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Many attractions to be featured at Belmont Old Home Day on Saturday

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NELSON AND THERESA ROLFE are the grand marshals of this year's Old Home Day parade in Belmont which takes place this Saturday. The parade will proceed down Main Street beginning at 1 p.m. (COURTESY)



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BELMONT — This year's Old Home Day on Saturday will feature many activities and events that start early in the morning and extended into late evening.

The theme of this year is "Bridging the Generations." A parade down Main Street begins at 1 p.m., and the grand marshals are Nelson and Theresa Rolfe of Belmont.

The parade formation for marchers begins on School Street and floats assemble on Concord Street. The parade procession will extend the entire length of Main Street and then disperse at the Belmont Fire Station.

The day's festivities kick off with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the First Baptist Church at Tioga Pavilion on Mill Street near the Belmont Mill at 7:30 a.m. At 8 a.m. there will be a flag raising ceremony at the public library on Main Street.

The 48th Annual Belmont 10-mile road race begins at 8:30 a.m. Runners will follow a circuitous route starting on Concord Street, then proceed down Main Street, and then head west to Route 140, and from there to Jamestown Road, Union Road, Bean Hill Road, Seavey Road, then Church Street, before returning to Main Street.

Meanwhile, the 2nd Annual 10-mile Cow Pie Relay Race also begins at 8:30 a.m. This race also starts on Concord Street. Relay teams of three persons will head north to Wareing Road, then to South Road, cross Route 140, and then proceed to Jamestown Road, Union Road, Hurricane Road, and then back to the center village area.

The Cow Pie Relay Race actually does not involve cow pies. Instead, relay runners will pass batons to other relay teams. In this case "cow pie" refers to cow and horse pastures along the route.

According to Belmont Home Day organizer Gretta Olson-Wilder, there was a cow pie throwing contest at the end of last year's race, but one is not scheduled for this year. Olson-Wilder said there is a fee for runners in the regular 10-mile race and the Cow Pie Relay Race. The fee for runners in the regular race is \$18, and for teams of three in the Cow Pie Relay Race the cost is \$54 (or \$18 apiece). The money raised will go for T-shirts and trophies.

For those without the stamina or inclination to run 10 miles, a one mile "Tioga Fun Run" begins at 8:45 a.m., with Concord Street as the starting point.

American Legion Post 58 in Belmont will have a booth set up during the day in front of the library on Main Street starting at 9 a.m. Legion members will be selling raffle tickets, Kettle Korn, and drinks, as well as "These Colors Don't Run" T-shirts, puzzles, bracelets, and poppies, all to raise funds for charitable organizations.

The raffle prizes include a \$500 discount on any car at Young's Auto Sales of Laconia, two unique hand-crafted wooden lamps and shades made by Mo Gouin, a \$130 cordless drill from Lowe's, and a \$25 gift card from Home Depot.

Belmont's American Legion Post supports a wide assortment of charitable and service programs including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Fire and Police Relief Funds, the Santa's Helper program, the New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund, the Pease Greeters, Girl Scout Cookies for Deployed Troops Program, and the Belmont Senior Center, among others.

At 10 a.m., children's games and a pedal tractor pull will be staged near the library and Belmont Mill.

At 10:30 a.m., King Chrome will perform live on the bandstand near the library and Belmont Mill. King Chrome is a two-member duo from Belmont that plays classic rock from the 50s through the 70s.

Olivia the balloon artist will be demonstrating her craft and giving away balloon figures near the bandstand at that time.

At 5 p.m., a chicken barbeque dinner will be served at the Belmont Fire Station.

At 6 p.m. at Bryant Field behind the Belmont Middle School, a portable rock wall from Vertical Dreams will be open to climbers.

The B Street Bombers will perform at Bryant Field at 6:30 p.m. The B Street Bombers are a 12-member group out of the Boston area which includes brass, saxophone, and two vocalists. The group plays rhythm and blues, soul, rock, and funk.

Fireworks by Atlas are scheduled to take place at Bryant Field at 9:30 p.m.

Concession stands will be set up all along the Main Street area featuring a wide variety of food will be for sale, with many of the vendors representing non-profit organizations including the Rotary Club, the Boy Scouts, as well as the Belmont Fire Department.

The Belmont Heritage Commission and Historical Society will feature exhibits at the public library on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A baked goods and craft/treasure sale will take place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m..

Free parking is available through the village area. The best places to park are at the middle school on School Street, the elementary school on Best Street, and the high school on Seavey Road.

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