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## Cow pie throw, Ten-Miler on tap for Saturday in Belmont

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BELMONT – For the first time ever, the town of Belmont will hold its annual Ten Mile Race on a different weekend than Old Home Day.

While Old Home Day festivities were moved to last weekend, this Saturday (Aug. 8) will boast a day full of athletic competition.

It all starts at 8 a.m. sharp, when the 47th annual Belmont Ten Mile Road Race takes off from Concord Street. The event, sanctioned by USA Track and Field, is a grueling course that eventually comes to a finish near town hall on Main Street. Registration cost is \$18 and includes a t-shirt, with registration scheduled to be held at Belmont Middle School on the morning of the race. Arrive by 7:30 a.m. for final registration and bib number.

Division trophies, race results and remaining awards will be presented as soon as possible once the last runner crosses the finish line and places are official. The ceremony will be near Tioga Pavillion.

Contact Jeff Roberts (491-0979) or Gretta Olson-Wilder (998-3525) for more information or email questions to events@belmontnh.org

While the 10-Miler sets the tone on the busy morning, the Vito's 5K Run/Walk follows at 9 a.m. with the start and finish line scheduled for the Belmont Mill parking lot.

Help support the care and maintenance of Vito, Belmont Police Department's K9 Officer/Drug Enforcement dog. Cost for the 5K is just \$5 per person.

If that isn't enough for you, the town of Belmont has introduced the Cow Pie (10-Mile) Relay Race to close out the trifecta at 10 a.m. Also sanctioned by USA Track and Field, this event costs \$54 and is good for the race and in male, female and co-ed categories. All legs are approximately 3.3 miles each. In addition, team members will receive free entry into the Cow Pie Throw, which will feature real, dried cow pies thrown by hand for distance. That's something not to be missed.

"We were kind of running up against another big event in the Belknap County Fair also being the second Saturday in



The town of Belmont will hold its 47th annual Ten Mile Road Race this Saturday, Aug. 8, at 8 a.m. The race kicks off a busy day of events, which culminate in the town's first-ever Cow Pie Throw at 11:30 a.m.

August so Old Home Day was moved up a weekend," explained Olson-Wilder of the

switch. "In talking with Jeff Roberts, we talked about the road race and what we should do with

it. We decided to leave it on the second Saturday and said 'Why don't we try a couple of other

things and try and grow it as its own event.'

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## Winnisquam sets fall athletic start times

TILTON – The fall athletic season kicks off for the Winnisquam Regional High School and Middle School programs over the next two weeks. Here are the list of start times and locations for the first days of tryouts/practices.

Winnisquam Regional High School

Volleyball – Aug. 17, tryouts 3-5:30 p.m., var-

sity will practice 5:30-8 p.m. JV tryouts Aug. 18 and Aug. 19, 3:15-5:45 p.m.'

Golf – Aug. 17, 2:30 p.m. at Den Brae;

Football – Aug. 12, 5-8 p.m. at discus area at the high school;

Field hockey – Aug. 17-21, 7-8:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m., high school field hockey field;

Soccer – Aug.17-21,

8-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the high school soccer field;

Cross country – Aug. 18; 4:30 p.m. at track shed;

Unified soccer – Aug. 28; 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the soccer field.

Winnisquam Regional Middle School

Volleyball – Aug. 17-19, tryouts in middle

school gym, 3:30-5:30 p.m.;

Soccer – Week of Aug. 17; 3-4:30 p.m., Deer Street Field;

Field hockey – Aug. 17; 3-5:30 p.m., middle school field hockey field;

Cross country – Aug. 28; 2:30-4:30 p.m., meet at track;

Football – Aug. 12; 5-7 p.m., discus area at high school.

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# Gaudet, New Hampshire storm past Vermont for Shrine win

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CASTLETON, Vt. — For the majority of the 62nd annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl, host Vermont very much looked like a team that could steal a rare home victory over perennial power New Hampshire.

Gilford's Kyle Gaudet made sure that wouldn't ultimately be the case however.

The Husson University-bound wide receiver caught three touchdown passes, including two in the fourth quarter as New Hampshire scored 20 unanswered points to overcome a 12-7 deficit entering the final stanza for a 27-12 victory on Saturday night under the lights at Castleton University.

The hulking Gaudet, who topped the 1,000-yard mark his senior year last fall and was named a Division III All-State First-Team member, helped New Hamp-

shire take a lead thanks to a bit of trickery in the fourth. Trailing 12-7, the Granite Staters orchestrated a 40-yard hook and ladder on the opening play of the fourth quarter, with Gaudet catching the initial pass and tossing it to Londonderry's Dennis Bishop for the rest of the yardage and a TD to put the visitors up 15-12.

Gaudet wasn't done yet however. He hauled in a 17-yard TD pass from Bishop Brady QB Brendan Johnson with 8:53 remaining, and he closed out the scoring with a 57-yard touchdown reception from Johnson with 3:37 left. Johnson had a record-breaking season himself last fall, setting the state's touchdown pass mark with 31 as a senior.

Gaudet finished with three touchdown catches, as he scored the first TD of the game when he took a pass from Portsmouth's Connor DiCe-

sare and went 90 yards to the house for a 7-0 lead with 11:10 left in the second quarter. The teams played a scoreless first quarter.

Vermont pulled within 7-6 with a touchdown of its own in the second quarter, and New Hampshire held just the one-point advantage at half-time. Vermont scored the lone touchdown of the third quarter for a 12-7 lead before N.H. exploded in the fourth quarter to pull away for the victory.

Max Troiano, Gaudet's teammate at Gilford High School, helped set up New Hampshire's go-ahead score in the fourth quarter thanks to a 32-yard punt return. A menace on special teams all of last season in addition to rushing for 1,000 yards, Troiano will join Gaudet at Husson for his collegiate career.

It was the second year in a row that Gilford had



FILE

Winnisquam's Richie Mills joined teammate Richie Scacheri on the New Hampshire roster of the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl on Saturday. The pair became the third and fourth Bears to ever play in the game, following Austin Hunt (2013) and Dakota VanTassel (2014).

two players compete in the Shrine Game, as the 2014 version saw quarterback Jack Athanas and offensive lineman Drake Parker on the roster.

Winnisquam Regional High School had participants in the game for

the third year in a row. After Austin Hunt became the first player in school history to make the team in 2013, Dakota Van Tassel followed last summer. This time two Bears were on the roster, as lineman Richie Mills and Richie Scacheri

represented the Tilton school in Vermont.

It was the 15th win in a row for New Hampshire over Vermont, and the Granite State now leads the all-time series by a whopping 47-13-2 mark.

## Field trip to Luke Bryan

I spent my night watching a 39-year-old dude in tight jeans make young girls scream.

Luke Bryan capped off his third show in three nights at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion at Meadowbrook late last month, and I was there. I was never a fan of country music until moving to New Hampshire, but I quickly learned that you kind of have to be up here because nine out of 10 radio stations are devoted to the genre.

I had already seen the Avett Brothers play in concert at Meadowbrook earlier this summer, and while the first two nights of Luke Bryan sold out quickly, Night three still had a few tickets left a few nights ago so in a spur of the moment decision, I recruited a couple of friends and we bought lawn seats.

The show would eventually sell out the night before, and we rolled into the parking lot to tailgate amongst the masses of fans wearing daisy dukes and cowboy

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boots. The ensemble for a girl to wear at a country show is tried and true, everyone looks the same. Me? I rocked the t-shirt and shorts with flip flops look. Timeless.

After some tailgating, we ventured inside only to wait in a massive line to get into the venue. First stop was security, where they were searching people's bags and turning back anyone who was too intoxicated to get inside. By the time I reached the front of the line, the security guy only had one question for me: "Do you have any knives?" "Uh, no." "Okay, you're all set."

We got inside and eventually headed up to the lawn to try and find a decent vantage point. The place was packed by the time we got there, right at the beginning of Randy Houser's set, one of the opening acts. Lucky for us, we had a

hookup. Right before Luke Bryan came on, we managed to get our hands on actual tickets that got us a spot in the pavilion near the beer tents, a much better view of the stage and much closer than the lawn.

So it worked out that we were able to be pretty close to the stage when the main event kicked off just past 9 p.m. I still have the ringing in my ears of girls screaming every time the guy literally did anything on stage, but it was actually a pretty good time. Say what you want about country music, but the atmosphere at these shows is usually pretty fun. I've seen a few country concerts now (Eric Church, Darius Rucker) and they've all been entertaining.

The mass exodus afterwards created a mad house in the parking

lot. Rather than try and brave the lines of traffic that weren't really moving, we relaxed outside the car and let everyone else honk and yell at one another. Once the lot cleared at about midnight, we managed to get back to town in one piece and call it a night.

Here's the setlist if anyone is interested (NOTE: these may not be the actual song titles,

who can say for sure):

'Opening song'  
'That song about dixie cups'  
'Whiskey is good'  
'That song where he dances weird and people scream'  
'Bunch of songs about drinking and trucks'  
'Play the piano and be sensitive song'  
'My jeans are tighter than yours'  
'Kiss under the stars

and stuff'

'Introduce the band'  
'Closing song/Baby Got Back' (he didn't actually play that)

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## Tanger 5K set for Oct. 11

TILTON — Tanger Outlets Tilton in conjunction with Northeast Communications, AutoServ, Belknap Landscape Company, Granite State Credit Union, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Big Cat Coffees and The Citizen, will host the seventh annual Fit for a Cure 5k Run/Walk presented by Under Armour on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 8:30 a.m. This is a USA Track and Field

certified timed 5K (3.1-mile) course sponsored by AutoServ that will take place at the Tanger Outlets. The first 1,000 registrants will receive a race t-shirt. All finishers will receive a commemorative participant medal and shopping discounts. Prizes will be awarded to top three male and female winners along with division winners in each age category. Runners can register at [www.tangeroutlets.com/race](http://www.tangeroutlets.com/race).

Preregistration is available for a discount before Oct. 8. If a business or organization will have 10 or more participants, please contact Tanger's General Manager Eric Proulx at [eric.proulx@tangeroutlets.com](mailto:eric.proulx@tangeroutlets.com) for group discount information. Tanger's Fit for a Cure 5K Run/Walk will benefit the LRGHealthcare Celebrate Hope. Celebrate You Fund.

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That's where this all started."

With the timing company already booked for the second Saturday, as well as out of town runners marking their calendars, the Ten Mile Race will lead the

busy day of competition. While many were expected to attend the race but not necessarily brave the course, there are now other options, something for everyone as Olson-Wilder said.

"There are a lot of opportunities if you aren't participating in the 10-mile so we tried to offer

a variety," she said.

The cow pie throw will close the day at 11:30 a.m. Roberts has begun to harvest real cow manure out of the fields, drying it on a table in preparation for Saturday. Anyone willing to participate gets two throws using either their bare hands or disposable gloves available at the event.

"You're throwing it for distance," said Olson-Wilder. "Whichever throw goes the farthest, that goes on record as your throw. If it ends up that your throw comes apart, well then the piece that goes the farthest becomes your distance. We just thought it would be a fun and funny event to close out the morning."

Olson-Wilder said the feedback for the day of racing has been positive.

"People like the idea that there's an opportunity to do something besides just the 10-mile," she said. "There's definitely been positive feedback because we're offering a few different races and lengths, being able to offer something for people of different abilities."

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