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## Leprechaun Leap draws 52 runners to Belmont

The inaugural Leprechaun Leap 5k Run/Walk was held in Belmont on March 17. A total of 52 people participated in the hand-timed event, which was won by Ryan LaFrance of Gilford with a time of 17:58. (Courtesy photo)

## LAGUEUX from preceding page

Hampshire to go to the games in PyeongChang.

Over that time period, O'Dougherty said he saw Lagueux grow "immensely," both as a skier and as a maturing young man. For example, Lagueux's speech at the opening day ceremonies came with only 30 minutes of notice to Lagueux, who was asked to extemporaneously address the crowd. For a younger Lagueux.

ICE RACING from preceding page

and Kingswood High School.

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being asked to speak, unprepared, in front of a large group would have been cause for anxiety. The more worldly Lagueux, though, seized the opportunity. "He probably gave one of the best speeches ever," said O'Dougherty. "It was all from his heart."

Lagueux's growth underlines the O'Dougherty gave when asked why the Special Olympics World Games are worth the effort and investment needed to put them on. "For the athletes, it's the ability to go, to show that you are good at what you do, you get a chance to represent your country." Meanwhile, he added, athletes like Lagueux get to see others like them, from all over the world, who excel despite disadvantages. "They're not the only one – it was a great bonding experience. O'Dougherty said, "Mark, I felt, did everybody





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