

Town of Albany

Town Column

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It's arrived...today is the day for the annual Albany picnic at the Colbath Barn on the Kanc starting at 11 am. Check www.albanynh.org if you've forgotten what to bring. Don't forget to join friends and have fun.

The Selectmen's office will be closed Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30. The Clerk's office will be open at the regular hours.

There is a Land Governance Board meeting Monday, July 26 at 5 pm at Town Hall.

Apparently there have been some serious problems in Albany lately. A unoccupied vacant mobile home was destroyed by fire at the Golden Oaks Trailer Park during the week. Fortunately no utilities were connected and the fire was contained at that one location. The police and fire departments are looking at it as a suspicious fire. An accident occurred at Pine Knoll Camp Grounds over the weekend and a woman was injured. The summer is heating up and not just with the temperature it appears.

World Fellowship: August 1 at 10 am join Chris Owens and Susan Bruce in a discussion of "What Is a Progressive Position on an Issue?" August 2-6 is Soccer Week. Coach Stu Balls leads drills, give encouragement and oversees great games each afternoon for all ages and levels.

Tin Mountain: On Sunday, July 25 from 7 am -4 pm join with the staff of TMCC at Pinkham Notch for a strenuous hike into the Alpine Gardens via the headwall of Tuckerman's Ravine. Observe plant communities and search for summer alpine flowers in bloom. Donations are \$3/person, \$5/family. Members are free. Thursday, July 29 at 6:30 pm Herpetologist Stephen Walker will share his knowledge of Snakes of New Hampshire. The evening includes plenty of exploration time searching in the area. Donations of \$3/p or \$5/family is appreciated. Members are free.

Library: The annual Used Book Sale takes place on Saturday, July 24 from 9 am to 2 pm. Hardcover books are \$1, Trade-size paperbacks \$1 and regular paperbacks are 50 cents. Bring your own bags to help recycling program.

Carroll County hosts Farm Day and Ag Festival on Sunday, August 1 from 9 am to 3 pm rain or shine the Carroll County Complex, Route 171 in Ossipee. There'll be fun for the whole family with Spinning Demonstrations, Cow Train Rides for kids, Tractor pulled & Horse Drawn Hay Rides, Wagon Rides, Large Farmers' Market, and a Tractor Dealership showing. There's also a Firewood Raffle just in time for the upcoming winter months. The 4-H Club has a Livestock Fitting Demonstration at 9 am, an Open Horse Showmanship Clinic at 10 am, a Showmanship Class at 11 am and a Horse Judging Clinic at 1 pm. Other events include a PTO & Farm Tractor Safety Class run by Dr. Sam Steele of Penn State University, a Food Preservation Class run by Ann Hamilton, Extension Educator, UNH CE, Swine Care Class run by NH Pork Producers Association, and a GPS Treasure Hunt where you learn how to use a handheld GPS. Bring your own chair or blanket. For more information call Jeff Urquhart at 522-8897.

Senior Wheels Program is looking for volunteer drivers for the Carroll County Transit Program due to begin operation in the fall. For seniors who can no longer drive themselves, the Senior Wheels Program is a godsend. The program is run on a computer based scheduling system that determines when, to whom, and where the bus will go. Volunteers are needed to drive seniors to and from appointments, shopping and visiting friends and relative in the hospital or nursing homes or for any number of other daily necessary activities. For more information on the Carroll County Transit Program call 323-9150 or go on line at www.carrollcountytransit.info. As an aside, my husband, Stan, has already taken the class and is enrolled as a driver. He's hoping others will join him.

Here's a way to show our troops we care. A soldier from Salem, NH has sustained severe wounds in Iraq. He will be hospitalized for a long time and the extent of his internal injuries is not known at this time. Send him a card to let him know there are folks from his home state who care about him. The address is Ssgt. Arthur Barnes, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 George Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20307.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jack Rose who is undergoing care for kidney stones.

Condolences to the family of David Varney who died on July 18. There will be a private graveside service at Chikville Cemetery in Center Ossipee.

Happy birthday greetings to Russ Guptill, Danielle Vizard and Douglass Leavitt.

Stan and I had the pleasure? of dog sitting for our grandchildren's dog, Dash. Given that Dash is a ten pound mixed white and black haired pup and our eighty pound collie is about the same age, the antics during the wake time were considerable. Jay, Melissa and our granddaughters came back from their vacation (a cruise and trip to Universal Studios in Florida) on Thursday and life is a lot less hectic here now. I admit though that little Dash was a hit at the county nursing home where he attended a BBQ and Recognition Ceremony for county employees on Wednesday.

It looks like we'll be having another weekend of heat and rain. Have a good week whatever the weather.