



Race official Mary Fanelli uses a broom to start a team in the 2010 Danbury Grange bed races.

Danbury Grange Community Fair

Danbury Grange press release

Blazing Star Grange #71 in Danbury will host its 97th annual Grange and Community Fair on Saturday, September 10.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Grange building, the theme of the Fair will be Life in 1911, which is the year in which the hall was built.

The day will kick off with a delicious pancake breakfast at the Danbury Elementary School hosted by the PTO.

At 11 AM the parade will begin at Restful Road on Route 104, ending at the Grange Hall on North Road. You do not have to give prior notice to enter a float or be in the parade. Just show up that day with your unique interpretation of Life in 1911. Bicycles, tractors, old cars, and pedestrians are all welcome. Parade line up will begin at 10 AM and judging of entrants will take place before the parade commences.

After the parade, the tractor pulling will be held at the corner of North Road and Spa Road near the cemetery, and for those who prefer music, the Lyme Town Band will perform in front of the Grange Hall.

The ever-popular bed races will be held at 12:30 PM. Teams will be formed, and fierce competition will prevail as

young and old vie for the best time as they push the old metal bed from the firehouse to the creamery just beyond the Hall.

Other highlights include a baby show at 1 PM, Dutch Auction at 1:30 PM, and to cap off the day, a ham and bean supper, all you can eat, will be followed by live bluegrass music and a live auction.

Some Fair features will be ongoing during the day, such as the Attic Treasures sale in the American Legion Hall that opens at 8 AM and ends at 3 PM. All kinds of good stuff, old and new, may be found at a very reasonable price.

Also, during the entire day fairgoers may put bids on many items in a silent auction that will end at 9 PM when the winners are announced during a break in the live auction. You don't have to be there to win.

The Danbury Historical Society is giving a tour of the schoolhouse on North Road at 2 PM and will dedicate a memorial garden to June Phelps at 3 PM. In the morning they will sell raffle tickets under the tent near the Hall with other vendors.

The fair will be held rain or shine. Anyone wishing to exhibit crafts or other wares and displays should call Diane Clay at 493-3650 to reserve a space.

CROP Walk Sets Goal Of \$10,000 To Feed Hungry

Once again this year, area churches will participate in the CROP Hunger Walk, a program to feed the hungry and displaced begun by Church World Service in the aftermath of World War II. The walk will take place on Sunday afternoon, October 2, beginning at the beach on Pleasant Lake and walking counter-clockwise around the lake. Registration begins at 12:30, with the walkers leaving the beach at 1 PM. A car will return walkers to the beach for those who wish to walk only part of the distance around the lake. The proceeds from the walk will be used by Church World Service in refugee camps and areas hit by natural disasters. Area food pantries will also benefit from the walk. Forms for recruiting sponsors are available at participating churches, at the office at the First Baptist Church in New London, or

by calling 526-4559. Our goal is to raise \$10,000, so we encourage participation from as many folks as we can. Remember: "We walk because they walk" – a slogan explaining that we, the well-fed, walk in solidarity with the many people throughout the world who walk long distances for food and water every day. Please join us.

Andover Democrats

Andover Democrats press release

Come one, come all! It's time to plan for the 2012 election.

The Andover Democrats will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 PM at Janet Moore's house, 131 Cilleyville Road. Dessert will be served. All are invited.

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Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is hard at work in our communities.

A person is considered a survivor from the moment they are diagnosed, and this year's inspirational speaker, Judy Kenison of Penacook, is not only a nine-year breast cancer survivor, but she is also a team captain. Judy had participated in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer before she was diagnosed. She participated in her first Making Strides walk as a survivor just weeks after she had finished her chemotherapy.

The following year she formed a team, JFJJ. (Insiders know that JFJJ stands for Jogging for Judy's Juggs.) JFJJ has continued to grow over the last

eight years, and last year they walked 32 members strong and raised over \$10,000. Four of their younger team members, ranging from eight through 14 years of age, raised over \$500 each, and the team's top fundraiser was a 14-year-old young man, Garrett Kunz, who raised over \$1,000. He had an October birthday party where he requested no gifts, but asked for donations to the American Cancer Society.

You can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer by forming a team for the October 16 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event. For information, contact Teams@ConcordStrides.com, or call 738-4404, or register online at Cancer.org/StridesOnline. Cancer information: 800-227-2345 or Cancer.org.

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