



Dick Powers, Jim Reed, and John Hanscom at last month's meeting of American Legion Post 101. The post meets next on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 PM at the Andover Fire Station and welcomes new members. Photo: Keillor Kaplan-James

Belletete's Builds It Forward with Expanded Program

Volunteers still needed for September 26 event

Press release

Local southern New Hampshire lumber and building materials supplier Belletetes, Inc. has announced its second annual We Build It Forward day to be held on Saturday, September 26, at seven Belletetes' locations, including the Jaffrey, Peterborough, Nashua, Winchendon, Sunapee, Andover, and Ashland regions of the state.

This community service program brings communities together for one day each year to provide minor repairs for homeowners who cannot do the work themselves because of income, age, and/or disability. The goal is to make their homes safer, more accessible, and more energy efficient.

In the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, homeowners receive labor and materials at no cost thanks to Belletetes' material donations, employee

volunteers, community volunteers, vendors, contractors, and architects.

Last year's fix-up day featured over 40 volunteers working on 14 projects in Sunapee, New London, Andover, Danbury, Franklin, Plymouth, Ashland, and Jaffrey. It is anticipated that this year's expanded program will bring together many more volunteers working on 25 or more projects.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Johnson at either 735-2116 or 532-7716.

Some of the planned projects include weatherization, limited roof repair, wheelchair ramps, carpentry, porch and stair repair, storm window repair and replacement, storm door repair, and yard clean-up.

"It can be extremely satisfying to be a volunteer, and it demonstrates what is possible when people unite for the greater good," says Sue Johnson, Belletetes' Marketing and Advertising Manager.

Special Olympics Fundraiser Offers Family Fun in Andover

Registration open for runs, rides, walks

Press release

Registration is now open for the second annual Rail Trail Rally to benefit Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) that will take place in Andover amidst the beauty of the Northern Rail Trail on Saturday, September 26.

Enjoy a day of trail running, cycling, and fall festivities along the hard-packed path of the rail trail through Boscawen, Franklin, Andover, Wilmot, and Danbury. The Northern Rail Trail has rich historical and architectural significance and offers a safe and scenic location for participants of all ages. Events offered include:

- 5 K Run, 10 AM
- 10 K Run, 10 AM
- 15-mile Ride, 9:30 AM
- 30-mile Ride, 9:30 AM
- Family Walk
- Family Ride beginning at Highland Lake Inn in Andover

This event truly has something for everyone – from seasoned runners and cyclists to families looking for an after-

noon of music, food, and entertainment.

Participants are invited to celebrate the conclusion of their race at an outdoor festival at Proctor Academy. Please join us by participating as well as spreading the word about the Rail Trail Rally which will directly benefit the 3,185 athletes served by Special Olympics New Hampshire.

Please visit BikeReg.com/rail-trail-rally or SONH.org to register to run or ride today.

The Rail Trail Rally is sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, Proctor Academy, Highland Lake Inn, Associated Grocers, and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Northern New England.

Questions? Contact SONH Special Events Manager Courtney Brooks at 624-1250 extension 33 or CourtneyB@SONH.org.

About SONH

SONH is an accredited program of Special Olympics International and is part of a global movement encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities through sport; promoting acceptance for all; and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide.



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