is not enough fishing to keep you busy and you are still thinking about hunting, there is a two day gun show at the Manchester Armory on June 8 and 9. There should be plenty of firearms to choose from and the dealers are usually willing to deal.

Good luck!

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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SCHOOL EVALUATION VISIT COMPLETED AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Fourteen educators made an on-site evaluation of Alton Central School May 12 - 15, according to School Principal George J. Rogers. The evaluation visit was conducted under the direction of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The NEASC visiting committee was chaired by Stephen North, principal of Profile High School.

Rogers said, "The purpose of the evaluation was to review and validate from an outside professional viewpoint the self-study materials which have been prepared by the faculty, parents, and students for the last 13 months. During the comprehensive self-study, the faculty attempted to identify the school's strengths and determine those areas in which changes would be beneficial."

According to North, the purpose of the visit "was not to criticize but to assist the faculty in its pursuit of quality education."

Rogers pointed out, "The members of the NEASC team contributed their services to the school. This spirit of professional cooperation is one of the noted features of the New England Association. The goal of an NEASC evaluation is to stimulate a continuing drive for improvement in the school."

The members of the visiting committee were teachers and administrators from a variety of schools in New England.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a voluntary league of over 1680 public schools, colleges and universities, independent schools, and vocational, technical and career institutions. Of these, over 700 secondary schools have been accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Secondary Schools. The Commission works with individual public schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and evaluation.

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REFLECTIONS ON "DRIVING THE BUS" FOR A YEAR AS POLICE CHIEF

In the navy it's called having the "conn," while in civilian life it's being the "boss" or any of the other terms for the position where the "buck stops." But for Alton's Police Chief, Kevin D. Iwans, being in charge of a New Hampshire town's police department, is "driving the bus." As he comes up for his first anniversary, June 12, of being number one cop in Alton, Chief Iwans paused for a moment to give Main Street his thoughts on what he feels good about -- and not so good about -- "driving the bus" of the Alton Police Department for a whole year.

It is not as if Alton has had any shortage of police chiefs in recent years. Chief Iwans with a full year of longevity now has more time in command than anyone since Thomas Mynczywor retired in 1993. It now appears that the seas have calmed and Chief Iwans has a clear vision on the course he wishes his department to steer: stability and community service. The emphasis is on "community" because Chief Iwans' philosophy of running a police department is not one of the police deciding what is good for the community, but rather one of responding to, and then delivering on, what the community wants. To do this he sees it as essential to get the pulse of the community, and much of his effort is being devoted to that, but in a low key manner.

While keeping his antenna up for community input on what is expected of the police department, in his first year the Chief has spent the largest amount of energy on training. The salaries that the department has paid in the past have resulted in a greater-than-usual turnover as trained officers have left for better paying positions in nearby towns. What the new Chief found on reporting for duty was a staff of dedicated, yet relatively inexperienced, police officers. With the pay raises that were brought about from a citizens' initiative at the 1996 Town Meeting, the Chief now feels he has a reasonable chance of retaining the talent currently on board. This has meant a major emphasis on training, and the Chief figures that in one to three years the residents of Alton will notice a significant difference in what they get for their tax dollar devoted to law enforcement.

When asked about what he thought were his accomplishments as he rounded out his first year of service to Alton, the Chief cited the training programs mentioned above, and his redoing of the procedures used in police work, such as criminal investigations, to bring Alton to a state-of-the-art level. When asked of his disappointments, he had very few. Those he did mention had to do with the low community response to the things that have been tried which could give the department a better idea of the needs of the town -- for instance, the "Ride-Along" program initiated by the Chief. This is a chance for residents to accompany an officer on patrol. It is designed to let the town's people get a first-hand experience of what's involved in carrying out an officer's job while at the same time letting department personnel hear what's on residents' minds. To date the program has received few takers. The Chief has, consequently, adopted a low profile while straying alert for other clues on what the residents of Alton truly expect of their police department. Chief Iwans says he is always open for ideas on this. What he does not want to do is adopt a closed mind.

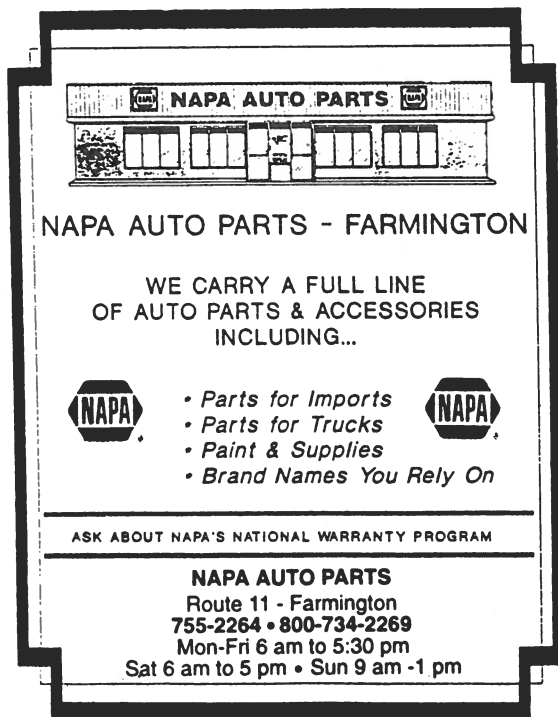
The one area singled out by Chief Iwans as the most needed for improvement in police services is on the waters and islands within the town limits of Alton. While it is true that the NH Marine Patrol provides services to all of Lake Winnepesaukee, primary law enforcement with the Town of Alton boundary is the responsibility of the Town's Police Department -- whether it is on land or water. Alton has the most shoreline of any town on the lake, so this translates into a huge job, and the Department is hard pressed to deliver. When a call comes for police assistance on the shores, waters, or islands in the Town of Alton, the Alton Police Department has to look for the Marine Patrol for transport to the scene, or the Alton Fire Department's boat. If the Fire Department's boat is crewed by a volunteer firefighter, there is the very serious question of liability if a law enforcement action results in injury to a civilian. Additionally, there is the question of what happens if there is a fire call on an island while the police are using the boat on a serious law enforcement matter.

No matter which water transport is commandeered, response time for police assistance on Alton's waters or islands runs on the order of 50 minutes, according to Chief Iwans. He views this as not acceptable for a responsible police department and ways of doing better are high on his priorities as he starts his second year on the job.

Bringing the whole year together, Chief Iwans looks back on the very positive aspects of the Alton community -- such as the tremendous rally of neighborliness in the Meadow Dam disaster - - and hopes to build on the sense of community with respect to how the Police Department can measure up and deliver on what its "customers" really want.

It is very apparent that Alton's Chief of Police enjoys "driving the bus."

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TOWN HALL NOTES

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

THOUGHTS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS

BICENTENNIAL This is it! The Town's 200th anniversary date is upon us. Everyone is invited to join the festivities scheduled to take place on June 16. All of the folks at Town Hall are looking forward to this historic, once-in-a-lifetime event.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION The Selectmen have scheduled a public forum on Monday, June 5, at 7p.m. in the Town Hall to review engineering plans and allow for public input into the reconstruction of New Durham Road and Route 11-D. The Highway Department is now working on improvements to Youngstown Road. We apologize for any delays, but that's progress.

VOLUNTEERS DESIRED The Town is now accepting applications from anyone interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Budget Committee and Gilman Museum Board of Trustees. Also, alternate members are always needed for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Selectmen also are seeking an interested member of the public to serve as the Town's liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.

HELP WANTED The Town is accepting applications for the part-time position of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk and seasonal position of Highway Laborer.

NEW FACES We are pleased to welcome the following people to the ranks of Town employment. Mike McGovern has been hired as the Town's Maintenance Supervisor and Animal Control Officer and Jack Baggaley has been hired as a Grounds Laborer.

NICE NEWS NEEDED If anyone has a report of a Town employee doing something particularly helpful or above the call of duty, we would love to hear from you. Of course we also accept complaints.

FREE STUFF FOR RESIDENTS Wood chips are available across from the Highway Garage and mulch is available at the Solid Waste Center.

CITIZEN CRIME PREVENTION Please help us prevent theft of street signs. These are expensive to replace for all taxpayers and may result in serious injury. Also, the Police Department needs your help in its mission.

UPCOMING PROJECTS Bids will soon be sought and work will then take place on the following: re-roofing and painting the Alton Bay Community Center; paving of the Pearson Road Community Center parking lot; painting of the exterior at the Police Station; installation of a Police Impound Yard; and a pavement overlay on Trask Side Road.

NEXT MONTH Hopefully, I will have an update on the E-911 and Town address project and the property revaluation.

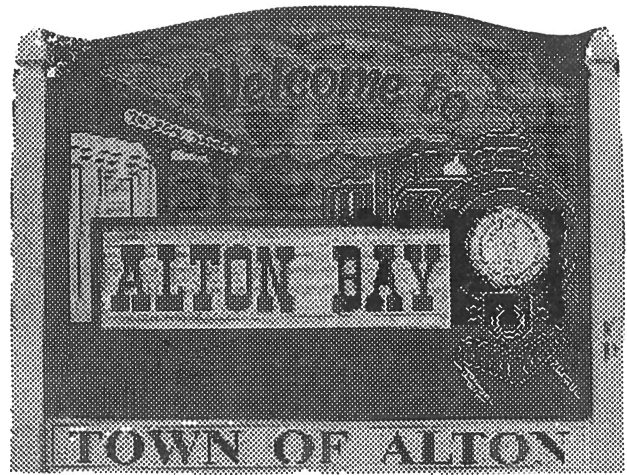
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**MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT ON
PATRICIA PELLOWE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

By Muriel Walker

It was over 20 years ago that Pat Pellowe volunteered to do typing for community boards and committees. Although there was no response to her offer at that time, she received a call from Police Chief Charles Wheeler asking her to work for the Alton Police Department as a part-time secretary. Pat began on May 17, 1976, when the Department was housed in the basement of the Town Hall. Pat's work evolved into her present position as a full-time executive secretary in 1980. Now, after those 20 successful years of service, Pat will be retiring.

Pat was born at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro. Her parents were Louise (Gilman) and Hartley Shields. Pat's father was a local contractor and the family lived in Rochester until the end of Pat's first grade year. They then moved to Alton where Pat attended elementary and high school.

After graduation, Pat worked in Pittsfield for Winslow Brothers and Smith, a division of the Armour Company. Her office manager there had a son, James, who was in the Air Force. After his tour of duty Jim and Pat met and later married. They settled in Alton to raise their family.

Jim has retired after 38 years with the State of NH Department of Transportation. His position was Bituminous Supervisor at the Highway Laboratory in Design and Control of Hot Top Mixes.

Family is very important to Pat and Jim. They share their home with Jim's mother, Gertrude, who is 93. Their three children and six grandchildren live close by and they see then often. Pat also has a sister, Nancy Rines.

Pat and Jim's daughter, Debra Boudry, lives in Concord and works in the office of the Secretary of State. She has an adopted



daughter, Mary, who is from the Phillipines and is 12 years old.

Their sons, Douglas and Timothy, both live in Alton. Douglas is a building contractor and has three girls. Katie is in grade 2, Amanda is in Kindergarten, and Emily is in preschool. Timothy is in the Air National Guard and works for the federal government at Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth. He and his wife, Rebecca, have sons, Brandon, a third grader, and Tommy, who will be entering Kindergarten.

Pat's busy work schedule does not leave much time for leisure activities, but when she can she enjoys walking and reading. "Jim and I are devoted to our grandchildren and enjoy doing things with them," Pat says. Pat is also a member of the Women's Christian Fellowship.

When asked what she liked best about her job, Pat replied, "It's so interesting and no two cases are alike." She added, "I just can't imagine working anywhere else and being that happy." She spoke of the good rapport in the Department and spoke highly of former Chief Thomas Mynczywor for whom she worked for 13 years. Pat is enjoying our present chief, Kevin Iwans. She says, "The Department is in such good hands with Chief Iwans. I have good feelings about him running the Department."

Pat's official retirement date is September 1, but she plans to use accumulated vacation time and will be leaving in early July. When I asked Pat about her thoughts on leaving her work after 20 years, she said, "I feel comfortable about retiring, but I'll really miss the friends I have made there."

Future plans include travel. "Jim and I are planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand. We also plan to spend more time with the family and at our cottage on the coast of Maine," she says.

We wish Pat well and thank her for her years of service!

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LRGH AND AARP TO OFFER WORKSHOP

A free, two-part workshop on living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, co-sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and Lakes Region General Hospital, will be offered on June 5 and 12 in the Parish Hall of the Congregational Church, 18 Veterans Square in Laconia, from 1-3p.m. both days.

Part One on June 5 will provide information on medical decision-making with discussion of specific situations and review of the documents. The second session, on the 12th, will give participants the opportunity to clarify questions and get assistance filling out these documents if they desire. A Notary and witnesses will be available.

Says Connie Tefft of AARP, "This workshop will provide information that will enable participants to better understand the issues surrounding advanced directives and prepare them to make informed choices about end-of-life decisions that reflect their values and wishes regarding health care. Now is the time, not later when one is ill, to complete these forms!"

The Parish Hall of the Congregational Church is handicapped-accessible. This workshop is free and open to the general public. For further information and to register, one may call the Community Affairs Department at LRGH at 527-2945.

GILMAN LIBRARY FRIENDS TO HOST YOUNG AUTHORS

Friends of the Gilman Library will host a group of young authors from Alton Central School on Wednesday, June 12, at 1p.m. at the Library. All are invited to attend and refreshments will be served. A brief meeting will follow the program.

LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBERS

The American Legion Auxiliary would like to activate its junior membership for girls under 18. Anyone interested in joining should contact Connie Racine at 875-6681 for an application and more information.

BLOOD DRIVE JULY 8

The Second Annual Mike Burke Memorial Blood Drive will be held Monday, July 8, from 3 to 7p.m. at the Alton Central School Gym. Those seeking more information or those who wish to volunteer can contact Ann Norman-Burke at 875-5492.

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FIRESIDE CHATS

By Stan Czech

ANNUAL AUCTION SET FOR JULY 13

The Annual Bob Reinholz Memorial Auction will be held on Saturday, July 13, at 10a.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140. Starting July 1, we will be picking up donations, so start looking in attics, basements, barns and garages for that "stuff" you've been wondering what to do with. (Ending a sentence with a preposition - forgive me teachers.) A list of names and phone numbers to call for item pick up will be provide next month.

There will be a new format for the auction. Instead of trying to sell almost everything by bid, we will select items for auction and the rest will be sold at a open flea market, same place, same day. The flea market will start at 9a.m. and will be open until 3 or 4p.m. The auction will start at 10a.m. and go until 1 or 2p.m.

April was a quiet month for the "red suspenders gang," but we like it that way! The incident log for April is as follows:

- April 1 Vehicle Fire, Main Street
- 2 Brush/Forest Fire, Black Point, Derby Side
- 4 Accidental Alarm, Stockbridge Corner Road
- 13 Motor Vehicle Accident, Route 28 & Bay Hill Rd.
- 16 Miscellaneous, Oak Street
- 24 Motor Vehicle Accident, Routes 28A & 11
- 25 Smoke Investigation, Roberts Cove Road
- 29 Mutual Aid, Gilford
- 29 Chimney Fire, Route 11

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Alton residents may bring hazardous waste items to any of the eight Lakes Region collection sites, which will include the Departments of Public Works in Wolfeboro and Gilford. More details about Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be available in the July issue of Main Street. The Alton Conservation Commission is coordinating Alton's participation in this project.

10 YEARS AGO.....

.....Robby Witham was named overall winner at the School Science Fairthe Alton School Support and Awareness Group offered family portraits as a fund raiser.....the Class of '86 went white water rafting as part of their Chemical Free Graduation Program.....Bill Heidke Day was celebrated June 28.....the Old Home Week Committee sponsored a town-wide Clean-Up Day.

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....Brook and Bridle Summer Homes hosted the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.....the Alton Senior-Community Center on Pearson Road was dedicated.....Frank Metcalfe was appointed to the Board of Selectmen replacing Bob Calvert who resigned.....thirty-six members of the Class of 1991 graduated from Alton Central School with Rori Boyce as Salutatorian and Jacqueline Doubleday as Valedictorian.....Nancy Moore and Connie Quindley became the first female members of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club.

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