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## Belmont Farmers' Market starts up



OLIVIA TATRO, 10, of Moultonborough, is an expert in making balloon animals and other balloon figures. She is pictured with her mother Donna at the Belmont Farmers' Market held at the Tioga Pavilion on Mill Street on Sunday. (JIM CLARK/CITIZEN)



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BELMONT—The first of four farmers' markets in Belmont between now and September took place on Sunday at the Tioga Pavilion on Mill Street next to the Belmont Mill.

The market began in the mid-morning and lasted until early afternoon. It featured the usual fare of

vegetables and flowers for sale, as well as some unusual items.

Olivia Tatro, 10, of Moultonborough, was on hand along with her mother Donna. Olivia will enter 5th grade at Moultonborough Central Elementary School in the fall. She is an expert in making balloon animals and other balloon figures.

Olivia said that she's been making balloon figures since the age of six. She received a gift certificate, and with that bought a balloon kit. Then she purchased a more advanced book on balloon making. Out of balloons, Olivia constructs dogs, giraffes, fish, flowers, bracelets, swords, guitars and even July 4th hats.

Arthur and Annmarie Sweatt of Gilford set up a table which contained products made from Arthur's woodworking shop. Among the items for sale were salt and pepper shakers, pens, ice cream scoops, key chains, bowls and signs, all made from exotic wood. He also makes sea shell Christmas tree ornaments. The Sweatts make the round of flea markets, farmers' markets, and craft fairs in the Lakes Region during the summer, including the Gilford Farmers' Market on Saturdays.

Don Womack owns Lindon Garlic Farm on Dow Road in Gilmanton. He had a table set up that contained aromatic garlic plants and bulbs, green scapes from the garlic plant and a couple of pints of strawberries.

Also setting up tables were Robin Ann Mercier of Robin Ann's Hats and Goods of Gilmanton, and Jim Ramanek of Warner River Produce of Webster, where he has four greenhouses.

Perhaps the most unusual goods for sale were those of Kathy Denutte of Belmont. She specializes in fragrances and other natural products, including soy-whipped body butter, bath salts, soy soap and various kinds of incense.

Denutte also sells what she calls "redneck scents." They are contained in small cans which consist of melted soy mixed with a particular "good ol' boy" fragrance and can be melted with a heat source or lighted on a wick.

The "redneck scents" include bacon, motor oil, beer, a riding lawn mower, the smell of a camp fire, tractor dirt, deer musk, puppy breath and something called "hillbilly home brew." A small can of "redneck scent" could be purchased for \$5, while a large can cost \$10.

Denutte said she attends the Laconia and Gilford Farmers' Markets, and has sold her goods at Belmont High School and at local 4-H events. She also has attended farmers' markets in Concord.

The next farmers' market at Belmont's Tioga Pavilion will take place on Sunday, July 31, to be followed by Sunday events on Aug. 28 and Sept. 18.

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