

## School News

### An Invitation to the Community Members for Senior Project

As many of you know, the senior project is an independent study project in an area of special interest. Students engage in extensive research and reflection, apply their new knowledge and present their final projects to a public audience in May. Faculty mentors and outside experts guide the students in their work. Students meet with their mentors on a regular basis and panel meetings take place four times during the process. The final presentations take place in May and are open to family, friends and community members.

For the last few years, community members have been invited to be on the panels that guide 4-5 students through the process. These community members have mentioned the thoughtfulness of the process and the number of interesting proj-

ects. "No matter what student comes before you – there will always be some connection," was one comment. It is hard not to get excited about the ideas being presented, as one member said "I feel like the students mine!"

We are again inviting interested community members to join the Souhegan faculty to mentor our students through this capstone project. Below is the schedule for the meetings with students and the final presentations. If you would like to learn more about senior project, please consider joining us for coffee and goodies at Souhegan on Wednesday, October 22nd at 8:00am. This is an informational meeting only. We look forward to sharing this unique program with you.

#### Senior Project Checkpoints 2014 – 2015

| What   | When                    |
|--|-------------------------|
| Draft of Proposal Letter   | Friday<br>December 19th |
| Final Proposal Letter/ Confirmation of Outside Expert            | Wednesday               |
| Submit final letter to mentor and panel.                         | January 7th             |
| Panel Meeting: Proposal Letter (Late Start)                      |                         |
| Present proposal to panel  | Monday                  |
| Community members meet student panels from 7:25-9:25am           | January 12th            |
| Panel Meeting: Applied Piece Proposal (After School)             |                         |
| Present letter to mentor and panel.                              | Wednesday               |
| Community members meet student panels from 2:45-4:15pm           | February 18th           |
| Panel Meeting: Final Research (After School)                     |                         |
| Present panel with evidence of complete and thorough research.   | Wednesday               |
| Community members meet student panels from 2:45-4:15pm           | March 18th              |
| Panel Meeting: Completed Project (Late Start)                    |                         |
| Provide panel with evidence that ALL work is complete;           |                         |
| panel decides whether to assign a presentation date.             | Monday                  |
| Community members meet student panels from 7:25-9:25am           | April 13th              |
| Celebration of Senior Project                                    |                         |
| Share project with a public audience.                            | May 18th and 19th       |
| Projects will be scheduled throughout the two days 7:25 – 2:25pm |                         |
| Evidence of Learning Paper                                       | Friday, May 22nd        |

### Fall Events at Applewild

FITCHBURG, MA – Interested families who want to learn more about Applewild have several opportunities this fall. On the first Thursday of each month, parents are invited to "Take A Look" Morning, a chance to see students and teachers in action. Meet at the Crocker Building, 120 Prospect Street in Fitchburg, at 9:00 am. Fall dates are November 6, and December 4. Mid-year admissions are considered.

The Fall Admissions Open House will be held on Saturday, November 15 at 1:00 pm. Interested families will tour campus, learn about our enhanced Affordability Initiative for financial aid, and AppleCore Scholarships.

**Saturday, October 18** - Applewild School's annual Harvest Fair from 10-4, rain or shine. Join

the fun with children's games, pony rides, apple pie baking contest, pumpkin decorating, gift basket raffles, chicken barbecue and bake sale.

**Friday, November 7** - The Parents Association Annual Rummage Sale, a well-known event for bargain-hunters, will take place in the Sutton Gym on Friday, November 7 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and on Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Saturday, November 15** - Open House at Applewild School. The fall admissions open house will be at 1:00 pm and include campus tours and special events for children. Offering financial aid, scholarships and transportation.

To register or for more info call: 978-342-6053 x110 or email: admissions@applewild.org.

### Community/Family Climbing at SHS Monday Evenings, 6:30–8:30pm

AMHERST – Come climb with us on Souhegan High School's indoor rock climbing wall. Ages 5 and up are welcome. Climbers will have the opportunity to push themselves and support others as they do so. All equipment will be supplied. No prior experience is required.

The sessions will be led by John Dowd, founding Souhegan HS fac-

ulty member and senior climbing instructor at the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School. Fee is \$5.00 pp. or \$20.00 per family. All proceeds will benefit the 2015 SHS Wintercession Joshua Tree Climbing Trip. If you have questions, please contact John Dowd: jdowd@sprise.com.

### Souhegan Hopes For Gus

By KALI MONDOR AND MORIAH CALFIN, SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Cheers erupt as Gus Dreher emerges onto the field with two Souhegan Saber football players. It is September 19th and students crowd the bleachers, pressed shoulder to shoulder while applauding at the fourth annual Hope for Gus Football Game. This fundraiser game is an important event for the Amherst/ Mont Vernon communities. It started four years ago when Steve Dreher, a teacher at Souhegan High, shared the story of his son. Gus Dreher was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), which weakens the muscles and shortens the life span to about 20 years for boys with DMD.

Steve and his wife, Tonya, used Gus's diagnosis as inspiration for the creation of the Hope For Gus Foundation. George Lepage, a senior football player at Souhegan said, "We were freshmen when the first Hope for Gus game came around, and I just remember being in advisory and going to the assembly to hear Steve talk. Steve is always so hopeful... it's just four years later and they're already doing human trials to treat symptoms."

The football game makes a huge impact on the football players. "I think the big thing for most of the guys is that we get to play for something so much bigger than ourselves and the team," reported another varsity football player. "When you realize that just by playing football you are making a serious contribution to potentially saving this 9-year-old boy's life...when you see him in front of you, it really hits hard."

Gus enjoys the game as well. According to Steve, "Gus loves coming to school, hanging out with the football players, the cheerleaders and the mascot...This year, he asked me if we could go to every Saber game."



This fall, the football game wasn't the only event to raise money for the Foundation. The Souhegan Ethics Forum, "Wanted it to be bigger, and to kick off the year and do something for Hope for Gus," said Kiley Charbonneau, a senior, who is part of the Ethics Forum, which hosts the event. The festival included a color run followed by live music, chances to win raffle baskets and a dunk tank! Kate Heaney, another senior in Ethics Forum says, "I think the best part for all of us was seeing what a group of teenagers can accomplish and how a community can truly rally behind a cause."

Both events were a success, with over a thousand dollars donated to Hope For Gus. Everyone is excited to see what the future holds in terms of treatments for DMD. With treatments on the horizon, Steve says, "I would imagine that the excitement in the community is contagious. We are hopeful and believe that with the continued support of the community we will save our son and the thousands of other kids in the world who have DMD."

### Destination Imagination Meeting for Parents and Students

Destination Imagination is an internationally acclaimed program for students from kindergarten through college, with over 200,000 participants each year in the U.S. and more than 30 other countries. Students work in small teams for several months to solve a Team Challenge in an imaginative and entertaining manner. These Challenges include both artistic and technical elements, and the end result is part performance, part science project, and part sporting event.

Each team must solve their chosen Challenge on their own. Adults are not allowed to help, except for teaching basic skills that the students might want to learn, such as sewing or the safe use of tools. The students on each team must write their own skit, and design and con-

struct all of their own props and costumes. The teams present their solutions to the Team Challenge at regional tournaments in March, and the highest scoring teams can advance to state and international tournaments.

There will be an informational meeting for interested families at Wilkins School on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. Children are welcome to come for fun, crafts, and games that will give them a preview of what it would be like to be a member of a DI team.

If you can't make it to the meeting, but would like to know more about Destination Imagination, please contact Craig Richardson (673-7299 or craig.richardson@yahoo.com).

#### 2014-2015 DI Team Challenges

##### Creature Feature (technical)

Teams will build a creature that uses technical methods to perform team-chosen actions, and include it within a story of adventure with the creature as a character.

##### Making Waves (scientific)

Teams will design and construct a sound machine that produces two different sounds. They must also create and integrate two visible displays of sound waves into their presentation.

##### Fairy Tales (fine arts)

Teams will present a team-created fairy tale about a character that faces and deals with a phobia. This will include an expressive artwork that conveys a thought or feeling, and a functional artwork that serves a practical function.

##### The Improv Games (improvisational)

Teams will create three independent improvisational sketches, which will incorporate improvisational games and street performances.

##### Loss to Win (structural)

Teams will design and build the lightest possible structure that can continue to support weight while parts of the structure are removed. They will also tell a story about how something is transformed and revealed to be something completely different.

##### Brand Aid (service learning)

Teams will use the creative process to identify, design, and carry out a project to address a real community need, and use graphic arts and sounds to create an effective brand to help meet the project goals. They will also create a live presentation and project evaluation.

##### Rising Stars (K - Grade 2): Animal Mish Mash

Teams will learn about animal characteristics and their habitats—the home and area in which they live. They will design a new animal and its new habitat, and construct the animal and its habitat in 3-D.

## PARKHURST PLACE

11 Veterans Road, Amherst, NH 03031

#### Features:

- Beautiful Country setting
- Non-profit independent living community for Seniors
- Large function and activity rooms
- Library with fireplace
- Community garden
- Scenic walking trails
- Screened gazebo
- Carports with storage

#### Services:

- Regular health screenings and clinics
- Planned social activities and functions
- Wellness and exercise programs

#### Come Visit Us!

From Wal-Mart in Amherst, head west on 101A (Amherst St) 1 mile. Take right on Veterans Rd. 1/4 mile on right.

One bedroom apartments are now available, with heat and hot water included.



For more information and current special incentives, contact Vera at Stewart Property Management, P. O. Box 10540, Bedford, NH 03110 (603) 641-2163



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## Mont Vernon

### Obituary

### Michael D. Lautenschlager

MONT VERNON – Michael D. Lautenschlager, 26, resident of Mont Vernon, NH died on September 26, 2014 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua, NH.

He was born in Columbia, Maryland on June 19, 1988, a son of David E. and Karen (Westcott) Lautenschlager. Michael made his home in Mont Vernon for the past 17 years. He graduated from Nashua Community College with a degree in Mechanical Design.

Michael loved spending time with his family and their dogs going camping and hiking. He was a very loving and kind person, devoted to

his family.

In addition to his parents of Mont Vernon, family members include two brothers, Daniel J. Lautenschlager and Joseph R. Lautenschlager; grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Suite 745, Boston MA 02215. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com

### Halloween Candy Collection

GS Troops 11692 & 20234 are collecting candy donations for this SPOOKY event! Drop boxes located at the General Store, Daland Library, McCollum building, and Mont Vernon Congregational Church. With as many as 800 trick-or-treaters, we suggest donating a minimum of 2 BAGS OF CANDY FOR EACH CHILD.

Please drop off your candy donations by Oct. 24th or a spell will be cast upon you! Candy to be delivered to participating residents in the village on either Oct 25th or 26th.

Contact Caroline Morrisette (cgm1071@comcast.net or 554-7260) if you have any questions. Thank you!

### 2015 Pats Peak Ski & Ride After School Program

#### Kick Off Weekends At Pats Peak...Online Registration Is Open!!!

Join us on Friday nights beginning January 9th (5 week session) for some quality time with family and friends on the slopes of Pats Peak. One hour lessons begin promptly @ 4:30, then ski until close (10pm). If you are interested in chaperoning, please let me know (free pass to ski on scheduled program nights).

SIGN UP BEFORE NOVEMBER 15th TO AVOID A \$25 LATE FEE!

TO REGISTER (must be 6 by 115, grades 1-12):

1. Go to [http://www.patspeak.com/winter/ski\\_ride.html](http://www.patspeak.com/winter/ski_ride.html)
2. Click on Register online here
3. Enter Username (montvernon) and Password (5141) and click login
4. Chose your program/options (level/rentals, etc)...many to choose from.
5. Have fun and stay warm!

**PROGRAM TAGS** (valid lift ticket/café card) - ready for pick up on Monday, Jan 5th (time/place TBD).

**SCHOLARSHIPS** - Please contact me for more information.

**TRANSPORTATION** – no bus transportation available. Parents are responsible for driving their children to/from Pats Peak.

If you know someone that is new to town that would be interested in the program, please pass on this information or have them contact me.

Check out the website (<http://www.patspeak.com/winter>) throughout the season to see all the fun events and activities that Pats Peak has to offer.

Feel free to contact me (554-7260 or cgm1071@comcast.net) with any questions.

Thanks everyone and hope to see you on the slopes (or in the lodge) in January!

Caroline Morrisette  
Pats Peak Ski & Ride Program  
Coordinator for Mont Vernon

### Mont Vernon Supervisors of the Checklist Session

The Mont Vernon Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Clerks office in the McCollum building on Saturday October 25, 2014 from 11:00AM to 11:30 AM to register voters and record changes to checklist.

Peter Ecklund, Andrew Dean,  
Joe Fimbel, Mont Vernon Supervisors of  
the Checklist

### Linda Foster Supports Woodbury and LaChance Ticket

#### To the editor:

It is interesting to see the "Foster for State Representative" signs sprouting up in Mont Vernon and New Boston. Please be aware, however, that the current candidate named Foster is in no way related to Linda T. Foster, the former long term State Representative and Deputy Speaker from Mont Vernon. In fact, the current candidate and I have very different and opposite views of government.

I enthusiastically support the Woodbury and LaChance ticket for State Representative. Mont Vernon and New Boston do not need rigid ideology. Our towns need the thoughtful and intelligent scrutiny that these two gentlemen will bring to our issues and concerns.

Yours truly,  
Linda T. Foster  
Mont Vernon

### Mont Vernon Artisans' 9th Annual Show & Sale on November 8 and 9

Mont Vernon Artisans' 9th Annual Show & Sale, in conjunction with NH Open Doors, happens Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, 10:00am – 4:00pm, at Mont Vernon Town Hall and Fire Station, 1 South Main St. (Rt. 13).

Visit the beautiful village of Mont Vernon and 18 artists and artisans, offering a rich variety of art and fine craft at two convenient, adjacent locations. The children of some Artisans will also have work proudly on display.

Enter to win a raffle basket brimming with handcrafted gifts made and donated by each Artisan. This year the proceeds will support the adult craft program of Mont Vernon's historic Daland Memorial Library.

For more information and a map, please visit [www.NHOpenDoors.com](http://www.NHOpenDoors.com), our website at <http://mvartisans.wordpress.com/>, and like us on Facebook!



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