



# Main Street

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ALTON, N. H.

## 8th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ALTON OLD HOME WEEK

The idea that Fire Chief Russell Jones put forth in 1978 to bring about an annual celebration with the spotlight on worthy local organizations and the encouragement of community pride has borne rich fruit!

The 8th Annual Old Home Week (with inflation a 10-day week) is all set for August 12-21, thanks to Co-Chairman John Conboy, John Irving and Charlie Shields.

Under the theme of "Keep The Spirit Alive", many traditional organization events as well as special features arranged by the Old Home Week Committee will fill the 10-day period. A complete listing can be found in the August Events listing in this issue. In addition, a program booklet will be distributed by the Committee.

From Organ Concert to Square Dancing to Rock Concert; from the popular Tailgate Party to the Abenaki Water Ski Show; from a gigantic two-day Craft Show to the Old Home Week Parade; from the Northeast Trick Stars Bicycle Stunt Show to the gala Block Party; and from a stupendous Fireworks Display to the exciting new Country Auction - you have a fun-filled event.

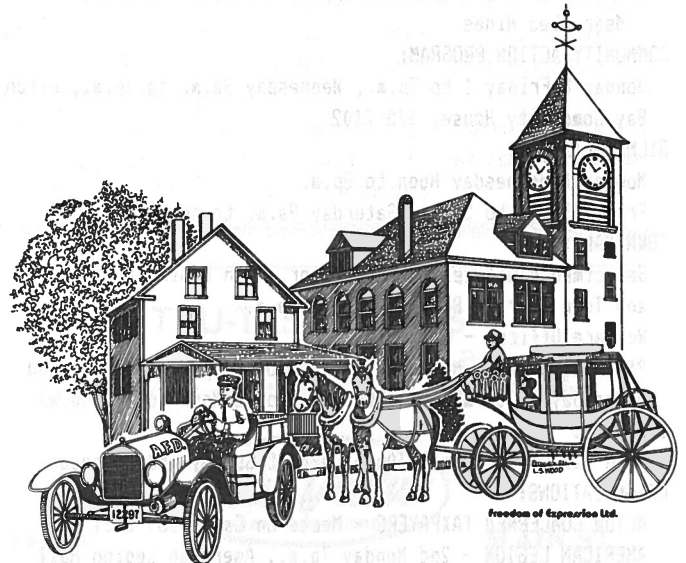
But then add such organizational specials as the Chamber of Commerce Vegas Night and 10K Road Race, Police Association Penny Sale, Fire Department Chicken Barbeque and Bed Race, the Barbershoppers' Jamboree, the Lion's Pancake Breakfasts and Bittersweet Concert, Tilton's Antique Boat Show and the Lioness Magic Show and you can be sure that the SPIRIT will indeed stay alive.

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

The first day of school is not until Tuesday, September 6. However there are some important dates coming up this month.

New incoming students may register at the School's Main Office any Monday through Friday between 8a.m. and 3p.m. and appointments with the guidance counselor may be scheduled August 15-17 for new high school students. Call 875-7500.

Participants in varsity, junior varsity, and junior high Fall sports should report to the school on Friday, August 12, at 8a.m. for physicals.



## OLD HOME WEEK T-SHIRTS BENEFIT ALTON FIREMEN

The Old Home Week T-Shirts are available at the Alton 5 & 10 on Main Street. The design is in keeping with the theme of the event - "Keep The Spirit Alive".

The souvenir shirts, sponsored by the Fire Department Auxiliary since the first Old Home Week in 1978, are \$7. All proceeds support the Alton Fire Department.

## BARBERSHOPPERS GATHER FOR 39th JAMBOREE

Thirty-nine and counting! Only in this case it will be the 39th Annual Barbershoppers' Jamboree at Alton Central School on Saturday, August 13, at 7:45p.m. And on both the 12th and 13th the air will be filled with harmony around the Bay and the Alton area as the top quartets and choruses of New England and the East converge on the town for the weekend.

The event is sponsored by the Nashua Chapter, SPEBSQSA, hosts since 1957. Prior to that, the Norwich, Conn., Chapter hosted the Jamboree for 25 years.

Over the years, this event has resulted in many substantial contributions to area projects and organizations, including an annual scholarship to a graduating senior. Last year a sizeable contribution was made to Phase II of Alton's recreational development.

**SCHEDULES**

**CHURCHES:**

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

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:**

Monday & Friday 1 to 3p.m., Wednesday 9a.m. to 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

**GILMAN LIBRARY:**

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

**TOWN HALL:**

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, and Town Clerk - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.  
Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000  
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**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
- CHESS CLUB - Tuesday 7:30p.m., Busy Corner Store
- CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
- GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday, 875-6426
- FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
- HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 4th Tuesday 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, Henry Soucy, 364-7816
- LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-5645
- LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-5916
- MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
- NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School
- ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m., Church Hall
- SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Tuesday 10a.m., St. Joan of Arc Rectory

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CALL 569-4441 TO UP-DATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

**LIONESSE FLEA MARKET**

The Alton Lioness Club will hold its Fourth Annual Flea Market on Saturday, August 13, from 9a.m. to 3p.m. at the Alton Bay Community House. Refreshments will be served, baked goods will be sold and a raffle will be held at 2:30p.m. Call 875-5645 for info.

**CLASSIFIED ADS MAY BE PLACED IN MAIN STREET**

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Ads may be mailed with payment to P.O.Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810. The deadline is the 15th of the preceeding month.

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- Tuesdays - Arts & Crafts and Cards
- Wednesdays - Bingo
- Thursdays - Movies
- Fridays - Exercise Class and Bingo

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# REMINISCENCES WITH ERMA THOROUGHGOOD

By Catherine Calvert

Erma E. Thoroughgood is 80 years old but you would never know it from her youthful appearance and effervescent manner! She came to Alton in 1928 from Presque Isle, Maine for a vacation that has never ended. She says she married the third person she met in Alton on August 4, 1928, the late Wesley Thoroughgood. She recently responded to an old-time photo in Main Street and a follow



Photo by Earle Covell

up visit by this reporter proved a thoroughly delightful and informative experience.

So what was it like here in 1928 and the next several years?

"It was a beautiful little town, tree-lined on both sides of the streets until the hurricane." And it was a prosperous and very self-sufficient town. "You didn't have to go out of town to buy clothing, food or seek entertainment...anything!" Ayers Dry Goods Store, where Dazer's Pizza now is, was a very popular store. Allie Miller had a store where the Village Video is located. Later it became an I.G.A. There was a Cloverdale Store (later First National) owned by Everett and Daisy Rines. Archie Horne had a "very complete clothing store with items for the youngest child to the oldest adult for both winter and summer, shoes...everything!" The Blacks came to town and ran the I.G.A. Store and the clothing store which Horne gave up to devote time to his judicial duties. Where the power company is now located was the garage and auto sales operation of Judge Carl Wyman. Chester Littlefield had a store where the Alton Village 5 & 10 is now. Upstairs was the Grange Hall. Next door was Tanguay's Barber Shop, and the basement housed a bowling alley where Erma's

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**AUGUST EVENTS**

- Mon. 1 - EXPLORING FAMILY FINANCES - Sponsored by Belknap County Extension, Gilman Library, 6:30p.m.  
BINGO - West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Wed. 3 - OPEN HOUSE - Historical Society, Town Hall, 1:30-4p.m.  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - Gilman Library, 2-3p.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
CONCERT - Sponsored by Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, Alton Bandstand, 7:30p.m.
- Thu. 4 - MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP - Alton School, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 5 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES - Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 6 - CHICKEN BARBEQUE - Sponsored by Winnepesaukee Building Association, Masonic Temple, 4:30-6:30p.m.  
CONCERT: THE JACOBS BROTHERS - Sponsored by Christian Conference Center, Tabernacle, 7:30p.m.
- Mon. 8 - EXPLORING FAMILY FINANCES - Sponsored by Belknap County Extension, Gilman Library, 6:30p.m.  
BINGO - West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Wed. 10 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - Gilman Library, 2-3p.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
FREE SPEECH IN A FREE SOCIETY - Gilman Library, 7:30p.m.  
CONCERT - Sponsored by Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, Alton Bandstand, 7:30p.m.

- Fri. 12 - SPORTS PHYSICALS - Alton Central School, 8a.m.  
CHILDREN'S MOVIES - Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
PENNY SALE - Sponsored by the Police Association, Bandstand, 2p.m., drawing at 8p.m.  
SPORTS & MUSIC CAMP CONCERT - Sponsored by Christian Conference Center, 7p.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 13 - FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by Ladies Guild, St. Joan of Arc Church, 9a.m. to 2p.m.  
FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by Alton Lioness Club, Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m. to 3p.m.  
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE - Sponsored by Garden Club, McGrath Residence, 9a.m.  
CHICKEN BARBEQUE - Sponsored by Fire Department, Central Station, 4:30 to 7p.m.  
SUPPER - Sponsored by Winnepesaukee Building Association, Masonic Temple, 5 to 6:30p.m.  
ROCK CONCERT: Arthur Douglas - Sponsored by the Sportsman Club, Bandstand, 7p.m.  
CONCERT: Billy Speer Trio - Sponsored by Christian Conference Center, Tabernacle, 7:30p.m.  
BARBERSHOPPERS' JAMBOREE - Alton Central School, 7:45p.m.
- Sun. 14 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sponsored by Lions Club, Pop's Clam Shell, 6:30 to 10:30a.m.  
ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW - Sponsored by Forest Tilton, Bandstand, 10a.m. to 2p.m.  
ORGAN CONCERT - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Bandstand, 7:30p.m.
- Mon. 15 - EXPLORING FAMILY FINANCES - Sponsored by Belknap County Extension, Gilman Library, 6:30p.m.  
BINGO - West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.  
SQUARE DANCING - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Bandstand, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 16 - CONCERT: COUNTY LINE BAND - Sponsored by Oliver J.M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, Bandstand, 7p.m.
- Wed. 17 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - Gilman Library, 2-3p.m.  
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
A WINDOW INTO 1850's - Gilman Library, 7:30p.m.  
CONCERT - Sponsored by Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, Alton Bandstand, 7:30p.m.
- Thu. 18 - ZSO-ZSO THE OUTER SPACE CLOWN MAGIC SHOW - Sponsored by Friends of the Library, American Legion Hall, 2p.m.  
TAILGATE PARTY - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Bandstand, 6p.m.  
THE GREAT LaDINI MAGIC SHOW - Sponsored by Lioness Club, Bandstand, 6:30p.m.  
TAILGATE COUNTRY AUCTION - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Bandstand, 7:30p.m.

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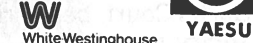
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 ABENAKI WATER SKI SHOW - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Bandstand, 6p.m.  
 BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
 LAS VEGAS NIGHT - Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, Alton Bay Community House, 7p.m.  
 CONCERT: NIGHTWIND - Sponsored by Oliver J.M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, Bandstand, 7:30p.m.  
 A WALK TO BETHLEHEM - Sponsored by Christian Conference Center, Tabernacle, 7:30p.m.
- Sat. 20 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sponsored by Lions Club, Bandstand, 6:30 to 10:30a.m.  
 CRAFT SHOW - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Alton Bay Community Center, 9a.m. to 6p.m.  
 DECORATE YOUR WHEELS CONTEST - Sponsored by Fireflies, Bandstand, 9:30a.m.  
 CHILDREN'S COUNTRY FAIR & BOOK SALE - Gilman Library 10a.m. to noon  
 BICYCLE STUNT SHOW - Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, Bandstand, 10a.m.  
 BLOCK PARTY OPENS - HOURLY PERFORMANCES - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Bandstand, 10a.m.  
 OLD HOME WEEK PARADE - Alton to Alton Bay, 2p.m.  
 BED RACE - Sponsored by Fire Department, Bandstand, 4p.m.  
 PARADE AWARDS - Bandstand, 4p.m.  
 SUMMER PEOPLE'S SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION - Bandstand, 4p.m.  
 DEDICATION OF BANDSTAND - Lions Club, 4p.m.  
 BICYCLE STUNT SHOW - Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, Bandstand, 5p.m.  
 BEAN-HOLE SUPPER - Sponsored by Youth League, Bandstand, 5:30 to 7p.m.  
 ANNUAL POT-LUCK & BUSINESS MEETING - East Alton Meeting House Society, 6p.m.  
 CONCERT: BITTERSWEET - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Bandstand, 7p.m.

- CONCERT: PSALTY'S CHRISTMAS CALAMITY - Sponsored by Christian Conference Center, 7p.m.  
 RAFFLE DRAWINGS - Bandstand, 10p.m.  
 FIREWORKS DISPLAY - Alton Bay, 11p.m.
- Sun. 21 - 10K ROAD RACE - Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m.  
 CRAFT SHOW - Sponsored by Old Home Week, Alton Bay Community Center, 9a.m. to 6p.m.  
 SINGLE ELIMINATION SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - School Ballfield, 10a.m.  
 VESPER SERVICE - East Alton Meeting House, 4p.m.  
 ECUMENICAL SERVICE - Christian Conference Center, 6p.m.
- Mon. 22 - EXPLORING FAMILY FINANCES - Sponsored by Belknap County Extension, Gilman Library, 6:30p.m.  
 BINGO - West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Wed. 24 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
 CONCERT - Sponsored by Oliver J.M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, Bandstand, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 26 - CHINA DOLLS - Sponsored by Happy Hobby Doll Club, Alton Bay Community House, 7p.m.  
 BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 27 - MT. MAJOR HIKE - Sponsored by Parks & Playgrounds, Trail Base, 9a.m.  
 ANNUAL MEETING - United Associations, Alton Bay Community House, 9:30a.m.  
 CONCERT: THE TENTH COIN - Christian Conference Center Tabernacle, 7:30p.m.
- Mon. 29 - BINGO - West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Wed. 31 - CONCERT - Sponsored by Oliver J.M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, Bandstand, 7:30p.m.  
 BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.

**DOLL CLUB PROGRAM**

"China Dolls" is the featured topic of the Happy Hobby Doll Club meeting on August 26 at 7p.m. in the Alton Bay Community House.

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husband set pins by hand in the pre-automatic days.

Where the Union Telephone building sits used to be Varney's convalescent home. The site of the present Gilman Museum was the location of the Alton Shoe Factory which burned to the ground in December of 1930. Raymond Duncan and his father ran the then White Mountain Light Company.

Mrs. Thoroughgood continues with nostalgic animation, reliving the glory days of Alton and the period in which she raised her family here. The daily train in each direction was nicknamed the "Corn Popper". Our new police station is now on the roadbed of the tracks which went on to Wolfeboro and Laconia in one direction and Rochester

and Dover to the southeast. The Catholic Church is on the old roadbed as well. She recalled that at least four Altonians worked on the railroad: Ken Chamberlain Sr., Wesley Thoroughgood, Andrew Tucker, and Frank Dalton. The railroad turntable was on the site of the present Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course. When the trains stopped running, buses ran for several years from Dover to Alton and Laconia and Wolfeboro. With the advent of more and more automobiles, buses also discontinued running.

Erma ran "Dapper Dan" Lynch's Coffee Dan's at the Bay and recalls his extensive mail boat routes on the lake. The Lynchs built the old skating rink, and her eyes sparkle as she recounts the many "big name bands" which played there in that period.

The Town Hall was a beehive of activity in those days. All sorts of events were held there. Wednesday nights featured wrestling - always local folk such as the Cloughs, Thoroughgoods, Primes, Barneses, and the three Locke boys. Friday nights were dedicated to dancing, and Saturdays featured movies. "And they used all town talent to put on great minstrel shows. Nobody ever had to go out of town for entertainment. The children loved it." She stresses that in her opinion children had more to do in those days than today in Alton and that discipline was better.

School was something else too! With dirt roads "kids were brought to school in wintertime on canvas-covered bobsleds with kerosene heaters in the center to keep the kids warm." She thinks the winters are

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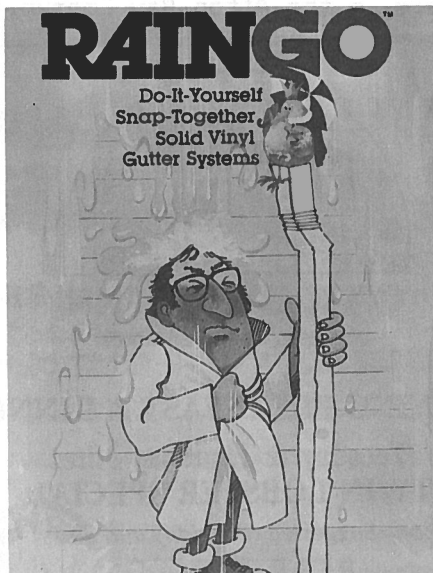
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getting better "because the universe is turning." She recalled snow removal of that day as a matter of "horses flattening the snow by pulling big rollers. When the snow was too deep for the horses, men would shovel the horses' feet out so they could go on."

She recalls with a smile that sugar was two cents a pound, bread three loaves for a quarter, and hamburger three pounds for a \$1. A 100-pound bag of cattle feed went for 45 cents. "It's a whole different world today." Erma never used a babysitter in her whole life. Nobody did then. She always did her own sewing for her young children, and she came by it naturally from watching her dressmaker mother.

It's fun to reminisce and look back at the town or city of our youth or early adulthood. Sometimes it's sad because change is everywhere. "Progress" takes its toll. But it's especially enjoyable and enlightening for those of us who more recently call Alton "home" to visit with this lovely lady and take that look back even if it's only second-hand.

**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 569-4441.

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN LIBRARY PHOTO CONTEST**

The Friends of the Gilman Library have announced the winners of their annual photo contest. First place was won by Phyllis Draper while Clifford C. Derby took second place and Muriel Stinson was third.

The winning pictures can be seen in the 1989 calendar which is now available at the Library and the Town Clerk's Office as well as at a number of local stores and businesses. The price is \$3.75 and proceeds support special purchases and projects for the Gilman Library

**REUNION GALA PLANNED FOR ALTON GRADUATES**

A reunion for everyone who graduated from Alton High School 20 years or more ago will be held next summer on July 29, 1989.

Marilyn Dame and Robert Witham have already started planning the big evening which will feature a catered dinner, dancing and awards. A letter with more details of the event will go out to the graduates this Fall.

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The Alton-Alton Bay Improvement Committee is kicking off a campaign to preserve the Bandstand in the Bay which is in need of repair. Decals, featuring a drawing of the Bandstand, are available for a \$5 contribution to the Save the Bandstand Fund at the Town Hall and Busy Corner Store.

### UNITED ASSOCIATIONS MEETING IS AUGUST 27

The annual meeting and elections of the United Associations of Alton will be held on Saturday, August 27, at 10a.m. in the Alton Bay Community House.

Officers and board members will be elected for 1988-89, and Will Corcoran of United Appraisal Company will explain the procedures being followed in the town revaluation.

The membership also will consider a possible project to urge the town to change its fiscal year to July 1 through June 30 and the annual town meeting to a May date.

### AMBULANCE FUND DRIVE

The Annual Alton Volunteer Ambulance Fund Drive is currently underway. Proceeds from last year's campaign resulted in six radios for volunteer staff after paying all the regular bills.

Last year, this 24-hour a day service responded to 287 calls without charge to any patient.

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

### STATE SEPTIC REVIEW NEEDS PRIOR APPROVAL

As of June 3, the State Department of Environmental Services, Water Supply and Pollution Control Division, will no longer take action on any applications from Alton for septic systems approvals unless they have been previously approved locally.

This action was requested by the Board of Selectmen to ensure that local health regulations are met.

### NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

- To Be The Best by Barbara Bradford
- A Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George
- A Thief of Time by Tony Hillerman
- Alaska by James Michener
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**PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS  
ACTIVITIES CONTINUE**

There is still room for additional participants in the Parks and Playgrounds sport program for six to 13-year olds Monday thru Friday from 9 to 11:30a.m. at the School.

**MOUNTAIN CLIMBING**

The hike up Mt. Major is Saturday, August 27, with everyone gathering at the base of the trail at 9a.m.

**LADY LUCK**

A Las Vegas Night will be celebrated at the Alton Bay Community House on Friday, August 19, beginning at 7p.m. in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.

**ROAD RACE**

The Chamber of Commerce Annual 10K Road Race will be coordinated by Parks and Playgrounds on Sunday, August 21, at 9a.m.

**SWIM PROGRAM**

Sixty-eight children registered for the recreational swim program presented in July.

**LAND CONSERVATION INFO  
AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS**

The Land Conservation Investment Program Committee has completed collection of research materials and will proceed to work on an inventory of areas of greatest significance to the Town.

The committee is looking for public input on particular areas and landowners interested in finding out more about how they can participate and benefit from the program.

Anyone interested is asked to call the Selectmen's Office at 875-2161.

**PENNY SALE ANNOUNCED  
BY POLICE ASSOCIATION**

The Annual Summer Penny Sale sponsored by the Alton Police Association is scheduled for Friday, August 12, by the Alton Bay Bandstand. "Doors" open at 2p.m. and the drawing begins at 8p.m.

Proceeds of the sale are used to fund the Association's Scholarships, Christmas Dinners, year book ad, team uniforms, Halloween Party, and police equipment. Also, donations are made to the Fireflies Christmas Toys Program, Old Home Week Party, Knights of Columbus Party and Thanksgiving Baskets.

Items or cash donations for the Penny Sale may be left at the Police Station or call 875-3752 to have your gift picked up. Checks should be made payable to the Alton Police Association.

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### YOUNGSTERS RECEIVE SCOUTING HONORS

A recent family cook-out held by Cub Scout Pack 53 was the setting for a number of awards and ceremonies.

Christopher Bleau received his Wolf Badge and Joshua Doubleday was presented Gold and Silver Arrows.

Cubmaster John Irving and Assistant Steve Temple presented a special graduation ceremony for Cubs moving up from the rank of Tiger to Wolf. Receiving a Cub Scout hat and a Wolf Handbook were Daniel Alting, Andrew Fuller, David Jensen Jr., and James Kenerson. Committee members Debbie Burton and Angie Dietrick assisted with the program.

A meeting of adults to plan participation in Old Home Week will be held Wednesday August 3 at 7p.m. in the Legion Hall.

### REVALUATION TEAM PLANS VISITS TO PROPERTIES

A team is now in place to begin the procedure leading up to the actual start of revaluation in Alton. United Appraisal Company has been contracted for the task and Will Corcoran of that organization reports that the first step is data collection by the team prior to the actual start of the revaluation in October or November.

All members of the team will have identification and will be visiting properties throughout the remainder of the summer. The total project will require a year to complete.

Corcoran stresses that the object is not to increase taxes but rather to update values and help insure fairness to all. No impact of the revaluation will be felt until the December 1989 tax billing.

Public meetings and speakers before organizations and clubs are planned to provide answers to questions about the project.



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### HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES NEW HOME

The Alton Historical Society is planning an Open House on Wednesday, August 3, at its new home in the lower level of the Town Hall, previously occupied by the Police Department. A collection of photos received from the family of Capt. Lawrence Beck will be on display from 1:30 to 4p.m.

A combined Historical Society and Alton Bay Campmeeting Association meeting will be held on the Campground at 7:30p.m. on Tuesday, August 16.

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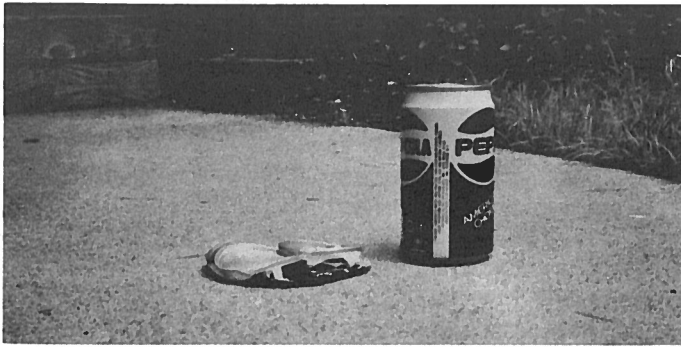


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**TOWN BENEFITS FROM RECYCLING EFFORTS**

The first shipments of recycled aluminum, which amounted to almost 1500 pounds (over 40,000 cans) has resulted in \$550 for the Town of Alton. A truckload of cardboard, weighing about 10 tons, also has been picked up.

According to Ted Cole, Chairman of the Landfill Study Committee, credit goes to the Alton citizens, Russ Sample and his AMS Refuse Disposal company, Dick Drew and his crew of employees and volunteers, and the school children with their poster campaign for the strong start of the recycling operation. "Landfill space that would have been used to hold and cover the aluminum and cardboard can now be devoted to household refuse," he said, "making the best use of the little space still available at the Landfill."

Anyone willing to crush their cans before bringing them to the Landfill will help to reduce the bulk and allow the town to get more cans in a shipping unit.

**GARDEN CLUB EFFORTS AIDED BY BUSINESSES**

Linda McKenney, Garden Club coordinator of the program to place barrels of flowers throughout the community, has acknowledged the support of local businesses that sponsored the barrels.

They are Alton 5 & 10, Alton Florist, Barbara's Beauty Shop, Farmington National and Savings Bank, Fernhill, Fern's Energy Center, Lakes Region Living, McKenney Transportation, Sandy Point Restaurant, Vic Stone, William Tell Restaurant, and Winnepesaukee Flagship Corporation.

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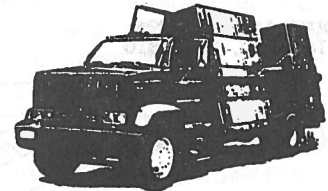
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**SUMMER ACTIVITIES  
CONTINUE AT LIBRARY**

The full schedule of activities presented by the librarians continues at the Gilman Library during August.

A series, "Exploring Finances", will be presented from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. each Monday by Barbara Hunter, County Extension Agent.

On Wednesday, August 10, Richard A. Hesse of Franklin Pierce Law Center will speak on "Free Speech in a Free Society". The following week, Nancy C. Heffernan and Ann Page Stecker will present "A Window into the 1850's: The Letters of the James Wilson Family". Both programs begin at 7:30p.m.

Youngsters in the summer reading program who fulfilled their reading contract will enjoy a trip to Odiorne Point State Park on Tuesday, August 23.

The final event of the summer will be the Children's Country Fair and Book Sale on Saturday, August 20, from 10a.m. to noon.

**PANCAKE BREAKFASTS  
PLANNED BY LIONS**

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 14, from 7 to 11a.m. at Pop's Clam Shell and the Community House in Alton Bay.

A second breakfast will be the following Saturday, August 20, under a tent in the Alton Bay Parking Lot as part of the Old Home Week finale.

The proceeds from these events will go to the Club's various charities, including scholarships, eye-screening in the school, and community improvement projects.

**MAIN STREET SALUTE TO**

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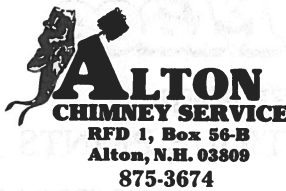
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