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## Clark - Wilkins School Retirement Party



Five educators were honored at the Mile Away Restaurant on the occasion of their retirement. Vicki Dembisky, JoAnn DiPilato, Diane Gates, Melissa Pollak and Marilyn St. George. Congratulations on a job well done.

## Nicole Heimarck Receives Outstanding Service Award



Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, Nicole Heimarck

AMHERST - The New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA) is pleased to announce Ms. Nicole Heimarck, the Director of Curriculum and Professional Development for SAU #39, as the 2015 Outstanding Service Award winner.

The NHSAA Outstanding Service Award was instituted in 1994 as an important form of recognition for the outstanding work of system educational leaders who are not superintendents of schools. Annually, members are invited to nominate colleagues for consideration by the selection committee. The judging committee uses criteria that includes the individual's contribution to the educational achievement of the SAU, organizational improvement, initiative, professional growth and service to public education.

Dr. Mark V. Joyce, Executive Director of NHSAA, as well as all members of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association join in congratulating Nicole Heimarck on being selected as the recipient of this important award.

### BRIEFS

#### Last Call for Citizen of the Year Nominations

Nominations for the 41st Annual Amherst "Citizen of the Year" are now being accepted by the Amherst Lions Club. Selection of the "Citizen of the Year" is based on the nominee's contributions to the People and Town of Amherst which make Amherst a better place to live. The Nomination form can be found on page 4 and should be mailed to: The Amherst Lions Club, P.O. Box 1105, Amherst, NH 03031. The 2015 "Citizen of the Year" will be announced at the Fourth of July ceremony held on the Common. **Form on Page 4.**

#### 2015 Fourth of July Celebration

The theme for the parade this year is "New Hampshire's Firsts."

Friday, July 3 - Fireworks, band concert, hot air balloon rides at Souhegan High Stadium.

Saturday, July 4 - In the village there will be a parade with bands, floats, antique cars, baton twirlers, N.H. Revolutionary and Civil War Regiments, marchers, clowns and more. **See Page 8.**

#### Unique Job Opportunity

Established Amherst NH medical device company seeks the right individual to work part-time on a variety of clean-manufacturing and inspection tasks. Experience using precision semi-automated equipment, along with basic quality control inspection skills in an ISO-13485 compliant environment is desirable.

This is an opportunity to work in Amherst part-time, with flexible hours (daytime), in a friendly small company atmosphere.

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## Youth Citizen of the Year Award

AMHERST - James Callahan was named Amherst's Youth Citizen of the Year at the Memorial Day ceremonies on the Common Friday evening, May 30th. Jim has worked extensively on the Amherst trail system, including the Grater Road trailhead with Bruce Beckley and Bill Wichman, has spent hours grooming the cross country trails at Freestyle Farms for Nordic skiers and is currently working with Amherst Recreation Department on the possibility of clearing trails and building a warming hut. He will present the proposal before the Conservation Commission soon.

"Jim always finds a way to be outside," commented Maggie Paul, Souhegan High School's Community Service Coordinator. As

a junior at Souhegan, Jim's enthusiasm for the out of doors has helped him record 60+ hours of community service, exceeding the 40 hour graduation requirement in just three years. Ms Paul added that Jim is "a remarkably poised young man - a hard worker with a ready smile and we are grateful for his commitment to Amherst."

It is unlikely that Callahan's volunteerism will wane any time soon. Craig Fraley, Director of Amherst Parks and Recreation, noted that "Jim has been a great addition to the Recreation Department. I have been very impressed with his knowledge and willingness to get the job done. I am very excited for the Cross Country Ski project that Jim is working on. This will be a



Amherst Youth Citizen of the Year Award winner James Callahan with his parents Karen and Dan.

huge benefit to the Town of Amherst for many years to come."

The Patricia Duval/Evelyn Riccitelli Youth Citizen of the Year Award was

initiated in 1995 in memory of the two longtime residents of Amherst who had served the town, its schools and children with generosity and kindness.

## Field of Dreams for Souhegan High School?

\$500K anonymous donation challenges community to raise matching funds for turf field

AMHERST - A private anonymous donor has recently stepped forward with a pledge of \$500k to be used exclusively for the installation of a turf field in the Souhegan High School stadium. Since the total cost of the field upgrade is estimated at \$1,000,000, a fundraising campaign is planned to provide the \$500,000 bal-

ance of the cost. Although no taxpayer funds are required for the project, the caveat to securing the initial donation is that the matching funds must be raised by December of 2015. If the funds are not raised by the end of the year, the donor of the original \$500k will withdraw the pledge.

Recognizing the tremendous opportunity this do-

nation presents to the Amherst and Mont Vernon communities, organizers are in the process of setting up a tiered pledge program in order to attain the \$500,000 matching funds goal.

The anonymous donor recognized the turf installation as a way to "support the youth of the towns," Souhegan High School Athletic

Director, Dick Miller explained. The donor understands the value of a stadium field "as a symbol of a community coming together," Miller added. "A vibrant youth athletics program is a cornerstone of a healthy, involved student-body but it is also a gathering place and resource for the larger com-

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Republican Senator from Kentucky, Dr. Rand Paul, a declared candidate for President received a warm welcome by members of the Amherst Republican Town Committee at their monthly meeting held at Joey's Diner. Senator Paul answered wide ranging questions from energy policy to international relations.

## Amherst Junior Women's Club Names Club Woman of the Year

AMHERST - The Amherst Junior Women's Club (AJWC) is pleased to announce that Karen Tuthill has been voted 2014-15 Clubwoman of the Year by her peers. This award is presented to the member who has gone above and beyond for the organization. Karen has worked tirelessly

and demonstrated her commitment to the AJWC time and again.

Amherst Junior Women's Club is a non-profit organization. It focuses its efforts on civic needs, educational advancement and the less fortunate. For more information, please visit [www.ajwcnh.org](http://www.ajwcnh.org).

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