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— Marty Echentile
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Among the unique assortment of jungle gyms, castles, monkey bars and open play areas that fill the playground, there are replicas of Winsted landmarks, Nancy Hemenway, co-coordinator of the Playscape Committee, said.

The committee met with residents and asked them what elements they would like to see included in the playscape, she said.

Several people said they wanted Winsted's history of making clocks to be represented, so the architect, Learning Structures Inc., came up with a wooden jungle gym called the "Crazy Clock Factory," Rod Hoyt, the company's playground construction leader, said.

The Portsmouth, N.H. architecture firm designed a leaning clock tower as part of that structure and, following the recommendations of residents, had three patches of sand spread around the playscape to represent Highland Lake.

Craig Denner said he had enjoyed working with lots of new people and had not heard of anyone getting into any disagreements in the process of meeting their individual goals.

"They said that most of the politicians stayed home today," Denner said, laughing.



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Richard Laveri, left, and Marty Echentile lift tires up to Ned Dunbar for installation on one of the pieces of equipment at the Winsted playscape during construction Thursday afternoon.