Public invited to breakfast presentation about ‘Legacy of President Kennedy’

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Rotary Club welcomes interested members of the public to join a special breakfast meeting on February 18 for a presentation by John Allen, executive director of the John F. Kennedy Museum. Allen’s talk is titled, “The Legacy of President Kennedy” and will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the Water Street Cafe. The cost for breakfast is $12. For more information, email scott@lakesregionrotary.org.

Friends of Belmont Football hosting ice fishing derby Feb. 15-16

BELMONT — Friends of Belmont Football’s First Annual Ice Fishing Derby will be held at Winnisquam this upcoming weekend Feb. 15-16. Derby Headquarters will be located at Winnisquam Market & Deli on Rt. 3 in Winnisquam.

There will be cash prizes awarded for largest fish among multiple categories. There will also be a raffle available with a chance at winning a brand new, full size bob-house and brand new ice auger. Raffle tickets just $5.

Entry fee for Fishing Derby is $20 for adults, and $10 for kids. Advance ticket sales for Derby are available at Winnisquam Market and Deli and are also available at other local off site sites and tackle shops throughout the Lakes Region. See our Facebook Page for participating sites.

Money raised from this Derby benefits Friends of Belmont’s Historic Library marks 85th year

BELMONT — Officials from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR) recently visited Belmont Village and the treasured Main Street public library, with congratulations on its 85th year. Welcomed by Librarian Becky Albert, the special guests included Peter Michaud and Mary Kate Ryan. Ms. Albert previewed a foundry replica of a plaque noting the Library’s listing on the National Register of Historic Places, funded by the Belmont Heritage Commission.

Michaud, who is the National Register, Preservation Tax Incentives and Easements Coordinator, said the library was “an impressive space with truly special architectural details in its paneling and fireplaces, open with its lofty ceiling, yet still intimate.” Along with Ms. Ryan, State Survey Coordinator for the DHR, they also viewed the Bandstand and the restoration progress.

The 85th year milestone will be marked throughout the year, according to Library Trustee Chairman Mary Louise Charnley. “Besides our history we look forward to developing the best strategy for future decades,” she said.

Belmont has several buildings and structures, including the 1908 Bandstand, have been determined eligible by the State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Register of Historic Places. Only the “new” Library is currently listed, and received that status in 1985 for architectural and engineering distinction. The Bandstand was first moved in 1927 to make room for its construction, and has long been a venue for Seasonal Library activities and programs.

The Belmont public library tradition dates to the early 1890s and exceptional generosity of Moses and John Sargent and George and Walter Duffy, among other community leaders and mill owner-executives.
Ippolito’s new 15,000-square-foot mattress center is the largest in the region, with 90 mattresses on display, representing all major brands. (Karen Bobotas photo)

MEREDITH — Ippolito’s Furniture is celebrating the grand opening of its new mattress center this weekend. The 15,000-square-foot showroom is the largest in New Hampshire, with 90 mattresses on display from every leading brand.

“Buying a mattress is about selection,” said Chip Ippolito, co-owner of the family business founded in 1976. “You have to see the top brands side by side, and you want to see a large selection from each top brand.”

Ippolito says every single mattress he sells is made in the USA. Customers can try each mattress at least 30 minutes to an hour choosing the perfect mattress to meet their comfort and budget needs. Styles include memory foam, hybrid, traditional and specialty. Prices range from $299 for a basic queen set to $10,000 for the top-of-the-line Tempurpedic.

Ippolito’s is at 139 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith. For more information call 279-7974 or visit www.ippolitofurniture.com.

Health policy expert to speak at Pemi-BakerGOP’s annual dinner Feb. 15

PLYMOUTH — Dr. Betsy McCaughey will speak on the Affordable Care Act at the Sixth Annual Lincoln-Reagan Dinner, sponsored by the Pemi-Baker Valley Republican Committee.

McCaughey (pronounced McCay) wears many hats. She is a patient advocate, health policy expert, author, former Lt. Governor of New York, and regularly appears on Fox News and CNBC. She has a doctorate in Constitutional History. McCaughey is a nationally recognized expert on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009 as amended in 2010, also known as the ACA and will bring her most recent book, Beating Obamacare 2014. Copies will be available for sale.

The event is scheduled for Saturday February 15, 2014 at the Woodstock Inn in North Woodstock. Social hour is see next page

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of Belmont Football (FOBF). Their mission is to provide Belmont High School Student athletes an opportunity to play football in High School with an emphasis on getting it done for this coming season.

This group is working hard to create a cooperative football team with another local area School District and is very active with both the Shaker Regional School Board and their Superintendent Maria Dreyer.

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According to Wallace Rhodes, author of “Reminiscences of a New Hampshire Town” the Belmont Centennial history, mill owners and executives played central roles in establishing, funding and overseeing in three different village locations. The Library collection started with a donation of $400 worth of books from Amory Law-