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Chelsey Richardson, left, and Caitlin Sylvester of Foster’s Tavern in Alton decorate their Pub Mania barstool on Thursday morning at Patrick’s Pub & Eatery in Gilford, during the fundraiser for the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction. The last day of the auction is Friday, Dec. 12, with bidding open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at childrensauction.org or 603-527-0999. (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun photo)

Teams old & new come together for the kids during 12 hours of Pub Mania

Donations for fundraiser to support Children’s Auction accepted through noon Friday

BY GABRIEL PERRY
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

GILFORD — The atmosphere was exuberant Thursday morning at Patrick’s Pub & Eatery, as Pub Mania teams gathered to prepare for a full day of fundraising and celebration of the Greater Lakes

Region Children’s Auction. Twelve teams representing businesses and organizations throughout the Lakes Region would sit around the bar at Patrick’s from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. in a final fundraising push to cap off another year of supporting the Children’s Auction, which funds grants for numerous charities in the area each year. This year, the Children’s Auction received 82 grant applications. If fully funded at \$1.1 million, the auction would support 42,000 children across Central New Hampshire, Children’s

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Debra Shackett honored for 2 decades of service to county

BY GABRIEL PERRY
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

LACONIA — The Belknap County Delegation honored County Administrator Debra Shackett and thanked her for nearly two decades leading her department, and more than 30 years of public service, during their meeting on Tuesday night.

Hired in 2008, Shackett informed county commissioners in July of her intention to retire. Her last day at 34 County Drive is Jan. 31.

Following the presentation of the county commissioners’ budget recommendations to the county delegation Tuesday night, Chair Rep. Harry Bean (R-Gilford) announced he had a presentation to make. Calling Shackett up before the group, Bean thanked her for her service and handed her a large plaque cut to the shape of the State of New Hampshire.

“On behalf of the 2025-26 delegation of the

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Pair of holiday haircut events in Franklin, Tilton

BY BOB MARTIN
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

Local barbers and hairstylists are doing their part to give back to the community, with two separate holiday haircut offerings, taking place on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Franklin Archways will be holding a free holiday haircut event sponsored by Jennifer’s Color Bar, and organizer Kylieh Farley said she has rounded up volunteers from several local hair salons. This includes the staff from Jennifer’s Color Bar of Gilford, Behold the Beauty of Laconia, and Paytin James Salon, which is based in Franklin.

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