Belmont residents honored by Heritage Commission for contributions to community

BY DONNA RHODES

BELMONT — Marking New Hampshire His-
tory Week, selectmen in Belmont paused in their weekly meeting last Mon-
day night so the Belmont Heritage Commission could honor those who have made significant contributions to the com-

munity.

The entire Heritage Commission joined chairman Linda Frawley in congratulating three distinctive citizens who were nominated for the fifth annual Belmont Community Heritage Awards.

First up to be congrat-
ulated for keeping music alive at the historic 1908 bandstand was Belmont Elementary School’s music director, Jennifer Shaw.

Shaw, Frawley said, has taught music to hun-

dreds of children in her nearly 30-year teaching career, 13 years of which have been spent at BES.

In addition to her educational endeavors, she was part of not only the in-
spiration to preserve the bandstand but its success since that time by bring-
ing her musical groups to the bandstand for holiday concerts and special cele-

On behalf of the Belmont Heritage Commission, selectman Ruth Mooney (center) was pleased to present this year’s Community Heritage Awards to Belmont Music teacher Jennifer Shaw, town historian Wallace Rhodes and former police chief and retired state public safety official Earl Sweeney.

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widely, through his in-


evolved in law en-

forcement, training,

procedures, fire safety,

Homeland Security, and

with the b-11 emergency

response system. Sweeney

has contributed his

expertise to numerous

manuals and training

guides, and was also pub-

lished in journals such

as the PRI Law Enforce-

ment Bulletin and Stan-

dards for Police Training

Organizations.

“Earl set the stan-

dards high in education

and ethics at the New

Hampshire Police Train-

ing Academy...and liter-

ally wrote the book and

produced the concept on

stalking,” said Frawley.

“(Numerous organiza-

tions) have tipped their

hats to this gentleman

and we are proud to rec-

ognize him tonight for

Exemplary Leadership.”

The final presenta-

tion was a surprise for

Heritage Commission

Vice Chairman Wallace

Rhodes, whose numerous

contributions to history

and historic preservation

projects over the years

have made him a town

icon.

Rhodes first displayed

his appreciation of life in

Belmont at an early age when he snapped a renowned photograph of children sledding during recess on the hillside in front of the Gale School back in 1952.

He went on to become a self-taught researcher and a “quietly persistent” advocate for historic preservation. Frawley lauded his tireless efforts and financial contribu-
tions toward saving the Belmont Mill building, the grants and awards he brought to town projects over the years, his work on the first ever town charrette and with all the committees, boards and commissions he has served on both now and in the past.

Rhodes was surprised and humbled by the award presentation but took a moment to thank the Heritage Commission and selectmen.

“I’m very proud to be from Belmont, and to see it looking as good as it does today,” he said.
Belmont Heritage Commission honored for bandstand restoration

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BELMONT — Jennifer Goodman, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, was in Belmont earlier this week to present the town’s Heritage Commission with a plaque for their Land and Community Heritage Improvement Project that restored the 1908 bandstand, which sits behind the library on the new town common.

During the brief ceremony, Goodman presented them with the prestigious Elizabeth Durfee Hemenway Award (for “going above and beyond” in their work on the structure. On hand for the presentation were members of the Belmont Heritage Commission and key contractors and presentation volunteers involved in the work on the bandstand, such as restoration expert J.R. Graton and historian Linda Salatiello and Eve Rhodes.

The plaque presentation was an event of the Sanbornton Historical Society hosting program on Victorian mourning practices.

Sanbornton Historical Society hosting program on Victorian mourning practices

SANBORNTON — On Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., Sanbornton Public Library hosts a grim yet humorous event that is free and open to the public. Historians Linda Salatiello and Evelyn Auger will present a remanifest of a Victorian-era mourning practice. These very talented and knowledgeable historians with a passion for historical preservation offer a delightful glimpse into traditions of the Victorian era. Light refreshments will be served.

Sanbornton Public Library is handicap accessible. It is located at 286-8288 or visit our website at www.sqbpl.org.

Crossing the bridge

Wanda Jordan, who was the first person to traverse the old Cannon Bridge linking portions of Tilton and Northfield when it reopened the original iron bridge that once stood in its location, was invited to christen the bridge once again when it reopened recently following extensive repairs.

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REGION — Town Clerks throughout the state are preparing for the as yet unnamed date of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary. For one of them, the challenge is to make voters aware that now is the time for them to make any changes in their political party affiliation. Everyone heads to the polls in a couple of months.

“New voters can register for the election up to 10 days before the primary or wait and do a same day registration at the polls,” said Town Clerk Tax Collector councilor Cindy Caveny of Northfield. “Those who just want to change parties for the primary must do that by Oct. 30 when the Supervisors of the Checklist turn in their list to the State Sen. Jeannie Forrester who is on the board of directors for LCHIP, said she’s especially interested in her home in Belmont and it’s inspiring others across the state as well.”

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Local election officials gearing up for Primary

Voters reminded to change party affiliation ahead of time

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That action can take place at the polls after they submit their preferred Presidential Primary ballot. Failure to do so will result in a voter being listed under whatever party’s ballot they cast their primary vote. Those who are unsure of which party they are currently registered under are encouraged to contact their local Town Clerk prior to Oct. 30 in the event they may want to make a change in that registration.

“During the Primary we always see some voters who want a different ballot. On that day, people are only allowed to vote for the party they’re registered under though so it’s important to make any changes now if you want to,” said Caveny.

New voter registrations and changes in political party affiliation can all be done at the town hall where a voter registration is.

As New Hampshire seeks to retain its distinction as the First Primary State, the official date for the New Hampshire Presidential Primary will be set once other states have announced their polling dates but it is expected to be held sometime in January or February.

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