



# Main Street

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ALTON, N. H.

## 7th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF OLD HOME WEEK

By John Duffek

It all started in 1978 when Fire Chief Russell E. Jones began talking to local organizations about the idea of an annual celebration intended to spotlight civic organizations and encourage a sense of pride about the town. Chief Jones wanted to bring everyone together and have a good time doing it. The result was the first Old Home Week in 1981.

Now, seven years later, Alton is still observing its 10-day week of civic pride and hometown fun. The schedule of activities and events is very much like the original version, testifying to the planning committee's philosophy - "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

The 1987 theme, "Alton - A Town For All Seasons", was created by Diedra Magnifico and the logo was designed by Connie Quindley.

John Conboy is chairman of the Planning Committee and Archie Thibeault serves as Co-Chairman and Parade Marshall. Secretary is Judy Thibeault and Terry Loanes is Treasurer. Doris Selfridge handled public relations and the Craft Fair was organized by Barbara Bohannon. Pat Brady and Ed Consentino represented community organizations.

The 1987 Old Home Week programs are included in the August Events listing and a program booklet will be distributed by the committee.



## BARBERSHOPPER'S HOST 38th ANNUAL JAMBOREE

By Bob Calvert

One of the traditional highlights of Old Home Week is the Annual Barbershopper's Jamboree. The 38th annual version will fall on Saturday, August 8, at 7:45p.m. at the Alton Central School.

Once again this year, the sponsors will be the Nashua Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. The Nashua Chapter took over in 1975 from the Norwich, Conn., Chapter who hosted the event for 25 years. The host chapter set up a scholarship fund in the name of the Norwich Chapter. The result has been an annual scholarship for an Alton graduate successfully completing one year of college.

Generous support over the years has resulted in many contributions to area organizations and projects. Among the beneficiaries have been: Huggins Hospital, Lakes Region General Hospital, Save the Mill Society of Laconia, Alton Police Department, Alton Bay Community House, town tennis courts, and Alton Central School.

This year, Jonathon Downing reported a \$5,000 pledge from the group toward the matching fund campaign for Phase II of the Parks and Playgrounds recreational development program.

Alton welcomes these fine singing groups to our town, and on the weekend of August 8 the Barbershoppers from far and wide will put a song in the air from early morning to late at night. We can all respond by supporting the event which has done so much for our town and this area.

## DOCKS RESERVED

The Town Docks in Alton Bay will be reserved for the exclusive use of the Antique Boat Show on August 29.

**SCHEDULES**

**CHURCHES:**

- Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday, 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
- Bible Conference Center - Sunday, 10:30a.m. & 6p.m.
- Community Church - Worship Service 10a.m., Baptist Meeting House, Rev. Dwight V. Meader
- Hosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday School, 9:45a.m., Church, 10:45a.m., American Legion, Pastor Gene V. Beaudry
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo Hines

**GILMAN LIBRARY:**

- Monday & Wednesday, Noon - 8p.m.
- Friday, 9a.m. - 5p.m. Saturday, 9a.m. - 1p.m.

**GILMAN MUSEUM:**

- Wednesday, Saturday, & 1st Sunday, 2-5p.m.

**TOWN HALL: 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.**

- Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, and Town Clerk
- Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
- Planning Board - Monday, 9:30a.m.-4:30p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.; Closed, Noon-12:30p.m.

**LANDFILL:**

- Open Daily 8a.m.-3:30p.m. except Sunday and Wednesday

**ORGANIZATIONS:**

- ALTON CONCERNED TAXPAYERS - Meets on Call, 859-2021
  - AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
  - AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
  - BOY SCOUT TROUP 53 - Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Steven Temple, 859-6270
  - CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
  - EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
  - GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday, 875-6426
  - FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
  - HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
  - HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
  - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Tuesday, 7p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, 293-7749
  - LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-5645
  - LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 776-7931 (No Meetings July & August)
  - MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
  - NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., New Durham School
  - OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Monday, 7p.m., 1st two at Cozy Cottages; 2nd two at American Legion Hall
  - ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
  - SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Tuesday, 12:30p.m., Community House
- COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:**
- Mon. & Fri., 1 - 3p.m., Wed., 9a.m. - 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

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CALL 875-2051 TO UP-DATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

David Birdsey has been reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Adjustment by the Selectmen. Milton Jensen was appointed as an alternate member.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman J. Leo Meehan, Jr. 875-5311
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets every other Monday at 8a.m. Chairman William Moore. Call 875-2161 for appointments
- BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman James Newton 875-2252
- CABLE TV COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Elaine MacDonald 875-6389
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Thomas W. Varney 875-7110
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES - Meets on call. Chairman Thomas Hoopes 875-3400
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm Chairman Thomas Hoopes 875-3400
- CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION - Meets on call. Chairman Nancy Johnston 875-6287
- FIRE WARDS - Meet on call. Chief Russell E. Jones 875-7510
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Anna Haase 875-5611, Eleanor Hayes 875-7420
- LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES - Meets on Call. Chairman Juliet E.E. Peverley 875-7232
- MUNICIPAL BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman A. William Heidke 875-2000
- OLD PHOTOGRAPH COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Co-Chairmen Gwendolyn Jones 875-7510 and Jean Roberts 569-2629
- PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE - Meets first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Herbert Persan 875-6779
- PLANNING BOARD - Meets first Monday at 7:00p.m. Chairman Stephen Barsanti 875-5555
- SEWER COMMISSION - Meets on call. Chairman Stephen Dana 875-3658
- SCHOOL BOARD - Meets second and fourth Mondays. Chairman Terri Noyes 875-7140
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on call. Chairman Alice Ziegra 875-2151
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - Meets third Monday at 3:30pm Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meets on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle 875-7321
- WAGE AND SALARY REVIEW BOARD - Meets on call. Chairman Eldon C. Swin 875-5158
- WATER COMMISSIONERS - Meet on call. John Streeter 875-2490
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on call. Chairman Rodger Matthewman 875-3964

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**HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP  
PLANNED FOR AUGUST 29**

The Selectmen have announced that the hazardous waste collection will be held at the Town Highway Department Building on Letter S Road on Saturday, August 29, from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Residents wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste which cannot otherwise be safely or legally discarded, should plan to arrive early, as proper identification and handling of substances will require deliberate care.

The project is being coordinated by the Lakes Region Planning Commission and Belknap County Cooperative Extension Service. Call 875-5095 for additional information.



**HAZARDOUS WASTES IN YOUR HOME?**

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**SUMMER PENNY SALE SET  
BY POLICE ASSOCIATION**

The Annual Summer Penny Sale sponsored by the Alton Police Association is scheduled for Friday, August 7, by the Alton Bay Bandstand. "Doors" open at 2p.m. and the drawing begins at 8:30p.m.

Proceeds of the sale are used to fund the Association's Scholarships, Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Dinners, Year Book Ad, Team Uniforms, and Halloween Party. Also, Donations are made to the Old Home Week Band, Knights of Columbus Christmas Party, and the Fireflies Christmas Toys Program.

Items or cash donations for the Penny Sale may be left at the Police Station in Town Hall or call 875-3752 to have your gift picked up.

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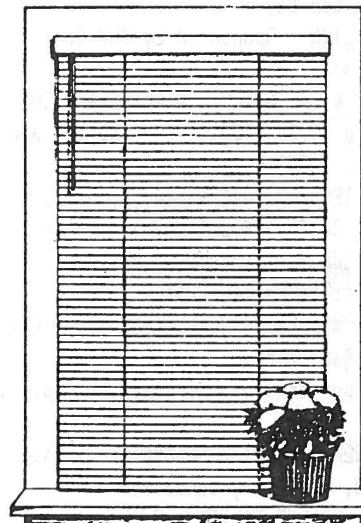
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## AUGUST EVENTS

- Sat. 1 - FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by the Ladies Guild, 10a.m.-2p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church  
CHICKEN BARBEQUE - Sponsored by the Winnepesaukee Building Association, 4:30-6:30p.m., Masonic Temple
- Mon. 3 - LECTURE: "POWER-PACKED NUTRITION" - 5p.m., Sponsored by Belknap Extension Service, Gilman Library  
BINGO - 7p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Wed. 5 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - 2:30-3:30p.m., Gilman Lib.  
BINGO - 7p.m., American Legion Hall  
CONCERT - Sponsored by Gilman Lyceum Fund, 7:30p.m. Bandstand
- Fri. 7 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES - 10a.m., Gilman Library  
PENNY SALE - Sponsored by Police Association, 2p.m. Bandstand, Drawing starts 8p.m.  
BINGO - 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sat. 8 - FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by Lioness Club, 9a.m.-3p.m., Alton Bay Community Center  
FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by Garden Club, 9a.m., McGrath Residence, Old Wolfeboro Road  
FLEA MARKET - American Legion Hall  
SMORGASBORD - Sponsored by Eastern Star, 4:30 - 6:30p.m., Masonic Temple  
CHICKEN BARBEQUE - Sponsored by Fire Department, 4:30-7p.m., Central Fire Station  
CONCERT: ED TRAINER - Sponsored by Bible Conference Center, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle  
BARBERSHOPPER'S JAMBOREE - 7:45p.m., Central School
- Sun. 9 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sponsored by Lions Club, 6:30 to 11a.m., Pop's Clamshell  
ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW - 10a.m.-2p.m., Bandstand
- Mon. 10 - LECTURE: "POWER-PACKED NUTRITION" - 5p.m., Sponsored by Belknap Extension Service, Gilman Library  
BINGO - 7p.m., West Alton Fire Station  
SQUARE DANCING - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 7:30p.m., Bandstand
- Tues. 11 - ABENAKI WATER SKI SHOW - Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, 6p.m., Alton Bay  
CONCERT: FOREST TILTON - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 7p.m., Bandstand  
LECTURE: "THE LOON & THE WATER - A NECESSARY CONNECTION" - Sponsored by Friends of the Library and Gilman Lyceum Fund, 7:30p.m., Gilman Library
- Wed. 12 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - 2:30-3:30p.m., Gilman Lib.  
FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASS - Sponsored by Garden Club, 2:30p.m., Alton Bay Community Center  
BINGO - 7p.m., American Legion Hall  
CONCERT: COUNTRY & WESTERN - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 7:30p.m., Bandstand
- Thurs. 13 - TAILGATE PARTY - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 6p.m., Bandstand  
MAGIC SHOW: THE GREAT LADINI - Sponsored by the Gilman Lyceum Fund, 6:30p.m., Bandstand  
DIXIELAND CONCERT: FOREST TILTON - Sponsored by the OHW Committee, 7p.m., Bandstand
- Fri. 14 - ATHLETIC PHYSICALS - 8a.m., Central School  
CHILDREN'S MOVIES - 10a.m., Gilman Library  
BINGO - 7p.m., American Legion Hall  
ROCK CONCERT: FALLOUT - Sponsored by OHW Committee 7p.m., Bandstand  
LAS VEGAS NIGHT - Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
- Sat. 15 - CRAFT FAIR - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 9a.m. - 6p.m., Alton Bay Community Center  
CHILDREN'S COUNTRY FAIR - 10a.m.-12:30p.m., Gilman Library  
PARADE - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 2p.m., Alton to Alton Bay  
BED RACE - Sponsored by the Fire Department, 4p.m., Bandstand  
BEAN HOLE SUPPER - Sponsored by Winnepesaukee Building Association, 5-6p.m., Masonic Temple  
BLOCK PARTY: BITTERSWEET - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 7-11p.m., Bandstand  
CONCERT: ONEISMUS - Sponsored by the Bible Conference Center, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle  
FIREWORKS - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 11p.m., Alton Bay
- Sun. 16 - CRAFT FAIR - Sponsored by OHW Committee, 9a.m. - 6p.m., Alton Bay Community Center  
10K ROAD RACE - Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, 9a.m., Alton Bay Community Center  
CONCERT: RAZZMATAZZ - 2-4p.m., Harris Residence, Church Street  
ECUMENICAL SERVICE - Sponsored by Bible Conference Center, 6p.m., Tabernacle
- Mon. 17 - LECTURE: "POWER-PACKED NUTRITION" - Sponsored by Belknap Extension Service, 5p.m., Gilman Library  
BINGO - 7p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Tues. 18 - ALTON/ALTON BAY INFORMATION FAIR - Sponsored by Historical Society, 7:30p.m., Bible Conference Ctr.
- Wed. 19 - BINGO - 7p.m., American Legion Hall  
LECTURE: "1787-1788 - YEAR OF DECISION: ATTITUDES AND REACTIONS IN THE LAKES REGION" - 7:30p.m., Gilman Library  
CONCERT - Sponsored by the Gilman Lyceum Fund, 7:30p.m., Bandstand
- Thurs. 20 - REGISTRATION: GRADES 7-12 NEW STUDENTS - 8a.m. - 3p.m., Central School
- Fri. 21 - BINGO - 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sat. 22 - SUPPER - Sponsored by the Winnepesaukee Building Association, 5-6:30p.m., Masonic Temple  
POT LUCK SUPPER - Sponsored by East Alton Meeting House Society, 6p.m., East Alton Meeting House  
CONCERT: NEW DAWN SINGERS - Sponsored by Bible Conference Center, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle
- Sun. 23 - VESPER SERVICE - 4p.m., East Alton Meeting House
- Mon. 24 - LECTURE: "POWER-PACKED NUTRITION" - Sponsored by Belknap Extension Service, 5p.m., Gilman Library  
BINGO - 7p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Wed. 26 - BINGO - 7p.m., American Legion Hall  
MEETING: OLD CEMETARY RESTORATION - 7:30p.m., Gilman Library
- Fri. 28 - BINGO - 7p.m., American Legion Hall  
MEETING: "BALLERINAS" - Happy Hobby Doll Club, Alton Bay Community Center
- Sat. 29 - HAZARDOUS WASTES COLLECTION - 9a.m.-1p.m., Town Highway Department Building, Letter S Road  
MEETING: UNITED ASSOCIATIONS OF ALTON - 10a.m., Alton Bay Community Center  
CONCERT: LENNY SEIDEL - Sponsored by Bible Conference Center, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle
- Mon. 31 - BINGO - 7p.m., West Alton Fire Station

**FOCUS ON:  
MARY BATCHELDER**

By Bob Calvert

She is lovingly and admiringly known to hundreds of Alton youngsters as "Mrs. B.". Scores of Alton School volunteers think of her as the "Whirlwind Catalyst", as they contemplate her friendly skill in getting deep involvement from them. And she's simply a "born scavenger" by her own definition. This beloved Enrichment Gifted and Talented Aide at Alton School's elementary division has given new meaning to the word enrichment these past several years. The program and her life are synonomous. And if this article seems to be a Focus On: Alton's Enrichment Program, it's understandable.

She came to America in 1946 as a war bride from her native village of Torryburn in Scotland. She and her carpenter/builder husband, Calvin, reside in West Alton and are the parents of four grown children, all of whom went all the way through the Alton School system. Three are UNH graduates. One is a chemical engineer, one a medical technologist and one is in linguistics. Their youngest son starred in cross-country while at Alton High School and now works with his father.

Before starting her present role, she served Alton in the Gilman Library, worked as a part-time Title I tutor and then as a half-time creative writing program coordinator. Her definition of enrichment is "providing educational opportunities not within the regular curriculum." Typical of these



Photo by Sylvia Countway

special opportunities is the concept of elective mini-courses in grades 4-6. Some 34 different courses have been conducted in the past five years, and popular and recurring ones have included: Aviation/Space/Rocketry, Tinsel Pictures, Outdoor Survival, Weaving, and Getting to Know our Town. French, which started as an elective mini-course, is now

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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
INFORMATION FAIR**

On August 18, the Alton Historical Society, in conjunction with the Alton Bay Campmeeting Association, will present an Alton-Alton Bay Information Fair. The exposition, open to the public from 7:30 to 9p.m., will show memorabilia of Alton and the Bay, with special features of previously undisplayed items from private collections. Participation is welcomed; anyone who has items of local historical interest to display should call Society Secretary Maureen Kalfas at 875-5490.

**AUTO REGISTRATION FEE  
FOR RENEWAL IS NOW \$2**

Effective July 25, the fee for renewing automobile registrations through the Town Clerk's Office is \$2.

The 5-day temporary plate has been discontinued in favor of a 20-day plate that costs \$10.

In Alton, a total of 1,898 registrations were processed through June 30, 1987, as compared to 1,510 the previous year.

One advantage of having teenagers in the house is that crank callers always get a busy signal

**NUTRITION LECTURES  
OFFERED BY LIBRARY**

"Power-Packed Nutrition" is the subject of four lectures to be presented at the Gilman Library by Barbara Hunter, Cooperative Extension Home Economist.

Topics include: Calcium and Osteoporosis, Nutritional Anemia, Dieting and Nutritional Needs, Food Supplements, B6 and Folicin, and Optimum Diet for Your Good Health. Participants will be offered the opportunity to have their own diet computer analyzed as part of this free program.

The dates are Mondays, August 3, 10, 17, and 24, and pre-registration can be made through the Gilman Library, 875-3535, or the Belknap County Cooperative Extension Service 524-1737.

**ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS  
PLAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 9, from 6:30 to 11a.m. at Pop's Clam Shell and the Community House in Alton Bay.

Local Lions are urging residents, vacationers and Barbershoppers to come and make this a successful event. Proceeds go to the Club's various charities, including scholarships, eyecare and community improvement. Ed Consentino is chairman of the event.

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**FLASHBACKS**



Whatever happened to the Alton Shoe Factory?

It burned to the ground on January 13, 1930, despite the efforts of fire departments from as far away as Dover. Somehow they managed to save Annie Wheeler's house (now Edward Sullivan's). The Gilman Museum now stands on the site on Main Street.

**MAILING LIST**

Main Street is distributed free to all residents of Alton. Each postal patron with the Zip Code 03809 and 03810 should receive a copy automatically.

If your mailing address has a different Zip Code than either of those and you are an Alton resident, you may receive Main Street each month by calling 875-2051.

**UNITED ASSOCIATIONS MEETING AUGUST 29**

The United Associations of Alton will hold its next meeting on Saturday, August 29, at 10a.m. in the Alton Bay Community House. Membership is comprised of representatives of organized associations of property owners in town and associate memberships are available to individual property owners living in an area where no association exists.

The chief aim of the organization is to work with town officials for the continued improvement of the community. Their recent efforts have involved zoning matters, the mooring bill, the excessive noise from boats and planes, and the continual monitoring of the lake.

The president of United Associations is Richard Steer of Rattlesnake Island Association.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT.....**  
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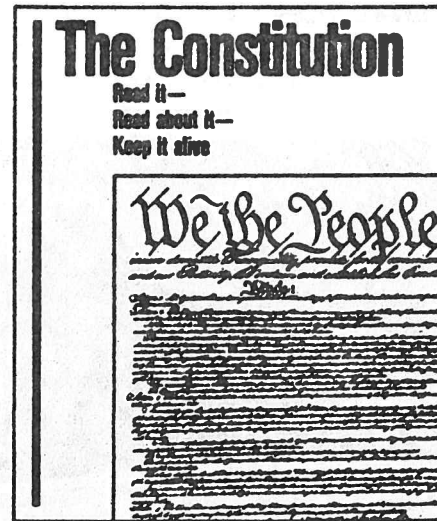
By Bob Calvert

Two centuries ago, in May 1787, representatives from the American states met in Philadelphia to revise a document (the "Articles of Confederation") in an attempt to bring unity and order to a nation that was but a decade into its existence. Four months later, on September 17, they completed their work - not revising the Articles of Confederation, but instead creating a new national Constitution that laid the foundations for a democratic society, establishing a federal government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

And now in 1987 on the bicentennial of that Constitution's founding, Alton will join with tens of thousands of communities throughout America in celebration of that Bicentennial.

September 6 will be a memorable day in Alton history, as reported by the Alton Committee for the Bicentennial Celebration of the U.S. Constitution. Chaired by Nancy Johnston, members of the Committee are: Jean Roberts, Pat Merrill, Gwen Jones, Gerard O'Rourke, Milton Jensen, Greg Boelzner, Aida Downing, Marilyn Dame, Barbara Simpson, Kathy Harri-man, Noelle Strong, and Patricia Callahan.

Complete details will be in the September issue of Main Street, but to get these events on your calendar early, the great day will begin with a sunrise service at 7a.m. at the Advent Christian Campground with the release of red, white and blue balloons with Constitution-related messages. From 8-11a.m.,



a "Constitutional Breakfast" will be held at the American Legion Hall. A huge "Celebrate America Picnic" will be held at 5p.m. along the waterfront at Alton Bay. Large copies of the Constitution will be signed by participants from 5 to 7p.m. The Air Force Band of New England will perform at the Alton Bay Bandstand from 7 to 8p.m. followed by the concluding fireworks at 9p.m.

It seems fitting that New Hampshire communities be in the vanguard of this celebration. The founding fathers decreed that when nine states had ratified the Constitution, it would become the basic law of the land. New Hampshire was ninth!

The American Revolution gave us freedom; the Constitution gave us the means to keep it. It is to be hoped that Alton families will be out in force on September 6 to celebrate and share in that heritage.

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**IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES**

Friday, August 14 - Physicals for all Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior High Players of Fall Sports - 8a.m.

Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21 - Registration of New Students in Grades 7-12 - 8a.m. to 3p.m.

Monday through Friday - Registration of New Students in Grades K-6 - 8a.m. to 3p.m.

**CURFEW EXTENDED**

The Alton Bay curfew will be extended from midnight to 2a.m. following the Barber-shoppers Jamboree on Saturday, August 8. The restrooms on either side of the Bay will remain open all night.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE**

The Annual Fund Drive for the Volunteer Ambulance Service is currently underway and the goal is to replace some of the radios that have been in use for some time.

Due to the success of last year's drive the organization had enough funds to pay all their bills including keeping the ambulances stocked with supplies, insurance payments, maintenance, new tires, gasoline, recertification fees, and the cost of new pediatric equipment.

Twelve members provide 24-hour service to area hospitals with no charge to the patients or support from the town for the private volunteer group.

Donations may be sent to the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service, c/o Leo MacDonald, Alton Bay NH 03810.

**MAIN STREET SALUTE TO**

...Catrina and Muffy Wyatt-Stanley who were among 11 selected to represent Belknap County at the State 4-H Horse Show.....Carol Rivoire of Beaver Dam Farm for the story about her breeding of Norwegian Fjord horses that appeared in the Granite State News.....Terri McKenna for qualifying for the State Junior Olympics in the 400 and 800 meter events.... Craftsman Tom Hoopes for being featured in a recent Evening Citizen.

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an established part of the curriculum for grades 3-6. Other courses have run the gamut from Macrame to Fly-Tying, Calligraphy to Folkdancing, and Solar Projects to First Aid. The teachers? Volunteers from the community who have come under the spell of the "Whirlwind Catalyst".

Other significant projects during her tenure include a state-wide pace-setting Young Astronauts program, an exciting problem-solving project known as Olympics of the Mind, a primary grades cross-country ski program, and a unique "Mentorship" concept in which there is a matchup with an experienced person.

The writer is an Alton School Volunteer and has had many opportunities to observe Mrs. B. in action. While the many major innovative programs are great, her charisma in dealing with scores of youngsters on an individual basis adds a special dimension to "enrichment". Elementary pupils of all ages seek her help and counsel. And many from the

higher grades who enjoyed a relationship with her in earlier years come back often. Several of this year's graduating class were among her "enrichees" a few years ago. Frankly, it's fascinating to watch Mrs. B., with several activities going on simultaneously. She always seems to find time to listen to the individual child, make suggestions, offer a word of encouragement, and with a well-framed question spur them on to even greater achievements. She knows the great majority of elementary pupils as individuals, and they all feel they know her.

This self-styled "scavenger" accumulates a wealth of materials and always seems to have the right props or "stuff" at the right time. And the youngsters seem to know that they can turn to her for even the most novel of materials. Learning around Mrs. B. is fun. And a team from Cornell University studying enrichment techniques and special programs in New England has come to the same conclusion. The result will be a published article in a national educational publication soon.

Her enrichment program leaves her little time for other activities. She's still a tireless reader and looks back on such favorite earlier pursuits as braiding rugs, collecting antiques and finishing furniture. Mary will be retiring at the end of the 1987-88 school year, but "I won't lose contact" she stresses, "and it will be fun to be a volunteer again." One has the feeling that she will give new meaning to the term "volunteer." She's that kind of very special person.

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**COUNTRY FAIR SCHEDULED BY CHILDREN AT LIBRARY**

Once again this year, a Children's Country Fair will be held at the Gilman Library on Saturday, August 15, from 10a.m. to 12:30p.m. Crafts, games and goodies will be available. Last year's Fair raised \$130 used to purchase children's books. Please come and make this year even more successful.

**CONSTITUTION LECTURE**

The Library will present the second lecture in conjunction with the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial entitled "1787-1788 - A Year of Decision: Attitudes and Reactions in the Lakes Region." Presented by Dr. William Taylor, professor of history at Plymouth State College, the talk will focus on local events in Wolfeboro and Moultonboro leading up to the Constitution era. The program is funded by the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities. The time is 7:30p.m. on Wednesday, August 19. Everyone is welcome.

**"THE LOON AND THE WATER"**

"The Loon and the Water: A Necessary Connection" is the title of a lecture to be given Tuesday, August 11, at 7:30p.m. by Jeanette Ritzenhaler. The program will include an overview of the life of the loon with slides and sound, the intense need to understand the importance of water to the species, the complication of man's intrusion, and the educational efforts and physical tasks needed to protect and maintain the survival of this Symbol of Wildness. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Oliver J.M. Gilman Lyceum Fund.

**HAVE YOU READ....**

More Die of Heartbreak by Saul Bellow, Weep No More, My Lady by Mary Higgins Clark, A Yellow Raft in Blue Water by New Hampshire Author Michael Dorris, Misery by Stephen King, Haunted Mesa by Louis L'Amour, Pale Kings and Princes by Robert Parker, A Reluctant Hero by Francois Sagan, Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow, Empire by Gore Vidal, or Hammer by Armand Hammer?



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A 10K Road Race will be sponsored by the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, August 16. Starting time for this annual event is 9a.m. with day-of-race registration beginning at 8a.m. at the Alton Bay Community House.

Pre-registration fees are \$6 for adults and \$4 for those under 12 years of age. All registrations are \$7 on Sunday, the 16th.

Prizes will be awarded in 12 age categories. Financial assistance is provided by the Pepsi Cola Bottling Group of Manchester, Claremont and Loudon. Additional information is available by calling 875-5510.

### SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

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

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

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Chief Russell E. Jones announces that the Alton Fire Department will host the 90th Annual Convention of the New Hampshire Firemen's Association on September 12-13. The 6,000-member association last convened in Alton in 1973.

The event will be highlighted by an evening dinner-dance on the Motor Ship Mount Washington.

Noting that the Alton Fire Department is marking its 75th anniversary this year, Chief Jones promises a number of exciting public demonstrations of firefighting equipment and techniques, and a Sunday parade of modern and antique fire apparatus, including Alton's prize-winning 1917 Model T Pumper.




### BALLERINAS FEATURED BY HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB

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