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**

By Donna Rhodes

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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new crafts or discuss
t heir favorite hobbies
with like-minded folks.
Twelve-year-old Ol-
ivia of Moultonbor-
ough drew people in with her
balloon animal craft.
With a ready supply
of colorful balloons on
hand, she walked people
through the art of creat-
ing their own balloon
animals.
Nearby, Cathar-
ine Goodman of Miss
Catherine’s Threads in
Franklin explained how
wool went from sheep to
sweaters, hats and mit-
tens as she demon-
strated the old-time craft of
spinning wool.
Arthur Sweatt of Gil-
ford shared his hobby, fly tying,
creating fish-
ing 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 indi-
viduals looking to start
“Friends of the Belmont
Library” to support
events and group ac-
tivities for the library
patrons while seeking
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 consid-
ering. 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 Kar-
ate of Belmont offered tips on basic self-de-
fense moves then per-
demonstrated formations of the Je-Jiu-Jitsu style of
tae kwon do taught at their
school while Broadway
North got people up and
moving, too. Instruc-
tor 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
couple shy people into the
group.
Throughout the day,
there were jigsaw puz-
zes that many stopped
to work on, cook books
to browse through for
new recipes, and activi-
ties 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 Dis-
tance” 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 Depart-
ment. 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.