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Chris Fogg and Wallace Rhodes of the Belmont Historical Society had a perfect location for their booth on Old Home Day, appropriately set up with a backdrop of the historic Belmont Mill.



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Girl Scout Troop 21532 took home the Selectmen's Award for their Old Home Day parade float that spotlighted their pride in the history of Belmont.

Old Home Day makes a triumphant return to Belmont Village

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BELMONT — The Village District in Belmont blossomed during Old Home Day with the ambiance of an old time open air marketplace when vendors lined the new loop road behind the library, connecting it to Mill Street and the Belmont Mill.

Because of construction in the village last summer, the 2012 Old Home Day was held on the grounds of Belmont High School. But earlier this spring, the dump trucks and bulldozers finished their work, the grass grew green again, flowers and trees were planted and the newly refurbished village was set for the return of the annual celebration.

For more than 100 years, residents of Belmont have gathered to celebrate small town life and welcome home friends and family who return home each year to not only share their memories, but have fun making new ones. The day is filled with many traditions, like the presentation of the Belmont Good Citizen Award,

which this year went to recent Belmont High School graduate Kaleb Brace. There was also the fire department's annual Chicken Barbecue, the 45 annual Old Home Day 10 Mile Road Race that attracted runners from all over New England, and of course the parade, and fireworks.

This year's theme was "Belmont Pride" and the town recognized the Belmont Rotary as the parade's Grand Marshall as a thank you for all their work in the community.

Enjoying the new look of the village, residents and visitors spent the day shopping for locally made candles, tie-dyed tee shirts, jewelry, and souvenirs at the many vendor tents along the green.

Food also played a big part in the festivities and besides the ice cream, SnoKones, fried dough and other treats, there were plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers and other good foods to select from for lunch in the afternoon. The newly reformed BHS Par-

ent Teacher Organization also had a delicious taco bar to not only raise funds for their group but to help spread the word that they are up and running once again at the high school.

"We've had a fabulous response so far," members reported last weekend. "Our focus this year is to keep parents connected with their students at a time when they need them the most."

Live music by Crunchy Western Boys Band, a kiddie tractor pull, games and a dunking booth from the Belmont Bogie Busters snowmobile club kept everyone entertained until the first sounds of the parade could be heard as it made its way along Main Street.

"Belmont Pride" was evident in the many parade entries, which were led by the Rotary and its oldest member, Arthur Stewart. Most notable of the floats was that of local Girl Scout Troop 21532. The girls and their leaders, Diane Cleveland and Judy

Hayes, put a lot of time, effort and research into recreating historic sites and demonstrating their pride in Belmont's early days. Dressed in colonial

costumes, the girls waved to the crowd as they posed amidst their rendition of the Gale School, bandstand, and other buildings and artifacts that played a role

in Belmont history. Their hard work paid off with the presentation of the Selectmen's Award for 2013.

BHS marching band and
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4-H Fair keeps a local tradition alive

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BELMONT — The Belknap County 4-H Fair celebrated its 70th anniversary this weekend with a family-friendly line-up of events, such as horse and tractor pulls, animal shows, and live entertainment.

The Belknap County 4-H Fair began in 1943 as a place where children could practice the competition of showing their dairy animals, and has since developed a strong reputation as a family-friendly event and an opportunity for people of all ages to demonstrate their skills in showing farm animals, home improvements, and natural resources.

This year's fair featured more than 40 events that included live musical performances by Joel Cage, Lauren Hurley, and the Jandee Lee Porter Band. There were multiple state qualifying animal showings, including a dog show, a horse show, and dairy and beef showings. In the Junior Goat Fitting and Showmanship competition, there were three participants under the age of 13, showing for their second year.

Many animals were on exhibit for fair attendees to observe and pet, including



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Eleanor, an animal lover from Ashland, celebrates her first time at the Belknap County 4-H Fair by riding a pony for the first time.

rabbits, sheep, and cows. Kathy Salanitro, Miss New Hampshire Senior America 2011, and owner of Ox-K Farm, had her four Brown Swiss oxen on exhibit at

the fair. All nine years old and weighing in at about 2,500 pounds each, the oxen will be a little heavier when they are full grown at age eleven.

She said, "I just love oxen. I've been working with them for thirty years, and I have trained mine as therapy oxen for nursing homes, and for children."

Salanitro says they are great animals for enriching the lives of children because, through interaction with the animals, kids can develop self-discipline, patience, and self-confidence. When she was competing for Miss New Hampshire
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National Night Out offers Belmont safety officials a chance to engage with community

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BELMONT — All across America, Tuesday, Aug. 6 was known as the 30th annual National Night Against Crime, inviting communities to join their local police departments in taking a stance against crimes of all types.

In Belmont, that translated into a wonderful evening of family fun as residents joined the Belmont Police in Sargent Park for food, fun and camaraderie.

"It's something we've always wanted to do, but it's the very first time we've been able to participate here in Belmont, and what a great turnout we've had," said Chief Mark Lewandoski.

Lewandoski, who took over the reins of the BPD in January, said his goal is to have the department be more active within the community. A bike safety day in June and the Night Against Crime are just two ways they have recently stepped out to interact in a positive fashion with residents.

The Belmont Rotary also took part in the evening, serving up free hot dogs, drinks, chips and Sno Kones.

"We're here just giving back to our community,"

Rotary members said as they kept an eye on the grill and scooped up colorful icy treats for the little ones.

While children enjoyed the playground equipment, bouncy house, face painting, as well as some activities provided by the Parks and Recreation Department, adults joined in some

lively games of horseshoes. The tennis courts attracted many of the teens, who played street hockey, volleyball and basketball, and all of the fun was set to the back drop of music from DJ Rondo.

"This is good," said Selectman Ruth Mooney. "It's
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Veterans Home residents cruise down memory lane

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TILTON — It was all about celebrating summer and reliving fond memories during the annual Cruise Night at the New Hampshire Veterans' Home last week, when the pavilion and grounds behind the facility were ringed with everything from antique military jeeps and "souped" up old trucks to Model T's, "woodies," luxurious old sedans, and some high performance vehicles.

In all, there were 47 classic and antique vehicles on display for veterans to explore and the owners were on hand to show off all the time and energy that was put into their restoration and upkeep. Veterans were even able to get a peek under the hood and see what powered each one.

Helping those in wheelchairs get to enjoy the



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Air Force veteran Andrew West enjoyed the many memories brought back by Carlton MacLeod's 1956 Chevy wagon during Cruise Night at the New Hampshire Veterans' Home last Thursday.

including Tilton-Northfield, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Keene, Nashua West and the Capitol Area.

As the crowd perused all the vehicles and enjoyed some refreshments, The Be-
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Franklin Animal Shelter improves visibility

As part of a long-term and comprehensive program to increase community awareness and visibility, the Franklin Animal Shelter erected a new sign at the intersection of S. Main Street and Punch Brook Road in Franklin on Friday, July 26. "This sign represents one of many aspects of a long-term plan to improve citizen awareness of our shelter and the services it provides to the City of Franklin," stated Jeffrey Brewer, Treasurer. "We have provided services to the City and its citizens for over a decade, largely under the radar. The directors, staff and volunteers are now actively engaged in many events and functions to get our message out." Brewer continued, "The Shelter is very appreciative of our patron, Cindy Foster, who funded the sign and to Tilton Sign Works for the quality product it produced at a reasonable cost. The Franklin Animal Shelter would be hard pressed to continue operations without the support of people and organizations like Cindy and Tilton Sign Works." Pictured, Left to Right: Jeffrey Brewer, Treasurer, Lisa Seymour, Tom Seymour, Director. Just another day in paradise!

SHAKER

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ing a place for learning, reflection, and renewal of the human spirit. Visitors are encouraged to rethink tradition by learning about the life, ideals, values, and history of the Canterbury Shakers. The National Historic Landmark includes

25 restored original and four reconstructed Shaker buildings, and 694 acres of forests, fields, gardens, nature trails, and mill ponds under permanent conservation easement. The Village cafe offers simple lunch fare and the Museum Store features unique gifts

and wares handmade by regional artists. Canterbury Shaker Village, located at 288 Shaker Road in Canterbury, New Hampshire, is open daily from May 27-Oct. 27 and weekends in May and November. For more information, visit www.shakers.org.

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good for the kids and good for the officers and residents to have a chance to interact like this."

Officers Joel Pickowicz and Evan Boulanger organized the inaugural event and were very pleased with the outcome. They said it was all made possible with the help of not only the Belmont Rotary and Parks and Recreation Department but also through the generosity of local businesses, Country Kitchens, Coca-Cola and Taylor Rental.

"This will absolutely become an annual event for us and will only get bigger each year," said Pickowicz.

Chief David Parenti and the Belmont Fire Department also took part in the Night Out, greeting resi-

dents and offering a tour of their ambulance. Parenti and Lieutenant Mike Newhall explained the equipment on board, used to handle everything from a minor injury to life-threatening situations.

Another popular attraction was the police cruiser, where children were able to sit behind the wheel as officers showed them all the technology inside.

"I hope this is the first and only time I see him in a police cruiser now," said one mom as she snapped photos of her son.

And that, was part of the goal, Pickowicz said. The department hoped to show children police officers are there to help when needed and inspire them to make good decisions in their futures.

On the far end of the

park there was another treat for both young and old. Sgt. Derek Newcomb of the Plymouth Police Department brought his K-9 partner, Bruder, to town and gave a demonstration on how he and Bruder work together in apprehending suspects. Following Newcomb's commands, Bruder made a big impression on how he, too, helps fight crime.

Belmont Police Lieutenant Richard Mann was happy to see so many families come out in support of the evening and hoped it would go a long way in both community relations and as a crime deterrent in the future.

"Any time we can get kids and parents out to have a good time, it's money in the bank for the town," he said.

FAIR

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Senior America 2011, she used her experience training children to work with oxen as her talent.

"They asked me to sing and dance, but I couldn't do either. So, I did what I love, and I won!" she said.

Miss New Hampshire Senior America 2013, Barbara Danais, also attended the Belknap County 4-H Fair, and performed two songs live.

Children's activities were also going on throughout the weekend, including a Bubble Gum Blowing

Contest and a Jell-O Eating Contest.

As the smallest recognized agricultural fair in New Hampshire, the Belknap County 4-H Fair continued its tradition in 2013 of providing a wholesome and fun experience for the whole family.

POLICE

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Robert Leighton, 52, of Franklin for Driving after Revocation or Suspension.

John Jordan, 44, of Boscauwen for Driving after Revocation or Suspension.

Pedro Lebron, 37, of Northfield for Criminal Threatening & three counts Simple Assault.

Kyle Bell, 23, of Northfield for Driving While Intoxicated, Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, Disobeying an Officer & Reckless Operation.

Other calls included Criminal Threatening, Harassment, Theft, Criminal Mischief, Prowling, Pistol Permits, Welfare Checks, Alarm Activations, Civil

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Avoid "Cramming" for College Savings

If you have children, you're keenly aware that it's getting close to back-to-school time. Today, that might mean you need to go shopping for notebooks and pencils. But in the future, when back to school means off to college, your expenditures are likely to be significantly greater. Will you be financially prepared for that day?

It could be expensive. The average cost for one year at an in-state public school is \$22,261, while the comparable expense for a private school is \$43,289, according to the College Board's figures for the 2012/2013 academic year. And these costs will probably continue to rise.

Still, there's no need to panic. Your child could receive grants or scholarships to college, which would lower the sticker price. But it's still a good idea for you to save early and often.

To illustrate the importance of getting an early jump on college funding, let's look at two examples of how you might fund a college education. A 529 plan is one way, but not the only way to save for college.

(The following examples are hypothetical in nature and don't reflect the performance of an actual investment or investment strategy.)

Example 1: Suppose you started saving for your child's college education when she was 3 years old. If you contributed \$200 a month, for 15 years, to a 529 plan that earned 7% a year, you'd accumulate about \$64,000 by the time your daughter turned 18. With a 529 plan, your earnings grow tax free, provided all withdrawals are used for qualified higher education purposes. (Keep in mind, though, that 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty.)

Example 2: Instead of starting to save when your child was 3, you wait 10 years, until she turns 13. You put in the same \$200 per month to a 529 plan that earns the same 7% a year. After five years, when your daughter has turned 18, you will have accumulated slightly less than \$15,000.

Clearly, there's a big disparity between \$64,000 and \$15,000. So, if you don't

want to be in a position where you have to start putting away huge sums of money each month to catch up on your college savings, you'll be well advised to start saving as early as possible specifically, during the first few years of your child's life.

Of course, given all your other expenses, you may find it challenging to begin putting away money for college. And with so many years to go until you actually need the money, it's tempting to put off your savings for another day. But those other days can add up, and before you know it, college may be looming.

Consequently, you may want to put your savings on autopilot by setting up a bank authorization to move money each month into a college savings account. And, as your income rises, you may be able to increase your monthly contributions.

Save early, save often: It's a good strategy for just about any investment goal and it can make an especially big difference when it comes to paying for the high costs of higher education.

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