

Thoughts from the Thrift Shop

NEWS FROM THE GILMANTON COMMUNITY CHURCH THRIFT SHOP AND FOOD PANTRY

Five dollars per bag! That's right, folks, \$5 will get you a brown paper bag full of clothing and accessories at the GCC Thrift Shop. We are adding new items daily, and we are even pulling down some of our winter clothing. So come on in and see what you can pick up for the rest of the summer, or for back to school and fall. We have wonderful clothing and accessories for the entire family, and name brands abound, so come on down to the GCC Thrift Shop for the \$5 bag sale. The sale runs from Monday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug. 18. Remember that all proceeds from the sales at the Thrift Shop go to support the GCC Food Pantry.

We do still have a couple of items left from our yard sale. We have a beautiful hand-crafted wooden mantle/bar, a like new Maytag dryer, and a very beautiful organ (not in the greatest "playing" condition but very ornately crafted). If you are interested in any of the items, call Jane Sisti at 364-7437 or Beth Lavin at 267-1934.

backpack/school supplies program at the Food Pantry. Items collected will be distributed to children in need in the Gilmanton School District. Some items needed are 12-count colored pencils, three-inch binders with slide in plastic cover, hand sanitizer, eight-ounce bottle, box of tissues, eight-inch pencil boxes, rulers, one-inch binders with slide in plastic cover, scientific calculator, book covers (regular & extra large) and marble composition books, #2 pencils, pens, highlighters. For a complete list, come by the GCC Food Pantry & Thrift Shop. Items need to be returned to the Pantry no later than Aug. 11. The earlier the better is appreciated though.

If you have donations of food for the pantry, they can be brought into the Food Pantry during business hours or left in one of our collection boxes. Boxes are located at the Gilmanton School, Academy Building and at the Year Round Library. We thank you for your continued support of the programs at the Food Pantry. If you wish to make a monetary donation you can mail it to GCC Food Pantry and Thrift Shop, PO Box 6, Gilmanton IW, NH 03837.

We are located on Route 140 in Gilmanton Iron Works, across from the Iron Works Market. We are open on Monday 1 – 5 p.m., Wednesday 3 – 7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Parking is located in the Gilmanton Community Church parking lot just west



PET OF THE WEEK

ELIZA

Eliza: this little dog has endured quite the chequered past.

A stray from the North Country who arrived a NHHS in November 2011, she was quickly adopted, and then returned two months later.

Eliza has yet to unpack her suitcase permanently – she still lugs it from place to place. Lately she has visited the elderly in nursing homes as part

of our Pet Therapy Program, although this little terrier is agile, smart and full of life, she would rather be your constant companion.

She has never lived with children, enjoys the company of some dogs might find cats irresistible however.

Shelter is open Tuesday-Saturday; call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for making bandstand gathering an afternoon to remember

To the Editor:

Music, picnic fare, friends and memories - all shared around a Victorian era Bandstand - composed a picture-perfect scene reminiscent of artists Norman Rockwell or Grandma Moses. The July 17 summer gathering was a Belmont afternoon to remember for more than 50 attendees and guests of the Heritage Commission and Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) Culinary Arts program.

Talented local resident Jackie Lee performed well-known songs, while volunteers and officials through recent eras recalled earlier Village eras. Judy Pilliod, longtime chairman of Belmont's Beautification Committee, visited with Village Revitalization committee member and Main Street resident Alyce Jewell, while Polly Murphy, whose husband Tom was postmaster for more than 20 years, viewed a display of vintage downtown photographs and town band artifacts. Former Select Chair and local businessman

Brian Watterson helped with hospitality for Senior Center guests, also chatting with Fire Chief David Parenti and department members. Master builder and craftsman Neil Whitcher inspected the Bandstand with measurable pride, noting the octagonal, wood-shingled roof he replicated in 1977 had withstood time and elements without leaks.

Despite threatening skies, Karen Gilbert, Heritage Commission volunteer, arrived early to decorate the Bandstand for its last act on the Tioga Riverbank, where it was moved in the late 1920's to make room for the "new" Library. Classic patriotic bunting framed the stage for local resident and performer Jackie Lee, singing for the wide-aged range of participants. Lindsey Duggan and her brother Caleb helped with photography, while their Mother Shayne, helped the event run smoothly. Gretta Olson-Wilder joined the group, reminding her sons Austin and Logan of the Bandstand's Centennial cele-

bration of 2009. Also lending time and care were Jack and Betty Butler, and Shirley Whitcher, among others.

LRCC Chef and Assistant Professor Bill Walsh used the Village green as an extended classroom for his Culinary Fundamentals students. The talented group added coordination, expert grilling and several tasty side dishes and cookies to the menu. Coodinated by Patrick Hall, the Culinary Arts program and Food for Thought Cafe are located in the 1833 Belmont Mill and frequent community service participants throughout the region. Assorted special desserts were baked especially for the occasion and donated by Judy Tilton of Tilt'n Bakery, complimenting the well-reviewed Belmont beans of Susan Houle and bountiful potato salad from the Jewell family.

Lakes Region Public Access Television - LRPA-TV ensured that the day, and Bandstand history will be further enjoyed by viewers in coming weeks. Laconia

videographer Bob Daniels captured the festivities on videotape, while veteran Lakes Region journalist and Belmont resident Ray Carbone interviewed Historical Society president Wallace Rhodes and others about Bandstand and Village memories.

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Belmont Heritage Commission