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Page 24 for more details.

SECOND ANNUAL BACKPACK DRIVE A SUCCESS - THANKS TO YOU! By Purr Whalley

As coordinator of the 2nd annual *Main Street* "Project Backpack", I want to thank each and every one of you who took the time to get involved. With over 40 shoppers, we were able to provide over 30 children with crisp new backpacks filled with new school supplies. Extra supplies that didn't go into specific packs have been delivered to Alton Central School to keep on hand as needs develop.

For those of you who sent donations, please know that you helped buy extra backpacks for those students whose parents sent in requests in August. We were in great shape with school supplies, but would have come up short on the packs during the last week if not for your help.

Thanks also must go to the Gilman Library for providing the space for the "apple tree" and to Profile Bank for being the drop off site.

Alton is truly a town with a generous heart. Please know that the first day of school was made extra special for some of our young students because so many of you took the time to care.

Main Street thanks you, and we look forward to working with you all next year, for our THIRD annual backpack drive!

MAIN STREET MEMORIES, AND THOUGHTS OF THE FUTURE By Bob Calvert

Editors Note: Bob Calvert wrote this open letter to Main Street and the Alton Community. Bob is the son of Bob and Catherine Calvert, two of the founders of Main Street, and the stepson of Alice Ziegra Calvert, Main Streets publisher and President.

I'd heard about Main Street closing shop earlier this year, so I've had time to think about it. Thank you for a forum for sharing my thoughts.

My mom, Catherine S. Calvert, dreamed of a career in journalism. My sister, brother, and I postponed her entry into the field, but she started to fulfill her wish when she began work at the Carmel Topics in Indiana. We were not surprised, after our parents retired and settled in Alton, New Hampshire about 25 years ago, that she joined with a few others and started a monthly publication called Main Street.

Our father, Bob Calvert, editor of his high school newspaper and later on Boy's Life magazine and a prolific writer, got involved. Our mom Alice Ziegra Calvert is now the President and Publisher. A Calvert has been a contributor to every issue of Main Street. That's something I'm proud of especially since it's been such a fine publication.

I've read every issue. I never won Ice Out although I did get close from time to time. I was greatly disappointed every year even though I was assured that the prize did not include transportation.

I contributed to Main Street the last three April issues writing as RJ Trevlac (Calvert, Jr backwards), reporting on Ernest and April Phule. You asked for memories that were poignant, informative, or amusing, and I have one: Alice let me insert her home phone number in each of the April fool's articles and readers could call and get involved in the Phulish Phun. I have absolutely loved Alice's reports of her

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CYA AND CORE ANNOUNCE AN EVENT FOR ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL YOUTH TO "HONOR GRANDPARENTS" By Dick Wallace

Parents, this is a GREAT event for your children to honor
their grandparents (or those important people who are acting as
grandparents in their lives). The program we have planned fol-
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- *We will invite the children to volunteer to tell a short story about
their grandparent (s).
- *We will have a Karaoke opportunity for anyone present.

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Grade Level:	K thru 5
Location:	Prospect Mountain High School
Date:	Friday October 7th
Time:	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Tickets:	Adults \$5.00; Children \$3.00.

TICKETS available at Alton Central School Open House
Sept 15th 6-8:00 PM and at the School Library beginning Sept
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...Calvert Letter, continued from cover

conversations with folks responding to the "articles." Her callers were genuine Granite. It could be a chapter in a book she should write.

When I heard about Main Street's demise, I was saddened because it brought back memories of my parents and how much I miss them. Both thoroughly enjoyed the time they worked on the publication. "What would they think?" I've asked myself. Undoubtedly they would regret the change, but they would probably miss the camaraderie involved in the project more. They understood the value of working with others to accomplish a goal, especially when it benefited the community. I suspect that they would have understood why it was time for the people who make up the Main Street family to put their energies into other projects. Main Street was not a typical newspaper: it was on real paper; it looked different; the news was all good and informative.

Main Street did not exist in a vacuum just as none of us live in complete isolation. As the world turns, so do you and me and the institutions around us. So Main Street will cease to publish. But the Calverts' will never forget the commitment to community and journalism that inspired Main Street's conception. The Calvert children established a small trust with the Alton Trustee in the memory of Bob and Catherine Calvert. Until now, the beneficiary of the trust received a small college scholarship. Beneficiaries had to be a student from Alton who has distinguished him or herself in journalism and were interested in a career in journalism. Main Street coordinated the selection process and contributed money, too. The changing times mean that we have to re-examine how the trust can continue to serve the Alton community.

I ask for your help. What can be done with a small annual dividend or a modest distribution to promote journalism and community involvement? Should we raise funds to make the scholarship more substantial and would you help? I have an idea. Call 875-2151 and tell us what you think.

I spoke with April Phule recently. She, too, had heard about the end of Main Street. After her late husband, Ernest, passed on, April moved to Hawaii and can be found sipping mai tais by the beach, watching the surfers at Canoes in Waikiki. That's where I found her. April looked out over the horizon and said, "I miss the Old Man on the Mountain." She paused and added, "And any one else who does should call 875-2151."

Bob Calvert
Honolulu, HI



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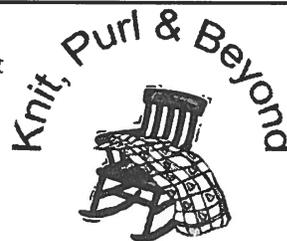
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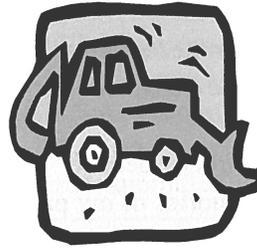
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We will also be paving Upper Bay Hill, Mirimichie Hill Road, Pine St, Appleyard Lane, Prospect Mountain, a section of Spring St and the cut off at Stockbridge Corner, please expect delays. We apologize for any inconveniences.

We hired a new truck driver - welcome aboard Richard!

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IN Main Street

TWENTY YEARS AGO...

...The school volunteer program which began in 1981 has expanded each year. Twice in the four years the program has been awarded Blue Ribbon for their work... Chief Russell Jones announced the formation of a Cadet Program for training and firefighting support... The Alton Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force, best known for their Project Graduation, (drug and alcohol free graduation parties) is meeting to hear a program on other town's approaches to the abuse problems...

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

...Fire Chief Russell Jones was Grand Marshal in the tenth Old Home Week parade... Founded in 1933, the Alton Garden Club has been responsible for many attractive garden spots in town. The members do planting, weeding, watering and tending barrels and garden areas at the Town Hall, Police Station, Douglas Park and at the Bay. Local merchants contribute plants and donations to further these pretty efforts...

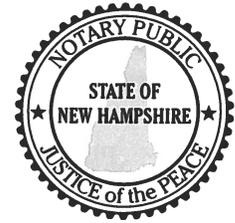
TEN YEARS AGO . . .

...September starts the black bear hunting season. Black bears have been sighted already in back yards looking for suet and bird seed...In 1955 Harold Clough organized the West Alton Fire Department after a forestry truck was sent up from the Central Station. His group worked to raise money for a tank truck and over time built the station. No tax money was involved...Kevin Iwans, our new Chief of Police, has initiated a program of "Citizen Ride Along" to better acquaint Alton residents with the work of the Police Department. He stressed the importance of his officers knowing the community and vice versa...

FIVE YEARS AGO . . .

...Alton Historical Society will observe their 50th Anniversary in December. Rev. W. Douglas Swaffield was a founder and first president... After operating without a home for 48 years, the Gilman Library has offered space in the newly renovated lower level... Daniel F. Moulton, son of Barbara and Stanley Moulton, and W. Michael Murray, son of Bill and Joan Murray, received their Eagle medals at a Court of Honor from Scoutmaster Bruce Yelle. They are the first members of Troop 53 to achieve this high rank in over 40 years of the Troop's history... Meghan St.Cyr, who will be a senior at Alton Central School this fall, graduated from the Advanced Studies Program at St.Paul's School. She was one of 246 New Hampshire high school juniors to be selected to attend this program... Mt. Major Community Center completed sanding and refinishing their hardwood floor. They have been busy with many rentals this year.

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By Nancy Mooney Hebert

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Take on a golden glow.
Summer's sinking fast
As it segues into Fall.
Snowbirds! Flutter your wings
And practice your southern drawl!

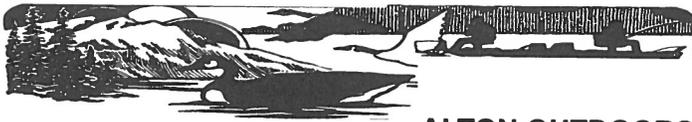
At our annual meeting in August, the officers for the year 2005-2006 were inducted and will take on their responsibilities this month. Dom Giuliano, in his own inimitable style, led the swearing-in ceremony. We appreciate him!

President John Brooks announced that a senior trip is planned to Indian Head Resort in Lincoln on Sept. 30. This is a popular trip, so sign up early at the center, or call 875-7102 to make a reservation. The price will be in the range of \$50, which covers the bus and the meal and entertainment. The fall foliage is free!

The seniors were dismayed to learn that Main Street will soon stop publication. Many have helped put the paper together and have relied on it for club news and announcements. At this time, long overdue credit should be given to those who help out at the center. Our hardworking and steadfast regular volunteers in the kitchen are John Brooks, Claire Fitzgerald, Dom Giuliano, Judy Carmel, Lori and John Hagen, all of whom take turns during the week to serve the meals and clean up afterwards. Helen Stanford often sets the tables and helps distribute meals to the tables for those who find it difficult to stand in line. When Claire Fitzgerald, our site director, is absent, John Brooks very efficiently fills in for her. Things would be chaotic without their willingness to serve others. We can always use more volunteers, too!

We were so pleased to see Wanita Baldwin at the center recently. Thank you, Georgianna Nason for providing transportation for her, and we hope to see her more often. Also, it has been heartening to see Marge and Harold Favreau out and about again, and we continue to wish them improved health. Many of our seniors are advancing in age, and we are always so grateful to those who do favors for us, such as giving rides or doing errands.

Congratulations to Helene Lambert, who won the attendance raffle. Many thanks to Paulette Brooks and Georgianna Nason for providing the delectable refreshments. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 1 p.m. at the center.



ALTON OUTDOORS
By Jack Miller

September brings the hunting seasons. September first opens the general black bear hunting season. There is a good population of bear in the Alton area, I mentioned some of these sightings last month. The most recent raid on bird feeders that I know of happened in the Old New Durham Road area. He must have been good size as he bent a 3/4 inch iron pipe to get to the feeder. If a bear's ears look small, or you don't see daylight under it's stomach, you are looking at a big bear. They weigh about 250 pounds on average, full grown; 300+ is a big bear. Bear will be feeding on blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, and early nut crops such as acorns and beech nuts.

To hunt bear, you must have a regular hunting or archery license, and also purchase a bear hunting permit. New regulations passed last year allow you to skin and quarter a bear before registering it with a conservation officer. This will reduce the spoilage of meat during the warm days early in the season. As always, be sure to check the regulations of the area you hunt. Good luck.

September 15th opens the archery deer and turkey hunting seasons. Deer will be following their summer routine of feeding and staying in cool areas. Find an area where deer are feeding, they will be back. They are fairly predictable now, feeling quite safe with the leaves still on the trees. I have observed deer feeding in open fields as early as 4pm lately. Turkey, on the other hand, could be any where right now. They provide quite a challenge for the archer.

As September opens some of the hunting seasons, it also closes some of the fishing seasons. Salmon and lake trout fishing closes September 30th. Fishing can become good for these species now as water temperatures cool down and the fish come up from the depths of our lakes. Again, be sure to check the regulations.

Kittery Trading Post will be holding their annual "Septemberfest" sale on Sept. 5-11. They have sale prices and demos of all the latest gear. It's a good time to stock up.

If you are new to hunting, you need to pass a hunter safety course. Farmington Fish & Game in New Durham will host a course in September. You must be 12 years old or older, and attend all classes, held at the club on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6-9pm. The dates are Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 and field test on Saturday, Oct. 1. You may register with me by calling 364-5828. Pre-registration is required as space and supplies are limited.

Fall is a good time to be out in the outdoors. Enjoy!

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Alton Old Home Days

August 13-14

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5K Road Race Results

Co-Sponsored by TD Banknorth

The Alton Old Home Day 5K Road Race was a great success with over 95 runners participating. The race was co-sponsored by TD Banknorth and was held on Saturday, August 13 for runners of all ages. The race was certified by the USA Track and Field Association and timing was provided by Granite State Race Services. The race was a fast-flat course, which started and ended in Alton Bay. Runners were treated to beautiful views of the mountains and Lake Winnepesaukee during their run through Alton Bay. The race drew runners from as far away as California, Colorado and Florida. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank all of the runners, cheering fans and volunteers for a great event. A special thank you to Scott Ward and TD Banknorth for co-sponsoring the event; EndorFun Sports for supplying water to all of the runners; River Run Deli for donating Gift Certificates; the Alton Police Department and Ken Roberts of the Highway Department for directing race course safety and the Alton Fire and Rescue Department for being available during the race; thank you also to the following additional volunteers for their participation and assistance: TD Banknorth staff, Patty Hardie, Emma Hardie, Russ Troendle, Jill and Alex Barthel, Melissa Wells, Jim and Fran Washburn, Dan Kelley and Lyndsay, Bryan and Kristina Bishop. Race results are posted on-line at coolrunning.com. For more information on the 5K Race call 875-0109, parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Race Results: 1st place male overall- Morgan Seybert, Gilford, age 19, time: 16:52. 1st place female overall- Katja Fox, Wolfeboro, age 40, time: 22:10. 1st place Alton male- John Tuttle; 2nd place- Jason Snell; 3rd place- Ben Locke. 1st place Alton female- Kristin Murray; 2nd place- Mary Doherty; 3rd place- Lena Smith. 1st place female- 14 and under- Erin Phillips, Belmont, 14, 24:57. 1st place male- 14 and under- Mike Stevens, Alton, 14, 22:16. 1st place fe-

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male 15-19- Kristi Parent, Belmont, 15, 24:01. 1st place male 15-19- John Francis, Gloucester, MA, 16, 18:07. 1st place female 20-29- Kara Jacobs, Wolfeboro, 29, 23:09. 1st place male 20-29- Jason Snell, Alton, 22, 19:28. 1st place female 30-39- Alyse Olivieri, Milton, MA, 35, 23:18. 1st place male 30-39- Matt Wolfe, Pittsfield, 36, 20:58. 1st place female 40-49- Sue Besse, Middleton, MA, 40, 22:02. 1st place male 40-49- John Tuttle, Alton, 48, 17:36. 1st place female 50-59- Judi Lemaire, Wolfeboro, 53, 25:01. 1st place male 50-59- Perry Seagroves, Concord, 52, 21:13. 1st place male 60-69- Frank Davis, Pembroke, 68, 30:57. 1st place female 70 and over- Nancy Reed, Wolfeboro, 71, 34:56. 1st place male 70 and over- John DiComandrea, Revere, MA, 77, 31:17. 1st walker male- Roger Cawley, Bennington, 57, 30:24

Mike Burke Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament Results

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored their annual Co-Ed Volleyball Tournaments at the Mike Burke Memorial Volleyball Court with the Stanhope Group. On July 24 the A-League players competed for the tournament title. Teams included: Rollins, Dodge, and Beudet. Team Rollins took the title with a great show of skill and teamwork. On July 31 the B-League players competed and had fun playing in the sand. Teams showed off their moves with great sets, serves and spikes. Teams included: Alton Shores, 4Play, No, No Ya, Morse, and the Storey Family. The No, No Ya Team took home the title and first prize. Thank you to L&C Springwater for donating water to the participants and the Stanhope Group for co-sponsoring the event.

Country Line Dancing Lessons

With Instructor Joan Lightfoot

Join in this great program and learn new dances every week looking over scenic Alton Bay. Line Dancing is great exercise and a wonderful opportunity to meet new people. Beginners are welcome. Program is held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30pm. Bring a water bottle and dancing shoes. Program fee is \$3.00 for the summer season, what a great deal.

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, September 16 at 1pm 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.

Little Pesaukees

Join in this drop-in play, learn and grow program sponsored in part by the Giggle and Grins Resource Center. This free program is open to all children newborn to five years of age and is held at the Alton Bay Community Center, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am. Come and meet new parents and children. Activities include: crafts, free play, snack time, story time and more. Parents/caregivers must stay and supervise their children during the program and are asked to please bring a snack for their child. Drop by anytime and check out our ongoing program.

Lost and Found

Each year we find items that were left behind at the parks, swim areas and playgrounds. 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.

Lifeguards Wanted- 2006 Season

If you are interested in working as a Lifeguard for the summer of 2006 for the Town of Alton we are now taking applications, apply at the Parks and Recreation office. Lifeguards must be Red Cross Certified by June 2006, dependable and able to work the full season, call 875-0109 for more information.

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ALTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS
By John Brooks , Treasurer

Alton K of C Council 7533 donated ten thousand dollars to the new Saint Katharine Drexel Church for a sign.

In July the council sent its semi-annual donation of five hundred dollars for the education of a seminarian. We also gave two thousand dollars to help defray the cost of two members of Saint Katharine to attend an international Catholic Youth Council conference in Cologne, Germany.

Alton K of C Council is now sponsoring a Christian child in the Holy Land, through the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation.

The Knights provide a religious medal for each child in St. Katharine parish when they make their first communion and a bible to each youth when they are confirmed.

Twenty-six Knights attended the New Hampshire Fisher Cats baseball game on August 19th.

We would like to thank those who support our fund raisers, enabling us to continue our charitable works.

**LOCAL VETERAN OF WAR IN AFGHANISTAN
 TO START COLLEGE**
By Barbara Moulton

Daniel Moulton of Alton and St. Johnsbury, VT has been accepted at Indiana State University at Terre Haute. He will begin his studies in September, majoring in political science. Dan attended Alton Central School and is a 2001 graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy.

After enlisting in the United States Army he completed Basic Training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA, and was then stationed at Fort Richardson in Anchorage, AK. After serving with his unit for ten months in Afghanistan at a forward operations base near the Pakistani border, he finished his enlistment and returned home in November 2004

Dan is the son of Stanley and Barbara Moulton of Alton.

CHILDREN ATTEND SALVATION ARMY CAMP
By Paulette Wentworth, Salvation Army Representative

This is the sixteenth year organizations in the community have sent children to the Salvation Army Camp at Lake Sebago in Maine. Thanks to the generous donations of the Salvation Army, Alton-New Durham Lions Club, D.A.K. Financial, Profile Bank and the Town of Alton, eight children enjoyed a week at camp.

Thank you to one and all for your help with this event.



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FALL BULB SALE
By Jan Hooper

The Fall Bulb Flyer from Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) will be available soon. This annual fundraiser will include a wide variety of daffodils, hyacinths and alliums which critters don't like to eat. Hyacinth forcing vases will easily produce winter blooms without soil. Several varieties of tulips including long lived Darwins and many colors of the lily shaped tulips are featured. With the asian lily beetles attacking oriental and asian lilies, only day lilies will be offered this year.

For the first time there will be three varieties of early dwarf iris, Siberian Squill (good to zone 3) and anemone (for the warmer parts of the county, zone 5) To be added to the list, please contact the BCCD office with your mailing or e-mail address, 527-5880 or mail@belknapccd.org. The color photos of the flowers, the ordering info, workshop announcement for lawns and shoreland buffers, and most recent newsletter should be at Belknapccd.org by August 25. Please call the office if you have any questions, 527-5880.

All programs and services of BCCD are offered on a non-discriminatory basis.

VNA-HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING OFFERED
By Betty John

The VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity seeks applicants for the upcoming Hospice Volunteer training program. Hospice volunteers are trained to provide practical and emotional support to individuals and families when there is a life-threatening illness. The main goal of Hospice is to help the patients and the families live as fully and comfortably as possible and to provide support for the family during the bereavement process.

The Autumn training program will be held in Wolfeboro on: Thursday mornings 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM; September 15 through November 10, 2005

Registration for the training is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. Please call Betty John, Volunteer Coordinator at 569-2729 x263.

ALTON GARDEN CLUB NEWS
By Vi Russell

September 27 1:30pm Gilman Library - plant exchange. Program: Demonstration of Fall Wreaths; Speaker: Diane Norton, Charlene Pelouin, and Phyllis Buchanan.

Sign up for October Workshop. Hostess: Betty MacKay. Anyone interested in joining the Alton Garden Club can call President Vi Russell at 776-4454 or come to one of the meetings.

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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.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Mon 12 Alton's Book Chat, 'Among the Bears', 6:30pm,
Agnes Thompson Meeting Room, Gilman Library
(p.22)

Tue 13 "Among the Bears" slide show and program with
Benjamin Kilham, 7pm, Gilman Library (p.22)

Tue 20 Literacy Program informational meeting, 7pm,
ACS Library (p.16)

Tue 27 Alton Garden Club, call 776-4454 (p.11)

Thu 29 Main Street Assembly meeting and Appreciation
Dinner, 5:30, American Legion (p.24)

Sun 30 Senior Citizens trip to Indian Head Resort (p.6)

Don't Forget to sign up for adult education classes - see
pages 14 and 15.

Hospice Training is being offered - see page 11

Parent Leadership Training is being offered - see page 16

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,

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OES, Warren-Alpha #10, Wolfeboro -- 3rd Tue, 7:30 p.m., 539-

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Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Mondays, 5:30, Bay Church. Call

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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

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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
- Wolfeboro 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 Wolfeboro, 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.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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.

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FIRE WARDS -- 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm, Central Fire Station, Chairman Ken Roberts, 875-6808

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Useful Techniques for Internet Users	1 night	Wed. Oct. 19 Tues. Nov. 15	6-9pm	c.lab	\$45.00	J. Fontaine
Fundamentals of Investing	3	Tues. Sept. 27	6-8pm	108	free	S. Holly
Beyond Intro to Wheel Thrown Pottery	8	Wed. Sept. 28	6-8pm	78	\$105.00	T. Corriveau
Painting with Water Color Pencils	8	Mon. Sept. 26	6:30-8pm	91	\$130.00	J. Martel
Scrap Booking Workshop	6	Tues. Sept. 27	6:30-9pm.	91	\$30.00	L.Wood
Yoga for Health	8	Sat. Sept. 24	8-9:15am	gym	\$72.00	J. Bradway
Meditation and Relaxation	8	Fri. Sept. 23	5-6pm	gym	\$64.00	J. Bradway
Intro to KoKoro Kempo Karate	6	Wed. Sept. 28	6-7pm	gym	\$50.00	Sensei M. Jones

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ACS READING PROGRAM NEWS

By Dr. Jacqueline R. Verville

Welcome back to the new school year. We have some fantastic activities scheduled for this year and we hope parents will join us for many of those evenings.

We hope to begin a new program called FAST START. It is a home literacy program for children and parents of students in grades K through grade 2. I have scheduled the evening of September 20th for an introduction to be presented to all interested parents of children in grades K-2. This will be held at 7:00 PM in the library. We hope many of you will attend this evening.

Title I will be having an On-Site Review from the State Department of Education. It is scheduled for the end of September or beginning of October. Some parents will be called upon to visit with members from the State Department and we hope you will be available to do that if called upon. When Open House is held at the school, all parents having Title I children in the program will be asked to attend a special meeting one half hour earlier than the regular Open House. We hope that many of you will be in attendance.

Teen Read Week will be held at Alton Central School during the week of October 16th through the 22nd for middle school students and please save the date for our next Book Fair, which will be held the week of November 14th. This will be a great time to begin buying those Holiday Gifts!

PARENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING OFFERED

By Judi Taggart, UpStream Program Coordinator

The 'Parents as Leaders in Society (PALS) program is offering leadership training for parents in Belknap County who are interested in taking an active role in their neighborhoods and communities. The training will take place over five Saturday sessions beginning on Oct 15th, and ending on March 18, 2006.

Training is held in downtown Laconia. Discussion topics include community building skills, family dynamics in the 21st century, political process, leadership skills, communication, community resources, and more. The program is seeking applicants from all eleven communities in Belknap County. There are no tuition or registration costs.

The program is sponsored by a collaboration of parents with the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families, UpStream, Lakes Region United Way, and Laconia Project EXTRA, and funded in part by a grant from the NH Children's Trust Fund. Applications and more information available at the Citizens Council website, www.bccj.org, at the Council office at the Busiel Mill in downtown Laconia, at UpStream office at 95 Water Street, Laconia or website www.upstream.org or by calling Kathy Calvin at 527-9182.

LAKES REGION CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S GROUP
"RENEW OLD MEMORIES"
 By Karen Poor

It is now September. The busy hot days of summer are drawing to an end. The children and grandchildren are back in school. Make a day of it and drive to the north end of the big lake. After a pleasant 2 hours with new or old friends, continue around the lake to home. Give thanks for the freedom to live in such a beautiful world.

Please join us September 14th at Maurice's Family Restaurant on Route 25 in Moultonborough from 11am to 1pm. Our Luncheon menu entrée is Spaghetti, salad, dessert and beverages for \$13.00 inclusive.

Our Special Speaker will be Tina Vermette of Framingham, Mass. Tina is a former teacher of emotionally disturbed teens who will share from the bag she has packed on her Life's Journey.

Our Special Feature will be "Scarves" by Carol Gherkin. Ever wondered how to make a scarf a great accessory to a great outfit. Bring one of your own and let Carol show us how to transform our wardrobe! Carol will bring many of her own hand made scarfs to add color to our lives.

For reservations call Melissa 776-2224, Faith 293-8073 or Mary 284-6873 no later than Sept. 12. Childcare provided by reservation. Please bring a brown bag lunch for your child. Reservations preferred-Walk-ins Welcome. Sponsored by The Lakes Region Christian Women's Club, a non denominational group of ladies. No membership or dues required.

We were saddened to learn that the "Main Street" Newspaper will no longer be bringing us "up to date" of the happenings in and around Alton. We have greatly appreciated all the announcements you have carried for our group over the years. We thank each and every staff member and volunteer for all their time, energy and devotion to our citizens over the years. You have been a positive outreach for the community and you will be missed. "THANK YOU" very much.

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 By Beth Maltzie

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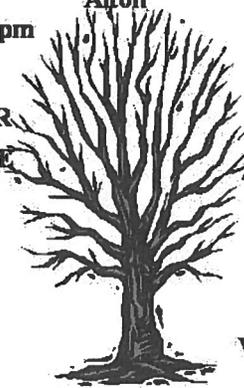
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HISTORIC ALTON

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.

SEPTEMBER 1940

Sun. 1: Showry. We went up to the Bay to see the Mount come in, then George took us to Wolfboro and around the Lake and when we got over to the Weirs the boat was just arriving.

Tues. 3: Fair. We cut bushes over by the railroad. George and I went to Jones' store and bought a bush scythe for \$2 and a snathe for \$1.85..seems like an exceedingly high price.

Robert started in school again today..got out at noon. Rennie Grenier started in to carry them in his bus, he had ten today.

Wed. 4: Fair. George and I went to the Pittsfield Fair. Had a very good fair. Harold Cilley was there and drove his tractor on the track in the parade. The admission price was 50¢ and 25¢ for parking and 25¢ for the grand stand and 10¢ for score card.

Thur. 5: Fair. Cut bushes by the railroad. Nellie and Betty came over and stayed until we came home. Betty had supper with us.

Fri. 6: Fair. Cut bushes by the railroad. John Donnelly came on the bus. Betty was over this afternoon.

Sat. 7: Fair. The boys were burning bushes by the railroad when I got back from the mail. We burnt in the afternoon and it looks fine. Ned Parker was up in the PM and came over by the railroad where Nellie and Betty were. The boys, Nelson and Betty went to the pictures in Farmington tonight.

Mon. 9: Rainy. Betty Fairbanks went home today on the Interstate Bus at 7:50. John Donnelly, Robert and I went up to bring her down to take the bus but met she and Jimmie Severi coming up above John Gerrish' so we went up to Wiggins yard and turned around and came back and took them in and brought them up to the house to find out if her mother said where she was to go after she got in Boston to wait for her father.

While were in the yard George came in and said the bus had just gone. I told him that he would have to take Betty to Farmington to catch the bus. As we were backing out of the yard, the suitcase fell off the running board and the wheel ran over it breaking one end of it. George caught the bus down below Nancy's Crossing. George Fairbanks called up from Boston at noon and asked if she left this morning..said he could not find her at any of the bus terminals. Mrs. Fairbanks called up a little later from Norwich to find out where Betty was. George Fairbanks had called back home that he hadn't found her.

Nellie called up Norwich tonight at 7:17 and got the office and they said they were out tonight so we don not know if he found her or not.

Tues. 10: Rained all day. We went to Rochester in the PM and bought 100 ft. of B.X.Cable at the Rochester Hardware Co. for \$3.00 per hun. ft. Also got boxes and switches and other material that we would need.

Wed. 11: Fair. Ned Parker, John Donnelly, George and I went to Plymouth Fair. Had a good time. Saw Jimmie Lynch's Death Dodgers in the evening. Got home at 11:15. There was 35% more paid attendance there than there was last year.

Sat. 14: A lovely day. We worked on the roof. Frank Donnelly and Bobbie came up after Mr. Donnelly. The boys went to the pictures in Farmington.

Mon. 16: Cloudy in the AM. I went up to see Herman Perkins about the price of wood. In the meantime Nellie talked with John Proctor about the price of dry wood. He gave her the following prices: \$7.00 at the house, \$9.00 delivered and \$10.00 if sawed and delivered. George Lambertson and George worked on the roof in the PM. I pulled and stacked the shell beans that were planted in the sweet corn.

Tues. 17: Fair. George finished putting the ridge roll on the AM. Lambertson came this PM and finished the East side of the roof, all but one seam. There was a man here by the name of Hurd from Farmington looking after squashes. His game is to haul squashes to Boston and sell them at Faneuil Hall Market for a 10% commission. Malcolm Locke went over with me to look at them and he said that they were better than his.

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Wed. 18: Fair. Worked on the roof. Finished on the East side in the AM. Put up staging on the West side to get the ladder up on the roof. Tire came from Sears today.

Thur. 19: Fair and hot. Nellie and Ernestine went to Rochester shopping in the PM. We worked on the roof. George plowed for Harold Sanborn in the PM.

Fri. 20: Fair and hot. George and George Lambertson dug a grave to bury the horse in. George Lambertson and I finished the roof in the PM. Louie served a chicken supper for the Ladies Aid Society and invited guests. Price 75¢. There were 26 present and Nellie helped Ernestine serve.

Sat. 21: Fair. Buried the horse in the AM over by the railroad. We took down the staging and cleaned up the boards in the AM. In the PM we took Arthur Beaudry's brackets back and went to a fire over to the old Ira Rand place. It burned completely down. There had been no one living in it since last fall. We then changed the oil in the car and had it greased up at Wyman's and had a look at the 1941 Chevrolets. We then came home and got ice. It has been exceptionally warm the past week, just what we need for the squash

Mon. 23: Fair. George harrowed for Harold Sanborn this PM and I pulled two stacks of beans and Pat cut bushes. Louie put the shutters on the Dining Porch this PM.

Tues. 24: Fair. Julia and Peggy brought John Donnelly up this forenoon. We cut bushes in the PM.

Wed. 25: Rained hard nearly all day. Went to Rochester in the PM and got some parts for the lights.

Thur. 26: Cold and windy. Gathered in the squashes this PM. We have got bigger and better squashes that last year, lots of them weigh up to 50# and we have picked one that weighs 52#.

Fri. 27: Fair. Finished gathering squashes today. Laurence Cate and mother came up and went to the Grange supper and fair with us. Louie and Ernestine went with us. The play was excellent, George received many compliments on the perfect synchronism in which he performed his part. George sold 88 old hens today @ 14¢ a lb. 544# @ 14¢ = \$76.16.

Sat. 28: A lovely day. George and Pat cleaned out the hen house in the AM. In the PM we got a load of sawdust at the mill. Nellie and I went to Rochester in the evening to see Mrs. Winkley. The boys and Ernestine went to Farmington to the pictures.

Sun. 29: A lovely day. We took Louie and Ernestine and John Donnelly up to see the Allen A. Had a nice call, Mrs. Albee showed us around. We came home around Milton and called at Woodbury Downing's. Harry Winkley and family called while we were away.

Mon. 30: Fair. Dug 30 1/2 bushels of potatoes today across the road.

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By Holly Brown
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Alton's Book Chat will be meeting on Monday, September 12 at 6:30pm in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library to discuss 'Among The Bears' by Benjamin Kilham. New members are always welcome. Please let us know if you are in need of a copy of the book.

Take a walk on the wild side and join us here at the Gilman Library on Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm for a program entitled "Among The Bears". Benjamin Kilham, a resident of Lyme, New Hampshire, will present a slide show and lecture on raising orphan cubs in the wild. Signed copies of his book "Among The Bears" and the National Geographic film "Bear Man" will be available for purchase on the night of the program. This presentation is sponsored by the Oliver J.M. Gilman Lyceum Fund. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Gilman Library and Alton Book Chat. Admission is free. All are welcome.

We wish to thank all of you who took part in the Summer Reading Program "Camp WannaRead". It was an awesome summer. For those of you who turned in a Reading Log and/or took part in the Coloring Contest please make sure you stop by the library and pick up your "Prize Package" if you have not already done so. Keep reading and join us again next year!!

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NH Fish & Game Press Release

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department has announced 2005 hunting season dates and bag limits for early season migratory game birds, with no major changes from last year. For hunting season dates and regulations, as well as online license and permit sales, visit www.wildlife.state.nh.us.

Hunters of all migratory game birds must have a 2005 New Hampshire hunting license and are required by federal law to register for the National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP). In New Hampshire, this includes all who hunt ducks, geese, snipe, woodcock and coots. Harvest information from HIP helps Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service make more reliable estimates of the number of all migratory birds harvested throughout the country, allowing biologists to make decisions about hunting seasons, bag limits and population management. A random selection of hunters is asked to complete a voluntary harvest survey.

Separate HIP permits are needed in each state. Licensed hunters should call 1-800-207-6183 to receive a permit number. Write this permit number on your license. There is no charge for a HIP permit. Through the cooperation of hunters, the HIP program provides biologists with the facts they need to ensure that our migratory bird resources - and hunting tradition - will be around for future generations to enjoy.

Waterfowl hunters must also obtain a federal and a state duck stamp. Hunters are asked to report all banded birds using the toll-free phone number, 1-800-327-BAND. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will send a certificate with information about the bird. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats.

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HISTORIC ALTON AN EXCERPT FROM "FARMING - A REMEMBRANCE"

Written for the Bicentennial Celebration by
Alice Z. Calvert

After the railroad came through dairy products and agricultural produce of all kinds were shipped to city markets. Cranberries and blueberries were sent to Boston. Fields and bogs were expanded for the new markets.

Starting in 1880, a large area of sand was prepared and planted for the raising of cranberries. It was necessary to build as dam so that the land could be flooded during the winter to protect the bushes from freezing. The bushes were planted in hills, (similar to corn planting, only much larger) with sandy trenches between.

The berries were picked before the frost, usually in September and early October, for the November market. At harvest time, picking was done by using tools similar to blueberry rakes, but with larger spaces between tines, and with 8' handles. After the remaining berries were hand picked, they were placed on large racks to ripen. These racks were approximately 6' by 6' with raised sides. The bottoms of the racks were wood slats, spaced about 1/4" apart to allow the air to circulate around the berries and allow the bad berries to fall through.

"During the winter months, small wooden barrels were made by the bog owners and these were used the following fall to ship the berries to market. Bushel boxes were also made and used.

"From 1882 to 1891, before the railroad was built through West Alton, the berries were sent by wagon to Laconia and distributed from there. Most of the berries were shipped to Boston, but some were sold to a store in Laconia,

owned by a Mr. Oscar Flanders, which has long been out of business. From the time of the coming of the railroad in 1891, until 1912, many bushels a year were sent to Boston markets. From 1912 through 1940 most of the sales were made locally in Laconia. From 1940 through 1966, as the crop became less abundant, the berries were used by the owners and their neighbors.

"The bog has not been flooded for many years, but the bushes can still be seen in the left side of Route 11 in West Alton, approximately halfway between the junction of Route 11A and Glen Gables Inn (now the William Tell Inn), going toward Laconia. From History of Alton, Class of 1980, Alton Central School.

The Bennett family on New Durham Road shipped cranberries harvested from bogs along the Merrymeeting River. The Morse family of Alton Mountain shipped blueberries and have continued to do so. Cardinals and Joys are still producing blueberries for market (as of 1995). Until 1920 blueberries had to be winnowed by hand. They sold for 3 cents a quart, wholesale then.

'THANK YOU' MAIN STREET VOLUNTEERS - COME TO A SPECIAL APPRECIATION NIGHT

For over twenty years many Altonians have helped Main Street to achieve the success we have enjoyed. Our last "Assembly" meeting is on September 29. The Board of Directors wishes to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort. Please come to our last Assembly and join us for dinner afterward. Assembly will be at 5:30, with dinner to follow at approximately 6:30. It is very important to let us know by September 22 if you plan to attend so we'll have enough food for everyone. Please send a postcard to Box 210, Alton Bay, NH 03810 or call 875- 2151. Please come if you've *ever* been a part of Main Street.



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