



# Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire

## BARBERSHOPPERS COMING TO ALTON FOR 44th ANNUAL APPEARANCE

By Lori Durkee

Since 1948 Barbershoppers have been venturing to Alton and Alton Bay to serve up some of their energetic, synchronized and melodious harmony. On Friday, August 13, they are making their 44th pilgrimage to Alton.

The event begins with a songfest at the Alton Bay Community House from 5 to 11p.m. sponsored by the Nashua Chapter of SPEBSQSA. Running concurrently is the Women's Christian Fellowship Snack Bar.

The Snack Bar continues on Saturday, August 14, the opening day of Old Home Week, from 9a.m. to 6p.m. and again from 9p.m. to midnight with more impromptu serenading.

The Barbershoppers Jamboree will be at the Alton Central School at 7:45p.m. on Saturday. Doors open at 6:30p.m. Tickets are available at the Alton Bay Community House through 4p.m. Saturday and at the door after that. They are \$5 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

## MANY VALUABLE GIFTS AT POLICE ASSOCIATION PENNY SALE

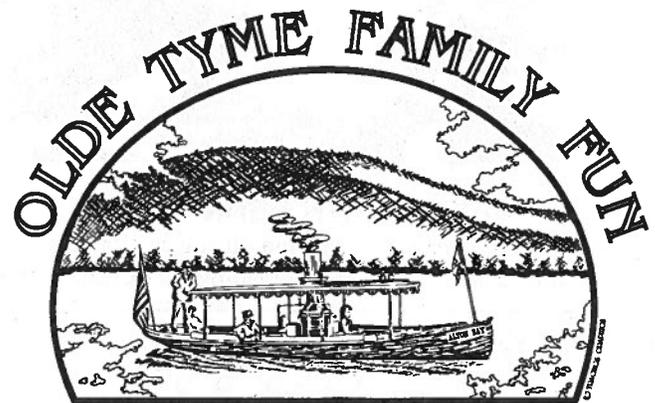
The very popular Alton Police Association Penny Sale is all set for Friday, August 20, in the big tent near the bandstand in Alton Bay. Viewing of prizes begins at 2p.m. and the drawing of numbers begins at 8p.m. Veteran participants suggest bringing a chair and a flashlight. (sounds like fun!)

Many valuable gifts have been donated, but more can be accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Alton Police Association. Gifts for the event may be dropped off at the Alton Police Station.

Proceeds help support the many community projects sponsored by the Police Association throughout the year. So remember - there are really three ways to support the event: 1) contributions 2) donation of gifts and 3) coming out on August 20 and "playing the game."

## ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DATES

The 1993-94 school year begins on Tuesday, August 31. Registration of new students begins Wednesday, August 18, and parents should call 875-7500 for an appointment. There is no school on Friday, September 3, and Monday, September 6 (Labor Day).



13TH ANNUAL OLD HOME WEEK  
AUGUST 1993 ALTON, N.H.

13th ANNUAL OLD HOME WEEK  
IS AUGUST 14 - 22

Alton's annual community celebration, Old Home Week, will begin on Saturday, August 14, and continue through Sunday, August 22. According to Chairman Diane Eagles, "There will be something for everyone to enjoy!"

The many traditional events will be expanded upon this year with the introduction of many new activities. A Scavenger Hunt, Drive-In Movie, Chili Contest, "Anything But A Boat" Race, Pretty Baby Contest, and Family Day are some of the new programs.

The ever-popular schedule of Antique Boat Show, Tailgate Party, Craft Fair, and Concerts lead up to the week's highlight on Saturday, August 21, when the Block Party, Parade, and Fireworks draw large crowds to the Alton Bay parking lot.

Activities sponsored by other organizations during the week include the Alton Booster Club Car Show, Fire Department Chicken Barbecue, Barbershopper's Jamboree, Water Ski Show, Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Police Association Penny Sale, and American Legion Las Vegas Nights.

Look for the Old Home Week booklet for the complete schedule of activities.

Many months of planning by the Old Home Week Committee has resulted in an exciting schedule of "Olde Tyme Family Fun". Working with Chairman Eagles have been Beverly Kempton, Committee secretary and treasurer; Kelly McGrath, fund raising and publicity coordinator; Tara Kelley, public relations, and Maryellen Kenerson, public relations.



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Over \$150 in pennies were collected during the Paving With Pennies fund raiser held by the Old Home Week Committee.

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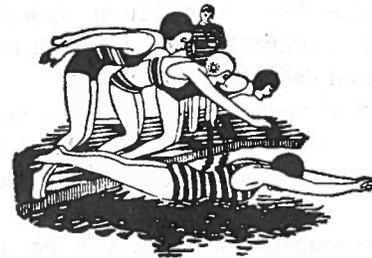
**UNITED ASSOCIATIONS OF ALTON  
TO HOLD ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING**

The United Associations of Alton will hold its annual Summer Meeting on Saturday, August 28, at 10a.m. at the Alton Bay Community House with outgoing president George Winchester Stone, Jr., presiding.

After a short business meeting and election of officers for the coming year, there will be a discussion on "The Care and Preservation of Alton's Water Resources." Concern is for Alton's lakes, ponds, rivers, brooks, spring water, wetlands, aquifers, and town and household wells. Water purity and supply are affected by seepage from septic systems, run-off from freshly fertilized land, salt from roads, and chemicals from sprays.

Among the speakers will be Jeffrey A. Schloss of the UNH Cooperative Extension Department and of the Fresh Water Biology Group of the University and Members of the Alton Water Commission.

The public is invited and discussion is encouraged.



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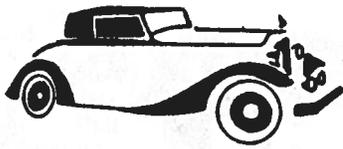
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**SECOND ANNUAL ANTIQUE CAR SHOW  
AT ALTON SCHOOL AUGUST 14**

By Daryl Czech

The second annual Antique Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, August 14, from 9a.m. to 3p.m. at the Alton Central School athletic field. The rain date is Sunday, August 15.

There will be 15 classes of lovely, shiny, memory-laden cars to be judged, plus a people's choice to be awarded. If you have a car you would like to enter, there is a \$5 fee which includes a dash plaque and admission for two.

The sponsors of the event this year are the Alton Athletic Boosters and the Chamber of Commerce. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors and under 14, and children under six are free.

For more information, call Chairman Mike Fuller at 875-5056.

**CONTEST ENTRIES SOUGHT  
FOR BICENTENNIAL LOGO**

A contest to design a logo for the up-coming 1996 bicentennial celebration is being sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee.

This contest is open to all Alton students, year-round and summer residents. The idea is to design a logo which will be used throughout the 200th anniversary celebration. Publicity, signs and memorabilia will display this special logo.

Any size entries, limited to one per person, may be in black and white or color. The deadline is December 31, 1993, and entries should be brought to the Gilman Library.

The prize will be announced at a later date and more information is available from Committee Chairman Nancy Merrill at 875-2626.

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## EAST ALTON MEETING HOUSE: "A GUIDING BEACON"

By Judy Fry

"Originally amid fields and very low growth as far as the eye could see, the East Alton Meeting House with its tower and weather vane through the years has been a guiding beacon for captains of lake steamboats as they moved from Center Harbor down towards Alton Bay."

The Meeting House, now non-denominational, became the property of the East Alton Meeting House Society, a non-sectarian group of residents, in 1982. Historical records indicate the Meeting House was built sometime between 1803 and 1820 under the guidance of the founder of the Free Will Baptists in America, Rev. Benjamin Randall of New Durham. Around 1801 a group of people formed its own congregation and met in private homes until the Meeting House was built in what is now East Alton.

Documented from early records attendance at weekly services tended to rise and fall. "By 1825 it was in a slump, but on an August afternoon that year Moses Glidden's wife Sarah was struck down in a field by a stream of lightning. Many who had not prayed for years began to pray. A resurgence of religious activity spread throughout the community." The congregation at its peak numbered 300. The last formal service under a regularly engaged minister was held in 1883. Baptisms during the active years took place at nearby Gilman's Pond.

It is noted, in 1838 to meet building repair expenses, costs were met by the sale of pews. There are families in East Alton today who have inherited these pew deeds from their parents and their parents before them.

At one time some heat was provided by a stove in the east wall, but it was later abandoned. The Meeting House became almost unusable except during the spring, summer, and fall months. Electricity still is provided through limited wiring in the building and through the generosity of neighbors.

The next decades would witness the shift of population to the village, joining the movement westward. The railroad arrived, the congregation diminished, a non-denominational flavor was given to the activities held at the Meeting House.



The early 1950s saw another surge of dedication on the part of the community to repair and refurbish the beautiful building. An annual meeting was held following a supper each August, along with a vesper service the next afternoon, to which guest ministers of varying denominations were invited to conduct services. This tradition continues to this day with friends and neighbors gathering to visit and sample a New England tradition, a tasty pot luck supper.

Over the years funding for repairs came from gifts, plus donations at the annual pot luck suppers and vesper services. Interest from a bequest by the late Harriet Varney Aiken is used from time to time for the upkeep of the building.

In 1978 the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the first building in the Town of Alton, to receive this honor. The objectives of the Society are to provide for the preservation and care of the building, to see that the historic building is open to residents and visitors, and to encourage its use for various community activities including weddings, meetings and the traditional supper and vesper service. The use of the building is encouraged. Arrangements may be made by contacting Society Director Mark Northridge at 875-5255.



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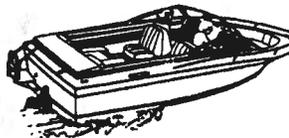


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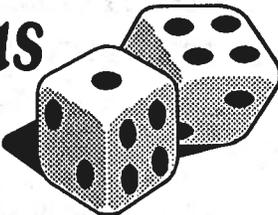
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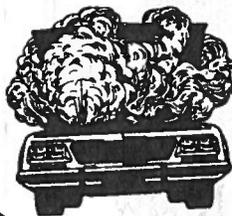
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**BI-CENTENNIAL FOCUS**

By Tom Hoopes

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A sub-committee of Albert Barnes (875-5421), Nina Liedtke (875-3119), and Tom Hoopes (875-3400) has as its goal to print a supplemental addition to Barnes' 1978 book, "Cemeteries in Alton, N.H."

Since 1978, an additional 20 graveyards have been located, but we are certain that there are more. We send an appeal to landowners, hunters, hikers and other curious people - if you know of any out of the way graveyards, please contact any of us.

To help us distinguish between graveyards and to positively locate them, the following information would be helpful: nearest road, map and lot number, sketch, number of graves and a name on at least one grave.

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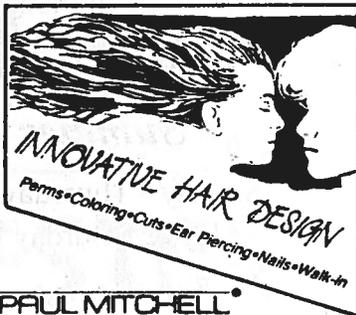
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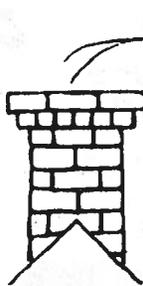
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First - Sue Fahlbeck and Dawn Fuller

Special awards for the Most Original Canoe went to Dick Canuel and Brandon Canuel; Sportsmanship Award to Connie Russel and Winston Sheldon; and Backwards Award to Jamie Rockwood and Michelle Essig.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 6:30p.m., Legion Hall

EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday

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HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House

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MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday

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ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m. Church Hall

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VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m. American Legion Hall

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Thomas J. Mynczywor

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MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

**August Events**

- Mon. 2 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Wed. 4 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, Elementary School Age, Gilman Library, 2 to 3p.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 6 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 7 - CONCERT: Step 'n Time, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7p.m.  
CONCERT: Marshall/Plummer Family, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.
- Sun. 8 - CONCERT: Lenny Seidel and Jerry Rodgers, Baptist Meeting House, 10a.m.  
CLAMBAKE, American Legion Hall, 12:30 to 4:30p.m.
- Mon. 9 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Wed. 11 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, Elementary School Age, Gilman Library, 2 to 3p.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 13 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 year olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
CONCERT: Living Proof, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8p.m.
- Sat. 14 - ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW, Alton Bay, 8a.m. to noon  
CAR SHOW, Alton Central School, 9a.m. to 3p.m.  
FLEA MARKET & FOOD SALE, Shirley Barnes' Lawn, Main Street, 9a.m. to 2p.m.  
ROAD RALLY, Alton Bay Parking Lot, 10a.m.  
CHICKEN BARBECUE, Central Fire Station, 4:30 to 7p.m.  
SMORGASBORD, Masonic Temple, 4:30 to 6:30p.m.  
LAS VEGAS NIGHT, American Legion Hall, 7p.m. to midnight  
SOCK HOP, Town Hall, 7:30p.m.  
CONCERT: Lenny Seidel and Jerry Rodgers, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.  
BARBERSHOPPER'S JAMBOREE, Alton Central School, 7:45p.m.
- Sun. 15 - KID'S DAY, Jones Field, 10a.m. to 2p.m.  
DRIVE-IN MOVIE, Alton Bay Bandstand, 9p.m.
- Mon. 16 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.  
LECTURE: "New Hampshire's Amy Beach: America's Foremost Woman Composer", Gilman Library, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 17 - LECTURE: "The Education of a Yankee", Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 18 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, Elementary School Age, Gilman Library, 2 to 3p.m.  
ABENAKI WATER SKI SHOW, Alton Bay, 6p.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
CONCERT: Eastern Nazarene College Quartet, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.
- Thu. 19 - TAILGATE PARTY, Central Fire Station, 5p.m.  
CHILI CONTEST, Central Fire Station, 5:30p.m.  
CRUISERS DISPLAY, Central Fire Station, 6:30p.m.  
CONCERT: Sandy and the Classics, Central Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Fri. 20 - PENNY SALE, Alton Bay Tent, 2p.m.  
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 21 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Alton Bay Tent, 6:30 to 10:30a.m.  
CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m.  
CHILDREN'S COUNTRY FAIR, Gilman Library, 9:30a.m. to noon  
BLOCK PART BEGINS, Alton Bay Parking Lot, 10a.m.

- DECORATE YOUR WHEELS CONTEST, Alton Bay Parking Lot, 10:30a.m.
- PARADE BEGINS, Alton to Alton Bay, 2p.m.
- LAS VEGAS PARTY, Alton Bay Tent, 2p.m. to 10p.m.
- ANYTHING BUT A BOAT RACE, Alton Bay, 4p.m.
- PRETTY BABY CONTEST, Alton Bay, 5p.m.
- CONCERT: Christmas in August, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.
- FIREWORKS, Alton Bay, 11p.m.
- Sun. 22 - CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m.  
FAMILY DAY, Central Fire Station, 10a.m.
- Mon. 23 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.
- Tue. 24 - GARDEN CLUB: Highway Beautification, Congregational Meeting House, 1:30p.m.
- Wed. 25 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
CONCERT: Local Instrumental, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 27 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.  
CONCERT: Ken Fernald, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 8p.m.
- Sat. 28 - ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING, United Associations of Alton, Alton Bay Community House, 10a.m.  
POT LUCK SUPPER, East Alton Meeting House, 6p.m.  
CONCERT: Rusty Rockstar Roadshow, Alton Bay Bandstand, 7p.m.  
CONCERT: Jacobs Brothers, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, 7:30p.m.
- Sun. 29 - VESPER SERVICE, East Alton Meeting House, 4p.m.
- Mon. 30 - BINGO, West Alton Fire Station, 7p.m.

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**5 YEARS AGO.....**

.....A Master Plan Workshop was held to look at "Alton - Year 2000".....the Historical Society celebrated the opening of its new quarters in the lower level of Town Hall.....John Conboy, John Irving and Charles Shields chaired Old Home Week.....Ralph Temple received the Boston Post Cane as the town's oldest resident.....Kim's Kiddie Korner was named Best Overall Float in the Old Home Week Parade.....Parks and Playgrounds planned a hike up Mt. Major.

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**THE CHECKOUT DESK**

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

**LECTURE PLANNED ON  
WOMAN COMPOSER AMY BEACH**

New Hampshire's Amy Beach, America's foremost woman composer, will be the subject of a lecture by Peggy Vagts of the UNH Music Department.

Born in Henniker in 1867, Amy Cheney Beach was the first American woman to write a symphony. A child prodigy who began composing at age four, she made her debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at 17. Following her marriage, Mrs. H.H.A. Beach (as she was known thereafter) turned to composition in earnest, and wrote about 150 works. Beach was the quintessential Victorian lady, who both advanced her career and stunted her musical growth.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, will be at 7:30p.m. on Monday, August 16, at the Gilman Library.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

The annual Children's Country Fair and Book Sale will be held from 9:30a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 21, and a float will be entered in the Old Home Week Parade on the same day if enough interest is expressed.

**COMMUNITY CHARITIES AND PROJECTS  
TO BENEFIT FROM LAS VEGAS NIGHTS**

The Claude R. Batchelder Post No. 72 of the American Legion will sponsor two Las Vegas Nights during Old Home Week for the benefit of the Post's charitable activities and projects.

The first, on Saturday, August 14, runs from 7p.m. to midnight at the Legion Hall on Main Street. Admission is \$2. The second Las Vegas party is Saturday, August 21, from 2 to 8p.m. under the tent at the Alton Bay Parking Lot.

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**ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS CLUB  
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You've seen them on store and restaurant counters everywhere. They're the display counters that offer Lions Club mints and now feature fruit flavor candies for sale on the "honor system".

Purchasing these treats is not only a good buy, but it benefits the community when the proceeds go towards the support of community activities and health services.

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club is the only service organization serving these communities and anyone interested in learning more about the Club should contact President Ed Brown at 569-5126 (East Alton), Secretary John Duffek at 875-7300, or Membership Chairman John Irving, 875-2791.

The first-grader was talking about the recent fire in his school. "I knew it was going to happen," he said, "because we had been practicing for it all year."

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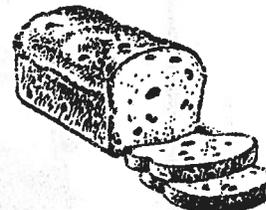
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**ALTON OUTDOORS**

By Jack Miller

**RESPECT OUR RESOURCES**

With the lazy, hazy days of summer well underway there are many people utilizing our great Alton outdoors. As I mentioned last month, sometimes we abuse our natural resources. Even with Alton's progressive attitude towards the environment, such as Clean-Up Day, Hazardous Waste Day, Free Dump Day, mandatory separation, a recycling and transfer station and separate trash containers for recycling in the Bay, we still have people throwing trash out car windows!

I often drive the back roads of Alton and see beer cans and bottles, wine bottles, and food packaging thrown along our roads. Just this week someone threw a Dunkin Donuts coffee cup on my lawn. How far away is the nearest Dunkin Donuts shop? 15 to 18 miles? Someone also threw a pizza box with an uneaten portion of pizza in it on our roadway. Why? Please put a trash bag in your car and use it! Most people don't want to live in a dump. Why make the places we live and travel in a dump? Help keep Alton clean.

**NATURAL BOUNTY**

August is a good time to utilize some of Alton's natural bounty. Wild blueberries, raspberries and blackberries are ripening and providing some healthy and nutritious eating. Most open areas on mountain tops provide excellent wild blueberries. Raspberries and blackberries can be found on field edges. You'll have to do some exploring to find these areas. Make sure you have the landowner's permission and are not in a commercial field. For those less adventurous, there are many commercial berry growers who have a "pick your own" policy.

Wild nuts are another natural food source ripening on trees this month. The Alton area has butternut, shagbark hickory, and beech trees that can produce some good eating. Get a good tree identification book and learn to look for the leaf and bark characteristics of these trees. The nuts should start dropping in September.

Respect our resources and they will be there for all to enjoy.



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**WHO TO CALL FOR  
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A list of names and phone numbers to obtain a permit for open burning was printed in the May issue of Main Street. They include Russ Jones, 875-7510; Norm Barrett, 776-6301; Irving Roberts, 569-2629; and Seldon Alden, 875-5058. Harold Clough no longer issues burning permits. Please note the change.

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### AUGUST CONCERTS

The 1993 Jamboree Summer Concert Series continues in August with Step 'n Time (contemporary rock and roll) appearing on Saturday, August 7, and the Rusty Rockstar Roadshow (Rhythm and Blues) on Saturday, August 28.

The concerts are presented by the Parks and Recreation Department and made possible by donations from Alton businesses.

**ALL ABOUT ALTON:** The oldest known gravestone is on Prospect Mountain and reads "J.B. 1783".



### TOWN EMPLOYEES HONORED

George Woodman (right) and Richard Healy (center) receive employee of the month certificates for April and May from Reuben Wentworth, chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Woodman was cited for keeping town buildings in top condition and Healy's positive attitude toward the town and his willingness to work extra hours and in other wage categories was noted. The June recipient, Police Department secretary/dispatcher Susan Roberts, was not present for the ceremony. Employees of the month names will be inscribed on a plaque in Town Hall.

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**KIMBALL F. WALEN NAMED SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Kimball F. Walen has been selected by the Alton School Board to be the assistant principal replacing Brian Hastings who resigned last spring.

Walen is a former assistant principal in the Hollis school system and most recently was the assistant coordinator of the teacher education program at Plymouth State College.

Walen will be focusing on the continuing development of the middle school program and the new math and computer program being implemented at that level.

**GARDEN CLUB TO HEAR ABOUT HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION**

Tom Gilligan of the NH Bureau of Highway Design will give a slide presentation on highway beautification at the Tuesday, August 24, meeting of the Garden Club at the Congregational Meeting House at 1:30p.m.

Hostesses are Chairman Elsie Trull, Pauline Annis, Rachel Bates, Sally Clark, Margaret Favreau, Rachel Nottleman, and Elizabeth Ware.

One reason some people like professional sports so much is because it's one of the few times you can boo a bunch of millionaires to their faces.

**LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 21, from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. under the tent by the bandstand in Alton Bay.

Proceeds from the event help the Club with its many charitable activities, including scholarships, health screening and community improvement projects.



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### GARDEN CLUB FLEA MARKET

The Alton Garden Club's Annual Flea Market and Food Sale will be held Saturday, August 14, from 9a.m. to 2p.m. on Shirley Barnes' lawn on Main Street.

There will be music by "Souvenir", a Sweet Adelines quartet from Sudbury MA; homemade pies and cakes; some raffles; and lots of great flea market items.

The rain date will be Sunday, August 15. Co-chairmen are Shirley Barnes and Daryl Czech.

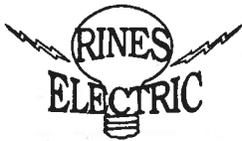
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### FIRE DEPARTMENT AUCTION

Auctioneer and Fire Department Captain Russell Sample (left) takes bids on one of the many items auctioned last month at the department's fund raiser. Assisting are (left to right) firefighters Stan Czech and Sam Fisichelli and Deputy Chief Norm Barrett.

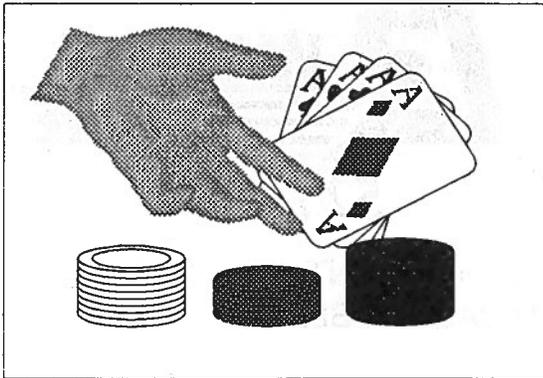


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Seidel has performed over 2200 concerts since 1975, the year he founded Grace Unlimited Ministries which is dedicated to upholding the great music of the church, past and present. He is the author of two books and has recorded 10 albums of music.

Rodgers was with the U.S. Marine Band, the "President's own, for 21 years. He received his degree in music from Ohio University and has been a member of the Cleveland Symphony and the Akron Symphony.

The public is welcome at the Baptist Meeting House on Main Street for this special service. A free will offering will be received.

Siedel and Rodgers appear again on Saturday, August 14, at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center at 7:30p.m.

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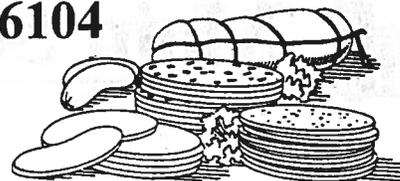
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The topic derives from his autobiography of the same name, published in 1987. This year he will celebrate his 35th year with Yankee magazine and the Old Farmer's Almanac. He has been editor-in-chief of both magazines since 1970.

**MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY PLANS  
POT LUCK SUPPER AND VESPER SERVICE**

The East Alton Meeting House Society will hold its annual Pot Luck Supper and Annual Meeting at 6p.m. on Saturday, August 28, at the Meeting House at Gilman's Corner.

The public is welcome. Just bring a casserole, salad or dessert for the food table and your own place setting and dinnerware.

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