Belmont looks back to “The Good Old Days” with Old Home Day festivities

BY DONNA RHODES

THE BELMONT Village held a celebration of its Old Home Day festivities last Saturday, another milestone event in the calendar of activities to benefit the animals of the New Hampshire Humane Society as well.

At first, I couldn’t believe what I was hearing. This was the first time since I was a kid that I had ever heard someone say that a town is the biggest little ag fair in New Hampshire! Come enjoy the fun and games, including the popular Pedal Tractor Pull, which many hailed as the biggest draw of the day. But what made this fair so special was the fact that it was a celebration of the community, bringing together residents from all walks of life.

Belmont Village hosted a variety of events on Old Home Day last Saturday afternoon as people enjoyed live music, games, craft booths, and a parade.

The event kicked off with a parade at 10 a.m., featuring floats, marching bands, and the Belmont Fire Department. The parade was followed by a children’s activity area, where participants could enjoy games and crafts. The day also featured live music and food vendors, with many vendors offering delicious food and drinks.

Old Rylan Harris, but also a positive role model for others,” said Ry- lan’s mom Gina Harris, who is also a positive role model in her career as a firefighter and EMT for Belmont Fire Depart- ment.

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As to Gunstock Ski Area, Loudon was provided by the band King Chrome during the early afternoon hours, followed by the Rockin’ Rednecks later in the day. As a 3 p.m. and parade time approached, a familiar figure entered the community:2015 parade Grand Marshal honoree, Carl MacLeod.

Leading the way were the Belmont High School Marching Band and Moulton’s Assisted Living. The Band provided music along the parade route and Belmont’s 2015 Good Citizen, Nikolai Fernandez was also honored.

Other notable entries were the town’s 4-H organization and the multifamily “Dancing Never Gets Old!” float that included not only “flappers” from the Roarin’ 20’s but other fun dance styles and costumes through the years.

“It’s been a very good day,” said Events Coordinator Gretta Olson-Wilder. “We had a wide variety of vendors this year and a really great crowd of people who came out, especially for the parade.”

In the evening hours, the activities then moved to Bryant Field. It was there that crowds gathered to enjoy a rock wall and obstacle course, a performance by Anizzle and the Orphans, and finally a spectacular fireworks presentation by Atlas Fireworks that capped off the day.

Next Saturday, Aug. 8, the 47th Annual Belmont Old Home Day will bring hundreds of runners back to the village along with other race activities that will comprise the “Road, Rail and Fun Competition Day,” including the Cow Pie (10-Mile) Relay Race.

For entry forms and more information on that day’s events, visit www.belmontnh.org.