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Glover Day Festivities 1997

This year Glover Day will happen on Saturday, July 26 from 9 am until 2-ish in the afternoon. The Glover Historical Society and the Glover Ambulance Squad are joint sponsors of the occasion, but we refuse to be held responsible for any inclement weather. While the day's events may not be as spectacular as last year's rededication of the Runaway Pond monument, we anticipate a full day of activities for our community to take pride in itself. We do plan to have the "Run Chamberlain Run" road race again first thing in the morning. Like last year, there will be a \$10 entry fee which entitles every runner to a T-shirt. We are designing all new T-shirts for this year's run. Also, Dennis Gibson is organizing a "Tour de Glover" mountain bike race. Both races will end at the fire station. We have also procured the use of the Town Hall for the day and we will have our bountiful bake sale, and a white elephant sale, including tables available for anyone who wants to participate at a minimal cost of \$10. We are hoping to organize a town wide yard sale on that day as well. Of course, the historical museum will be open, and there will be a self-guided tour of the historic Parker Settlement above Parker Pond. Many of the local service groups like the Parents' Club, Citizens' Advocacy, the Union House Nursing Home and others will have activities and articles for sale, and the Glover Library will have its annual book sale. Refreshments and lunch will be available.

President's Report

Runaway Pond. You're probably tired of hearing about it, but the Historical Society is very proud of what we have accomplished: moving the monument, adding a plaque, millstone and tables, a 1-1/2 inch stream of cold spring water, crushed stone interior, top soil and perennials on the perimeter.

The total expense to the Society will be under \$3,000 when all is done—and we are still solvent! The traveling public is very impressed and appreciative of the project.

Future Projects. We're considering a mini-park at West Glover on the old Horace Whitney millsite, restoring the carriage barn near the Municipal Building (Leonard Homestead) for our museum, and archaeological digs, to mention a few.

The next newsletter is planned for January '98 and we hope to feature the "Leonard Homestead." If any of you have remembrances that you would like included, submit them to us. We reserve the right to edit.

Membership. It exceeds 100 but some of you are late in paying your 1997 dues. They became delinquent on January 1. Please note the expiration date of your paid-up membership on your mailing label. We need your money and you!

- Wayne Alexander



Planting the Runaway Pond Park

On Saturday, June 7, a group of gardening ladies spent their morning planting perennials at the new Runaway Pond Park in the rest area across from the old lake bed. From left to right are Stephan Cantor, Linda Elbow, Margot Eastman, Betsy Day, Max Cantor, Peggy Day Gibson, Liz Nelson, and Ellen Braithwaite. Missing from the picture are Kate Butler, the photographer, and Heidi Ecker-Racz. The plants were donated by Kate Butler and her Labour of Love Landscaping Nursery and by the forementioned gardeners. Also donating plants were Tena Starr, Lia Roozendaal, Carol Salmanson, Heidi Cooperstein and Michael Gulick. Others instrumental in the project were Merle Benway, who delivered the topsoil and the mulch, and Richard Simino, who spread the topsoil and pea stone with his boatcat the week before. Edwin and Bernard Urie, Wayne, Martha, Joanie and Wesley Alexander, and Peggy Day Gibson raked and shoveled the pea stone and topsoil.

Warning!

The Annual Meeting of the Glover Historical Society will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 1997. It will take place at the Municipal Building. Election of officers is the principal agenda item. All members welcome!

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Junior Archeologists Explore the Parker Settlement

Teachers worry that students today find history boring, reading it second-hand from textbooks, memorizing dates, yet not being able to apply the information to their own lives. The trend is to take the students to the primary sources and help them find more meaningful connections to their own communities.

The fourth and fifth graders in Mrs. McKelvey's class at the Glover School had a hands-on experience this spring when they came to the Parker Settlement for some lessons in archeology and historical research. They became private detectives, mathematicians and creative thinkers.

When we worked with students last summer, we used compasses and measured off 50 foot squares from the tavern to Ralph and Hannah Parker's house, and even located a back wall and an additional room in their house. This spring the kids started measuring from Timothy Lyman's brook along the Hinman Road to the old foundation of the church. Every 50 feet, we put in a stake labelled with the distance from the brook. Our intention is to map the foundations and cellar holes exactly to scale and then, from census information, try to identify who lived where.

We also spent an afternoon at the West Glover Cemetery, exploring the graves of the old settlers and their descendants, dating tombstones, exploring the symbols on them and figuring out how people died, relative to the dates of wars and epidemics.

Our hope is to groom the next generation of the Glover Historical Society and to inspire them to become private investigators in their own community.

- Betsy Day