Wilkins Elementary School

3rd Grade History Week

By Irene Raissis Alton

When you live in a beautifully historic town, one hopes that it's history is known and continued for both young and old. The 3rd grade students from Wilkins Elementary School gathered for their traditional week long event known as 3rd grade History Week where they learned about the wonderful history of Amherst and it's colonial roots.

Event coordinators, Laurie Coppola and Ellen Barry along with 3rd grade teacher Jamie Richardson planned and delivered a fact filled, entertaining and fun week for the students during the week of May 18th - 22nd.

The week consisted of various events. These included tours of Town Hall by Bob Schaumann, the Congregational Church with Skip Skoglund who was extremely knowledgeable in it's history along with organist, Kim Whitehead who spoke to the students about the organ and gave each student an opportunity to try it out!

Mid week, they toured Mike's Garage, with owner Mickey Larivee who also gave the students some sweet treats. They visited the Chapel Museum and the WigWam where Susan Fischer, Jackie Marshall, Bonnie Knott, Helen Rowe and Nathalie

Marshall of the Historical Society, gave guided tours and talked about their history.

Later in the week, students also went on a tours of some historical homes here in town. Greeting the students at each home, were wonderful volunteers telling great stories about the history of the homes. Students had the opportunity to visit the homes of Charlie Burns who participates in History Week in honor of his mothers memory. Jeanne Lundt took the students for a tour of the inside of the home to see the bank vault. Another home owner, Jill Darin also talked to the kids about her home and graciously made cookies for everyone.

The week came to a conclusion with a lunch celebration at the Amherst Village Green with the stu-dents dressed in their colonial best attire while Captain Kevin Stirnweis of Glover's Regiment from Marblehead, MA entertained them with a wonderful re-enactment presentation which included music and the firing of his musket!

History Week could not have happened without the participation of all the towns people, home owners and the over 100 parent volunteers that were involved through out the week! History week was a great success for our 3rd graders!



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Students brought their lunch wrapped in cloth to the Common.



Cayley Barry and Caterina Coppola



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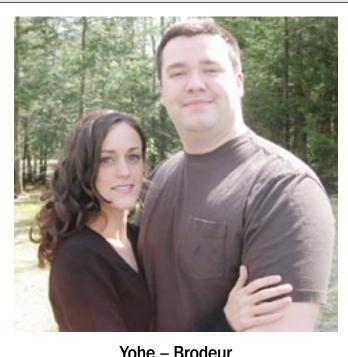
Mr. and Mrs. Rand K. Peck of Mont Vernon announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Rand to Mr. Blair Nelson of Auckland, New Zealand. He is the son of Robert and Dale Nelson of Auckland, New Zealand.

Samantha is a graduate of Souhegan High School. She received her bachelor's degree in American studies from Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts and will be receiving her master's degree in marketing from Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois in

Blair graduated from Macleans College, New Zealand. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Auckland, a master's degree in engineering from the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, and a master's degree in business administration from University of Michigan. He is employed by Fletcher Building, Auckland, New Zealand.

A 2010 wedding is planned.

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Yohe - Brodeur

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Yohe of Amherst, NH announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Paige Yohe to Joseph Warren Brodeur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brodeur of Manchester, NH. Valerie graduated from Souhegan High School in 1998, University of New Hampshire in 2002 and also earned her Masters degree at Plymouth State University in 2008. She is employed as an English teacher at Memorial High School in Manchester.

Joe graduated from Central High School in 1998 and Marist College in 2002. He is employed as a Sales Representative for Cintas Corporation in New Hampshire.

The couple will marry on July 11, 2009.

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