Random Acts of Kindness During the Holiday Season

Throughout this hectic season many of us find ourselves rushing to and from the mall, scurrying to put our cards in the mail and working to plan the perfect family gatherings. With all this hustle and bustle, we often forget there are people in our lives who would benefit from a random act of kindness. Whether it is a child from a giving tree, an elderly neighbor without any family or a stranger in a shelter we don’t have to look far to reach out to someone in need.

One young soldier did just that. Sergeant Adam Gilbert of Gilmanton is currently serving his second tour of duty in Iraq. He was fortunate enough to be selected in a lottery to come home for Christmas. However, Adam passed up the opportunity to spend the holiday with his family and gave his spot to another soldier who had young children at home. Thanks to his generosity, these children will wake up on Christmas morning to the greatest gift of all—their daddy.

Adam was able to come home and spend time with his family in November but will be back in Iraq on Christmas morning. His family and extended family that live in Gilmanton and Belmont are proud of what he did and were thankful to be able to spend time with him while he was in New Hampshire.

Adam is just one example of the brave men and women from our community who are serving our country overseas. Although cards and packages may not reach these soldiers before the holiday, mail from home is always greatly appreciated. Mail sent to the following address will be sure to reach someone from our community.

Members of 197th
HHB 197th FAB
LSA Addar/Cedar ll
APO AE 09331

During this holiday season, our thoughts also are with Staff Sgt. Jon Cilley and his wife Dawn and two young daughters, Brittany 5, and Laura Cilly, a Belmont resident, is a Staff Sgt. in the Army National Guard 1159th Air Ambulance unit. He was deployed to Iraq on December 5 where he will perform medical duties for the next twelve to eighteen months.

Please take a moment to remember someone who is either not as fortunate as you or who cannot be home to spend the holidays with family and friends. A random act of kindness is the greatest gift of all.

For more information on what you can do to help our local soldiers and their families, please contact Kevin or Kelly Pinette at kevkel4k@metrocast.net.
Convocation on Children and Families Scheduled for January
Submitted by Judith Buswell

The second annual Belknap County Convocation on Children and Families is scheduled for January 11th from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Winnipesaukee Exposition Center in Lakeport. Designed around the theme, “Community Together – Building Our Future”, this event-packed afternoon and evening is a collaborative and county wide effort to focus on the status of children and families in Belknap County.

Jointly sponsored by the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families, UpStream, and the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Council, this year’s Convocation “will celebrate the good that is already happening, while taking a look at what else we can do to make Belknap County a place where children and families can grow and prosper”, says Gil Schohan, Belmont resident and a member of the Citizens Council.

This special occasion opens at 3:30 p.m. with an Exhibitor Showcase featuring displays and information from agencies, organizations, and others who specialize in meeting the needs of children and families. The event continues with Community Awards and Public Acknowledgements; Annual Business Meetings for the Citizens Council, UpStream and the Family Violence Prevention Council; a catered dinner; keynote address by Russ Thibeault, Laconia-based, nationally recognized economics consultant; and presentation of the Annette Schmitt UnSung Hero Award by the Honorable Willard J. Martin. Finally, a dessert buffet and the NH Drug Czars Forum at 7:00 p.m. presented by the Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment.

Jim Pilliod, Belmont resident and member of the Belknap County Citizens Council says, “This event is also appropriate for middle and high school youth. In fact, a group of youth from around the County will be active participants throughout the Convocation. So we hope parents will make this a night out with their teen-age family members.” Adds Schohan, “While we urge people to attend the entire event, people may also join us whenever they can.”

Dinner tickets are $12.00 for adults and $6.00 for youth. Additional information is available by contacting Trudy Bantle, Registration Chair at 528-3035 extension 12 or the office of the Belknap County Citizens Council at 528-3185.

Holiday Gift Wrapping Made Easy

Put a little more fun in the holiday season by having someone else wrap your gifts for you! For a small donation during the month of December bring your presents to the Greater Laconia/Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce at the Old Train Station in downtown Laconia. Gift wrapping hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The 120-plus voice Pemigewasset Choral Society has scheduled its 2004 holiday concert series for three communities around the Lakes Region in early December. This year’s annual series also includes a special guest performance at the Claremont Opera House in Claremont, NH.

Directed and accompanied by Plymouth State University music professor, Robert F. Swift and his wife, Margot W. Swift, the Pemi Choral Society will sing an array of classical, contemporary, sacred and seasonal selections and will be joined by its special guest, the White Mountains String Quartet.

The concert series begins with a 4 p.m. performance on Sunday, December 6, at the St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Franklin. The series continues, 7:30 p.m., on the following Thursday, December 9, at Our Lady of The Lakes Church in Lakeport. On Saturday, December 11, the choir will travel to Claremont and will sing in the renovated historic Claremont Opera House at 7 p.m. The fourth and final concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. on the next day, Sunday, December 12, in the Silver Cultural Arts Center in Plymouth. All concerts are open to the public with admission by donation in Franklin, Lakeport and Plymouth. Ticket information for the Claremont performance is available by calling the Opera House Box Office at 542-4433 or on line at www.claremontoperahouse.com.

This December series features choruses from the well-known “Messiah” by 18th century German-born English composer, George Handel, as well as selections by six contemporary American composers. The concert opens with “Glad Tidings”, a collection of Christmas carols and narration arranged by Randol Alan Bass. A versatile and multi-gifted musician, Bass is a composer, choral conductor, solo pianist and vocalist who currently lives in Texas. Pemi member, Steven Richmond, will narrate this major work.

Following intermission the concert continues with Pemi’s popular concert partner, the White Mountains String Quartet. Led by violinist Bozena O’Brien, a free-lance musician throughout New England, the quartet includes other string players from New Hampshire and New England.

The second half of the program continues with “Let All Things Now Living”, a stirring arrangement of the Welsh tune, “The Ash Grove”, by the 20th century American composer, Katherine Davis. Davis who graduated from Wellesley College in Massachusetts also wrote the popular Christmas song, “The Little Drummer Boy”.

Other pieces penned by American composers include “Exsultate Justi” written by John Williams, former Boston Pops Conductor and an Oscar-winning composer of Hollywood scores such as Jaws, ET, and Star Wars; “Chiribim Chiribom”, a traditional Yiddish folk song arranged by Robert Applebaum; and an arrangement of the spiritual “Bye ‘n’ Bye” by Pemi Director, Robert Swift. The concert concludes with five choruses from Handel’s “Messiah”, accompanied by Ms. Swift and the White Mountains String Quartet.

Dr. Robert F. Swift, a Professor of Music at PSU and composer, earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the Eastman School of Music, and is now in his 26th year with the Choral Society. His wife, Margot W. Swift, who has an M.A. degree from the University of Rochester (NY), has been the accompanist for the Choral Society since 1980.

The Pemigewasset Choral Society, now in its 32nd year, is based at Plymouth State University and attracts members from throughout central New Hampshire. New members are welcome for the Spring Semester that begins in January 2005. Call 535-2787 for additional information on the Holiday concerts or 535-2334 for information on the Pemigewasset Choral Society.
Welcome Roy Roberts
The Board of Selectmen would like to welcome Roy Roberts as the newest member of the Board. Mr. Roberts graciously accepted the position following the resignation of Board member Doralyn Harper. The Board position is up for re-election in March at the annual Town Meeting.

“Thank You” Doralyn Harper
The Board of Selectmen would like to thank former Board member Doralyn Harper for her years of service to the community. It was with deep regret that the Board had to accept Doralyn’s resignation due to health issues earlier this year. We wish her the best and hope that her health will continue to improve daily. We miss her smiling face and cheerful personality at Town Hall.

Election “2004”
The 2004 General Election will be an election to remember. The Town Clerk’s office sent out 246 absentee ballots and registered numerous new voters prior to the election. The Supervisors of the Checklist registered 556 new voters the day of the election and 3,380 voters cast their ballots this year, which is a record turnout for the Town of Belmont. We would like to thank the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Supervisors of the Checklist, Town Clerk and their Ballot Clerk staff for a job “well done”.

Budget 2005
The Board of Selectmen has completed preparation of the 2005 proposed budget and the Budget Committee has begun deliberations. As in previous years, public participation at the Budget Committee meetings is always welcome. There will be a public hearing on the 2005 budget in February before Town Meeting.

Municipal Elections 2005
A list of vacancies for Town Offices will be available at Town Hall after January 1st. The filing period for candidates is January 19th through January 28th, 2005.

Water Department
The Water Department is now under the responsibility of the Public Works Department. Frank Clairmont, the Water Superintendent will be retiring January 6, 2005. We thank Frank for his years of service to the Town and wish him well in retirement.

Tax Rate
Belmont's Tax Rate was set by the Department of Revenue Administration at $24.85 for 2004. The rate is an increase of $.86. The components of the rate are as follows:

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Important Dates
The Town Hall will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas holiday and Friday, Dec. 31, for the New Year’s holiday.

The Board of Selectmen is meeting on the 1st and 3rd Monday’s of the month at 5:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Corner Meeting House.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments about our Town. We are here to work for you in the best interest of the Town of Belmont. Thank you for your continued support.

Brian Watterson, Chairman
Reginald Caldwell, Vice Chairman
Roy Roberts, Selectman
BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Submitted by Chief Vinnie Baiocchetti,

The Summer Games are the largest competition event offered by Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) with 1,000 athletes competing in seven sports. The University of New Hampshire has hosted the games for more than twenty years. Over 1,000 volunteers participate, including 500 coaches and chaperones and 750 event volunteers.

The Belmont Police Department is a strong supporter of the Special Olympics. Lt. Mark Lewandoski, a member of the State Committee, is responsible for local coordination of the Law Enforcement Torch Run as well as the Serve and Protect Program. In conjunction with the Irving Mainway we pump gas for customers. Irving then donates a portion of the money that they receive from gas sales to Special Olympics NH. Belmont Police Department members, both sworn and civilian, participate in running with the torch, pumping gas and participating in assisting with the Summer Olympic games.

This is a worthwhile program for our great athletes that work hard and train all year. We at the Belmont Police Department are honored to assist them any way that we can.

For more information about Special Olympics in New Hampshire, see their website at http://www.sonh.org/

THE TEEN CENTER KICKS OFF “BACK-A-KID” CAMPAIGN
Submitted by Beth Maltzie
Greater Laconia/Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce

As a new member of the Greater Laconia/Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce, The Teen Center, a program of P.A.C.T. (Parents And Children Together), is excited to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off their “Back-A-Kid” campaign! It will take place on Thursday, December 16 at 3:30 p.m. at their facility located in the Community Center at 306 Union Avenue, Laconia.

“Back-A-Kid” provides scholarships for youth to attend the Teen Center from annual membership fees to school vacation camps or summer camp for youth in the Lakes Region. Organized fundraising is done annually, but donations are accepted any time.

The development of The Teen Center came as a result of the tragic death of Robbie Mills in 1998. It opened its doors in November of 1999. The Teen Center is for middle and high school age youth in Laconia and surrounding towns. It is dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles, social, educational, vocational, cultural, character and leadership development. The Center endeavors to achieve its goals through collaborative efforts with other agencies. Future plans include becoming the Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region!

The Center is open Monday through Friday from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday’s evenings 6-9:30 p.m. It provides a safe and supervised place for youth to “drop-in” and participate in the ongoing activities or to just safely hang out with friends or family members. In the 2003/2004 school year, The Teen Center hosted 300+ youths from the middle and high school.

The Teen Center is funded in part by Project Extra!, a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant project through the Laconia School District and P.A.C.T., Belknap County Incentive Funds, Lakes Region United Way, donations, membership fees and fundraisers.

For more information or to RSVP, please call the chamber at 603-524-5531 or Dianne Zawacki, Executive Director, at 603-528-0197.

Special Olympic Athletes at the 2004 Summer Games
Megan Donahoe (Belmont), Andrea Stoia (Meredith), Joslyn Corriveau (Belmont), Erica Mooney (Belmont) & Elizabeth Hormell (Meredith), not pictured Shelly Pollopek (Gilford), Team - Winnipesaukee Comets coaches - Bob Stoia, Geoff Denton, Helen Corriveau. Officer Don Kimtas Laconia Police Department, Lt. Mark Lewandoski, Belmont Police Department.
Business & Youth Partnership Benefits Belmont and Belknap County
Submitted by Barbara Eckardt.

Belmont businesses and youth had a “flowering and historic” partnership in summer and fall seasons this year through a series of visible community service projects.

Belmont and Belknap Mills as well as local cemeteries were among beneficiaries of energy and service from the Belknap County Restorative Justice (BCRJ) program participants, coordinated by Brian Loanes.

Businesses, led by Garden Artisans, LLC, owned by Conservation Commission member Ginger Wells-Kay, along with Weeks Farm, provided plants and other contributions to make the community beautification possible.

Belmont Mill signage was colorfully enhanced with a display of heirloom red dahlia, coleus, variegated ivy, catmint, artichoke and other flowers. The unusual varieties and design were contributed by Garden Artisans and complemented the historic building and town green.

Our Mill entrance was also brightened with marigolds contributed by Everett Weeks of Weeks Farm, along with hosta perennials donated from other local gardens. Both plantings were accomplished by some 10 local youth, involved with the Belknap County Restorative Justice project. Several of the young participants further helped Garden Artisans in Laconia, preparing the award-winning spring tulip display at Rotary Riverside Park, next to the Belknap Mill.

According to Loanes, BCRJ participants had special training in 2004 from the Belknap County Master Gardener program, of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. “Our youth learned some key landscaping fundamentals – including soil, planting, installation and design – by working with Master Gardener interns in several seasonal efforts. Just as importantly, they had positive interaction with their communities and adults,” he reports.

A former Belmont Police Department member, Loanes has directed the youth and service effort since his 2001 BPD retirement. Other Belmont projects helped recently by BCRJ include sprucing up Sargent Park, aiding the Cemetery Commission with preservation and maintenance efforts at local sites, trail blazing and Town Beach needs – both on Lake Winnisquam.

The Restorative Justice program welcomes community service project requests from non-profit organizations as well as volunteers interested in working with youth.

More information on this Belknap County resource is available by calling 527-5493 or email to Brian Loanes at bloanes@co.belknap.nh.us

Faith Christian Academy is pleased to recognize the following students who have earned Honors and High Honors for the First Quarter of the 2004-2005 school year:

1st Grade Honors
Andrew Allard

1st Grade High Honors
Larry Allard, Daniel McKinney

2nd Grade High Honors
Amy Allard, Meaghan Aubut
Noelle Benavides, Jacob Fox
Brett Mele, Brittany Neff
Josie Taylor

3rd Grade Honors
James Jason

4th Grade Honors
Malcolm Benavides, Allie Taylor

4th Grade High Honors
Mary Allard, Christina Crandall

5th Grade Honors
Cassondra Fox

6th Grade High Honors
Jennifer Ortakales, Hannah Weller
BELMONT PLAYS FOOTBALL!
Submitted by Dave Wilder

Many Belmont residents may not be aware that our town is able to field football players and spirit squad members in the Pop Warner Football League. This year’s Laconia Chiefs Mitey-Mite Red team, headed up by Coach Mike Donovan of Belmont, recently concluded their undefeated season with a record of 7-0. Participants from Belmont included Kristina Fecteau on the Spirit Squad, along with Alex Breton, Kyle Donovan, Garrett Gilbert, Kevin King and Austin Wilder as part of the Mitey-Mite Red Squad. Their Division leading record represented a 180-degree turnaround from last year, when they finished the season with a record of 0-8. Congratulations to Coach Donovan’s team, as well as all the other Belmont kids who played for teams in the Laconia Chiefs organization.

The B.R.A.T.T.
Committee Needs You!
Submitted by Dave Nielsen

The Town of Belmont and the Belmont Recreational Alternative Transportation Team (B.R.A.T.T.) have received a federal grant in the amount of $282,720.00 for the construction of Phase I of the Lake Winnipesaukee Scenic Trail.

The five-mile multi-use trail will connect the trail starting in Laconia to the trail in Franklin/Tilton. The trail will run primarily along the railroad beds along the shore of Lake Winnisquam and through some of the most beautiful areas of Belmont.

The project has been going on for approximately three years. There has been a small group of individuals who have been working very hard to see this dream become a reality.

The team now needs your help. We are seeking individuals, families, civic organizations, businesses and corporations who can donate labor, supplies, and/or funds.

We are also looking for individuals to serve on committees such as planning, construction, maintenance, fundraising, and public relations.

There are many exciting activities under way now and many more to come! We need your support and your contributions both financially and in-kind!

We are seeking to raise funds needed for engineering studies, trail design, construction and other improvements. This Grant will require a 20% match of the funds. We are seeking funds from individuals, corporations, foundations and others who share our vision.

We are asking you to become a contributing member and support the Lake Winnipesaukee Trail by sending a contribution. Your contribution is essential, and whatever its size, it will further demonstrate to the federal and state officials that this trail has the support of our local citizens.

B.R.A.T.T.
Atttn: Cary Lagace
PO Box 310
Belmont, NH 03220
Phone: 603-267-8300
Fax: 603-267-8327
E-mail: BRATT@Yahoo.com

The Belmont Police Department will be holding a Women’s Safety Seminar on Saturday, February 12, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We are currently looking for up to 25 Belmont women who would like to participate.

This seminar will include topics such as home safety, use of force, firearms and personal protection.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Please contact the Belmont Police Department at 267-8351 to reserve your spot!!
In the past several years, Baby Threads has been able to give out about 500 layette bags per year, each valued at about $200. These bags contain the basic things a baby needs to start out with. Each layette also contains a homemade quilt or afghan.

In addition, we have given out hundreds of Christmas "stockings" full of hygiene items, toys, socks, hats, etc. to needy and homeless children. In Stewartstown, which is located in Northern New Hampshire near Colebrook, we provided the necessary items to start a free clothes closet. We were told that Stewartstown has only five families with an income over the national poverty level.

This year over 100 new backpacks with school supplies were donated to the needy students in the Coos County area.

In the past, we have had the use of a wonderful warehouse space to store clothing, fabric and seasonal items. We have recently lost the use of that space. In trying to find a solution, we have opened up a thrift store in Chichester on Route 28 at the Blueberry Hill Plaza. "Get your things Out of the Closet and into our Thrift Shop" is located at 345 Suncook Valley Road, Chichester, NH.

This thrift store should solve several problems at once:

- First, it would be a place for donations to come in for all of the above projects.
- Second, it would be a storage area for seasonal items.
- Third, it would provide low cost items to our communities.
- Lastly, this project would provide an essential ongoing income for all of Baby Threads' projects.

Other thrift stores have been very successful in raising money by keeping their items priced low enough to meet these needs, counting on volume of sales and quick turnover in the sales of clothing and household goods.

Ruthie True and Dorcas Chisholm will be managing the shop. They have several years of experience and will be a wonderful support team for us. Several other generous individuals have also come forward from time to time with necessary funds. This year we have an allotment from United Way from individuals who have specified Baby Threads on their employee payroll deductions. Having our own source of income from this thrift store will be a great boon to Baby Threads, allowing us to move forward meeting the many needs around us.

We are asking for financial help at this time. We are inviting anyone to make a donation. Any amount will help, as we can pool these resources to accomplish great things. We need to immediately raise or borrow around $2,000 to pay for first and last months rental deposit and build the shelving and racks needed.

In addition, we need all sorts of items for the new shop such as clothing of all sizes, shoes, boots, vintage clothing, hats, hand bags, bedding, sheets, towels, pillows, linens, curtains, dishes, pots, pans, bowls, glasses, silverware, toasters, mixers, electric fry pans, lamps, hand tools, electrical tools, musical instruments, antiques & collectables, knick knacks, small furniture items, pictures & frames, jewelry, accessories, toys, puzzles, games, books, magazines (sorry no Encyclopedias) cloth, sewing notions, yarn, crafts, sporting, camping & fishing gear, any baby items, paper and plastic bags and plastic hangers.

Our tentative store hours will be Tuesday 8-4, Wednesday 8-4, Thursday 8-7, Saturday 9-1.

Please send your donations to Baby Threads, PO Box 189, Gilmanton, NH 03237. We are a licensed non-profit 501(3c) organization and will send you a tax deductible receipt for your donation. Thank you for your support at this critical time.

Feel free to contact Bonnie Champagne (279-9922), Daryl Hoit (267-1271), Ruthie Ture (435-8163) and Dorcas Chisholm (435-8230) with any questions.

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Belmont, NH 03220
Coping With Fast-moving Development in Belmont
Submitted by Belmont Conservation Commission

Our planning board and town leaders have taken important steps to balance growth while preserving Belmont’s great natural beauty and attractive rural community. We are facing an unprecedented population and building boom that is altering Belmont’s landscape, and impacting public services such as schools, fire and law enforcement.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) has compiled and studied data on conservation and loss of open space. Between 1998 and 2003, the construction of single-family homes gobbled up an estimated 57,000 acres of open space in New Hampshire. That figure does not include commercial or industrial development.

By 2020, New Hampshire’s population is projected to reach 1.5 million. The widening of Interstate 93 is projected to bring an additional 36,000 people. This figure is in addition to the State’s already tidal wave growth projection. According to the SPNHF, in the next 20 years, New Hampshire will lose an estimated additional 230 square miles of forestland and the wildlife habitat it sustains. Land use that results in the loss of habitat results in the loss of biodiversity.

“To preserve and protect (Belmont’s) rural qualities.” This goal is listed in Belmont’s revised Master Plan. This phrase suggests that Belmont residents value where they live and want growth and development to occur in such a way that it does not fundamentally change the character of those places.

Our community needs to ask questions now about what we want in the future. A city? A village? A suburb? Where are the places we should have more people? Where are the places we should keep open? What will those different choices cost?

Our current patterns for development are mostly borrowed from the places people wanted to leave to come here! We must challenge ourselves to examine our current tools for zoning and subdivision. Is it best to see each lot in terms of its economic potential and not in terms of its connection to the landscape? Do we want development to spread out across the landscape? Do we want to center new development around traditional villages where people can walk from homes to shops and other services?

Belmont’s Conservation Commission has been working with the Jordan Institute and New Hampshire Audubon to develop a Three Infrastructure approach for smart growth. This concept provides the potential for Belmont to grow while preserving its rural character. Residents are encouraged to examine and provide input to the Infrastructure Maps located in the Land Office at the Town Hall. We also invite Belmont citizens to participate in the Conservation Commission meetings, the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

The Belmont Bogie Busters would like to thank all landowners for allowing us to utilize your land for our trail system. We are looking forward to another great season of snowmobiling. We would like to ask that all trail users respect the wishes of the landowners by staying on the trails, not damaging property, and not littering. If you want to contact us or learn more about the club, our new web site is www.BelmontBogieBusters.org or if you need to report a problem call the club president Bill Otto at 528-6529 or vice president Bill Eckberg at 267-7377.

Girl Scouts Prepare Food Baskets for Local Families

Kyia Weber, Lyndsay Patterson, Casondra Marden, Arianna McLean, Taryn Coulombe, Mrs. Donna Sheperd, Traci Weber, Jen Ferguson and Meghan Russell package food they collected for holiday food baskets.
Belmont Parks and Recreation Committee Provides a Wide Variety of Fun Activities For All
Submitted by Tina Fleming

The Parks and Recreation Committee had a busy summer and fall organizing programs and projects for our community. The Fall Fun Day in October was a very successful event. A large crowd turned out to enjoy, hockey, flag football, pumpkin painting, and other activities. Eric Erskine came through in short notice to put on a wonderful acoustic performance.

The Fire Department and Police Department basketball game was exciting to watch. Both Departments put on a good show and our referee, Selectman Brian Watterson, kept the game in control.

Tim Riel and his team of Belgian workhorses brought groups around the center of town. It was a great day enjoyed by many members of our community!

Plans are in the works for an evening sledding event and tickets are still available for our New Year’s Eve celebration with the Manchester Monarchs.

As most of you are aware the town budget season is upon us. We have strived to offer programs and activities for all members of the community while working from a limited budget.

Please support your parks and recreation programs in 2005 and have a safe and happy holiday season.

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New Year’s Eve event for the whole family!

VS. Manchester Monarchs vs. Lowell Lock Monsters hockey game on Friday, December 31, 2004 7:30 p.m.

It’s time to celebrate! For $10.00 a person, we'll take you to see a great hockey game and the largest, most spectacular indoor fireworks show in New England immediately following the game. Bus transportation will be provided. Festivities will end around 10:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Belmont Parks and Recreation

To order tickets or for more information, contact Tina Fleming at 528-5393. Seats are in section 207. Makes a great holiday gift!!

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Adam Fleming
Japanese Teacher Joins BES STAFF
Kozue Nishiyama has joined the teaching staff at BES through the Japanese School Teaching Assistant Program. She is participating in an International Internship. Kozue lives in Osaka, Japan and attended Osaka Education University for her teaching degree. She majored in Elementary Education and Child Psychology. She has taught kindergarten and grade three students in Japan. Kozue will be teaching BES students the Japanese language, writing, games, origami, music and traditional and modern Japanese culture.

CES Students Enjoy a Variety of Activities
Physical Therapy students from Franklin Pierce College come to CES with games and activities to help the fourth grade students “Get Fit For Life.” They showed the children how to make exercise fun when indoors or outdoors, how to stretch and prepare themselves for exercise to prevent injuries, and how to maintain health through proper nutrition.

Third grade students received student dictionaries from the Giles family of Canterbury and the Friendship Grange #110 of Northfield. Representing The Dictionary Project of NH, Noreen Crawford presented each third grader with his/her own personal copy of A Student’s Dictionary.

Belmont Middle School Receives Accreditation
BMS has joined a group of only seven middle schools in the state of NH accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The application process, which began about two years ago, involved a thorough process of self-study, resulting in a report of several hundred pages. Last spring, an educational visiting committee spent several days at the school speaking with students, staff, parents and members of the community. During their visit, the committee also examined core curriculum, academic leadership, after school programs and athletics.

In November, the school heard that they had received the accreditation. The written report commended the strong involvements of volunteers, the wide variety of after school programs and the positive social climate at BMS. Especially noted was the students’ kindness, politeness and thoughtfulness.

The report also pointed to some areas where the school could improve, most of which were related to space limitations. Specifically, it was noted that there was not enough room for special programs and that a school of this size would benefit from a larger media center.

BHS Students “Cook Up Good Citizenship”
Students in Ms. Tardugno’s civics class recently experienced first hand the true meaning of civics and citizenship.

The students were asked to plan and carry out a community service project as a part of their learning experience. The students decided that serving a meal at the Salvation Army would be the most rewarding experience for everyone.

Students raised money through candy sales and a car wash to purchase the items they would need for their meal.

In addition to preparing the hall for dinner and cooking the meal, the students assisted in making their guests feel comfortable and relaxed. After dinner, the students conclude their day with the task of cleaning up.

One student summed up the experience perfectly. “I really enjoyed doing this project better than other projects that we do in school because we actually got to do something and make a difference. It is surprising to see how people can be so thankful for the things we take for granted.”

Another said, “This project can’t even be compared to a regular assignment…this is a project that all classes should do because it shows real responsibility.”
Public Policy Committee Seeks to Advocate

In response to what the Shaker Regional School Board perceives as unfunded mandates established for us by both the State and Federal governments, the Board has decided to create a Public Policy Committee. The goal of this committee is to inform and influence education policy makers on matters that affect and may benefit the Shaker Regional School District.

We have several objectives, including:

1. To interact with the NH School Board’s Association (NHSBA), NH School Administrators Association (NHSAA) and other public education advocates on select public policy issues.

2. To inform state and federal policy makers as to the impact of educational funding levels and mechanisms on the Shaker Regional School District.

3. To inform state and federal education policy makers as to the impact of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act on the Shaker Regional School District.

4. To inform state education policy makers as to the proposed Standards for Public School Approval (Minimum Standards) on our district.

5. To interact with district taxpayers and the local educational community to gain perspectives and support for public policy advocacy positions of the Shaker Regional School District.

The committee will consist of three board members, the Superintendent of Schools and the District’s Curriculum Coordinator. In addition, this committee will form a Public Policy Advisory Panel, which shall include community members and members of each building administrative team. If you are interested in serving on this panel, please call the Superintendent of Schools office at 267-9223.

Results of Parent Surveys

The results of our annual parent surveys are in. I thought it might be interesting to share with you information about the number of responses, as well as the common themes we have found. Anyone who is interested in a more thorough look at the results is encouraged to go to the Shaker website and click on the 2004 Opinion Survey link.

In 2001 and 2002 we mailed the surveys to the parents’ homes, which was a large labor-intensive project and incurred added postage costs. In 2003 and 2004 we chose to send the surveys home with the first day of school paperwork with the hope that parents would complete the surveys as they completed the other school forms. It appears that our change in distribution was very successful as the number of surveys returned continues to increase, thus providing us with more accurate data.

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The 2004 returns reflect the following percentage of students represented:

- BES: 104/455 (23%)
- CES: 36/145 (25%)
- BMS: 213/468 (45%)
- BHS: 99/452 (22%)
- District wide: 452/1551 (29%)

I would like to point out a few recurring or new themes that I noted while preparing the written comment sections of the surveys:

- Parents report that our teachers, staff and administrators continue to have a positive impact on our students and their families.
- The largest concern expressed was the lack of State financial support for our public schools.
- Several parents of B.E.S. and B.M.S. are concerned about some of the class sizes in those schools.
- Parents have expressed that the buildings and grounds are being maintained well. We are particularly happy to hear this, as it has been a point of emphasis in the past several years.
- Interestingly, some parents have expressed that there needs to be more homework while others suggest less. However, they are consistent in their concern that all homework must be meaningful.
- Student recognition is an important issue to parents at all levels.
- There continues to be some concern regarding our transportation services, specifically the length of some runs, as well as discipline at all levels.
- Parents are concerned about the cost of beginning of the year supplies and field trips. They suggest that it would be nice to have school supply lists and information about the upcoming school year available on the website over the summer months.
- Parents are using the school and district websites and are looking for accurate and up-to-date information regularly.
The results of the New Hampshire Education Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP) were mailed to our schools in October. Our third, sixth and tenth grade students took the assessment last May and the results indicate improvement in most areas.

Unlike many standardized tests, which compare individual students, the NHEIAP is a comprehensive assessment tool that looks at what our children know in terms of the New Hampshire curriculum standards (in English language arts and mathematics.) These statewide tests, given at the end of grades 3, 6 and 10 allow each school to measure itself and its success with students. The assessment results tell schools where they are today – the curriculum frameworks tell schools where they need to go tomorrow. The curriculum frameworks set rigorous standards for New Hampshire students. To view them, go to www.ed.state.nh.us and click on curriculum frameworks under most requested information.

The results are grouped into four reporting categories: novice, basic, proficient and advanced. The goal is to have more students at the basic, proficient and advanced levels and fewer at the novice level. Students who score at the basic, proficient and advanced levels are making progress toward obtaining an adequate education. Students at the basic level have successfully demonstrated that they have learned fundamental information and skills, which is crucial. Students at the proficient and advanced levels have demonstrated a wide range of knowledge as well as the ability to apply that knowledge.

### 3rd Grade Results – Belmont Elementary School

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Students at B.E.S. have consistently scored above the state average in language arts and math. Over the last three years, they have averaged 80% in basic or above in both subject areas.

### 3rd Grade Results – Canterbury Elementary School

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The scores of students, in all subjects, continue to rank well above the state average. Over 90% of the students have scored at basic and above in both subject areas over the last three-year period, an outstanding accomplishment.

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Our sixth grade results in language arts and math are even with the state average and about the same as the scores from the year before.

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The tenth grade language arts results continue to be above the state average. The math scores this year were below the state average and we are looking closely to determine the causes. We do believe that the Everyday Math program that has been implemented in the elementary school will begin to positively affect our high school results soon.

There are many ways to determine the success of our schools. NHEIAP results provide one important piece of information for parents and community members to see how their schools are performing and where improvements are needed. The NHEIAP results should not be used to compare students or to compare schools. It is most important to look at the results over several years, and determine what curricular adjustments and/or modifications in instructional practices may be necessary. The faculty and administration of each school analyze these results annually and prepare specific recommendations that they believe will lead to stronger student performance.

Parents should already have received the results for their child and are encouraged to meet with the school’s guidance counselor to help them interpret them. If you do meet with school personnel, ask them to show you a copy of the test that your child took. You can also review sample test items on the Internet - go to www.ed.state.nh.us and click on released items under assessment, which is found under most requested information. Viewing the actual test items allows you to see how demanding this assessment is. I think you will be surprised and perhaps gain a greater appreciation for the challenges it presents to your child.
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Home games are held at the Laconia Ice Arena

Congratulations to our Shaker Stars

- BHS student, Matt Buckle, was recently selected as a recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award.
- The following students were recently elected by their peers to the BES Student Council: Caremen Malca, Joseph Storez, Joshua Rupp, Calvin Davis, Kori Lemay, Caitlyn Vallee, Ryan Pluskis, Curtis McSelland, Olivia Miller, Jaymee Guinard, Kaitlyn Shaw, Jonathan Oaks, Adam Horan, Rosemarie Aponte, Elizabeth Yelle and Bret Spaulding.
- Randy Wormald, BHS Math Teacher, was named New Hampshire’s Teacher of the Year and fellow teacher Brian McNabb, was awarded the 2004 Treat Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Humanities.
- BHS senior, Brendan Collins, was one of two NH students to be selected from a field of over 100 candidates as New Hampshire’s recipients of the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award. Annie Clock was also selected as one of nine female state finalists.
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- BMS 6th grade student, Emily Mecheski, is this year’s winner of the BMS Bulldog logo contest.
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CES Student Council sponsored its annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon where the children served their guests a delicious meal which was followed by holiday entertainment.

School District Clerk

The Shaker Regional School District has an opening for School District Clerk. Candidate must reside in either Belmont or Canterbury. Position requirements will be taking minutes at our public hearings, the annuals school district meeting and two board meetings each month. $16/hour.

Please submit resume and three current references to W. Michael Cozort, Superintendent of Schools, 58 School St., Belmont, NH 03220.
What is Community Health and Hospice?

Jackie E. Bonafide
Director of Development
Community Health and Hospice, Inc.

More than four million Americans receive home health care daily from nearly one million caregivers. In their honor Community Health & Hospice joined the National Association for Home Care & Hospice in celebrating National Home Care and Hospice Month.

“Caring for the sick, elderly and dying in their homes is truly a privilege for us,” says Margaret Franckhauser, Executive Director of Community Health & Hospice. “Home care professionals, volunteers and modern medicine make it possible for people to stay in their homes, where they can maintain their dignity and independence.” She adds, “More than just providing excellent care where and when patients need and want it, home care saves the United States and commercial health insurers billions of dollars each year. There is not a more cost-effective provider of health care in our country.”

Through technological advances, home-delivered health care has grown far beyond basic nursing and home care aide services. Today’s modern home care agency offers a wealth of professional nursing services as well as physical, occupational, respiratory and speech therapies, counseling, dietary, and personal care services.

Home care services are paid for by public and private sources or directly by patients and their families. Third-party payers include commercial insurance, managed care organizations, Medicare, and Medicaid. Despite massive cutbacks in government funding, home care continues to be the preferred means of receiving quality health care services for nearly five million Americans.

Community Health & Hospice serves all Lakes Region communities and provides home care (nursing and rehabilitation services in the home), a comprehensive, team-based Hospice program, the Young Family Program (direct health care, education and support services for children and families), and support services. The staff of 125 delivers approximately 50,000 home visits each year in the Lakes Region. To learn more about Community Health & Hospice, visit their website at www.chhnh.org or call them at 603-524-8444.

Century 21 Twin Rivers Realty

Donates to Community Health & Hospice

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The sales agents of the Laconia office of Century 21 Twin Rivers Realty recently made a donation to the Community Health & Hospice Annual Fund.

CH&H Board member and Corporate Giving Chair Don McLelland Sr. accepted the contribution on behalf of the home care agency. McLelland, who is also the Town Administrator of Belmont, said, “We are inspired by the work the CH&H staff does—by their patience, professionalism, and kindness. It is encouraging for all of us—especially the staff—to have the support of our partners in the business community.”

Mike Normandin, Sales Associate of the Laconia Century 21 Twin Rivers Realty office, says “We believe Community Health & Hospice plays a very important role in improving the quality of life in the Lakes Region, so supporting CH&H is not only a good thing to do, but it is also a wise investment in the community.”

CH&H is a not-for-profit, Medicare-certified provider of home care and hospice services, licensed by the State of New Hampshire and accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP). The agency is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and supported by private and corporate donations, the Lakes Region United Way, the WLNH Children’s Christmas Auction, the Laconia Kiwanis Club, Laconia Savings Bank, Providian Bank, and Lakes Region communities.

Don McLelland, Sr., CH&H Board Member and Corporate Giving Chair accepts a donation from Mike Normandin, Century 21 Twin Rivers Realty Sales Associate and Jan Wickens, General Manager of Century 21 Twin Rivers Realty.
Belmont Heritage Commission Update
Submitted by Wallace Rhodes

Belmont Selectmen finalized membership appointees to the Heritage Commission at their August 18th meeting.

As Chairman of the group, I am pleased to report their selection of residents Linda Frawley, Diane Marden and Margaret Normandin, Esquire along with Roy Roberts, serving as Selectmen’s representative. Ms. Frawley will serve as Vice Chairman and Attorney Normandin as secretary for the group, which held a first organizational meeting On November 17, 2004.

Belmont citizens approved establishment of a local Heritage Commission at the 2004 Town Meeting, as a petitioned warrant article, by voice vote on March 13th. On behalf of all residents that encouraged and supported this effort, please let me add a very special thanks. This initiative was enthusiastically endorsed by the Historical Society and members of the Conservation Commission, and was one of the many community goals recommended in the 2002 Master Plan update.

Our town has special and significant places that contribute to its rural character. The New Hampshire 1992 legislation establishing heritage commissions, provided new abilities to recognize and protect historic and cultural resources.

Many communities have historic districts, historical societies as well as heritage commissions. Importantly, heritage commissions take a townwide perspective, and not just one neighborhood, building or road. Additionally, heritage commissions can apply for foundation, technical assistance and other local grant support to foster local preservation projects.

Belmont has a unique tradition and legacy. From fertile farmlands and a 1792 area house for religious worship to a prominent mill town with its own railroad station, there are both stories and structures that illustrate community development over the years.

Our heritage commission will volunteer time, thought and attention to sites and buildings – just as the conservation commission has focused on local land and natural resources. We look forwarding to serving Belmont citizens and promoting our historic community legacy.

Photos For Sale...

The Belmont Historical Society invites you to add a vintage touch to your home or business – and help celebrate its 35th anniversary by purchasing a reproduction photo. A “Town Heritage Series” of images capturing six moments in local history - key people, places and events – is now available. Six classic views from 1890s to 1920s feature the village green Bandstand, Belmont Mill, Gale School, historic arrival of the first train, Main Street commerce and a long ago musical trio rehearsal.

The Belmont Historical Society is a non-profit, 501 C(3) organization run by volunteers and funded by annual membership dues, donations and fundraiser proceeds. Established in 1969, the Historical Society brings together those who have an interest in preserving and recording the heritage of our area.

Collectible Reproductions of Local People & Places Order Form

- Bandstand @1900
- Belmont Mill – early scene with workers
- First Train - ceremonial 1889 arrival
- Gale School - unusual winter scene
- Main Street @1925 as commerce center
- Musical Trio @ 1920s

$12 for single copies plus $3.00 shipping/handling
$50 for complete first edition series plus $5.00 shipping/handling. Please make checks payable to Belmont Historical Society
Send to: Belmont Historical Society, c/o Treasurer, 180 Dutile Road, Belmont NH 03220

Circa 1925 Postcard attributed to L.A. Stevens, Commercial Photographer, Deerfield, NH. Current town offices are visible on the far right.

Belmont Historical Society Collection Reproduced 2004 for the Belmont Town Heritage series
Located on the west side of Church Hill in Belmont village this home holds a prominent place in the history of Belmont. This house was constructed around 1825 by Thomas Fellows, son of Joseph Fellows who is considered to be the founder of Belmont village then referred to as Fellows Mills. The house features five fireplaces, a brick oven and a spiral front staircase.

When Fellows and his brother Joseph Jr. who lived next door decided to sell their properties the house was purchased by Samuel Cate the village storekeeper. The Fellows brothers relocated south of the town in Northfield. Cate had moved here from Alton in 1829 purchasing the store, which was located on the present site of the St. Joseph’s church parking lot. His first Belmont house was across the street, the present site of a Laundromat.

Not only was Samuel Cate the village storekeeper, he and his wife Sophia opened up their new house to travelers and became tavern keepers. Cate was also one of the organizers of the Gilmanton Village Manufacturing Company, builders of the Belmont Mill, as well as clerk of the corporation. Sophia’s diaries indicate that she also served as the village midwife.

On February 12, 1839, at the age of 45, Samuel Cate fell from his chair in his store and expired leaving Sophia with three young children. The store was then operated by Ira Mooney, her sister’s husband with various partners, one of whom was John S. Hill, who Sophia later took as her second husband. They continued to operate the store and tavern much as Sophia and Samuel had done. John S. Hill died in 1858 and Sophia was again left alone, although her children were now grown. She then survived by renting rooms and caring for foster children. Sophia lived until 1890 when she passed away at the age of 86. The house stayed in the family until 1903 when it was sold to the Swain family, which occupied the house for the next twenty-five years.

The Cate children had forsaken Belmont and gone on to new lives elsewhere. Son Charles E. Cate had left Belmont in 1855 and gone to New Orleans after operating a shoe manufacturing business here with his step father. Daughter Sophia went to Virginia and married there, and daughter Ellen had joined her brother in Louisiana and married there, although she often returned for extended stays with her mother. In 1861 Charles Cate went into the near wilderness about fifty miles north of New Orleans with a crew of workmen with the goal of constructing a shoe manufacturing business to make shoes for the Confederate army. After manufacturing 45,000 pairs of shoes the enterprise was put out of business by the United States army. Cate spent the rest of his life there becoming prosperous and laying out a village. The place is now the city of Hammond located at the junction of Interstate highways 12 and 55.

(Wallace P. Rhodes is a former Belmont Historical Society President, current Historian for the society and author of “Reminiscences of A New Hampshire Town” compiled for the Belmont Centennial of 1969.)
A Look Back.....Selections from a 1935 BHS Student Newspaper....
Submitted by Evelyn Morse

❖ Seventy years ago Belmont High School had been in existence for ten years. In the first issue of the student run newspaper, a contest was announced to name the paper. For each issued purchased at 5 cents a copy, you were entitled to submit an entry. Suggested names were to be voted on by the students.

❖ Although the number of graduates was relatively small, one staff member wrote a “where are they now” article. In it she pretended to be up in the Gale School belfry looking through a telescope. Then, as now, some former students were nearby working, some had gone on to college and others had married.

❖ An article entitled “Gross Deceptions” decried the conflicting advertisements for products that were heard on the radio or read in the newspaper. Too many choices the writer thought and no way to know which is the best. Sound familiar?

❖ The author of an article “Things Needed In Our Town” thought Belmont needed more town spirit, a new high school, a new fire truck and reorganization of the fire department and a reorganization of town government! What were needed he thought, were men in office who had more progressive ideas and thus the needs mentioned would come about.

❖ School activities, statistics, and sports results rounded out the issue.

❖ The 1934 and 1935 Town and School Reports contained some interesting articles on the warrants. Voters were asked to vote on legalizing baseball on Sunday, whether beer or other lawful alcoholic beverages shall be manufactured or sold locally, the construction of Province Road and a town doctor. The school issues were more space and more courses including one to “train our girls to become better homemakers.”

Breakfast is Served at the Belmont Senior Center
Submitted by Renee Boles

Shaker Regional School District employees set a good example for students by volunteering at the local Senior Center on Friday, October 1, 2004.

Superintendent of Schools, Michael Cozort, dazzled members of the Center as Chief Cook, preparing his famous French toast. Robert Gadomski, Principal of the Belmont Middle School, was Mr. Cozort’s trusty assistant, while Mary Morrison, Principal of the Canterbury Elementary School and Marcia Hayward, Principal of the Belmont High School, served the meals with a smile. Twenty- five members of the Senior Center were delighted to receive a sit down meal, prepared by our special guests.

Mr. Cozort and Mr. Gadomski show off their culinary talents while serving breakfast at the Senior Center.

The morning was filled with laughter and cheer as our “local celebrity servers” scurried around wearing plastic aprons and balancing serving trays.

Renee Boles, Director of the Belmont Senior Center, states, “The community breakfast has been a great experience for both members and volunteers. It provides an opportunity for intergenerational programming and brings members within our small community closer together.”

The first Friday of every month members within the community volunteer to serve breakfast at the Senior Center. Other organizations that have volunteered include Providian Bank, Belmont Police Department and the Belmont Fire Department.

At the Belmont Senior Center’s Café Bon Appetite, Volunteer chefs prepare hot breakfast items on site in the kitchen every Friday morning. “Local celebrity” business employees serve breakfast on the first Friday of every month. Café Bon Appetite is open every Friday at 10 a.m. Breakfast orders are taken between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Reservations are required. For more information or to place a reservation please contact the Center at 267-9867.
Tue. 12/7: Day trip to the Indian Head Holiday Dinner Show. Please remember to park in the dirt parking lot. Bus departs at 10 a.m. sharp.

Wed. 12/8: Monthly Birthday Party. Everyone celebrating a birthday during the month of December receives a free meal! Bring a friend or family member to enjoy your special day.

Tue. 12/14: Potluck Lunch at 12:00 noon

Wed. 12/15: Today we will take a stroll down memory lane with our afternoon program “Yesterday’s Toys” at 12:30 p.m. Find out the origins of toys like Raggedy Ann, Matchbox Cars and Lionel Trains

Thur. 12/16: Advisory Council Meeting at 10 a.m.
Diner’s Club. Today we will visit the new Church Landing in Meredith. The resort will be fully decorated for the holiday season, which will surely be a breath taking sight. The van will depart from the Senior Center at 11 a.m. We will dine at the Lake House Grill at 11:30 a.m. There will be a small fee for transportation and lunch will be at your own expense. Seating is limited so sign up today.

Fri. 12/17: The Winnipesaukee Playhouse is pleased to announce a special, all-senior matinee. Sisters Las Vegas returns with a holiday show. Developed just for the playhouse, a blend of comedy, song and improvisation, the Sisters Las Vegas Revue re-invents the stereotypical nun. Expect great songs, zany costumes and A LOT of laughter! The performance only lasts an hour. This special matinee is available for senior groups for only $12 a ticket. Tickets must be purchased at least three weeks in advance. Sign up today by calling our Center. Transportation will be available for a small fee.

Tue. 12/21: Belknap County Committee on Aging Meeting will be held @ 10 a.m. Please contact your local Senior Center for location and topic information.

Wed 12/22: Holiday Dinner Party. The Belmont Elementary School Vocal Ensemble will be joining us this afternoon at 12:30 p.m., for a holiday musical. Today we will be serving hot apple cider, sliced turkey, stuffing, gravy, butternut squash, peas/onions, whip potato, dinner rolls and a festive dessert. Reservations are required by Wed., December 15th.

Fri. 12/24: The Senior Center will be closed for the holiday.

Monthly Foot Clinic sponsored by Community Health & Hospice from 12:30pm to 2pm in the Resource Library. Appointments are required.

Wed. 12/29: New Year's Eve Party. Bill Dearborn will ring us into a mock New Year countdown with his bagpipes! Bill will also discuss the benefits of becoming a Senior Companion with the Community Action Program. Why not start the New Year off by giving the best gift of all, yourself! Reservations are required by Wednesday December 22nd.

Fri. 12/31: Happy New Year! The Senior Center will be closed for the holiday.

Computer Classes
Belmont Senior Center
Computer Lab

Introduction to Computers
January 2005
Facilitator: Melissa Atherton
Register today, for our first workshop session.
Registration is required.
Please contact the Center for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?
► We are open Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
► Our dining room serves lunch Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and elected Friday’s at 12:00 noon. Our new Café Bon Appetite serves breakfast on Fridays at 10 a.m. There is a $2.00 requested donation.
► We are a ServiceLink Satellite Office, offering supportive information and referral services on issues related to aging, chronic illness and disability.
► The Center is equipped with a resource library providing individuals the opportunity to research information. (Educational articles, pamphlets, brochures, internet access.) Library Hours: Monday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tues. through Fri. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
► Door to door transportation is available every Tuesday & Wednesday: Residents of Belmont and surrounding communities can travel to the Lakes Region Area between the hours of 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.. Please reserve your seat by contacting the Center. Every Thursday: Concord area. Please contact Concord area Transit toll free at 1-800-856-5525 to place a reservation.
► Gift Certificates are available.
► Please call us for a meal reservation, or to schedule a ride at 267-9867.
BUSY TIME AS A LIBRARY TRUSTEE
Submitted by David Morse

The trustees are very pleased to announce our new Library Director, Jacqueline Gardner. Jackie comes to us from the Laconia Library. She is a lifelong resident of Gilmanton with 20 years of library experience and a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts with significant study in children’s literature. Stop by and welcome her.

The library has just submitted the budget for 2005. We were able to present a 6.9% decrease in our operating budget, however, we have asked for an additional $12,000 for library improvements, repairs and equipment. The two largest items were to refinish all the antique tables and chairs along with repainting the exterior trim of the historic building.

Keeping up and improving an historic building can be daunting, but it can also be very rewarding. We have been fortunate to have the support of the selectmen, budget committee and the townspeople for our projects.

The trustees of the library have felt the need for an addition since the 70’s. Eleven out of twelve of our nearest towns have addressed library expansion in the last twenty years. When looking at library statistics of these same towns they average 30,000 books for a population the size of Belmont’s. We have just over 10,000 books. To be able to house 30,000 books we would need a 7,700 sq ft addition.

For the last five years, the town has voted to set aside $25,000 a year into a library building fund. This March, we are asking for $30,000 for architecture work in a warrant article. Rather than ask the selectmen to let us use the monies previously set aside, we all thought it was best to let the taxpayers decide on spending for this. We do not want to waste $30,000 of the taxpayer’s money if we do not have community support.

If the $30,000 were approved, the trustees would reestablish a library building committee. The committee would interview and hire an architecture firm, then work with them to develop varied renderings for public input. From there, the committee would spend the next year or two finalizing the plans and charitable fundraising. Then by March 2007 or 2008, the town will be approached for bonding the remaining monies needed.

What’s New at Your Library?
Submitted by Jackie Gardner

Maybe you were wondering what is new at the library. One answer would be me! I began here in November as the Library Director. If you have already stopped by to say hello, then you are part of the reason I am enjoying working here in friendly Belmont. If you haven’t come in yet, please do. I am looking forward to meeting you.

As the winter sets in with long nights, short days and stormy weather, it is a perfect time to curl up with a good book, learn a new skill or hobby, or begin a project that you didn’t have time for when the weather was nicer. The library shelves are packed with great reading. Some seasonal favorites include John Grisham’s Skipping Christmas, Janet Evanovich’s hilarious mystery Visions of Sugarplums, Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark’s dramatic and spooky Deck the Halls. On the new bookshelves, we offer more mystery with In the Bleak Midwinter by Julia Spencer-Fleming. Anita Shreve’s newest book, Light on Snow and Chris Bohjalian’s Before You Know Kindness are touching novels of strength and survival that take place in New Hampshire.

In the Children’s Room, be sure to pick up a holiday favorite such as A Visit from St. Nicholas (aka “’Twas the night before Christmas”). The Polar Express, now a film, is at its best in book form. The chilly excitement of Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Erich Kimmel has a wonderfully fulfilling ending. We are also awaiting the arrival of the Ladybug award picture books. The Ladybug awards are given to outstanding new picture books by the Center of the Book at the State Library.

If you’ve ever looked up into the night sky and wished you knew the locations of the constellations and names of stars, or if you wanted to learn to knit, or needed help to learn about computers and navigating the World Wide Web or wanted to try Origami, the art of Japanese paper-folding, keep an eye on the library. We will be offering workshops and programs beginning in mid-December. In January we will begin scheduling story times and book discussions. The times will be posted when they are definite. You also can call the library at 267-8331 for more information.

Teresa and Gloria join me in wishing everyone a very happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the library in the coming new year!
Cell Tower Erected

The Land Use Office had a recent inquiry as to when the Verizon cell tower, previously approved by the Planning Board for construction on Laconia Road, would be erected. The tower has been up for some time, but many have not noticed it due to its successful placement to minimize its visual impact on the community. Although all of the anticipated cell-phone providers are not yet connected to the tower, local customers will see service quality improvements when this occurs.

Community Growth

The Planning Board has been compiling information on growth in the community as part of the Board’s commitment to evaluate how growth affects the community and what provisions can be made to prepare the community to meet the needs of current and future residents. The data in the report (available in the Land Use Office and at www.belmontnh.org) indicates that population growth since 1980 has exceeded the average growth of the communities directly abutting Belmont (Belmont’s First-Tier Communities), the Lakes Region and the State. Projections through 2025 indicate Belmont will continue to exceed all comparables. Also, since 1980, new housing growth in Belmont has met or exceeded the average of the First-Tier Communities the Lakes Region and the State. Statistics in the report indicate increased impacts on municipal services. Only .8% of the total land area within the community is permanently protected from future development as compared to an average of 9.6% for the First-Tier Communities. Based on a complete evaluation of this and other information, the Board will consider the development of a comprehensive Growth Management Plan. Options available for the plan could include voluntary or regulatory preservation of open space and other natural resources, educational initiatives regarding growth management, phasing development, limiting the number of new residential lots and/or new residential building permits and impact fees, along with other available options. If the Planning Board proposes a growth management ordinance or other changes to the Zoning Ordinance as part of the overall plan, those amendments would be placed before the voters in March. If a Growth Management Ordinance is enacted as part of an overall plan, it is important to remember that the law requires that it be constantly reexamined with a goal toward eventually relaxing or eliminating the control.

New Dental Facility

Construction is progressing at the future site of the Patel Dental Facility located on Prescott Hill/Laconia Road. The Planning Board approved this project in September and Opechee Construction has moved quickly to make it a reality. The 5000+ square foot facility includes ample parking and has a full access driveway onto Bishop Road.

2005 CIP Amendment Adopted

At their November 22nd meeting, the Planning Board adopted the subcommittee’s proposed amendments to the funding schedules in the Capital Improvements Program. The Funding Plan incorporates the recommendations of the 2002 Community Master Plan, evaluates the current needs of the community as they relate to fire, police, roads and other services, and anticipates future needs of the community based on projected population growth. The plan then creates a multi-year plan to fund projects over time to balance the impact on the tax rate while providing necessary services. The Funding Plan is available to be used as a planning tool by the Selectmen, Budget Committee and Voters as they determine the actual budget that will be adopted each year. The CIP schedule is a six-year schedule. The recommendations are broken down into three parts – projects to be funded by tax dollars; projects to be funded by other sources of revenue; and projects that are recommended, but for which the costs have not yet been determined. Amendments are considered each year as the upcoming year’s Town budget is reviewed. Changes result from the preceding action of Town Meeting, projects being added or eliminated or from the cost of projects already in the schedule being adjusted. Although anticipated growth in a community affects the long-range funding schedule, with few exceptions all of the projects currently included in the plan have been identified as necessary to meet the service needs of the current population.
The winter season is quickly approaching, and with it comes the inevitable cold weather, snow and ice. Please remember to reduce your speed, wear your seatbelt and make sure that your tires and windshield wipers are in good condition. Also, please remember to clean ALL snow and ice off of your vehicle before driving. Your safety and the safety of others are of the utmost importance to us.

With the holiday season upon us, remember to use caution when you are shopping. You can help prevent thefts by putting your packages out of sight and locking your vehicle.

Some of you may have noticed that we have fenced in the police department side parking lot. This project was funded by Homeland Security Grant money. The fence creates a safer area by keeping kids from riding back and forth in front of and behind the cruisers. This fencing, while it may seem like an inconvenience, will allow people who want to access the park to either park in the front of the police station and enter the basketball court or at the old Town Garage and walk into the park. The bathrooms will still be accessible as they have in the past.

We have been investigating several burglaries in the Winnisquam Beach Campground/Union Road area as well as several incidents of vandalism to the automobile businesses on the Route 3 and Route 106 area. These incidents involve people shooting at businesses and car windows causing many dollars worth of damage.

While we have been investigating several leads, we are asking all residents to call the police department at 267-8351 or the Greater Laconia Crime Line at 524-1717 if you have any tips that may help us solve these crimes. We would like to prevent crimes, as would you, and you can help us do that. If you see ANYTHING that appears suspicious or out of the ordinary, please call and let us look into it. As the saying goes, “We would rather get called and find out it was nothing, than not get called and find out it was something”. Many people that we interview after crimes were discovered tell us that they just didn’t want to bother us. Please don’t feel that you are bothering us. Call and let us check things out.

In October, the Belmont Police Department received the Congressional Law Enforcement Unit Citation award for assisting State and Federal law enforcement agencies in a drug raid that occurred in November of 2003. This raid resulted in the arrest and conviction of numerous people in Federal Court. It also effectively dismantled a cocaine trafficking organization which had imported over a kilogram of cocaine per month into Belmont and then sold throughout the Lakes Region from a Massachusetts-based Colombian drug ring over the past several years.

On Friday, November 19th, two of our newest officers, Tyler Hackett and Adam Hawkins, graduated from the 135th Class of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training. These two officers have now returned and will complete their field training program. Congratulations to both officers!

Last month, the Belmont Explorers and their Advisors attended the Explorer University held at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton and again walked away with awards. This year, Cadet Corporal Leandra Privitera received the honor of Outstanding Female Explorer of the Year for displaying outstanding motivation and growth as well as contributing to the success of her post over the last nine months. Cadet Sergeant Isaac Loring received the Leadership Award for his exceptional dedication and leadership to participants of the program. The highest award presented by the Daniel Webster Scouting District, the Silver E Award, went to Cadet Lieutenant Jackie Flynt for the show of outstanding qualities and her active involvement with the Exploring Division Activities. The District Award of Merit went to Officer Sean Sullivan, who has been involved with the running of Belmont’s Explorer program for the last five years and also is assigned as the School Resource/D.A.R.E. Officer. We would like to congratulate all of our Cadets and their leaders for their dedication and commitment to the Post, the community and the department.

The police department has also received numerous handgun locks for free distribution to the residents of the Town of Belmont. Each resident that comes to the police station may receive two (2) free gunlocks. The locks are given to us by Project ChildSafe which is a nationwide program whose purpose is to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owners through the distribution of key safety education messages and free gun locking devices.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.
## Calendar of Events

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