

Letters & Opinion

Please Support Souhegan High School Project Graduation 2015

To the editor:

WHAT is Project Graduation? Thanks to the ongoing support of our community and local businesses, the all-night event known as Project Graduation has been a great success for many years. Working together, parents and community businesses help provide a safe, substance-free, fun environment for our senior class on the night of their graduation. The class of 2015 will be participating in the 10th annual Project Graduation celebration and this year's event will be held at the Nashua Sports Academy on June 5th.

We hold many fundraisers so we can keep the cost low enough for all of our seniors to participate, and we offer scholarships for those that need financial assistance. We have wonderful sponsors of this event in our area.

We appreciate any type of donation, both monetary and prizes. We appreciate your support and generosity. For monetary donations please send checks to:

Project Graduation 2015
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Thank you,
Nancy Protzmann
Publicity, 2015 Souhegan
Project Graduation



Souhegan High school students who volunteered at Taste For A Cure For CF – (L to R): Morgan Zifchak, Meghan McKnight, Elizabeth Silvia-Chandley, Hannah Gillis, Claire Foley, Rosie Garvey, Alex Cullen, Chris Lee, Luke Berry, and Jess Lapsley

Amherst Lives, Homes and Property Matter

To the editor:

In the past pipelines were being built in rural areas, not going through housing subdivisions and neighborhoods. As a result there were not as many safety concerns about loss of life, injury, or property damage. However, things have changed, and more and more pipelines are going through populated neighborhoods. As a result the affected town governments need to get involved to protect it's citizens. A strong message to FERC needs to be sent that it is not acceptable to have a 30-36 inch pipeline going through Amherst neighborhoods and back yards. There are many families now finding out their home is in the "Incineration Zone" in case of a pipe line accident.

Kinder Morgan has choices, but they have put it through sub divisions that include dead end streets, where the residents would be blocked from using the only available exit if necessary.

Amherst lives, homes and property matter. The fact that Kinder Morgan has shown total disregard to safety issues, puts more pressure on the Board of Selectman to be involved. Amherst needs to come out strong against routes that put their residents in harms way.

Accidents do happen, this is just one recent example.

A Pacific Gas and Electric Co. natural gas pipeline near Fresno erupted in a fireball Friday afternoon (4/17/15) — injuring at least 11 people and temporarily closing down Highway 99 — after a tractor operator accidentally punctured the 12-inch line, authorities said. "Eleven victims were transported to hospitals, where officials said four were in critical condition, two were in serious condition and the remainder suffered minor injuries."

As the above illustrates, accidents do happen! This was a 12 inch pipe line. Kinder Morgan wants a 36 inch pipe line coming across Amherst. We need to understand this impacts us all. It has been reported that this pipeline is just going along the power lines. Not true. Pipe lines cannot go under power lines, due to a chance of a spark setting off an explosion. It must be moved to the side of power lines. It is going through neighborhoods across our town, and you could end up finding yourself in, or close to the Incineration zone. join your neighbors to help save homes, land, and life.

Alice Bury
Amherst

Thanks to All Supporters of 9th Annual Taste for a Cure for CF

To the editor,

We wish to express our deep gratitude to all our friends and supporters in Amherst who helped make the 9th Annual Taste for a Cure for CF on April 9th, such a fantastic success this year. With the help of our local community and beyond we raised over \$140,000 to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This means that Taste has raised over \$1million for CF research in nine years— just incredible!!

The night would not have been possible if it was not for the involvement and generosity of many, many people! The Taste Committee is the backbone of Taste; this event could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of the most wonderful committee — Heather Crowe, Jennifer Grunbeck, Kathy MacPhee, Jo-Ellen Redmond, Maryellen Redway and Anne Spenser. From ribbon tying to filling out spreadsheets to getting auction items, this committee worked so hard to make sure everything was perfect!

The food and beverages this year was second to none, thanks to the continuing support of the local restaurants, beverage and food businesses that participated. A huge thank-you to the following restaurants, bakeries and businesses who shared their wonderful culinary creations with our guests - A&E Custom Coffee Roastery, Cabot Cheese, Cupcakes 101, Frederick's Pastries, Greenhouse Catering, Holy Grail Food & Spirits, Hooked & Ignite, Michelle's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn, Not Your Average Joe's, Orchard Street Chop Shop, The Peddler's Daughter, Piccola Italia Ristorante, SALT Kitchen & Bar at Wentworth by the Sea, Woodstock Inn Brewery, and Zorvino Vineyards.

We are so grateful for the support of our presenting sponsors Arthur and Joan Bourque of Survs Up, and all our generous sponsors -Allegro Microsystems LLC, Dovetail Dental Associates, Hampshire Fire Protection, Ira Lexus of Manchester, Ocean Properties, Pegasystems, People's United Bank, RiverStone Resources, US Trust and National Sponsor – American Airlines. Their continuing support every year is getting us closer to a cure for CF.

The night was perfect! The room at Executive Banqueting Facility looked amazing thanks to the committee's hard work and flowers donated by PJ's Flowers of Bedford. The BYPC Jazz Combo, and EMCEE AND DJ Porter Dodge ensured that everyone had a very entertaining evening. The Volun-

teers from Souhegan High School and Kohl's ensured that everything went smoothly that night! Photographer Ray Peeples did a fantastic job taking photos throughout the evening. Many local businesses donated wonderful auction items for our silent auction – we had over 100 items, ranging from weekends away to autographed sports memorabilia!! And this year, many friends donated wonderful baskets and handcrafted unique goodies which ensured our best auction ever!! THANK-YOU!

A very special thank-you to Jennifer and Bob Grunbeck and the Grunbeck Family foundation for their continuous and outstanding generosity, they are wonderful friends who make this event possible. The Grunbeck family have been part of this event since the very beginning and I know their involvement, on so many levels, and their support has ensured the success of Taste over the past nine years. Thank-you Jen and Bob!

A huge thank-you to the staff of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, who work tirelessly to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. Long after the office door closed they worked to ensure the success of this event. And lastly and most importantly, thank-you to our guests who bought tickets, purchased auction items and contributed to Bid For A Cure, we are forever grateful for your support and know that every dollar makes a difference.

When our daughter, Rosie was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, we were told that the life expectancy for someone with CF at that time was 19 years. She celebrated her 17th birthday last week! It is thanks to your support of Taste, Great Strides, Rosie's Roses Glass. Lemonade stands, Canvas Roadshows, and every other fundraiser we organize that has given her a life where she can enjoy and participate everything a 17 year old should enjoy! Over 50% of the CF population is over 18 years of age!! There is a lot of progress being made in the treatment of this genetic condition but there is no cure yet -we won't give up asking for your support and will keep on going until we find a cure.

Thanks a million!
The Garvey Family



Porter Dodge, Emcee and DJ at Taste For A Cure For CF and Rosie Garvey

Check out the latest CF news on Rosie's Roses Facebook page and www.rosiesroses.yolasite.com.

To join Team Rosies Roses at Great Strides on May 16th or make a donation visit <http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/rosiesroses>

Rational Debate Needed

To the editor:

"The Pipeline as an Opportunity" is the kind of rational debate the Town of Amherst should be having.

It seems that it is so much easier to put up walls and dig in our heels than to have an intelligent and rational conversation. Just saying No is not the answer to resolving any issue.

There are many reasons that natural gas is a better solution to our energy needs than either oil or coal. Yet we insist on relying on these sources of energy without first exploring how to fit natural gas into the equation.

Protection of our valuable natural environment is a priority. But so is being able to afford to live in our "desirable" community.

Without the ability to provide the services we need and want, attract businesses and control taxes, our "desirable" community will disappear.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Peterman
Amherst

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