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VIDEO COLLECTION GIVEN TO GILMAN LIBRARY

The Gilman Library has received 23 new and uniquely valuable videos from the Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

The videos are part of the MacArthur Library, a special collection of quality film/video productions dealing with areas of interest to the MacArthur Foundation such as health, peace and international cooperation, and world environment and resources.

The MacArthur Library is a follow-up gift from the Foundation to the more than 2,000 public libraries that are participating in the MacArthur Library Video Classics Project. The Project enabled these libraries to obtain up to 20 popular PBS series in videocassette form at one tenth their actual cost, or through outright grants or other assistance from the Foundation. Alton residents and the town purchased this set for Alton.

Titles in the MacArthur Library include "Best Boy," the Academy Award-winning documentary on a 52-year old retarded man's journey into independence from his aging parents; "The Day After Trinity," an Academy Award-nominated documentary on the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer and the development of the atomic bomb; "Points in Space," an award-winning BBC documentary of the choreography of MacArthur Fellow Merce Cunningham; and "Amazonia: A Celebration of Life," which studies Peru's tropical rainforest, its diverse inhabitants, and the threat posed to them by deforestation.

An extensive booklet is available at the Gilman Library with information about this new collection.

BUDGET COMMITTEE BEGINS HEARINGS

The Budget Committee will begin its review of departmental budgets at 6:45p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, in the Town Hall.

This first session will consider budgets from the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Welfare Department, Elections and Registration, and Police Department.

Courtesy is contagious. Start an epidemic.



STOLEN CEMETERY URN RECOVERED BY POLICE

Last July 29, one of a pair of heavy cast iron urns was stolen from Riverside Cemetery in Alton. As police continued their investigation into the disappearance, they received information from a citizen that such an urn was in an antique shop in Portland, Maine.

Representatives of the Alton Police Department, taking with them a piece that had been broken off, went to claim the urn. The broken piece fit perfectly. There was no question that the urn belonged to Alton.

The urn had already been sold and would have been sent to Florida if the police hadn't gotten there in time. The antique dealer is out the \$1,500 he paid for it plus the profit he would have made from its sale.

Now the urn will be returned to the cemetery where it has been for the last 60 years. For 40 years Emily Barnes tended the flowers in the urns, and for the past 16 years, Sharon Howard has taken on that responsibility.

If anyone knows the origin of these urns, please contact Brenda Bowman at the Town Hall. (Photo by Ted Cole)

CLASSIFIED ADS MAY BE PLACED IN MAIN STREET

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad.

Space for classified ads is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS to Brenda and Edward Marshall who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 12.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Wed. 1 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 10-11am
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
READING-DISCUSSION PROGRAM: "Mrs. Caliban", Gilman Library, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 3 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 4 - CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - Alton School Gym, 9a.m.-5p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY at Meet of Champions, Derryfield Park
- Mon. 6 - CHRISTMAS AUCTION - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Wed. 8 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 10-11am
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
READING-DISCUSSION PROGRAM: "Consider the Source: Old Tales Retold," Gilman Library, 7:30p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY at New Englands
- Fri. 10 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 11 - VETERANS DAY
- Tue. 14 - GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Congregational Meeting House, 11:30a.m.
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING - Town Hall, 6:45p.m.
- Wed. 15 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 10-11am
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
READING-DISCUSSION PROGRAM: "Transformations", Gilman Library, 7:30p.m.
- Fri. 17 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 18 - CHRISTMAS FAIR - St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall, 10a.m. to 2p.m.
- Wed. 22 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 10-11am
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 23 - THANKSGIVING - Town Hall, Landfill, School Closed
- Fri. 24 - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - Town Hall, Landfill, School Closed
BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Mon. 20 - CHRISTMAS AUCTION - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Wed. 29 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds - Gilman Library, 10-11am
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ON THE WILD SIDE

By Stu & Tracey Morris
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WINTER FEEDING TIPS

Some notes on feeding our feathered friends. Did you know that birds consume 30 to 80% of their body weight in food per day. In comparison, a person weighing 150 pounds would have to eat 75 pounds of food per day to keep up with the average Warbler.

For those people who enjoy the winter song birds around their yard, it is essential to give them a proper diet in order for them to make it through the winter. Such foods as bread, donuts, and other flour products will fill the birds stomachs, but have such a low nutritional value that they do little good. They also become a pasty mess birds find hard to digest. Dairy and fish products are other items that are of little use to birds.

A highly nutritional treat can be made by draining hamburger fat into a bowl of bread scraps. Shape this mixture into a ball and

freeze. After freezing, this can be placed in an onion sack and hung from a tree. You also may have other visitors besides birds after this treat. Stu and I always feed our good old friends, the squirrels, too.

Bird seed and sunflower seed is easy to offer and attracts all sorts of birds. Ground egg shells from your morning eggs added to the seed is great!

But remember, once you start a feeder, birds become dependent on you to keep it full, especially on harsh, cold winter days and after a snowfall.

Finally, the most important thing is if you find a bird that needs special help, don't feed it anything. Keep it in a warm, quiet place and call us at Wild Side Rehab Center at 776-3701 or 776-2750.

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HELP AND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BASKETS

As holiday time approaches, many of us think of our families, what foods we will prepare, what gifts we can make, and what fun we will have when we all get together.

Not everyone is so fortunate. That is why the Thanksgiving Basket committee has already started making plans to coordinate the shopping, packing, and distribution of baskets throughout the community on Sunday, November 19.

As usual, they need lots of help from the citizens of Alton. They particularly need money to pay for the turkeys and fresh fruits and vegetables that go in the Thanksgiving Baskets. They also take donations of canned goods - pumpkin, vegetables, fruits - all the things that make up a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Last year the committee delivered 24 food baskets full of things to make a bountiful holiday meal. They also delivered 140 fruit baskets to people who live alone, who had been in the hospital, or who had had a

death in the family. It helps so much to be remembered at holiday time.

Several organizations sponsor this project: the Community Church of Alton, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, the Alton Bay Advent Christian Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 72, and the Police Association.

The committee also will need lots of volunteers to help pack the boxes and deliver them on November 19. If you can help with food, money, or distribution, call Marilyn Dame at 875-2211.



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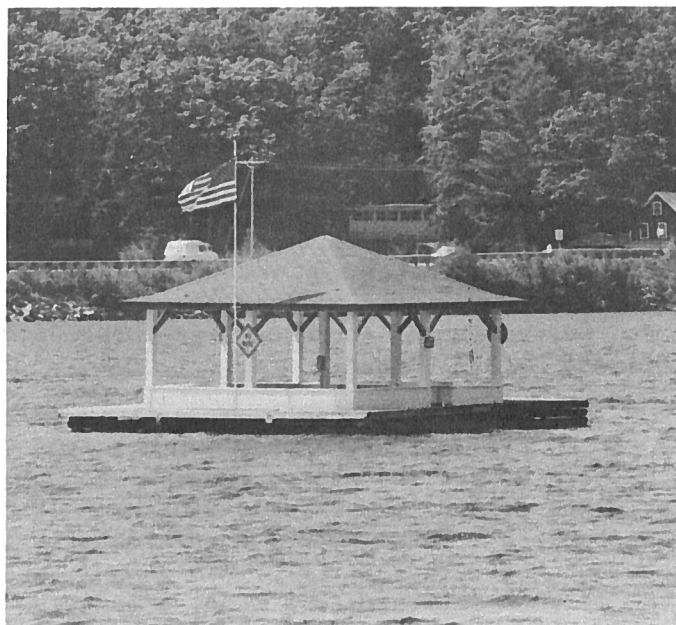
**THE QUEEN IS DEAD!
LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!**

This traditional rallying call of the changing of the royal succession can aptly be applied to the passing of the 63-year old lady in the bay - the Alton Bay Bandstand in the water!

Built in 1926 on a rock ledge at the entrance to the lower bay, the facility was first used to flag boats in the many boat races so popular in that period. In more recent years, it marks the start of the "no wake" area and has served as a home for sleepy gulls pleading for its maintenance and restoration.

Action at the 1989 Town Meeting ensured that restoration and rebuilding. At press time (we have a very early press time!) the only thing standing in the way of restoration was a permit from the State Wetlands Board. On receipt, the contract to rebuild gets underway by Winnepesaukee Marine.

A final salute to the grand old lady came mysteriously recently when the large



plastic pumpkin outside Farmington National and Savings Bank suddenly adorned the roof of the bandstand. The Queen is dead! Long live the Queen! (Photo by Linda Hanley)

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MYSTERY TRIP PLANNED BY ALTON GARDEN CLUB

On Tuesday, November 14, at 11:30a.m., members of the Garden Club will gather at the Congregational Meeting House Parking Lot on Church Street to find out the destination for the Mystery Christmas Luncheon.

Each member should bring a Christmas gift for the exchange. An induction ceremony for the new officers will follow the luncheon. Chairpersons for the event are June Swin and Martha Walker.

MAILING LIST

Main Street is distributed free to all residents of Alton. Each postal patron with the Zip Code 03809 or 03810 should receive a copy automatically.

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As of November 1, 1989, three changes in building permit fees went into effect by action of the Board of Selectmen.

Building permits now have a flat fee of \$20 plus \$3 per thousand of estimated building costs. This is up from \$10 and \$1 per thousand previously. Reinspection caused by failure of first inspection will double from the previous \$25 to \$50.

All other fees remain the same at \$20 each. They are: Site Review, Plumbing, Electrical, Well, Sanitary, Sign, Driveway and Certificate of Occupancy.

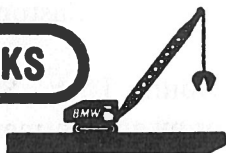
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The Alton Central School Student Council is sponsoring a Christmas Crafts Fair in the School Gym from 9a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturday, November 4.

Exhibit space is available for hand crafted items only. Refreshments will be available. Call Linda McKenney evenings at 776-7931 for additional information.

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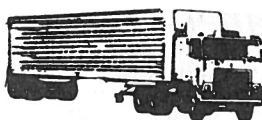
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Thanks to the generosity of the community last year, the Fireflies were able to make Christmas happier for 16 youngsters. Plans are underway to help fill Santa's sleigh again this year with toys and clothing for Alton's needy families.

New toys and new clothing can be dropped off at the Town Hall or if you would like to donate money, a check may be sent to Mrs. Santa Claus at P. O. Box 73, Alton Bay NH 03810. Arrangements to have gifts or donations picked up may be made by calling 875-6389.

Names of families that could benefit from this program can be sent to Mrs. Claus at the above address.

AMERICAN LEGION POST OFFERS XMAS AUCTIONS

American Legion Post 72 will sponsor three Christmas Auctions at the Legion Hall Monday evenings, November 6 and 20 and December 4.

The auctions will feature toys, giftware, tools, household goods, and candy. All items are name brand and guaranteed.

Auctioneer G. B. Farrell gets things underway at 7p.m. each evening. There will be two door prizes and a grab bag raffle.

ALTON SENIOR NAMED TO HIGH SCHOOL WHO'S WHO

Noelle Strong, Alton Central School senior, has been accepted for inclusion in the 1988-89 edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Only 5% of the students in the 22,000 high schools across the country are recognized each year.

She also will be included in the Outstanding High School Students of America 1988-89 Directory.

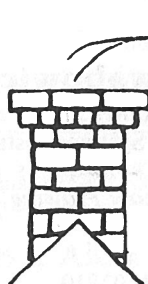
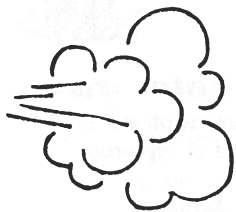
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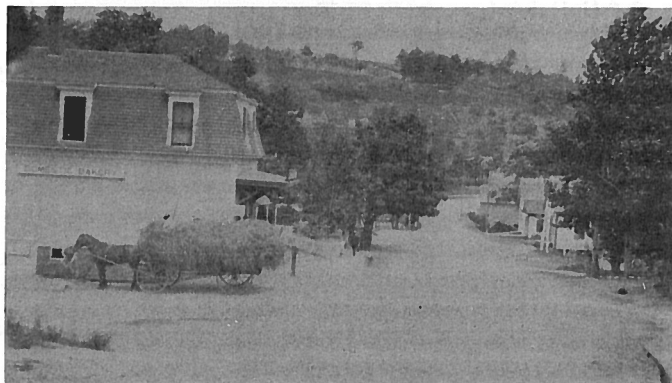
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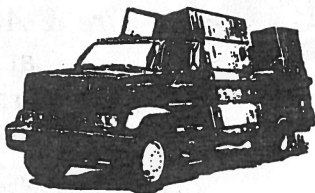
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THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

READING SERIES OFFERS THREE PROGRAMS

The five-part series of reading and discussion programs begun last month at the Gilman Library and the New Durham Public Library continues in November with three sessions scheduled.

The first, on Wednesday, November 1, will be presented by Dr. Jan Alberghene, associate professor of English at Fitchburg State College. She will lead a discussion of Mrs. Caliban at the Gilman Library at 7:30p.m.

Storyteller/musician Carolyn Parrott will appear at the Gilman Library on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. as a resident storyteller for "Consider the Source: Old Tales Retold," co-sponsored by the NH State Library and the New England Foundation for the Humanities.

The series concludes at the New Durham Public Library on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:30p.m. with a discussion of Transformations by Anne Sexton led by Suzanne Brown of Dartmouth College.

ANNUAL MEETING DATES SET FOR MARCH 1990

It may seem early, but now is a good time to mark the calendar for the important dates in March 1990 that will set directions for Alton's entry into the final decade of the century:

- Town Elections - Tuesday, March 13
- Annual Town Meeting - Wednesday, March 14
- School District Annual Meeting - Sat. Mar. 17

CHRISTMAS FAIR ON NOVEMBER 18

The Ladies Guild of St. Joan of Arc is having a Christmas Fair at the parish hall from 10a.m. to 2p.m. on Saturday, November 18.

Items to be on sale include crafts, baked goods, white elephant items and fudge. There will also be a raffle table and a Pot-A-Gold.



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