

Town of Albany

Town Column

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Please note that the Selectmen's Office will be closed for the July 4 holiday on Thursday, July 2 and Friday July 3.

Selectmen would like all residents to know that any building construction done on your property requires a building permit regardless of whether the project has been completed or not. Please comply immediately. The Second Annual Albany Town picnic will be held on Saturday, July 18 from noon to 4 pm. Please put the date on your calendar. There will be outdoor games, music, a nature trail for walking, and great food (potluck). On Wednesday the selectmen met with PSNH Representatives, Paul Abad and Kathleen Lewis regarding the possibility of windmill energy on the proposed Kennett property purchase on Bald Hill Road. They were told that there would need to be a year-long assessment of the wind pressure and the cost would be approximately \$30,000. The height of windmills would be no more than 60 meters and take up about an acre of land. At the regular selectmen's meeting, Steve Knox came by to update them on the Kennett Property purchase. It appears that the Trust for Public Land and the Kennett Company are still working out details in the purchase. In the meantime, it appears the original appraisal of the land needs to be updated. The cost would be \$3000 but the TPL does not have the money to pay for the appraisal. The selectmen decided not to expend the funds as the amount had not been budgeted.

Join your friends from the Gibson Center and ride the comfortable Gibson Bus to Boothbay Harbor where you can board the Argo for a tour of the bay. There will be a dinner feast of a 2-pound lobster clambake after the trip. \$75 pays for the transportation, boat ride, clambake, taxes and gratuity as well as a Gibson Box Lunch. Reserve your seat by calling 356-3231.

Tin Mountain Events: On July 1 continue the 24-hour biological survey. This day's survey is of bees.

There was a big crowd at the Conway Library for the Retirement Celebration of Library Director Margaret Marschner on Wednesday. Margaret has an impressive record during her 39 years at the library and her lovely smile and personality will be missed.

I spoke to the group attending the AARP Driver Safety Program at Gibson Center on Thursday about becoming a volunteer driver for the DAV. Stan is in need of more drivers as two have left having moved to Massachusetts. Please call if you would like to do this rewarding service for local veterans (447-1199). If you missed the AARP Driver Safety Program that concluded on Thursday at the Gibson Center, you can still register for the one to be held in July at the Ossipee Recreation Department on Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15 from 1- 5 pm. Call 539-1307. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

Join UNH Extension educator, Wendy Scribner, on July 6 at 10:30 am at Castle in the Clouds for a Walk and Talk about Interpreting the Forest Landscape. Participation is limited so come early. Grounds pass is \$5 for all ages over 6.

Congratulations to Sandy Stowell who has become a great-grandmother for a second time. Cali Sky Herrera was born June 12. She joins her big sister, Nevaeh. Also, Sandy's grandson, Dakota, graduated from high school on June 12 in North Carolina. Dakota will be leaving for Army boot camp at Fort Benning, Georgia on August 26.

Stan and I are looking forward to a sunny day today as we celebrate our 50 wedding anniversary with our children and grandchildren at the Darby Field Inn. We'll try to include a picture of our celebration in this column next week. Hope everyone has a great week. Rain or shine, we intend to.