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THANK YOU **By Judith Pellowe** **Editor, Alton's Main Street**

Working with the volunteers who make Main Street happen each month has been quite an experience. I've met new people, learned new computer skills, and taken pride in perhaps making a little bit of a difference in the community of Alton.

For years I was interested in doing some type of volunteer work, but felt that I couldn't participate in the various organizations around town because of time constraints. Eight years ago, Main Street was looking for volunteers and I decided to go to a meeting and see if maybe there was something I could do. I was soon made 'subscription manager'. I had that job for six years, and then became editor for the last two years. For me, volunteering for Main Street has been the perfect way to make a contribution to the town I live in. Since most of my work is done from my home, I could structure my Main Street time at my own convenience (more or less). Being a busy person with limited 'free' time, this worked well for me.

The Voice of Alton, the not-for-profit corporation that oversees the publication of Main Street, will continue. The Board of Directors believes that, while Main Street will no longer be the focus, there are still things that can be done in service to the community. While no concrete decisions have yet been made, we have all enjoyed participating in Main Street, and we all feel that it is important to continue to give back something to the town we live in.

Main Street has provided an important service to the people of Alton, and I've been gratified by the many, many expressions of appreciation over the years. From the founders of Main Street, who identified a need in the community and proceeded to fill it, to the present day volunteers who have shown up faithfully month after month to bring Main Street to you, the people who create Main Street have always strived to bring information about the Town of Alton to the people of Alton. That so many have expressed a sense of loss about our ceasing publication shows that what we

have done, we have done well. I want to thank everyone who has ever been a part of Main Street, for the work that they have done, and for allowing me to be a part of it.

Thanks also to all of you, the readers, for without you there would have been no reason to create Main Street. And of course thanks to our advertisers, who provided us with the revenue required to get Main Street printed and mailed each month.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

By Johns Brooks, Treasurer

St. Joan of Arc Council K of C Alton, NH, donated \$2,000.00 to the Catholic Diocese of New Orleans for Hurricane Relief.

Our September meeting was preceded by a supper at Johnson's Dairy Bar in New Durham.

At 5:30pm at Pittsfield Catholic Church a Mass will be celebrated on October 26th to observe the 25th Anniversary of our Council.

We will miss Main Street.

MOMS IN TOUCH

By Phyllis Brooks

I would like to invite all Moms of Alton and Barnstead who have children in the Alton Central School or Prospect Mountain School to join our prayer group for the school year. I will be leading an evening group at 7pm on Wednesdays. Our member Melissa is willing to host the meeting in her home in Alton close to the Alton/Barnstead town line.

We have several members with children in both schools so as we pray for our children, we will also be praying for the teachers, staff members, administration, school board, bus drivers and etc for each school. There is always so much to cover but we do our best to keep it to one hour each week. Please give me a call at 875-2866 to get directions. Anyone interested in knowing more about Moms In Touch in general, please feel free to call anytime.

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SOME RAMBLING THOUGHTS ON THE EARLY DAYS OF MAIN STREET

By John Duffek

Founder and Original Editor of Main Street

My family and I owned and operated the Alton Bay Busy Corner Store (Now known as Alton Bay Lakeview Market) at the time I was approached by the late Bill Watkins. Bill was a retired federal government employee and very active as a school volunteer. He was a member of a school-community committee working on ways to improve relations between the two. One of the recommendations being considered was a community newspaper. I don't recall why Bill, a Busy Corner customer, talked to me about it. He may have been aware of the newsletter I was producing at the time for the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. Anyway, the suggestion of a community publication was the most popular and I was very interested.

I began meeting regularly with a group that became the founders of Main Street that included Bill, the late Cathy Calvert, Chris Consentino and Dave McKenney. The format for Main Street was developed, as well as its name and logo. A lot of discussion went into deciding the type of material that would be acceptable for the publication. We easily agreed that Main Street should be a non-controversial, good news, type of newsletter. Alton needed a publication that would let its residents know what was going on. We chose not to take any positions on town issues. There would be no editorials. Bill and I agonized frequently over that decision. There were many times we wanted to promote an issue, but we always maintained that Main Street would be more effective and contribute more to the community without being controversial.

Advertising paid for the first issue and every issue for the past 20 years. Alton businesses deserve a great deal of recognition for their continued support. Initially, advertising was limited to three ads per page excluding page one. We worried that there would be more businesses wanting to advertise than space to accommodate them. We even planned to run them on a rotating basis if necessary. That never happened. We grew in size and format to meet the interest of advertisers. Because Main Street was for and about Alton, we decided to limit ads to only businesses in Alton. We eventually allowed businesses outside Alton to advertise only if that business was not competing with an Alton business, even if that Alton business was not an advertiser.

The early issues of Main Street were prepared on my Tandy 1000 and printed on a dot-matrix printer. Each story was printed individually, cut out and pasted on a layout sheet. "Cut and Paste" was literal not digital. Eventually, Rob Boyce offered his computer expertise and layout software to prepare Main Street for the printer. We accepted with much gratitude. Printing was done at Alton Printing for many years and the support and patience of Phil Stevens

and Debby Burton cannot be overstated. I can't recall the name of Phil's predecessor as the owner of Alton Printing, but their contribution was significant as well.

I recall collating and stapling the early issues in the second floor apartment of the Riverview Motel, then owned by Chris and Ed Consentino. That task was improved significantly by the late John Hanley, a Massachusetts printer, Alton Bay summer resident, and good friend to Main Street, who loaned us an electric, single sheet collator and heavy duty staplers.

The first issue of Main Street was distributed just as it is now - by mail and at various businesses. Bill Watkins and I were disappointed at the number of copies dumped in the Alton Bay Post Office trash barrel on the day of distribution. Folks thought it was just another piece of junk mail and disposed of it on their way out. It took a while for them to accept Main Street as an important publication. Until then Bill and I would retrieve as many as we could and redistribute them at business locations. Eventually the number of discarded issues dwindled and we were relieved.

My final note is a tribute to Bob Calvert, who became interested in Main Street as a result of Cathy's involvement. His ultimate leadership was inspirational, far-sighted, and critical to the continuing success of Main Street. There are so many others who were important to Main Street. I won't try to name them because I will forget someone who shouldn't have been forgotten.



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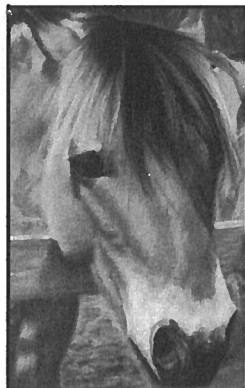
The Community Church of Alton will be holding its annual Holiday Fair at the Congregational Church on Church Street on Saturday, October 29th, from 9am-1pm. There will be baked goods, fudge, plants, handmade crafts, jewelry, books, Christmas items and much more! Morning refreshments and lunch will be available.

Donated items are welcome, but they need to be in good condition, ready for sale. We no longer accept appliances. For drop off information, please call the church office Wednesday through Friday at 875-5561.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB OCTOBER PROGRAM By Vi Russell

October 25 1:30PM Gilman Library Program Dry Flowers on Photo Albums Workshop. Speaker Ann Hoagland. Sign up and pay for November Luncheon. Hostess: Betty Finethy. Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits. "Samuel Butler"

Any one interested in joining the Garden Club can call President Vi Russell or come to one of the meetings.



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HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS By Fran Bonfanti



This will be the last issue you will read from the Alton Highway Department. We wish to thank you, Main Street paper for printing our news; we will miss you.

I guess you could say summer is over the days are still warm but the nights are cool and school has opened; please drive safe.

The highway crew has been out continuously going over their routes, grading the gravel roads, raking, cleaning ditches, and putting up road name signs.

Road side mowing has been done for this year.

As a reminder, permits are required for any type of upgrade to your driveway - paving it, widening it, or moving it. Applications can be obtained at the Town Hall or the Highway Department.

We would like to take this time to say thank you for all your calls throughout each year, you have helped us identify problems by calling in your concerns. We hope you will continue to do so.

There is still an opening at the Highway Department for a light equipment operator. Applications can be obtained at the Highway Department on Letter S Road.

The holidays are just around the corner, hunting season will start soon and its getting dark earlier each night; please wear bright colors and carry a flashlight if you are walking at night.

The highway crew hopes you have a great holiday season, enjoy this warm weather while it lasts.

Thank you again for your calls, and for reading the Main Street paper.

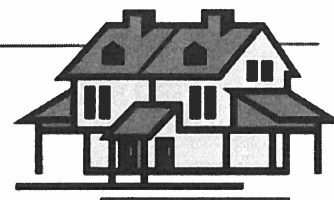
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IN Main Street**TWENTY YEARS AGO...**

...The Garden Club has planted trees: white fir and white birch, at the front of the Town Hall. Junipers and lilacs will also be planted... The Alton Fire Department expanded it's capabilities with the addition of a Rescue truck. Fire Chief Russell Sample kicked off the campaign for funds by swim ming from the Weirs to Alton Bay.... Alton Central School was invited to send two students to the 1985 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Delegates will be chosen by History/Civics teacher, Nancy Johnson. Students will be chosen for excellence in citizenship, leadership and academic achievement...

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

...Apache Players will present "The Diary of Anne Frank" on October 25 and 27... The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Harvest Ball on Saturday, October 13 at the School Gym...Alton-Alton Bay Improvement Committee raised \$2500 through sales of bottled water. The bottles and water were donated by Scott Werner...

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Alton's Fire Department 1917 Model T Ford won first place in the Oldest Motorized Fire Engine category at the 98th Annual State Fireman's Convention held in Wolfeboro. Firefighters Joe Brennan and Scott Williams drove the vehicle in the parade...In George Stone's Bi-centennial essay on Industry in Alton he names 12 industries of some importance in Alton. They were quarrying, brick making, clay pipe manufacturing, boat building, milling (both grain and wood), box and shingle making, ice harvesting, cork screw and paperclip making, specialized clothing, bottle capping, shoe manufacturing and toy making...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

...Dr. Denise Merritt raised \$700 for the Humane Society by doing a sky dive...United Associations of Alton voted to disband after 33 years. They were a group of landowners associations working for the betterment of land use in Alton. They participated in the lay Lake Monitoring Program. They helped bring zoning to Alton and changed tax collection to twice a year... Bill O'Brien, Edythe and Tony DeFrancesco, three members of the 11D Association, which provides plants and maintains them all summer in the triangles at each end of 11D are shown working in one of them...The Bayview Pavilion is going up for auction, It has recently been refurbished and many improvements made... The African Children's Choir will be in concert at the Christian Conference Center Friday, October 6, at 7:30 PM.

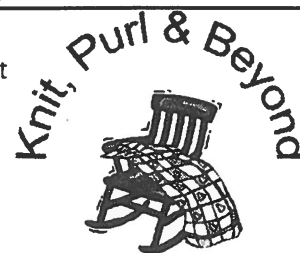
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SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER
By Nancy Mooney Hebert

We bid a sad farewell to MAIN STREET:
Alton's splendid connector of people.

It always told us when and where to meet,
Whether at the Bay, Town Hall, the school or steeple.
Kudos to publisher, helpers, editors past and present:
John Duffek, Bob Longabaugh, and Judith Pellowe.
Surviving deadlines, they were always pleasant
And served us selflessly and well. Oh,
We will miss each story, photo, account and ad
That gave MAIN STREET its unique zest.
No wonder we are feeling really sad—
We're being disconnected from the best!

Seventeen members attended our September 14 meeting, which covered a variety of topics. Our last trip of the season was to Indian Head on the 30th. Again, we can not thank our President and trip coordinator, John Brooks, enough for all the time and effort he spent in making our trips joyful outings.

Since this is our final column, we should like to remind those seniors who may be new to the town that CAP (Community Action Program) provides lunch (\$2.00 donation suggested) Monday through Friday at the Center on Pearson Road. Remember the number to call for reservations and other information: 875-7102. Bingo, the Whist club, and other activities are available for your enjoyment.

The seniors appreciate donations of such items as jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces!), board games, used books, unwanted stationery and/or greeting cards. If in doubt about the suitability of a donation, just call the center. If anyone has six pairs of window curtains to donate, they will certainly look much better than the shredded and tattered blue curtains that currently disgrace the windows at the center!

Many Alton seniors also belong to the Wolfeboro Senior Association, and we wish to inform you that the monthly newsletter "SENIOR SOUNDS," put out by the Wolfeboro seniors, is available at the Alton center—the future issues will contain the new by-laws. It is nice to know that the newsletter is close at hand if you can not make the trip to Wolfeboro for meetings.

A special thank you to our secretary Peg Bowman for serving temporarily as the good cheer chairperson while Marge Favreau is unable to continue the duties at this time.

Thank you, Helen Stanford and Claire Fitzgerald, for the refreshments. Congratulations to Larry Stanford for winning the attendance raffle. The next meeting will take place on Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. at the center.

Lastly, this correspondent has thoroughly enjoyed her connection with MAIN STREET over the past ten years or so. Maybe like the Phoenix, our beloved MAIN STREET can somehow rise again to inform, entertain and serve Alton in its own special fashion. Ave atque vale!

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ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

October is a favorite month for most outdoor people. Days are warm, nights are crisp and the color of the autumn leaves brightens up the woods. It's a nice time of the year to be out in Alton's outdoors.

Since this is the last issue of Main Street, I'd like to tell you where you may continue to get information about the outdoor sports of hunting, fishing and related subjects in the Alton area.

You can bookmark these sites on your computer.

The NH Fish and Game web site is: www.wildlife.state.nh.us This has upcoming events, hunter education courses, laws, licenses, etc. They also have Wildlife Journal to read and a TV show by the same name on NH Public TV Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Thursdays at 9:00 pm. You can also check out the education and out-reach programs sponsored by the NH Fish & Game Dept.

Another link is : www.nhfishandwildlife.com This has moose lottery winners, hunting season dates, pond maps, stocking info, ocean tides, etc.

You can sign up on these sites for weekly hunting and fishing email updates.

The NH Wildlife federation is at: www.nhwhf.org They are an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. They have a wealth of information on their site and a bi-monthly paper on hunting, fishing, trapping and conservation.

"Hawkeye," is a monthly area paper "dedicated to inform, serve and entertain the NH sports men and women". You can pick up a copy for free at Wal-Mart, several local sports shops, or you can subscribe to it. Their email is: hawkeye@nhnews.biz Thank you to Main Street for allowing me to write for you and the people of Alton.

See you out there!

A FAREWELL NOTE
By Chris Consentino

I, like the others who made Main Street happen, both at the very beginning, and through the years, am very proud of this publication for the many things it has meant to our community. At the time our group began meeting and mulling over ideas and concepts for what Main Street should and could be, I had a young child, a business to run, and was involved with about 7 other community organizations as well. I didn't need the extra workload, but I believed in the project so strongly that I just had to do it. I must say, it turned out even better than any of us hoped!! I'd like to thank my family for helping out so I could be part of such an important endeavor.

Through the years, I enjoyed adding personal tidbits to our ad in Main Street. Consistently, people would say "Oh, I read your ad". Believe me, that just did not happen with other publications!! Each year, at Thanksgiving time we always made sure to put in a message of appreciation to let our customers know how much your support meant to us. We always wished my folks a Happy Anniversary at the same time, so I'll wish them a Happy 67th for this year, and many wonderfully happy years to come. Happy 87th birthday to "Auntie" also.

Main Street will be very much missed, not only in our mailboxes, but in our hearts as well. It will be missed for many reasons, but the most important one is the upbeat, positive way in which the events, the milestones, the messages, the good news of this town were brought together and shared by all of us.

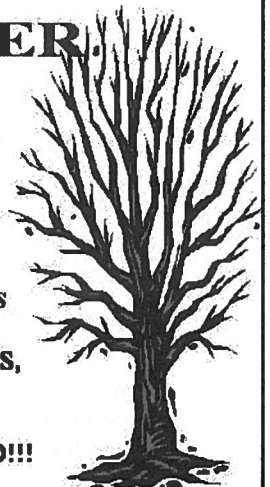
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PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE ALERT

By Jan Hooper

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For more information about purple loosestrife, including more photographs for help in identification, visit <http://plants.usda.gov/> and search under 'common name' purple loosestrife.

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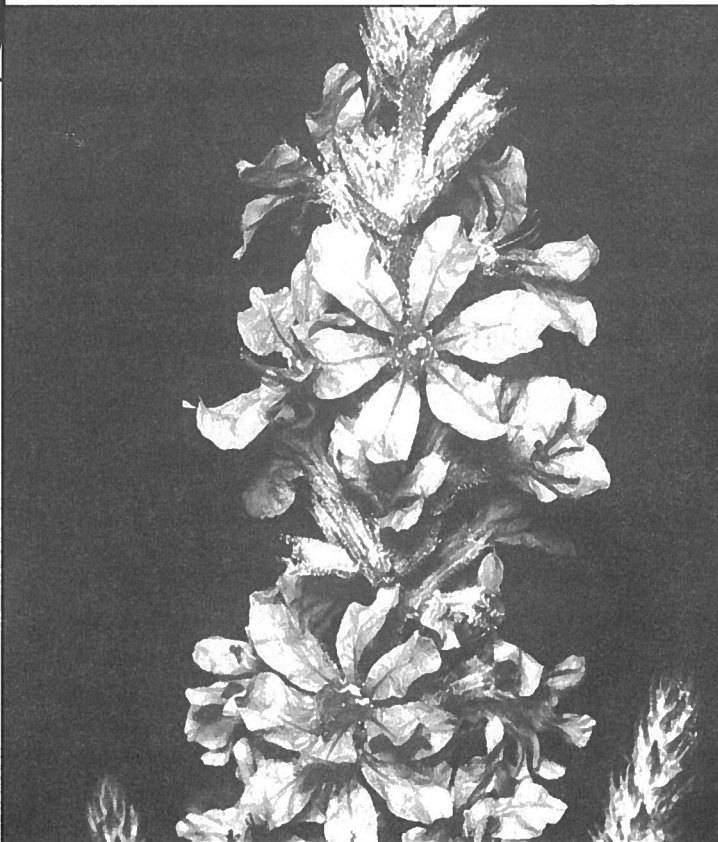
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FOR THE FUN OF IT
By Kellie Troendle, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

Recreation Soccer Program

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Recreation Soccer Program for players in grades 1-6. Games are held at the fields in New Durham on Saturdays in October and practices are held during the week in Alton at Jones Field. The Department would like to thank and recognize the soccer coaches for volunteering their time and energy for the program. With volunteer support we are able to provide programs that teach life skills, build self-confidence and self-esteem, make sports and exercise fun and also create new friendships and forever memories. We would also like to thank our team sponsors for purchasing soccer supplies and uniforms for the U10 and U12 teams, thank you for your support.

Stop by the fields in New Durham to cheer our teams on. U8 Teams include: "Sharks" with Coaches Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Warren; "Rockets" with Coaches Mr. and Mrs. Krivitsky; "Wizards" with Coach Mrs. McKenzie and "Speedy Cats" with Coaches Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson; U10 Boys teams include: "Sandy Point Restaurant Thunder Cats" with Coaches Mrs. McGrath and Mr. Tuttle; "Title Pro, LLC Screaming Eagles" with Coach Mr. Johnson and "Curry Cubs" with Coach Mr. Carpenter; U10 Girls teams include: "Gillan Marine Wave Runners" with Coaches Mr. and Mrs. Mucher and the "Union Communications Carrier Pigeons" with Coach Mr. Fraser; U12 Team includes: the "Profile Bank Red Hawks" with Coaches Mr. Lamper and Mr. Monasky and "Alton Home and Center Lumber Lasers" with Coach Mr. Bothwick. The Soccer Awards night is scheduled in November with an ice cream social to follow. Please look for the date in Soccer Program fliers and on our message board at the Parks and Recreation Department office. For more information about our program please call 875-0109.

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Senior Bingo

With Profile Bank and Alton Parks and Recreation

Alton Seniors are invited to participate in the monthly Bingo program co-sponsored by Profile Bank of Alton. Bingo will be held on Friday, October 14, 2005 at 1:00pm at the Pearson Road Community Center. The program is free to Alton residents. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Stop by and join in the fun.

Lost and Found

Each year we find items that were left behind at the parks, swim areas and playgrounds. We have lifejackets, towels, clothing, toys and sneakers. Please contact us if you are missing something we might just have it.

Community Park Watch

Each year Alton taxpayers must cover the cost of repairing or replacing park facilities and vegetation that has been willfully damaged or destroyed. You can assist by reporting any acts of vandalism to the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or Police Department at 875-3752. Thank you for helping us keep our facilities clean and safe.

A HELPING HAND?

As the days get shorter, we are all thinking ahead to winter and making sure our furnaces are topped off with fuel. We all remember last years brutal frigid weather.

Some people in Alton may have trouble paying for heat during this winter season and will be needing aid.

The Fuel Assistance Program in NH is a grant set up to help income eligible households with assistance with energy bills during the winter. With home heating oils prices skyrocketing, there will be an increase in requests this year. Between the rising costs of fuel and the rising number of households needing assistance, funding will simply not go as far this year. FAP assists as many households as they are able before having to send some of those requests back to their own communities to help with their unmet needs.

Alton Community Services is asking folks in Alton to consider donating to the town fund designated to help with additional local fuel assistance needs.

It's going to be a long cold winter for all of us. No one should have to make the choice of feeding their families or heating their homes. Please consider lending a "helping hand" right here in town.

For details on how you can help, please call Alton Community Services at 875-2273.

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Clubs and Services

Newborn/Maternal Home Visits: Community Health & Hospice Young Family Program nurses provide free home visits for pregnant women who are Medicaid-eligible and also offer a free visit by a Registered Nurse to any parent of a newborn in the greater Lakes Region. The program teaches infant care, what to expect in their child's growth and development, and parenting skills. For more information, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

Shots For Tots, Teens, and In-Betweens: provides immunizations for children to age 19. For dates and location, contact the Young Family Program at Community Health & Hospice at (603) 524-8444.

"Caring Caregivers" Support Group: a support group for caregivers of the memory-impaired and others in long term caregiving situations. The day group generally meets on the first and third Monday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30am. The evening group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Regular meetings are held at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Please contact Pat Marceau at CH&H (524-8444, ext. 343) for additional information.

Community Health & Hospice welcomes volunteers and provides training in all programs. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Bev Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator, at Community Health & Hospice, 780 N. Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246 or call (603) 524-4339, ext. 348 or (toll-free) (800) 244-8549 in New Hampshire.

Alton Senior Citizens Association Whist Club Mon. & Thurs. 1-3pm, Bingo Tues., Weds., & Fri. 1-2pm. Pearson Road Community Center. All are welcome.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Sat. 1 Memory Walk, 9am, Opechee Park Clubhouse, Laconia (p. 17)

Tue. 5 Senior College Parents Night, 6:30pm, Prospect Mountain High School Library (p. 12)

Fri. 7 Grandparents Night, 6pm, Prospect Mountain High School (p. 14)

Fri. 14 Senior Wellness Festival, 9am, Winnepesaukee Exp Center, Lakeport (p. 15)

Sat. 29 Alton Community Church Fair, 9am-1pm, Congregational Church, Church Street (p. 4)

Mon. 31 HALLOWEEN!

Bereavement Support Group: Community Health & Hospice offers a Bereavement Support Group at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia. Call Carolyn Stevenson, 524-8444, ext. 321 for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets weekly on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center on Route 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Also Tues., Cong Church Ossipee, Sat., Huggins Hospital Wolfeboro. Call 434-7578 for more information. All are welcome.

Young Family Program: the Community Health & Hospice is offering a free Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) to parents of children ages four months through five years. The ASQ is a parent-completed screening system to help identify children who should be referred for a comprehensive assessment for medical, special education, early childhood education, mental health, and social services. For more information or to request a questionnaire, call Carol at 524-4339, ext. 346.

Blood Pressure Clinics: Blood Pressure Clinics are held on the Second Thursday of the month from 10:30-noon, Alton Senior Center, Pearson Road.

American Red Cross Blood Services: Red blood cells have a shelf life of only forty-two days, so new reserves must be added to hospital inventories every day. If you would like information about becoming a regular blood donor, contact the American Red Cross Blood Services - New England Region at 1-800-843-3500, or go to www.newenglandblood.org/nh for a list of blood drives.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Alcoholics Anonymous -- Tue., 8 p.m., Alton Bay Comm. Ctr.
 Alton Centennial Rotary Club -- Thursdays, 7am, American Legion Hall, for more info see www.altonrotary.org.
 Alton Community Services Prog., Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 noon., 875-2273
 Alton Masonic Lodge #75 -- 2nd Thu. except July & Aug., 875-7448
 American Legion -- 2nd Mon., 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Rte 28
 American Legion Auxiliary -- 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
 American Legion Jr. Auxiliary -- 1st Wed., 6:30 p.m., Legion Hall
 American Legion Family -- 2nd Monday 7:30pm, Legion Hall
 Sons of the American Legion, 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Legion Hall
 Boy Scout Troop 53 -- Wed., 7 pm, Central Fire Station
 Cub Scout Pack 53 -- Last Wed., 7 p.m., Legion Hall
 Downtown Revitalization Committee, 1st Tues, 4pm, Town Hall
 4-H Club, see website <www.alton4H.org>
 Flying Club -- 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m., 859-7900
 Friends of the Gilman Library -- 2nd Tue. (in season), Library
 Garden Club -- 4th Tue. (in season), Congregational Mtg. House
 Happy Hobby Doll Club -- 4th Fri., 7 p.m., 364-7413 for directions
 Historical Society -- Watch for announcements of programs, Apr. - Oct.; Nov. - Mar., Museum open by request, 569-2629
 Knights of Columbus -- 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
 Lions Club -- 1st and 3rd Thu., The American Legion, 6:30 p.m.
 Moms In Touch -- Tue., 12:30 p.m., 875-2866
 Mt. Major Snowmobile Club -- 2nd Tue., 7 p.m., Sr. Center, 875-3858 or <info@mountmajorsnowmobileclub.com>
 OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfeboro -- 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-7898
 Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Mondays, 5:30, Bay Church. Call 434-7578
 PTSA. -- 3rd Wed., Alton Central School HS Library, 7 p.m.
 Senior Citizens -- 2nd Wed., 1 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
 VFW -- 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
 CALL 875-2151 TO UPDATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

Information Center

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Baha'i Fireside -- Thu., 7:30 p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
- Bay Church -- 11am Worship Service (10:30 July, Aug), ABCCC; Weds. supper 6:30, Prayer meeting 7:30pm, Church on Rand Hill Rd. Rev. Charles Willson. 875-6765
- Community Church -- Sun. Service, 9am, Main Street Church Rev. Peter Bolster, Pastor; 875-5561
- First Free Will Baptist Church -- Sun. School, 9:45 am; Church, 11 am; Evening Service, 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason
- North Barnstead Congregational Church -- Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:30 am, 504 N. Barnstead Rd. Rev. Gray Fitzgerald
- St. Katharine Drexel -- Weekend Masses Sat. 4pm, Sun., 8:30am and 10:30am; weekday Masses, Mon. through Fri., 8am; Rev. George Ham; 569-2548
- Wolfboro Bible Fellowship -- Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship Service, 10:30 am; Evening Service, 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 pm; Route 28; Pastor Scott Button
- GILMAN LIBRARY:** 875-2550
Tue. and Thu., 11 am - 7 pm; Wed. and Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Sat., 9 am - 1 pm; closed Sun. and Mon.
- SENIOR MEAL SITE:** 875-7102
Mon-Fri., 10am-2pm; Pearson Rd. Community Center
- SOLID WASTE CENTER:** 875-5801
Sun., Mon., Fri., and Sat., 7am - 4:45pm. Haz Waste 3rd Sat. May-Oct, 404 Beach Pond Road Wolfboro, 569-5826. Rines Road Pit -- As of April 19, Sat. and Sun., 8am-2:45pm.
- TOWN HALL:** 875-2161, website alton.nh.gov
Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.
Building Inspector -- 875-5095 for hours and appts.
Parks and Recreation -- 875-0109 for info and appts.
Planning Director -- 875-2162 for hours and appts.

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- BELKNAP COUNTY COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**--Contact Dick Wallace, Alton Appointee, phone 875-8221
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN** -- 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6pm. (re-plays on Channel 26 later in the week), Chairman Alan Sherwood, call 875-2161 for appointment.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE** -- 3rd Thursday (twice a week in "budget season"), 7 pm, Chairman Gregory Fuller, 875-7448.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES** -- Meetings posted at Town Hall and Post Office, Chairman Shirley Lane, 875-5864.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** -- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 pm, Town Hall, Co-Chairs, Earl Bagley and Justine Gengras, 875-2164.
- FIRE WARDS** -- 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm, Central Fire Station, Chairman Ken Roberts, 875-6808

- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE** -- Meets 2nd Mon., 5pm at museum, add'l on call, Chairman Kathy Currier, 875-5095.
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- SCHOOL BOARD** -- 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 pm, ACS Chairman Wayne Fraser, PMHS Chairman Cydney Johnson, call 875-7890 for appointment.
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- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** -- 1st Thursday, 7pm, Chairman Richard Quindley, 875-2162.

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PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS ELECTIONS 2005-2006

Elections for class officers and student council were held on Thursday, September 9, 2005. The results are as follows:

CLASS OFFICERS

Senior Class of 2006: Amber Richardson, President; Dave Blanchette, Vice President; Ashley Hubbard, Secretary; Anthony Simone, Treasurer.

Junior Class of 2007: Jeff St. Cyr, President; Rachael Ricker, Vice President; Ashley Finethy, Secretary; Elaine Bothwick, Treasurer.

Sophomore Class of 2008: Brianna Tidd, President; Kelsey Whitney, Vice President; Courtney Emerson, Secretary; Amanda Pellowe, Treasurer.

Freshman Class of 2009: Lexie Phillips, President; Kim Grant, Vice President; Adam Collins, Secretary; Khristine Jordan, Treasurer.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Officers: Vanessa Cusson, President; Catherine Booth, Vice President; Lindsey Turner, Secretary; Jacob Browning, Treasurer.

Student Council Representatives: Seniors - Mayghen Elliott, Sophie Ellis, David Kalloch, Josh O'Neil, Brian Enis, Caitlun Wentworth. Juniors - Hillary Annance, Travis Drolet, Andrea Gaudette, Bryce St. Cyr, Ty Tremblay. Sophomores - Breanna Croteau, Emily Folan, Ryan Gillan, Makina Itchkavich-Levasseur, Derek King, Shirley Ladd, Meagan DiVito. Freshmen - Kyle Chisholm, Michelle Daniels, Mariah Gage, Nicole Drew, Megan Farrell, Samantha Gaudette, Tommy Pellowe, Amanda True.

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

By Marilyn St. Cyr, Guidance Director

Senior College Parent Night

The Guidance Department is hosting a Senior College Parent Night on Tuesday, October, 5 at 6:30pm in the Prospect Mountain High School Library. This program will allow seniors and parents of seniors to obtain information regarding college admissions, applications, and college testing. Other students and parents are invited as well.

Karen Collins, from the NH Higher Education Association Foundation in Concord will be a guest speaker. Counselors at PMHS will also be available to answer questions regarding the college admissions process. If you cannot attend this program, but would like a copy of the handouts, please call the guidance office.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. St. Cyr at 875-3800 ext. 3166 or Mrs. Shumway at 875-3800 ext. 3164.

PSAT, SAT and ACT Testing Information

PSAT's

On Wednesday, October 12 the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic, Aptitude Test) will be given at Prospect Mountain High School. All college bound juniors and sophomores should plan to take the test. The cost is \$12.00.

SAT's

Registration and Test dates for SAT's are as follows:

Test Date	Registration Date	Cost
Oct. 8, 2005	Sept. 7, 2005	\$41.50
Nov. 5, 2005	Sept. 30, 2005	\$41.50
Dec. 3, 2005	Oct. 28, 2005	\$41.50
Jan. 28, 2006	Dec. 22, 2005	\$41.50
Apr. 1, 2006	Feb. 24, 2006	\$41.50
May 6, 2006	Apr. 3, 2006	\$41.50
Jun. 3, 2006	Apr. 28, 2006	\$41.50

ACT's

Registration and Test dates for ACT's are as follows:

Test Date	Registration Date	Basic Fee
Sept. 24, 2005	Aug. 19, 2005	\$29.00
Oct. 22, 2005	Sept. 16, 2005	\$29.00
Dec. 10, 2005	Nov. 4, 2005	\$29.00
Feb. 11, 2006	Jan. 6, 2006	\$29.00
Apr. 8, 2006	Mar. 3, 2006	\$29.00
June 10, 2006	May 5, 2006	\$29.00



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THE FOLLOWING SIX YEARS By Bob Longabaugh Former Co-Editor, Main Street

The charter editor of Main Street, John Duffek, has done his trademark and exemplifying usual piece of writing in recording the first 12 years of Main Street's service to Alton in the lead story for this, the last issue. Even though MaryBee and I were deeply involved with Main Street from 1996 until 2003, I learned a few things about its early years by being privileged to have an advanced reading of John's story.

What struck me most, was that the subjects of editorials and "Letters to the Editor" — to do or not to do — were a running subject of internal debate from day one. After taking on the co-editorship of Main Street with MaryBee in July of 1997 I had all this time believed that it was only me and one or two board members who were the minority advocates for running editorials and other expressions of opinion in Main Street. I now realize that it was a continuing dialogue among the Main Street Board of Directors all along. Those of you who have followed Main Street throughout its history already know that Main Street's board remained steady in its wisdom to keep Alton's monthly publication non-controversial by adhering to a policy of no editorials and no letters to the editor.

There was one point, however, where the board allowed the co-editors to venture forth beyond all previous limits with respect to delving into a controversial subject. That was the March, 2002, issue where the cover story was "To Be, Or Not To Be?" [the proposed Alton/Barnstead High School]. An unprecedented 37 column inches (almost two pages of solid text) were devoted to the pros and cons on the question of whether Alton voters should vote in favor or not of constructing a new high school with the Town of Barnstead.

The reporter (yours truly) tried ever so earnestly to give both the pro and con sides of the issue exactly "equal time." Nevertheless, feedback from the readership was MUCH more than a little! It was so overwhelming that the board of directors decided never to do that again! (The reporter found solace, however, that the negative feedback was roughly equal from each side, signifying that he had it "just about right.")

Main Street, however, cannot cease publication without drawing the attention of all Altonians to just how much it owes to the Calvert family. For 20 years their continuing presence on Main Street's board resulted in delivering a unifying periodical for East Alton, West Alton, and the area "south of the village" by bringing a sense of being one town to all of Alton. Previously West Alton was oriented toward Laconia, East Alton looked to Wolfboro, and the village and south tended toward Rochester. Once Main Street started

showing up in every Alton mailbox, there was now a central and unifying force that we were, indeed, one town.

As you have read in John Duffek's piece, Catherine Shoup Calvert was a founding member of Main Street in 1985 and was a stalwart participant and Assistant Editor until her passing in 1995. Her husband, Bob, then moved in gradually to add his wisdom to the publication's direction, and he took on the role of Publisher and President of the Corporation in April of 1999. Those were the golden days, since Bob always found a way NOT to carve the baby in two.

Even with Bob Calvert's pre-mature exit from Main Street when he died as a "young 82-year old" in December, 2000, the Calvert Main Street legacy continued as his 1997 second bride, Alice Ziegra Calvert, took on the President and Publisher's role, which she has fulfilled with verve and steadfastness culminating in this issue of October, 2005. That's exactly 244 issues (Main Street's ENTIRE publishing history) with a Calvert's steady hand on maintaining Main Street as "The Voice of Alton." (Not to be omitted is the younger Bob Calvert's annual April Fools' contributions filling in as "R.J. Trevlac" after his father was no longer able to continue the infamous byline reporting on Ernest and April Phule's newest annual antic.)

Which brings us to the "30" ["finis," or end] at the bottom of a press story: Main Street is ceasing as a monthly publication, and if it hadn't been for one Calvert or another always being heavily involved (along with the substantial contribution from John Duffek over 12 years), Altonian's would not have learned that there will now be something to be missed.

[And, did this former co-editor finally get an editorial in Main Street, or did he not?]



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REMINDER TO ACS PARENTS! By Dick Wallace

Last month CYA and CORE announced a “Grandparent Event” for Alton Central School youth to honor their Grandparents. This is a great event for your children in Grades K thru 5 to honor their grandparents (or those important people who are acting as grandparents in their lives). The program will feature, a pasta with meatball meal complete with salad and Italian bread, beverages and homemade deserts, time for children to volunteer to tell a short story about their grandparent (s) and time for Karaoke singing for anyone present.

This event will be held at the Prospect Mountain High School Friday October 7th from 6–7:30pm.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and are available at the School Library through October 3rd. You may also call 875-8221. Let’s have a fun time with family. Put the date on your calendar.

Buy your tickets now!

LAKES REGION SOCCER CLUB By Terry Stamp

U11 GIRLS TEAM

Coach Sandra Chaplin and her U11 Girls team traveled to Hampton recently to play the Hampton Attack. A very competitive game saw several goals being scored by each team. Shannon Meyer and Corrina Chasse shared the goal keeping duties during this game. Corrina Chasse was also very active in the Lakers United attack scoring two goals. At the final whistle the Hampton Attack had scored five goals to the Lakers two.

Playing against Stratham the Lakers United played an excellent game with the lead constantly changing. The end result was in doubt right up to the final whistle. With the Lakers leading by 5 to 4, Stratham managed to move the ball downfield and at the last kick just managed to score the tying goal. Final score 5-5. Kelly Jones scored three goals with Diamond Chaplin scoring the other two goals.

U13 GIRLS TEAM

Playing host to the Somersworth team the Lakers United continued their winning ways by scoring five goals with no reply from their visitors

Excellent individual and team play saw some great passing of the ball into the open spaces with Josie Couch scoring two goals, Sarah Clifford and Kirby Beranger scoring one goal each. The final fifth goal was scored by a brilliant attacking move by several Lakers players who swept down the field passing the ball amongst themselves. At every game the U13 Lakers improve. They are worthy Champions of New Hampshire and holders of the New Hampshire Open Cup.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

By Paulette Wentworth

Another year has gone by with Thanksgiving right around the corner. It is time to start thinking about the food baskets for the families in need of Alton. Donations would be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check or money orders. Make donations payable to "Operation Blessings". You may drop off your contribution at the Town Hall to Paulette Wentworth or mailed to Town Hall, P.O. Box 659, Alton, NH 03809.

Canned good donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall between 8AM and 4:30PM on or before Friday, November 18. Please specify that they are for the "Operation Blessing" Project.

If you are interested in helping distribute baskets, or can suggest the home of a shut-in or a needy family, please contact Paulette at 875-0203 between 8AM and 4:30PM.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & HOSPICE NEWS

By Jackie Bonafide

FOURTH ANNUAL SENIOR WELLNESS FESTIVAL

Join Community Health & Hospice on Friday, October 14 from 9am-2pm at the Winnepesaukee Expo Center for the Fourth Annual Senior Wellness Festival. The event is coordinated by Belknap County ServiceLink Resource Center with sponsorship from area service agencies including Community Health & Hospice. The focus of this year's festival is "Knowledge is Power". The keynote speaker will be former New Hampshire Attorney General Philip McLaughlin. Enjoy a day of knowledge gathering, along with free health screening, legal consultation, and free lunch. For additional information, please contact Pat Marceau at CH&H (524-8444, ext. 343).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Health & Hospice is looking for volunteers with computer skills and others who enjoy assisting the general public in the office. CH&H volunteers may also serve on the Board of Directors, help with community health education or fundraising activities, participate on a committee, or assist clients with Advance Care Directives. Time commitments can be geared to the needs of volunteers—from those who wish to serve occasionally to those who prefer regular assignments. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Chris Long at Community Health & Hospice, 780 N. Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246 or call (603) 524-4339, ext. 340 or (toll-free) (800) 244-8549 in New Hampshire. Information is also available on the CH&H website at www.chnh.org.

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MAIN STREET MEMORIES

By Judy Fry

When I learned recently that Main Street was coming to a close, it felt like I was losing a trusted friend. Over the years as each monthly issue arrived, other projects were put aside while I sat down to read the many articles covering the school, town and organization news and dates of activities to mark on my calendar. Each issue was carefully saved for the family scrapbook and I have all but one issue.

The information and numerous photos in each issue of Main Street provides a glimpse of life in Alton these past twenty years – a most important historical record for future generations benefit.

To select the most memorable article or articles would be impossible, as many come to mind – RVing with Cindy and John Duffek, coverage of Town Meetings, school and organization news and so much more, you kept us informed.

In 1996 we read about the year long 200th Anniversary celebration of the incorporation of the Town. A special celebration was held at Alton Central School on the anniversary of the date that we became a town, June 17, 1796.

The entire staff of the newspaper, past and present, are to be commended. Your dedication, yes, your talents, are deserving of a big thank you for your contributions these many years to the Alton Townspeople. I wish you well – you will be missed.

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Holly Brown

Librarian

It is with a tremendous feeling of sadness and regret that I must acknowledge this as the final issue of Main Street. Words cannot express how much we have appreciated the countless efforts of the Main Street staff to provide the best possible service to our library and our community.

For many years the Main Street has allowed us a special connection to our community that no other source of news has matched. The “Check Out Desk” was an avenue through which we have been able to let others know about various services and events that have taken place here at the library over the years. In addition, on numerous occasions we have referred to the Main Street as a reference source for library patrons..

I am pleased to say that we have a full collection of issues, dating back to July 1985, of the Main Street here at the library that are available to the public for reference only. It is interesting to see how the Main Street has changed and grown through the years much like the Town of Alton has. Please feel free to enjoy them here during library hours. In doing so, please treat them with the respect they deserve.

In closing and on behalf of everyone here at the Gilman Library we wish to thank all of the individuals who have contributed to Main Street, through submitting information, volunteering to put the paper together or taking the time to visit the “Checkout Desk”. Without all of these efforts we would not have been able to enjoy such a special treasure for so many years.

Main Street – We Thank You – You will always have a special place in our library collection and you will be sorely missed.

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LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

By Karen Poor

"Roller Coaster or Swan Boat", How's Your Life Going"? The Lakes Region Christian Women's Group would like to invite you to our next Luncheon on Wednesday, October 12th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Maurice's Family Restaurant, Rt. 25, Moultonborough. The menu will be Chicken and Mushroom Alfredo over Ziti, salad, dessert and beverages for \$13.00 inclusive.

Our Special Speaker will be Nancy Ferrin of Derry, New Hampshire. Mother of 5 children, Nancy tells of the "Ups and Downs" in her life. She is a computer programmer and an author waiting for the publication of her first book.

Our Special Feature will be our annual Auction with Bob Adams as the auctioneer. This is always a fun filled meeting with many hand-made items, Specialty Baskets filled with goodies and other wonderful donations. All proceeds from this auction will go to a group of 250 missionaries known as "The Village Missions". These men and women serve in the rural parts of America and Canada where there are no churches and spiritual guidance available to their citizens. Please come and support a good cause. If you'd like to, please bring a small gift type item to be auctioned.

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TRAVIS HOPPER WINS NHPIE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

By Laurie Boyce

I am very honored to be able to announce in the last issue of Main Street that Travis Hopper, a student who was a member of the first class to graduate from Prospect Mountain High School, has won the Student of the Year Award from NHPIE (New Hampshire Partners in Education). It will be awarded to him October 17th at the Blue Ribbon Award ceremony.

Since he was in sixth grade, Travis has volunteered helping younger students. With him going to the new school building 3 miles away, I wasn't sure he would still be one of my best Volunteers. He had volunteered 200-400 hours for the past three years. And so, once again, Travis spent 600 hours of his senior year driving back to Alton Central 3 days a week, during his free period, to work with the third grade students. Travis said he enjoyed volunteering and didn't want to miss out on it his last year.

I believe Travis will do fantastic at Champlain College in New York because he is studying to be a Teacher, and with his experience as a fantastic volunteer, he will make a great teacher. Congratulations, Travis.

MEMORY WALK SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 1

By Jackie Bonafide

The Laconia Area Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk - 2005 will take place on Saturday, October 1. The Walk will start at the Opechee Park Clubhouse on North Main Street in Laconia. Registration begins at 9am and the Walk will begin at 10am. Walkers have a choice of distances up to three miles. A free tee shirt will be given to each person raising \$100 or more.

An Alzheimer's bracelet or pin will also be given out to each walker. Free refreshments will be available along with free information about Alzheimer's disease and caregiver resources.

For more information on how to support the Memory Walk, please call The Taylor Community at 527- 9419 and speak with Mary Beale at ext. 226 or Diane Poh at ext. 203, or contact Mary Belfontaine at Community Health & Hospice, at 524-8444.

New Hampshire has more than 24,000 individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease who need help. This year a portion of the money raised by the local walk will be forwarded to help Alzheimer's families in the Hurricane Katrina area. You can register or make donations to the Memory Walk on the internet by going to www.alz.org/vtnh and clicking "Memory Walk" and following the instructions.

JOSEPH MOONEY'S DIARY REVEALS HISTORIC PAST

Compiled by Alice Z. Calvert

The following quotes were taken from the diaries of Joseph Mooney and organized by Historian Al Fisher to reveal what people in Alton experienced 100- 150 years ago.

Mooney lived in the large yellow Victorian house at the traffic circle. He was respected, prosperous and influential. He kept a diary (journal) day-by-day from about 1815 to 1858. Notes in parenthesis are explanations by Fisher.

October 1837- Jeremiah returned from Portsmouth where he sold his butter - 25 cents a pound.

November 1837- Jeremiah and Coffin started for Portsmouth with a drove of cattle.

March 1839- Jeremiah commenced framing his house on the Hussey Farm (Florence Holway's) .

April 1839- Jeremiah hauled his two barns out to the Hussey farm (from his old farm, Ziegra's) a few hundred yards down the road.

November 1839- I came home New York state after about fifteen days. Travelled about 1000 miles. Cost me \$52.08.

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August 1841 - Entered a complaint against Joseph McIntyre and John Tuttle for playing Cards and stealing apples from my orchard Sunday and the Sunday before.

March 1842 - Might have got out the last of our logs had it not been Sunday.

February 1843 - Isaac Coffin (Moulton's house, Rte. 140) ten years old, came to live until he is fourteen for board and clothing to learn the “truth”.

May 1843 - I dismissed Coffin as a bad boy.

June 1843 - Hiram (his son) got home from the western country. He had been gone 8 weeks. Traveled 4500 miles and spent \$100.

November 1843 - I made a bargain for hauling all the ships timber on the Wolfeborough Road at \$3.00 a ton.(For the “Dover”being built in Alton Bay)

September 1847 - Betsy (his daughter) started for Charleston, S.C. to school

March 1848 - I have given and paid for Betsy for schooling at Charleston \$104. It takes Cash to send children abroad to school.

March 1849 - I went to Rochester on the stage and on the cars (railroad) to Dover.

April 1849 - I left my wife making soap. Good luck!

May 1849 - My wife and I attended the funeral of Enos George Dudley. He was hanged For the murder of his wife.

July 1849 - Jonathan Miller broke into D.Barker's store. He was convicted and sent to State Prison for four years.

December 1850 - The railroad is to be on Charlie's (his son's) land. Good, Good.

January 1851 - Tank men began blasting rock between the roads (Main Street and Wolfeboro Hill Road).

June 1851 - They began laying iron for the railroad from Farmington.

July 5, 1851 - I went to the Bay for the launching of the steam boat “Dover”. (the second built on the Lake)

October 16, 1851 - The new steamboat started.

October 27, 1851 - Passenger cars came to this place (Alton village) for the first time.

October 30, 1851 - The railroad open to the Bay and cars ran there for the first time. Six from Dover. About 500 people crossed the lake on the “Dover”. A proud day.

Jan. 1852- Selectmen laid out roads to the depot.(Depot St)

August 1852 - My wife and I had likeness taken .

October 1852 - Last night Israel Sawyer's wife and three children all burned up in old Emerson's store at the Bay. Everything in the building burnt. (Formerly McGrath's)

October 24, 1852 - Daniel Webster died.

February 1853 - I am reading Uncle Tom's Cabin

February 1854 - The railroad cars finally came up at 10 o'clock at night. The first time in four days.

April 3, 1854 - Voted to raise \$2000 to build a school house.

April 17, 1854 - We had 24 snows this winter. 9 feet in all.

All of these journals can be read at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Alton residents may place classified ads in any issue of Main Street. As a public service ads are primarily for *noncommercial* private individuals who have items for sale (except real estate for sale or rent), items or services wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each noncommercial ad of 35 words or less. Each additional 35 words costs \$1. (There is no charge for "Cards of Thanks" or ads under the "Free" and "Ride Sharing" classifications.) The rate for commercial ads is \$12.50 per column inch. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad, or edit it for length/style. Ads must be submitted with payment to Post Office Box 210, Alton Bay 03810, by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may also be placed in the Main Street box at the Alton branch of the Bank of New Hampshire. **Ads must contain a phone number.**

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HISTORIC ALTON

Editors Note: Harry Bickford was a lifelong resident of New Durham. His farm was located in New Durham and Alton, and is currently owned by his grandson, Robert Bickford, Jr. Harry worked as a mailman for many years. He kept a farmers diary, detailing the goings-on of the farm and around the Town. Main Street has received permission from George Bickford, Harry's son, to publish excerpts of the diary. It is an interesting look at daily life on a farm. The diary was compiled by Elaine Bickford. Copies of the diary have been donated to the New Durham Library.

October 1940

Tues. 1: Cloudy. We dug 10 ° bushels of potatoes today.
Wed. 2: Fair. We finished digging potatoes today. Dug 29 bushels, makes a total of 100 bushels from 5 ° bushels of planting. George and I hauled 4 loads of hen manure this PM and spread it on the stubble in the front field.
Thurs. 3: Fair. We went to Farmington in the evening to see Boom Town. Very good picture.
Fri. 4: Fair. Sorted potatoes. Put 37 bushels down cellar.
Sat. 5: Fair. Finished putting paper on the chicken house. Got the hen house ready for the hens. We put 120 hens and rooster in tonight. Hauled them up in the cart and tractor.
Sun. 6: Nellie and I left for Beverly 7:50 this morning taking John home with us. We down Route 125 to Haverhill then Route 97 to Beverly. We don't care for the road, it is very winding and the distance is 80 miles from our yard to John's and it is 78 miles home by the way of Greenland. We were

two hours going down and two hours and twenty minutes coming home. We struck a lot of traffic coming home.
Fri. 11: A lovely day. The horn stuck with me today up to Chase's and I thought I would be deaf before I could disconnect it. Nellie took it up to the garage and got a new relay switch put on and it was all right. Called on Mr. French at the Farm Bureau office and he said he would look at our squash some time next week.
Wed. 16: A very cold night... 25 degrees above here this morning. Fair and cold. George plowed this AM. He and I put wood in the shed this PM.
Fri. 18L George and I saw a very peculiar accident happen right in front of the house this PM. It seems the bolts were not tightened enough when the wheel was put on and the studs came off. The wheel came off and wheel went into our field and went up the side of the barn as high as six feet. You should have seen the sparks fly from the brake drum. If there had been a car coming up at that time, there would have been a bad accident as he had all he could do to keep it in the road. George and I helped him jack up the car and put the wheel on.
Sun. 20: Fair. George and I went down to Rochester tonight to see Mickey Rooney in 'Strike up the Band'.
Thur. 24: Fair and cold. The shift on the car gave out at Marks' box today. Took it to Wyman's Garage and got a car to deliver the mail with... had plenty of trouble with that. Helped George haul wood for Mrs. Gooch.
Sat. 26: Fair and cold. Guy Sanborn came and got the old hens and roosters this PM, Paid 14 cents for the roosters and 13 cents for the old hens. 235# of fowl @ 13 cents \$30.55 and 93# roosters @ 14 cents \$12.88.
Tues. 29: A lovely day. Received check today for the squash. 4 ton and 1900# @ \$25.00 per ton \$123.75. Not so many as we thought but, the price was much better than \$8 per ton, the amount we got last year.
Wed. 30: Cloudy. Nellie, George and I went to Concord and bought a white sink at Page Belting Co. for \$13.00 with strainer. We had a turkey dinner at Angelo's for 60 cents.

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