

Even with the pressure of operating without tax funding, he continued to grow the department while staying true to the mission of providing programming for all Concord residents. He was committed to providing scholarships to those families that needed help seeing that “no child was left behind.” The Recreation Department will continue to operate with all the outstanding qualities that Danner has instilled in the staff over the years. We are truly grateful for having had the opportunity to work, learn and grow with him.



From left: Pam Higgins, Danner DeStephano, Laura Lunig

PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK JULY 4TH 2014

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The weather for the 2014 Fourth of July Picnic-in-the Park was as bad as possible, as Hurricane Arthur bore down on New England. It was impossible to hold outdoor events, so the children’s parade, the REMAX Hot Air Balloon, the non-profit booths and the Concord Police and Fire Departments support was all cancelled. However, all was not lost as there was a backup plan for a venue for the entertainment in case of rain. This was the Umbrella Community Arts Center building theater and the Hunt Gym basketball court. With the support of the Umbrella staff and the Concord Recreation Department, all the musical and children’s entertainment was performed. These in-

clude: Roger Tinknell, the Southern Rail Bluegrass Band, Circus Minimus, and the Concord Band.

The following corporate sponsors and private donors provided funds for the entertainment: Middlesex Savings Bank, Cambridge Trust Company, Salem Five Bank, Mc-Walter Volunteer Insurance, Concord Lumber Company, Nichols Insurance, Dunkin Donuts Concord, and Charles and Gloria Clough. The Concord Bookshop and *Concord Journal* provided advertizing support. Private citizen donor contributions, and additional donations from local businesses, go to cover operational expenses. In addition, a donation of \$800 was made to the Massachusetts Vest-A-Dog program to outfit Sylvia Toumayan’s new dog, Mikayel, with a ballistic vest.



Circus Minimus provided much laughter at the Picnic-in-the-Park.

The Picnic Committee encourages the citizens of Concord to support Picnic-in-the-Park in terms of financial contributions and volunteer effort, on the committee or during the day of the event.



Southern Rail Bluegrass Band playing at the Picnic-in-the-Park.