

## More Letters

### Souhegan School Board Denies The Distinction of Top Decile to Students

To the editor:

There are few things our community takes greater pride in than our Souhegan HS Football team. Winners of three straight state titles they have established themselves as an elite program, among the very finest in all of New Hampshire.

I would imagine that rival coaches and players do not share our pride and joy in their success. I am sure that they too would like to raise a championship banner, and they too would like to be patted on the back and congratulated. That is simply not, how sports work. Victories and accolades are earned on the playing field. I can only imagine the level of protest and outcry that would be heard in our community if the NHIAA ruled that this year our boys were not permitted to compete for a fourth straight title. News that the other coaches and players in their league had written and signed a petition that stated after three years of hard work, dedication and commitment, our Sabers should be denied that honor would be laughed at and then vigorously challenged.

But that is exactly what occurred at a recent Souhegan School Board meeting, when our Board voted to support a proposal put forth by the Community Council that denies an academic honor that has been celebrated as a part of the Souhegan HS academic culture since 1994. Seniors in the Class of 2012 who have dedicated themselves to academic excellence through sacrifice, dedication and commitment will be denied the distinction of Top Decile recognition.

A visitor to our gymnasium has only to look to the walls to see how we as a community celebrate and honor athletic excellence and achievement. Our Community Council and our School Board have voted to end one way that we had celebrated academic excellence. We wait and hope now for a suitable plan to replace it. Let us all hope that as a community we will celebrate our students as passionately as we celebrate our athletes.

Michael Heaney  
Amherst

### Mentors Needed for Souhegan FIRST Robotics Team

To the editor:

The Souhegan High School FIRST Robotics team is in urgent need of mentors to assist with mechanical engineering, software engineering, website design, & animation project for the 2011/2012 season. The FIRST robotics program uses the excitement of a sporting competition to inspire students to the potential career possibilities of science and engineering fields. The program enables students to work hand-in-hand with professional engineers & scientists in solving a unique engineering challenge.

The SHS robotics team usually meets once a week from October through December. We receive the FIRST game challenge the first week in January and have six weeks to develop a robot concept, design the robot subsystems, fabricate parts, assemble the robot, and integrate/test the subsystems. The team competes at the Granite State Regional in Manchester (March) & at least one out-of-town event (April).


The mechanical team usually consists of 10-16 students. The mechanical team is responsible for the design, fabrication, assembly, and test of the mechanical structure and game piece manipulator. The team uses AutoDesk Inventor or Solidworks CAD tools to design & build a 120 lb robot using FIRST provided motors.

The software team usually consists of 6-12 students with varying programming experience. The team uses the Wind River workbench and C programming language running on National Instruments' cRIO hardware. Many robotic functions are available by tapping the WPI robotics library resource.

FIRST teams are invited to create a 30-second animation clip in six weeks that best depicts a FIRST specified theme using Autodesk 3ds Max® software. This is the same tool professionals use in film, game design visualization. The animation team usually consists of 5-10 students.

Interested parties willing to support this noble activity are encouraged to contact Bill Price (b1lp@yankeepub.com or 673-1355) or Brian Walters (bfwalters@comcast.net or 424-8360) for more information.

Brian Walters  
Amherst



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# Business

### Certified Physician Assistant Lindsay Labore Joins Immediate Care of Southern NH

NASHUA — Lindsay Labore, PA-C, joins the medical staff at Immediate Care of Southern New Hampshire, located at 29 Northwest Boulevard in Nashua, NH. Her colleagues include Melissa Wu, MD, MBA, FACEP; Abraham Jacob, MD; Susan Gust, APRN; Courtney Frazee, PA-C; and Jillian Gibson, PA-C. Ms. Labore is affiliated with Foundation Medical Partners and is on the active staff at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center.

Ms. Labore received her bachelor's of science degree, magna cum laude, from Northeastern University, Boston, MA; completed an athletic training fellowship at NH Musculoskeletal Institute in Manchester, NH, and earned her master's in physician assistant studies at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA. She is a board certified physician assistant and a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

### BPW Super Duper Speed Networking Event, September 15

NASHUA – The Greater Nashua Business and Professional Women is pleased to announce its first Super Duper Speed Networking event. We all know that networking is not easy! However, most of us must network in order to reach our customers and clients.

Speed networking is an effective way to match businesses with their desired connections. BPW offers a casual, friendly environment to help you start networking more efficiently. Don't forget to bring plenty of your business cards!

The event will be structured with an organized rotation where participants engage in 3-minute multiple mini-meetings. Instead of awkwardly approaching someone for a 1-on-1 conversation, participants will be paired up in an old-fashioned "Stroll" to share information about your company, learn about someone else and exchange business cards.

The luncheon takes place on Thursday September 15th, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza, Exit 8, Nashua. The cost is \$16.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. For this program, please RSVP to vicepresident@bpwnashua.com. All pre-registered attendees will receive a free networking tip sheet and will be entered into a drawing for a networking book. The meeting includes the speed networking event and a buffet lunch.

The Greater Nashua Business and Professional Women's (BPW) organization is a non-profit association whose mission is to provide a forum for the education, networking, business development and advocacy for women.

For additional information regarding meetings and membership contact membership@bpwnashua.com or visit the web at http://www.BPWNashua.com.

### Flea Market to Benefit Animal Shelter

BEDFORD -- A flea market to benefit the Bedford Animal Shelter will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17th and 18th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine. Hosted by and on the lawn of Second Avenue Con-

signment Shop 2 Paul's Way. Table space is available for \$20. Please call to reserve a space 880-3323. Donations of items to sell for the "animal tent" are always welcome also.

### Boutique Smoke Shop Now Open



Owners, Rick Fells and Sylvain Yaakov welcome customers to Tasty Tobacco Shop on the Milford Oval.

MILFORD – There's a new face in town and it's standing guard at the entrance to Milford's newest business. The hand carved wooden statue of a native American salutes the busy Milford Oval holding a bundle of cigars.

Tasty Tobacco Shop officially opened its doors for business September 1st and welcomes everyone to their Grand Opening, Saturday September 24. At 1 p.m., Tasty Tobacco Shop will host Boston Cigar Factories Master hand roller Marcia Weaver, who will demonstrate the art of hand rolling Boston's finest premium cigars. Weaver trained with veteran Cuban tabaquero Angel Garcia and opened the Boston Cigar Factory with partner Jack Keating back in the late 1990s.

Additionally, Master Blender Gianni Fasano, CEO and blender of Potente' (Spanish for Potent) Cigars will be on hand to discuss Potente cigars, pose for pictures, and autograph cigar boxes.

Tasty Tobacco Shop owners, Rick Fells and Sylvain Yaakov, are excited to be offering customers high quality boutique cigars, loose and tin premium tobacco, and the finest hand made briar tobacco pipes, along with quality made cigar and pipe lighters, humidors, and a variety of accessories for maximum smoking pleasure.

Tasty Tobacco Shop was founded in 2010 starting with an online store, selling to domestic and international customers all over America and throughout the world and continues to attract new visitors to www.tastytobaccoshop.com.

Both Rick and Sylvain have personally invested many hours to build the business to where it is today and now have a brick and mortar store where customers can come in and shop some of the finest smoke products available anywhere. The owners live by their moto; "hard work, dedication, and passion" and practice this philosophy in running their business.

The shop is open seven days a week during summer hours, Monday through Saturday from 9am to 11pm and Sunday 11am to 7pm with the owners always available to provide customers with quality personal service, consistent quality products, and convenient business hours

Tasty Tobacco Shop is located at 139 Union Square (on the Oval) in Milford, NH (next door to JM Princewell). Please call 672-8880 for more information.



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