Bailey, Garfield & Lewandoski honored in Belmont

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BELMONT — The fourth annual Community Heritage Awards were given last night by Heritage Commission Chair Linda Frawley and Selectboard Chair Ruth Mooney to three people who “made Belmont Bel- mont.”

Everett Bailey was recognized for his outstanding contribution to traditional crafts and rural New Hampshire. After retiring from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bailey began learning and has since mastered the art of Shaker broom making. He teaches the story of Shaker and innovation and entrepreneurship at the Canterbury Shaker Village, sells his brooms at his store through the League of New Hampshire and gives yearly workshops.

Bailey was active for 14 years in the Belmont Baseball Organization. Thomas Garfield was recognized for his regional leadership and outstanding service to town-meeting tradition. Garfield was first elected town moderator in 2004 and is noted for his fair administration of town meeting with tact and humor. He served during the transition from traditional town meeting to Belmont’s transition to SB-2 or being an Official Ballot community.

Garfield recently retired as the executive vice president at the Bank of New Hampshire in Laconia, served as chairman of the Belknap Economic Development Council, on the board of the LRH Healthcare, on the Lakes Region Community College Advisory Council and Lakes Region Rotary.

Chester A. Lewandoski was recognized for his exceptional committee to baseball, Belmont and the community.

Years ago, he attended a gathering of Little League parents to see if they had uniforms and spent the next 37 years a sponsor. His grandson Jordan Cote is a farm team for the New York Yankees. Lewandoski continues to be an Old House Day supporter and holds down the back page of their annual publication. He is also very active in the Belmont Rotary.

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year,” she said. “We’re not going to let this happen again.”

A police department log shows officers responded to 235 calls between 2:30 a.m. Friday and 3:30 a.m. Sunday. At least 14 arrests among about 50 made during the course of the unruly behavior appeared related to it. Most involved disorderly conduct or alcohol-related offenses.

One group of young people threatened to beat up an elderly man, and another resident heard someone “threatening to kill officers,” according to the police log. About 20 injured people were taken to hospitals. Keene Fire Chief Mark Howard told New England Cable News.

Student body president Bobby Graham said he was disgusted by the destruction he saw and believes most of the perpetrators were not Keene State students.

“We are devoted to our community and very much engaged with our community,” he said.

Keene State College President Anne Huot said previously that the festival has been promoted by others “as a destination for destructive and raucous behavior” and the college had tried working with the city and campus to prevent unruly conduct.