

# Region



Caption for photo-2.JPG: Winnie Isley and her daughter, Robin Isley have sold their Maple Syrup for 27 consecutive years!

## Amherst Lions Club Craft Fair Huge Success!!

AMHERST – Oh, the weather outside was frightening, but over one hundred crafters were there while over 1100 Christmas buyers weathered the rain, sleet and snow to make these crafters happy they came to sell their homemade wares. All of this for a great cause as the Amherst Lions Club profited over \$10,000, all of which will be returned to local charities, Souhegan High School College Scholarships, and a multitude of Sight and Hearing Charities. As you can see from the included pictures, the Craft-

er eclectic makeups included Robin Isley (25 consecutive years at the Lions Club Craft Fair) and her mother, Winnie Isley who has made it 28 consecutive years selling their Maple Syrup, mid length Susan Yeager (Stained Glass Artisan) who has made it 14 consecutive years and first year crafter Susan McCune with her homemade snacks. The Amherst Lions Club would like to thank the Crafters as well as the people who came to buy or just look.

## Rise Spring Information Session Planned for Jan. 16, Courses Begin Feb. 2

NASHUA – The Rivier Institute for Senior Education (RISE) Spring Information Session is scheduled for Friday, Jan 16, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Reception Room of the Dion Center at Rivier University located on Clement Street (off South Main St), Nashua. Seniors can choose from more than 55 five-week courses with two start dates. First term courses begin on Feb 2 and end on March 6; second term courses begin March 16 and end April 24. There are no learning prerequisites, no tests and no credits earned. Membership for the ten-weeks of courses is \$130.00 and includes the use of the Muldoon Health and Fitness Center, Regina Library, and Dion Dining Hall. Members may participate in up to five courses each term. Course topics include literature, history, music, art and dance, computer science, photography, religion, phi-

losophy and spiritual enrichment, writing, world cultures, current events, genealogy, moderate exercise and water exercise, and bridge. Twenty nine of the courses are new for Spring. The RISE program, tailored for "learning in retirement", is in its eighteenth year. Individuals over age 55 are welcome to learn more about RISE, preview courses and register with a check for the Spring Semester at the information session. Course brochures are available online, at local libraries and senior centers, and at the RISE office at Rivier University, which is in Sylvia Trotter Hall, Room 237, on Clement Street. Seniors can view and download a brochure from the RISE website [www.rivier.edu/rise](http://www.rivier.edu/rise) and/or <http://www.facebook.com/RISE1997>. Additional information is available by calling 897-8623.

## Santa Surprises the Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club

MILFORD – Souhegan Valley Lacrosse calls in Santa to help with delivering a donation to the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club. Santa said that when he got the call he juggled his schedule and left his head elf in charge at the North Pole because the kids at the Boys and Girls Club have been very good this year. He joined his friend Bob Williams, Boys Vice President, to surprise the kids and staff on Friday evening. Santa shared that he and the elves play lacrosse up at the North Pole when they are not making toys. His favorite position is in goal. He also let slip a couple of Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club staff that made the good list. Corey Sullivan and Caitlin Hunter can breathe a bit easier; they made it. Santa thanked them for the great work they and the rest of the staff do all year. Bob Williams shared that he and the Souhegan Valley Lacrosse board have a hotline to the big man. While he's really busy this time of year, Santa made time to share his love of lacrosse. Bob also said it was hard to hide the sleigh and reindeer in the back of his house so that they could pull off the surprise. While Santa was delivering the lacrosse equipment, Donner and Vixen where eating carrots is Bob's back yard.



## A Great Night for a Great Cause!

MILFORD – Opportunity Networks announces that Kevin Bianchi of Milford was the grand prize winner at their 21st Annual \$10,000 Raffle Extravaganza Prize. The event was held on Friday, December 5th, 2014, at The River Card Room, 185 Elm Street in Milford. This event featured a \$10,000 Grand Prize with additional cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250 and \$150 that were awarded throughout the evening! A large turnout of several hundred guests enjoyed the complimentary Cocktail and Hors D'oeuvres reception, as well as listening to and dancing to the sounds of the band, 13 Steps. It was truly a Great Night for a Great Cause! The proceeds of this event provided much-needed funding for the clients of Opportunity Networks to have increased program options to meet their dreams to become employed, and have meaningful life skills, wellness and social opportunities. For information on the non-profit, please visit their website @[www.opportunitynetworks.org](http://www.opportunitynetworks.org).



2014 \$10,000 Raffle Winner, Kevin Bianchi.

## January is "Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month" at New Hampshire Ski Areas

LINCOLN, NH - This January ski areas across New Hampshire encourage people who have never skied or snowboarded before to embrace winter and try something new. January is Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month, and there are a variety of learn-to deals available for anyone who has ever had an interest in trying a new snow-sport or improving their skills. As part of the Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month celebration, thirteen alpine and six cross-country ski areas are offering special packages for first-time skiers and snowboarders. At the alpine areas, which include Black Mountain, Bretton Woods, Cannon Mountain, Cranmore Mountain Resort, Dartmouth Skiway, Granite Gorge

Ski Area, Gunstock Mountain Resort, King Pine Ski Area, Loon Mountain, Mount Sunapee, Pats Peak, Ragged Mountain Resort and Waterville Valley, the package costs \$29 dollars and includes a first-time lesson, rentals and lift ticket. The cross-country package includes a trail pass, first-time lesson and rentals for \$19, and is available at Bretton Woods XC, Granite Gorge XC, Great Glen Trails, Gunstock XC, Jackson Ski Touring, Loon Mountain XC, and Windblown XC. Future skiers and riders should go to [SkiNH.com](http://SkiNH.com)'s Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month webpage to find links to each resort's program. Specials start on January 2 and guests should refer-

ence each resort for lesson times, how to register, and more. Learning how to ski or ride isn't limited to just January, however. All ski areas offer lessons throughout the season, seven days a week. Several ski areas have special incentives whereby new skiers and riders who take beginner lesson packages are rewarded with discounted lift tickets and rentals, a season pass, or even a pair of skis. Guests can find more information and links to specific resort learn-to webpages in the "Learn To" section of [SkiNH.com](http://SkiNH.com). "Taking lessons with a professional ski instructor is the best way to learn to ski or ride," said Jessyca Keeler, executive director of Ski NH. "I learned to ski in my late

teens and learned to snowboard in my late twenties, and taking lessons made such a huge difference in my results. You learn the correct techniques right off the bat, which means you'll become better faster, and have fun from the start." The Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month is a national initiative that includes efforts on the part of the National Ski Areas Association, SnowSports Industries America, and the Professional Ski Instructors of America-American Association of Snowboard Instructors, along with many national, regional and state associations and businesses throughout the country. Learn more at [www.LearnToSkiandSnowboard.org](http://www.LearnToSkiandSnowboard.org).



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**Bandit the Cat – Bella and Chewy**  
 Meeow, meeeow! Hi everyone, this is Bandit and I am a totally awesome, amazing cat! I'm 7 years old and a spayed female. Are you looking for a lap cat? that's me! Are you looking for someone to keep you company? That's me! You don't even have to talk to me all the time, I am perfectly capable of keeping the conversation going. Some of my favorite things are to be pet, catnip and loving my person. Although I love to be with people, I do not like being picked up and will tell you so if you try, so I am happy to be the type of friend that sleeps on your bed with you, I prefer that you leave me to walk wherever I am going.  
 We're Bella (9 yrs) and Chewy (6 yrs), and we are just the cutest pair of Chihuahua mixes! We've been at the shelter a while and are looking for an opportunity for a new home. We're spayed and neutered, up to date on all of our vaccines and have recently had our teeth cleaned too! We are housetrained but love to have frequent potty breaks (after all we just have small bladders). We like to play and cuddle and are still quite active despite our age, but we don't require a ton of exercise. We are looking for a quiet adult home to live out our days. You should come meet us as soon as possible, you won't be disappointed that you did.

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