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Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped in to enjoy Belmont's Deck the Village celebration once again this year, waving to children from the bandstand on the town green before joining them for photos and some one-on-one time in the library.

Belmont ushers in the holiday season with "Deck the Village" event

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BELMONT — With a late Thanksgiving Day this year, Belmont residents went right from turkey to tinsel when they gathered to "Deck the Village" last Sunday afternoon.

Belmont's Heritage Commission organized the special holiday concert through funding from the John M. Sargent Fund, and the town and its Recreation Department provided many fun activities for families to enjoy as well.

The village was decked on Saturday by volunteers who hustled about the common to ready for the event. Swags of local greenery, ropes of tinsel and brightly colored bows decorated the town.

Wallace Rhodes of the

historical society rang the 1833 bell in the Belmont Mill at noon to signify the start of the day's festivities.

Beginning with a choral entry by Jen Shaw and the Belmont Elementary School's Vocal Ensemble, the village was filled with music that would make even Scrooge crack a smile. The children made their way across the town common and onto the bandstand singing "Deck the Halls" then continued with other holiday classics.

As they turned to "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," the Belmont High School Band, assembled in front of the bandstand, even backed them up with comical echoes of the song.

The younger students then turned center stage over to director Lauren Fountain and the high

school band, which drew an equal amount of applause for their performance, which included a light-hearted musical rendition of "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

A bit of nostalgia then came into play as the Dickens Carolers, in full Victorian garb, strolled onto the green, singing songs that date back to the time when the bandstand was a new configuration in Belmont. Among the carolers was Middle School music teacher Carlos Martinez of Alton, who was joined in harmony by his family and friends.

"The day was really a showcase of the Lakes Region involving people from Belmont to Alton," said Heritage Commission

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The red and white uniforms, topped with Santa hats, made Belmont High School's marching band a festive sight as they entertained everyone with their seasonal music selection during the Lakes Region Holiday Parade.

Holiday Parade brings Christmas cheer to the Lakes Region

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LACONIA — It's official — the holiday season is here, and the spirits of the Lakes Region were high last Saturday morning as crowds gathered in downtown Laconia for the annual Holiday Parade.

Presented by the Laconia Main Street Program and the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, the parade once again saw approximately 70 entries who marched from Wyatt Park to Veterans Square, spreading holiday joy along the way.

Emceed by Pat Kelly of WLNH 98.3FM radio and

co-host Nancy Leroy, dance troupes, local businesses, antique vehicles, numerous civic organizations and three local high school bands had children young and old cheering and tapping their feet to the music.

For Lisa from Tilton, at

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Cash-and-Cans set for its 27th fundraising year

REGION — Mix 94.1 FM, along with Northeast Communications Radio Stations 106.9 WSCY and 100.1 The Planet, presents its 27th annual Cash-and-Cans money and food drive for the holidays Dec. 6-13.

The fundraiser, started by Mix 94.1 FM's Fred Caruso in 1987, raises food and money for ten central New Hampshire charitable organizations, from food pantries to soup kitchens to toys-for-tots programs. Caruso, along with morning co-host Amy Bates, will be accepting monetary and non-perishable food donations, with 100 percent of the proceeds from Cash-and-Cans staying right here in our central New Hampshire area.

"We live in a wonderful area, neighbors helping neighbors, friends helping friends, people helping folks they've never even met. That's what Cash-and-Cans is all about," said Caruso.

"Through the organizations Cash-and-Cans donates to, literally hundreds of families, kids and the elderly will enjoy the holidays because of the generosity of the people and businesses who donate to Cash-and-Cans."

Look for the Northeast Broadcast Van at the following locations to make your donation:

Friday, Dec. 6: 3:30-6 p.m., Santa & His Workshop in Downtown Franklin

Saturday, Dec. 7: 7:30-9:30 a.m., Pines Community Center, Northfield's Christmas Breakfast.

Monday, Dec. 9: 5:30-10 a.m., George's Diner, Meredith; 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Funspot, Weirs Beach; 2-5 p.m., LR Jewelers/Sal's Pizzeria, Belmont

Tuesday, Dec. 10: 5:30-10 a.m., McDonald's, Tilton; 11 a.m.-1 p.m., HK Power-

sports, Laconia; 1-3 p.m., The Wine'ing Butcher, Gilford; 4-6 p.m., Belknap Subaru, Tilton.

Wednesday, Dec. 11: 5:30-8 a.m., Willow Hill Food & Beverage, Franklin; 8-10 a.m., Stafford Food & Beverage, Tilton; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Kramer & Hall Goldsmiths/Franklin Savings Bank/Prescott's Florist, Downtown Laconia; 2-4 p.m., Irwin Motors, Laconia; 5-8 p.m., Tilt'n Diner, Cash-and-Cans spaghetti dinner. At the dinner, New York Yankees minor leaguer and former Winnisquam High School standout Jordan Cote will be on hand to sign anything you'd like from 6-8 p.m. for a donation to Cash-and-Cans.

Thursday, Dec. 12: 5:30-10 a.m., Park-N-Go Market, Northfield; 11 a.m.-1 p.m., T-Bones, Laconia; 2-5 p.m., Franklin Savings Bank, Up-

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Seventh grader Dylan Laflower and his "kitchen staff" took home this year's title of Gobble Wobble Champions at Belmont Middle School last Tuesday afternoon. The fun-filled event also brought in more than 1,800 pounds of food for the local food pantry.

BMS Gobble Wobble raises 1,803 pounds of food for local pantry

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BELMONT — For two decades, Belmont Middle School students have gobbled, they have wobbled, and amidst all the fun, they have also helped stock the St. Joseph Catholic Church Food Pantry in Belmont.

This year, the shelves at the pantry have an additional 1,803 pounds of food to help local residents in need.

"This is the 20th anniversary of (the Gobble Wobble), and we've contributed 30,000 pounds of food in that time. We're thankful for former teacher and coach John Goegel, who originated the effort," said assistant principal Tim Saunders.

For six days prior to their school wide assembly last Tuesday, classes gath-

ered canned and boxed food items in a friendly rivalry to see who could contribute the most to the community. While the numbers from each were impressive, it was Amanda DeGange's combined seventh and eighth grade class who came out on top, with 278 pounds of food this year.

Bill Haight of the St. Joseph's Food Pantry was on hand to accept the food donations, and said he was most grateful for all the students did to make the holidays better for their neighbors. Haight said the food means a lot to many local families. He told the students he has had parents tearfully thank him for assistance that has allowed them to feed their families in troubled times.

"There's nothing better

than helping someone else," he said. "You may not see it; we do. But, you make it possible for young people to get something to eat. It's really a wonderful thing you do."

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BEDC director honored by NH Scholars

REGION — NH Scholars currently oversees more than 400 business volunteers who actively give their time to help public high schools in New Hampshire, through job shadowing, internships and mentoring. These men and women are a powerful force in the lives of young people; they are often the difference in helping students decide how to choose a career path.

NH Scholars and the New

Hampshire College & University Council recognized Carmen Lorentz, Executive Director of the Belknap Economic Development Council, at the Breakfast of Champions for successfully developing effective business partnerships for the betterment of student progress.

According to Amy Burke, School-to-Career Coordinator at Belmont High School and 200x2020 Steering Com-

mittee member who nominated Lorentz for the award, "Carmen has been the positive force behind the development and successful launching of the new internship and job shadow database Web site (www.lakesregion-internships.com) which is available to all high school age students in the NH Lakes Region."

Lorentz is also a member of the 200x2020 Steering Com-

mittee, and has been a key component in developing career-related opportunities to students in the Lakes Region area such as the annual Manufacturing Week, quarterly Career Exploration Panels (reaching over 450 students and connecting with more than 65 professionals), Lakes Region Internship website and most recently, the planning of a regional Summer Youth Job Fair.

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Elizabeth Boles, of Canterbury. Class President from 2010-2013, Joe played varsity soccer, indoor track, and outdoor track all 4 years of his high school career. He started his own landscaping business, "JGB Landscaping." His volunteer efforts were spent as assistant Middle School Basketball Coach, at the Veteran's Home, at St. Joseph's Church and at Youth Soccer.

Emily Wernig, a senior at Gilford High School, is the daughter of Joseph and Jolene Wernig, of Gilford. Emily is a member of the National Honor Society, and the following clubs: Bagel & Book, Amnesty International, Art, Interact, and Red Cross. She participates in field hockey, basketball, outdoor and indoor track. Active in her church as a Sunday School Teacher, she has also traveled to Pennsylvania, Florida, and New Jersey on three Church Mission Trips, as well as working as a Gilford Youth Center Birthday Party employee.

John Findlay, of Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith, is the son of Donna Findlay of Meredith. John's passions involve band (clarinet, baritone and alto saxophone, drum major), chorus, acting in numerous theatre productions, and working as a member of the Tech Crew. National Honor Society, Destination Imagination, volleyball, track, and Nordic skiing keep him busy as well. His community activities include Shriners Festival of Trees, Inter-Lakes High School Assisting Music Education (FAME). He spent the past three summers working at the Inter-Lakes Summer Theatre (78 hours per week).

John Hammond, Laconia High School's DAR Good Citizen, is the son of Valerie Kimball and Gary Hammond. His extracurricular activities include: band, soccer, cross country, theatre, Student Council, Nation-

al Honor Society, debate and math teams, and the following clubs: French, Interact, Key, Woodworking, Hollywood, and Book Club. John volunteers with Streetcar Community Theatre, Kiwanis Kid's Bike Safety, Community Center Baby Boutique, Ironman/Timberman Triathlon, Community Garden, School Alumni Reunion, and tutoring. He attended St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program during the summer of 2013.

Winnisquam Regional High School's DAR Good Citizen, Clark Roberts, is the son of Marcin Roberts of Northfield. Clark is active in Student Council, National Honor Society, class government, football, and spring track. Treasurer of his class, Clark tutors students of all age groups within his school district. A nine year member of the Town line 4-H club, he has assisted in the operation of their food stand for the past six years. Volunteer activities include helping in community soup kitchens, the annual WRHS blood drive, and raking leaves for elderly community members.

The DAR Good Citizen competition is sponsored worldwide by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The national winner will be invited to attend DAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. to receive the national award of a \$3,000 scholarship to be sent to the school of the winner's choice.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation's children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 165,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the worlds largest and most active service organizations. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.DAR.org.

Rethink Tradition during Christmas at Canterbury Dec. 7 and 14

CANTERBURY — Christmas at Canterbury will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 14 from 3-8 p.m. at Canterbury Shaker Village. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$8 for children age six to 17; children under five free. Member admission is half price.

Christmas at Canterbury, held annually, allows visitors to experience the delights of Christmas in a simpler era by taking a candlelight stroll through the Village, watching an old-time magic show, riding in a horse drawn wagon, and watching a silent film with live organ accompaniment by Peter Krasinski. The event will also include music performances, story telling, craft demonstrations and activities, cookie decorating, hot

chocolate and cider, chats with Village characters like Dr. Seth Miller, 19th Century physician and more. Attendees have the option of having dinner at The Shaker Table, where reservations are required, or enjoying lighter fare at the Shaker Box Lunch & Farm Stand.

Christmas at Canterbury is sponsored by Merrimack County Savings Bank, Lincoln Financial Group, Nathan Wechsler, The Rowley Group and Bank of New Hampshire.

"Canterbury Shaker Village is a place where the ideals of simplicity, reflection and renewal are present year round," noted Funi Burdick, Executive Director. "Yet, it's at Christmas that our ongoing practice of rethinking Shaker traditions seems es-

pecially relevant. Christmas at Canterbury is a chance to experience the holiday in a way that gets away from the commercialism so prevalent today."

The Shaker Gift Shop, which features a wide selection of high quality, Shaker inspired products, will be open for Holiday shopping during Christmas at Canterbury.

For more information, to become a member or to purchase tickets in advance, visit www.shakers.org.

About Canterbury Shaker Village

Canterbury Shaker Village is dedicated to preserving the 200-year Shaker legacy of fine furniture, beautiful architecture and simple living by providing a place for

learning, reflection, and renewal of the human spirit. Visitors are encouraged to rethink tradition by learning about the life, ideals, values, and history of the Canterbury Shakers. The National Historic Landmark includes 25 restored original and four reconstructed Shaker buildings, and 694 acres of forests, fields, gardens, nature trails, and mill ponds under permanent conservation easement. The Village cafe offers simple lunch fare and the Museum Store features unique gifts and wares handmade by regional artists. Canterbury Shaker Village, located at 288 Shaker Road in Canterbury, New Hampshire, is open daily from May 27-Oct. 27 and weekends in May and November. For more information, visit www.shakers.org.

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years. He was affectionately known as 'Coach' by most staff members because of his football coaching experience. His love of sports was apparent, but his military experience and education contributed in large part to the fullness of his life. He

always placed great value on education. For this reason, and as a way of recognizing the staff of the New Hampshire Veterans Home for the skilled and loving care given to New Hampshire Veterans, our family has established this scholarship fund for the children and grandchildren of active employees of the New Hampshire Veterans Home."

Veterans Home Commandant Margaret "Peggy" LaBrecque extended her appreciation on behalf of the staff, saying "I feel everyone at the Veterans Home strives to fulfill the spirit of our motto, 'Still serving those who served.'"

Scholarship Foundation President, Paulette Loughlin said "We have had the pleasure of working with

Mr. Fogarty when he served as donor representative for the Laconia Rotary Club. We know first-hand his commitment to helping students fulfill their educational and career goals and we are pleased to administer this ongoing fund in his honor. Memorial donations may be forwarded to the Fogarty Fund @ LRSF, PO Box 7312, Gilford, NH 03247-7312."

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Nov. 17 for Simple Assault. Adam Roy, age 23, of Meredith was arrested on Nov. 18 for Possession of Drugs.

Sarah Patuleta, age 27, of Andover was arrested on Nov. 19 in connection with

a warrant issued by Merrimack County Superior Court.

An individual was taken in protective custody following an investigation into a Suspicious Incident on Nov. 19.

Glen A. McFarland, age 36, and Jeffrey P. Hewitt, age 55, both of Somers-

sworth, were arrested during a routine traffic stop on Nov. 20 — McFarland in connection with a bench warrant issued by Rochester District Court, and Hewitt for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Antonio Rivera, age 21, of Plymouth was arrested on Nov. 21 in connection

with a warrant issued by Plymouth District Court.

Garret R. Goyette, age 18, of Laconia was arrested on Nov. 21 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension — First Offense.

Scott Deforge, age 21, of Belmont was arrested on Nov. 21 for Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

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chair Linda Frawley. "History was a focal point between the library, the bandstand and the mill building, with a further avenue to the 1899 Corner Meeting House where activities were organized by (Belmont Event Coordinator) Shana Agan and Parks and Rec director Janet Breton."

Besides the musical event there were many other family-oriented activities to enjoy. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited with children inside the library while at the Belmont Mill there was a story time for little

ones. At Santa's Workshop in the mill building, families enjoyed making not only decorations for their homes, but special holiday cards for U.S. troops overseas. And, as if that wasn't enough fun, up the street at the Corner Meeting House Santa's Sweet Shop offered boys and girls the chance to decorate their own cookies with frosting and all sorts of sugary treats.

The community also demonstrated the true meaning of Christmas as they stepped up to lend a hand to others in need over the holidays. Outside the mill the Belmont Police Department had the Grinch

in custody in one of their cruisers where boys and girls stopped by to drop off toys for the "Santa's Little Helpers" program. Donations of food were also accepted for the St. Joseph Church Food Pantry.

Belmont Police Depart-

ment and St. Joseph's Church continue to accept cash, food and donations of new toys and, for those who missed the musical performances, LRPTV will broadcast the event throughout the month of December.



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