Sanbornton welcomes the holidays at Christmas Social

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SANBORNTON — Sanbornton was “rockin’ to the jingle bell beat” of the “Jingle Bell Rock” and other memorable tunes from the Moulton Band when families gathered for a Christmas Social at the old Tummy Hall, recently sponsored each year by the Sanbornton Recreation Department.

The Moulton Band, based in Sanbornton, is renowned as being the oldest continuous band in New Hampshire, dating back to 1889. The group entertained the gathering with a host of Christmas music while boys and girls decorated Christmas cookies and worked with some of Santa’s volunteers to make Christmas decorations to take home.

“I really like this year’s Christmas Social, especially decorating the cookies,” said nine-year-old Philip. “It really brings out the Christmas spirit.”

His friend Nolan agreed, but joked that since all the cookies he decorated were disguised, it was tough to eat them.

At the craft table, everyone was hard at work making holiday ornaments and wreaths from foam shapes and decorations. Little two-and-a-half-year-old Emmylou was pleased to present her mother with her newly crafted snowman wreath. She then looked around for the action of Santa Claus, as she was too small to tell him her holiday wishes.

“I want babies and some bubbles (stuffed animals) for Christmas,” she said.

As children worked on their wreaths, cookies and crafts, the Winnisquam Ag Center students were weaving holiday magic.

Tilton Senior Center offers a full slate of programming

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TILTON — Since its grand opening in May the Tilton Senior Center has become a thriving part of the Winnisquam community, serving seniors from Tilton, Northfield, Belmont and Sanbornton.

In the activities center, young and elderly gather to enjoy meals, socialize and take part in the many activities offered. A recent event included a Pickin’/Practice Party, which featured line dancing for beginners.

Students from the Winnisquam Ag Center have been busy creating holiday decorations to sell to the public, including bow, wreaths, and candle centerpieces. Members of the Ag Science class are Tonya Beaudoin and Josy Bouzan of Belmont High. Alexis Carignan, Collin Kuchinsky, Devin Basha and Trevor Cammett of Franklin High and Alex Brown of Inter-Lakes High School, and said she prefers making the candle centerpieces but, no matter what her task on any day of the week, she is just happy to be a part of the team.

“I was so happy getting involved and working together with everyone,” she said. “This is my second year, and it’s really fun to meet new faces.”

Trevor Cammett from Franklin comes from a family of tree farm owners and said he really likes working with his hands as part of his school day.

“This is awesome. Making wreaths makes me happy and I love me up for the holidays,” Cammett said.

Brenda goes on to add her wreath, Sonya Bousil of Belmont agreed. She said it is a sticky job, but never boring.

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ideas and suggestions, Paratore are wide open to all groups at the Tilton Senior Construction, knitting and cro- 

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Other scheduled activities are a winter Internet in- struction, knitting and cro- 

thers, and it’s just a wonderful experience that keeps getting better every year.”

LEONGER said she was 
grateful to have families come out for the holiday cele- 

boration and especially wanted to thank all who helped make the day such a memorable event.

“None of this would be possible without all the volunteers,” Leonger said. She expressed her gratitude to seniors, too,” said Paratore. Visitors to the center serve the community as well. Current- 

ly many of the women have been “knitting up a storm” to help the Tilton Northfield Sanbornton Christmas Fund meet the cold weather needs of local children. They are also col- 

lecting canned goods, warm clothing and other donations for the fund, which may bring “most of all, I would like to thank the entire commu- 

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ing and the finished product makes it all worthwhile. Kissing balls have a long tradition among families who would like to join them. Paratore said it is requested that people call ahead by the Thursday prior to the Tues- 

day lunches to place a reservation.

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ery, Frank Binney of Blaney Auto Crushing, and Tom Sleeper of Sleeper Welding all took part in the recovery and removal of the penstock to preserve it for the future. “These gentlemen did this with only 72 hours noti- 

ication,” Prayle said. “Peter opened his relented, got in touch with them and all of 

(Storage) space and transportation for it.”

The historic pipe was once used to bring water to the wooden mill in the cen- 

ter of the village. The com- 

mison is now looking for ways to use and display the penstock once the village revitalization project is com- 

pletes.

The Heritage Commission welcomes suggestions for future stands in an on- 

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