

## School News

# Here Comes the Bride!

Miss Amanda Deane, second grade teacher at Wilkins School married her high school sweetheart, David Eaton on August 8th at St. John Neumann's in Merrimack.

In attendance were many of Mrs. Eaton's former students. "Teaching in Amherst is a big part of my life and I love it! It was perfect on my big day to be surrounded by former students," she said.

David gave her a big diamond ring paper weight on her first year teaching here in Amherst five years ago. He said it was the biggest diamond he could find! So the big diamond was a fixture on her desk and a topic of conversation.

When David proposed Mrs. Eaton emailed her students and families showing his unique proposal. "He wrote will you marry me in thirty feet of Christmas lights in his parent's backyard! I had no idea," she said. Last year several students drew pictures of what her wedding dress should look like.

"As you can see the children and families in Amherst have been like family to me.

As I grow in my life and in my teaching career I am very grateful to be teaching in such a supportive community," she said.



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Back: Christopher DeChambeau; Middle (L to R): Matthew Zifchak, Nicholas Zell, Mrs. Eaton, Meghan Murphy, Morgan Zifchak, Timmy Murphy, Nicholas Garcia; Seated: Connor Zell, Christian Garcia, the ring bearer Craig Freni.

# Halloween With Braces Can Be A Sweet Thing

AMHERST – Gleeful goblins, witches, super heroes and princesses soon will bring home candy that could be frightful for their teeth. Dr. Deb and Dr. Diane of Amherst Orthodontics remind orthodontic patients to follow special guidelines for keeping braces intact. "If it is sticky, chewy, hard or crunchy, it's a food that anyone wearing braces should avoid," says Dr. Diane.

October is National Orthodontic Health Month, and orthodontists urge patients to steer clear of these brace busters. "Broken braces may affect treatment just like not brushing your teeth or not wearing your elastic bands," explains Dr. Deb. Halloween does not have to be treatless. Plain chocolate, peanut butter cups, Kit Kats, Three Musketeers and Raisinettes are good choices. Dr. Diane cautions patients to brush thoroughly after their sugary indulgence. Braces-safe recipes can be found on their web site, www.Am-



Dr. Deb and Dr. Diane say this 'bewitching' time of year does not have to be scary for orthodontic patients like Makayla of Milford.

herstOrthodontics.com.

In an effort to keep Halloween fun for their trick-or-treaters, the doctors are buying back Halloween candy. They are paying one dollar for every pound of candy surrendered to their office and they will match their patient's earnings and donate this amount to SHARE. Their patients can 'weigh-in' on Monday, November 3rd at their office in Overlook Park.

## ► Two Seconds of Fame

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to the debate. I was greeted at the school door the following morning with questions from current students who had also watched the debate. There is strength in that for us as a nation that our children are invested in the democratic process.

There is a personal twist to my moment of fame. I have had a crush on Tom Brokaw for my whole adult life and now enjoy a small family connection to him. My daughter Kerry's father-in-law was a producer at NBC and is a friend of Tom Brokaw. We had invited Tom to Kerry's wedding, but he was unable to come, much to my sister's chagrin, because she had wanted to bounce in the bouncy-castle with him that day! Anyway, when he heard that "Peggy of Amherst, NH" had

asked a question, Marc Kusnetz texted Tom Brokaw, and he replied right away, saying that "they loved that question." Tom Brokaw loved my question—wahoo!

Souhegan High School uses essential questions that urge students to delve deeply into their learning, so my former students recognized the tenor of the question when they heard it asked on the air. It is not a question that allows for a facile answer, and I was a bit disappointed that the candidates did not take the time to truly consider the heart of the question in their responses. The real value of my question, however, was the instant sense of connectedness as former Souhegan students sought to touch base, affirming again for me that this, indeed, is a very special place.

# Search To Find Children In Need Of Special Education

SAU #39 is seeking to identify every child from birth to age 21 who lives within the boundaries of Amherst and Mont Vernon who has developmental delays or may be in need of special education. If you have a child or know of a child who you think has development delays or special needs, contact:

**Renea Sparks, Director of Special Services**  
SAU #39 - Telephone 673-1096  
M – F (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

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deafness, deaf-blindness, autism, traumatic brain-injury, emotional disturbance, specific learning disabilities, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, and speech or language impairments.

Parents are advised that all special education services are designed to offer appropriate educational opportunities for each qualifying student, as well as to provide assistance and support in the areas of physical, mental, emotional, and social growth. If your child qualifies, these services will be provided at no cost to the family. State and federal laws are followed in providing each student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

## Seussical Stories at Nashua Library



Characters from the Actorsingers production of "Seussical: The Musical"

The Actorsingers will present a "Seussical" story hour at the Nashua Public Library on Saturday, October 25, at 11 a.m.

Performers from the Actorsingers November 7-9 production, "Seussical: The Musical," will read stories by Dr. Seuss while dressed in costumes from the show. "Seussical" is a whimsical retelling of "Horton

Hears a Who!" and also features Dr. Seuss's characters and scenarios from "The Cat in the Hat," "Gertrude McFuzz," "The Butter Battle Book," and more.

The library is located at 2 Court Street. Its website is [www.nashualibrary.org](http://www.nashualibrary.org). For more information, call 589-4631.

## THE TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOPS



### THE WRITE SISTERS Wed., Oct. 15, 3:00 p.m.

The Write Sisters' each contributed a chapter to the new history book for children, "Women of Granite: 25 New Hampshire Women You Should Know". Many of them will be on hand.

### THE CLASSICS CROWD Thur., Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m.

This is the regular meeting of the Classics Group. New readers are always welcome. Please join us!

### JOHN SCIESZKA Sat., Oct. 18, 11:00 a.m.

Kids of all ages will welcome National Ambassador for Children's Literature, John Scieszka, author of the new book "Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost-True Stories of Growing up Scieszka".

### JAY WHITNEY Mon., Oct. 20, 12:00 p.m.

Visiting on his XC trip from California, Jay Whitney drops in to sign and discuss his new book, "Historic Photos of Ronald Reagan".

### SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY GROUP Wed., Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m.

The SF&F discussion group, meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday monthly. Open to older teens and adults.

### SID HALL Thur., Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m.

Local poet reads from his new book. Brookline, NH author and poet Sid Hall returns to read from and sign his new collection, "Fumbling in the Light".

### PATRICIA HUGHES Sat., Oct. 25, 11:00 a.m.

Pick up a shovel and a signed copy of Patricia Hughes' new book, "Lost Loot: Ghostly New England Treasure Tales". A great way to explore our region and pick up some history.

### JIM HOFFORD Sat., Oct. 25, 4:00 p.m.

NH poet Jim Hofford comes a' calling to share his new project that incorporates spoken word, acting, and lush imagery of our Granite State in a video format. Jim will show us excerpts and bring us the poet's experience.

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