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Twelve-year-old Olivia had a lot of fun teaching people how to make simple balloon animals, such as a dog, a giraffe and a turtle bracelet, at Hobby/Demo Days in Belmont last Saturday afternoon.

Hobby/Demo Day exposes Belmont residents to a variety of pastimes

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BELMONT – Demonstrations of all types of crafts and hobbies was the focal point of a fun and unique family-style

event in Belmont last Saturday afternoon, capped off by live classic country music from the band “Bail Jumpers” at 6 p.m.

Off and on showers

limited participation a bit, but the weather couldn’t dampen the enthusiasm of those who gathered under the pavilion to learn about

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Christy Dunn of Broadway North demonstrated some easy line dance moves during Belmont's Hobby/Demo Day at the Tioga Pavilion last Saturday afternoon.

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new crafts or discuss their favorite hobbies with like-minded folks.

Twelve-year-old Olivia of Moultonborough drew people in with her balloon animal craft. With a ready supply

of colorful balloons on hand, she walked people through the art of creating their own balloon animals.

Nearby, Catherine Goodmen of Miss Catherine's Threads in Franklin explained how wool went from sheep to sweaters, hats and mit-



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Arthur Sweatt of Gilford shared his hobby, fly tying, with everyone when Belmont held a Hobby/Demo Day last weekend under the Tioga Pavilion.

tens as she demonstrated the old-time craft of spinning wool.

Arthur Sweatt of Gilford caught the attention of many men with his demonstrations on fly tying, creating fishing lures with brightly colored feathers and a few other supplies.

"Bright colors cer-

tainly work the best in attracting fish to the hook," he said.

For those who like to read, Sandy Valtz represented a few individuals looking to start "Friends of the Belmont Library" to support events and group activities for the library patrons. While seeking



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As part of a Hobby/Demo Day at the Tioga Pavilion in Belmont last Saturday, Dashi Bob Yogi Young of Eastern Dragon Karate taught people some basic self-defense moves before his group demonstrated some of their own skills in martial arts.

to get a minimum of five people signed up to form a board for the Friends group, Valtz also asked everyone to cast their vote for one of a variety of logos the organization is considering. Valtz said they hope to have Friends of the Belmont Library up and running soon so

they can begin to make plans for the library's 90th anniversary next year.

Eastern Dragon Karate of Belmont offered tips on basic self-defense moves then performed demonstrations of the Jiu-Jitsu style of karate taught at their school while Broadway North got people up and moving, too. Instructor Christy Dunn gathered people together to teach them the fun of line dancing. The group went over basic steps one by one then soon learned to put them all together to dance to some music.

"It's really pretty easy and a lot of fun at the same time," Dunn said as she coaxed a few shy people into the group.

Throughout the day, there were jigsaw puzzles that many stopped to work on, cook books to browse through for new recipes, and activities for children to take part in as well.

The next major event scheduled in the town will be Belmont Old Home Day on Saturday, Aug. 11. This year's theme is "Go the Distance" in recognition of the 50th year of the Belmont 10-mile Road Race. The day begins with the race at 8 a.m. and will include live music, vendors on the town green, a parade, and a chicken barbecue at Belmont Fire Department. In the evening hours there will be a host of other activities and more live music on Bryant Field where the festivities will conclude with fireworks at dusk.

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