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Belmont Farmers Market to return for summer 2016

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THE SECOND ANNUAL Belmont Farmers Market will take place at Tioga Pavilion during one Sunday a month in June, July, August, and September. (CITIZEN/JIM CLARK)



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BELMONT— Although New Hampshire has been spared from a heavy snowfall this winter, Monday morning's steady snow flurries caused a lot of people in the region to wish for the quick arrival of summer.

In Belmont, the fourth annual Lakes Region 5K Leprechaun Leap run was on Saturday. The 5K run/walk attracted 54 participants, who ran a course starting at the Old Belmont Mill and running a loop through town side streets, and extending for a short distance on Route 106, before winding up at the mill.

Top finishers were awarded gift baskets. The first adult male finisher was Alan Barrett, while the first adult female finisher was Elizabeth Tardugno. First youth male finisher was Andrew Lowe, and the first youth female finisher was Faith Gosselin.

Belmont's outdoor activities will step up as the warmer weather approaches.

For a second year, the Belmont Farmers Market will return one Sunday a month from June until September.

Each monthly market will be held at Tioga Pavilion, next to the Old Belmont Mill and just behind Main Street. The dates are Sunday, June 26, July 31, Aug. 28 and Sept. 18. Each market is set for 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Belmont Town Special Events Coordinator Gretta Olson-Wilder said that vendors are now being sought, with a fee of \$50 for all four Sundays, or just \$15 for a single Sunday.

She said the goal of the market is simply to provide a good match of vendors to consumers, to promote a "Buy Local" theme, to allow small local businesses to establish a solid customer base and as way for neighbors in in the Belmont community to get to know each other.

The market will be divided between fresh produce, crafts and prepared foods such as relishes and salsa products.

Tioga Pavilion, a post and beam open air structure, was built in the fall of 2014 with a large paved parking lot and landscaping upgrades added last year. The pavilion offers two handicapped accessible public restrooms. The back of the pavilion has green space and a rustic split rail fence that borders the Tioga River.

Eight-foot folding tables and chairs will be available at the pavilion during each of the Sunday markets this summer, and vendors can bring their own as well.

Last year's Belmont Farmers Market featured acoustic guitar music. Among the crafts sold were Shaker brooms, and an assortment of pottery and woodworking items, including bird houses and bird baths.

Olson-Wilder said that of the four farmers market events last year, two were marred by rain. Good weather helped boost attendance at the other two.

Those who wish to become a vendor for this year's Belmont Farmers Market should obtain a packet at the town of Belmont's website at www.belmontnh.org. Olson-Wilder can also be contacted via email at events@belmontnh.org, or by calling 998-3525.

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