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Belmont celebrates 50 years of Old Home Day Road Race in August

BELMONT — On Saturday, Aug. 11, Belmont Old Home Day will celebrate with a theme of “Go the Distance” in honor of the 50th running of the Belmont 10-Mile Road Race.

The race was started decades ago by Sue Roberts, Bob St. Lawrence, and Ken Ellis. Both Roberts and St. Lawrence are no longer with us to help celebrate this milestone of the oldest road race in New Hampshire still run on the original course. The challenging race will start at 8:30 a.m., with registrations for the long distance race and the 30th Tioga Fun Run (starting at 8:45 a.m.) taking place in the parking lot of Belmont

Middle School on School Street. Forms are also available at Town Hall or online at <http://www.belmontnh.org/belmontoldhomeday.asp>. The kick off of the day will be the traditional Pancake Breakfast hosted by the First Baptist Church under the Tioga Pavilion on Mill St. at 7:30 a.m. and Flag Raising Ceremony near the library around 8 a.m.

Crafters, information booths, and concession stands will be set up near the Belmont Public Library until mid-afternoon with children’s games and live entertainment on the bandstand. The band Back 2 Back (classics from the ‘60s ‘90s) <https://www.facebook.com/back2backbandnh/> will be on the bandstand at 10:30 am, leading up to the Parade on Main St. kicking off at 1 p.m. New to the parade this year will be an appearance of the NH Police Pipes and Drums and members of the New Hampshire Roller Derby. If you haven’t experienced the action of roller derby live, then please check out their website at <http://nhrollerderby.com/> to catch their upcoming match in Manchester on July 15. We welcome all car, ATV, and motorcycle clubs to join us in the parade and also to set up an information booth to recruit new members. Parade, SEE **ROAD RACE**, PAGE A12

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vendor, and other forms are available at <http://www.belmontnh.org/belmontoldhomeday.asp>.

Regroup in the late af-

ternoon while enjoying an indoor Chicken BBQ at the Fire Station for a nominal fee. Evening activities move up to Bryant Field on Route 106 with plenty of free parking available at Belmont Middle School or sur-

rounding side streets. Enjoy a free climbing wall and live entertainment featuring the Scott Spradling Band, <https://www.facebook.com/TheScottSpradlingBand/>. The evening concludes with a spec-

tacular fireworks display scheduled to begin around dusk.

As a new addition to the annual celebration and to kick off the weekend, plans are being finalized for Belmont High School alumni

soccer games on Friday evening, Aug. 10. They will be played under the lights on the lower field located at 255 Seavey Road. A great way to start the weekend with family and friends! For more information about

any of the events scheduled for this year’s Belmont Old Home Day, please contact Gretta Olson-Wilder, Town of Belmont Special Events Coordinator, at 998-3525 or via email at events@belmontnh.org.