

# Schools

## SHS National Honor Society

Members of National Honor Society from Souhegan High School were on hand Saturday December 10th to assist in "Breakfast with Santa" in two locations. In Mont Vernon, NHS students teamed up with freshmen from Team 9C; greeting, assisting with childcare, and crafts. In Amherst, NHS students enjoyed assisting families as they posed their children for pictures with Santa, kids did crafts, and played games.



### Participants:

**From Amherst:** (pictured above) Nelson Corchado, Kevin Hutchinson, Libby Bacher, Julia Smith, Jenna Gowell, Aaron Prescott, Colton Kenney, Emily Rego, and Kara Foley

**From Mont Vernon:** (pictured left) Shauna Barritt and Megan Brown. Others assisting were Anli Kelly-Durham, Adora Jackson, Kaelee Noorda, Chris Chininis, Andi Aiken, and Hannon Young

## Local Students Compete in Regional Lego League Tournament

AMHERST - On November 12, the Wall-E-Xtreme team with participants from Amherst and Mont Vernon competed in the Merrimack Mindstorm Madness First Lego League local qualifier event. The team of 4th and 5th grade newcomers (Tyler Rishkofski, Nathan Stine, Liam Daley and Beau Facey) worked hard for several months producing a working robot, innovative idea and presentation materials. This year's theme was Food Factor and the kids were asked to study food safety issues including contamination and spoilage. A local apple farm, McLeod's Bros. Orchards, was generous enough to meet with the boys and explain some of the troubles they face with food safety. After several meetings of brainstorming and working as a team the boys developed an innovative and informed solution to draw pests away from

the orchard focusing on items already found in nature. To prepare for the tournament the boys then developed a creative and entertaining presentation to explain their idea to the panel of judges that even included a rap! The team video taped the presentation and has put it on youtube to share their research with the community, to date they have over 200 views. In addition, in just a few shorts weeks they were able to build, test and program a robot to accomplish a set of missions as defined by First Lego League. At the qualifying event the boys competed against 18 other teams and placed a very respectable 8th place in the robot game. Their coaches and parents are all very proud of them for their hard work and determination.



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## Amherst PTA 60th Annual Play - *Oklahoma* Auditions

Oklahoma!, the first musical written by famed composers Rodgers and Hammerstein is coming to the Amherst PTA! The perfect show to celebrate 60 years of wonderful community theatre with its uplifting story, beautiful scenery and popular music. The story is set in Oklahoma territory, with cowboy curly McLain and his budding romance with farm girl Laurey Williams. Cowboy Will Parker and his fiancé, the flirtatious Ado Annie live the story with their trials and tribulations. Jud Fry, a farm hand

soon gets in the way of curly and Laurie for an unusual love triangle. The original Broadway production of Oklahoma opened in 1943. It was a box-office smash and ran for an unprecedented 2,212 performances. In 1955, Oklahoma was adapted for the screen, winning 2 Academy Awards starring Shirley Jones as Laurey and Gordon MacRae as curly. The 2002 Broadway revival experienced similar success, being nominated for seven Tony Awards. With hit songs like Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', The Sur-

rey with the Fringe on Top, I Can't Say No, People Will Say We're in Love, and Oklahoma, it is a show not to be missed. Auditions will be held Tuesday, January 3rd from 6 - 8pm and Wednesday, January 4th, 6 - 8pm with possible callbacks Thursday, January 5th. Mandatory first rehearsal and parent meeting is Sunday, January 8th from 1 - 5pm. Auditions are at Clark School, 14 Foundry Street in Amherst. Please come with sheet music, prepared to sing, preferably a song in the style of

the show and to learn a few dance steps. Show dates are April 12th - April 15th at the Souhegan High School Theatre. The show is Directed by Roger Hurd, Advisor to the Director Alan D. Kaplan. Music Director is Kim Whitehead and Choreography by Vouli Anthimidou. Producers Jackie O'Dowd and Rita Piotrowski. Amherst PTA website: www.amherstpta.org. Any questions please call Jackie O'Dowd at 582-5211.

### Clark-wilkins School

#### 2012/2013 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration for incoming Kindergarteners and First Graders new to the district will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2012 in the Clark School Multipurpose Room. Snow date Saturday, February 11, 2012. Children must be 5 and 6 years old by 9/30/12 to register for Kindergarten and First Grade respectively. Students that are currently enrolled in kindergarten do not need to re-enroll for First Grade. Enrollment packets can be downloaded from our website <http://www.sprise.com/clark/> and completed at your convenience. Please bring your completed packet along with your child's immunization records, most recent physical and original birth certificate.



#### 2012 Calendar Features 17 Souhegan Student Athletes

The Souhegan baseball team, with the assistance of Men's Wearhouse, Souhegan High School teacher John Ranta and the Copy Shop are selling 2012 calendars that features seventeen Souhegan Baseball Players dressed in Men's Wearhouse apparel. The athletes appear in twelve different locations from the surface of the moon to a cafe in France. The calendars can be purchased for \$15 from a Souhegan baseball player, in Diane Gratz athletic office or by contacting Head Coach Bill Dod ([saberchamps@comcast.net](mailto:saberchamps@comcast.net)) and a calendar will be delivered.

### Student in the News

#### Allie Bohan Earns Fall Athletic Recognition at Pomfret School

POMFRET, CT - Pomfret School is pleased to announce that Allie Bohan, of Nashua, was awarded the Lisa Noble Field Hockey Award. This is awarded to the player who shows outstanding effort, attitude, spirit, and dedication to the team, by selection of the coach. In addition, Allie was team captain for fall 2011.

Allie is a member of the Class of 2012.

#### The Derryfield School Announces Fall Honor Roll

MANCHESTER - Head of School Craig Sellers is pleased to announce that Cassandra Bryan '12, Madeleine Walstad '12, Margaret Huckaby '13,

Dong Zhou '13, Cory Greer '14, Brianna Smith '14, Nicole Anthony '15, Samantha Carbery '15, Riley Greer '15, and James O'Brien '15 of AMHERST have received Academic Highest Honors for the fall term at The Derryfield School. Highest Honors are awarded to those students who maintain at least an A-average, with no grade below a B. Tessa Greer '12, Sierra Goodson '14, John Cissel '15, and Mitchell Huckaby '15 of AMHERST have received High Honors for the fall term. High Honors are awarded to those students who maintain a B+ average, with no grade below a B-. In addition, Luke De Noble '12 and Taylor Huxtable '14 of AMHERST have received Academic Honors for the fall term at The Derryfield School. Honors are awarded to those students who maintain a B average, with no grade below a C.

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a cast of three hilarious comedians from the Boston Comedy Club. This year, Paul Nardizzi - previously a guest on Conan O'Brien and Comedy Central - is headlining the event. What's makes this show truly special however is the fact that the performers have written acts purposely for the students of Souhegan (Rating PG-13). To add to the talent of the comedians, Entropy will be performing a masterfully written parody of The Sound of Music which is sure to delight.

If you wish to purchase a ticket, simply contact any one of the members of the robotics team, or Allan McGuy ([Themguys@comcast.net](mailto:Themguys@comcast.net)) for \$15. However, if you can't reach him in time, you can still enter the show for an extra \$5 at the door.

In addition to the comedy night, a bake sale and silent auction will take place, featuring delicious food items and plausible late holiday gifts for friends and family - all of which are donated by the families of the robotics team and surrounding communities of Amherst and Mont Vernon.

Every prospective engineer, graphics artist, and coder on Entropy looks forward to Comedy Night, and hopes to see as many people come as possible. Please show your support for Entropy by coming to Comedy Night, and maybe buying a few extra things at the auction and bake sale. The real world experience Souhegan students gain is invaluable, but it can only continue if the citizens of the Souhegan area pitch in to make it possible!

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