

Schools

275 SHS Students Participate in Autumn Cleanup Across Amherst



Souhegan High School demonstrated its commitment to community service in a big way on Monday, November 10, as 26 advisories (275 students) went out into the community to 25 sites to assist in autumn clean up. Most sites were the homes of veterans, as students and teachers took the time to help, honor and often times work alongside those who served our country.

Students came equipped with their own rakes, tarps and a positive energy to get the tasks done. Parents stepped up to drive the advisories to their destinations. "It was a great day," commented Maggie Paul, SHS Community Service Coordinator who organized the event. Those who were visited echoed her sentiments; Veteran Ken Bury wrote this:

"I just wanted to take a few minutes to pass on my thanks to all of the Souhegan HS students and staff that participated in the Veteran's yard clean-up work at my house and others in my neighborhood. I am a US Army veteran but this was the first time I participated as a recipient in this project. I want to congratulate the students for their courteous, profes-

sional hard work in cleaning up my yard. It never before looked so good! They didn't complain and worked enthusiastically and willingly as a team to do whatever was necessary to complete the project in a timely manner. These students and their families can be proud of their work and hopefully this sense of community service will carry forward as they go on in life.

German Exchange Students



Thirty-nine German students, along with three teachers from three high schools in Manheim Germany recently concluded a 16 day cultural exchange with three local high schools: Souhegan, Mascenic and Nashua High School. Sixteen families from Amherst and Mont Vernon hosted the students during their visit. The group is standing on the steps of the Widener Library in Harvard Yard at Harvard University, Cambridge MA.



Four Souhegan students have been selected by the New Hampshire Music Educators Association for the NH All State Festival in April 2015. The students prepared at length the required material for the 1 on 1 auditions with adjudicators on Saturday, 11/15, at Manchester Memorial High School. Their SHS teachers, Carl Benevides and Pat McMullen, were notified of the statewide selections on 11/18. The selected students will receive the festival pieces in January, allowing them needed independent practice time. On April 16-18, they will travel to Concord NH to rehearse and on the final day perform at the Capitol Center for the Arts. Representing Souhegan High School: Megan Dillon (junior, voice, NH All-State Mixed Choir 2015), Hannah Gillis (junior, trumpet, NH All-State Band 2015), Emily Loose (sophomore, flute, NH All State Band 2015) and Kole Nunley (senior, trombone, NH All-State Band 2014 & 2015).



AMS Band members rehearse for their Monarchs game performance.



Max says hello to AMS Principal Porter Dodge and Vice Principals Pam Gross and Patty Wons.

AMS Band Performs at The Verizon Wireless Center

Amherst Middle School Band members recently performed "O Canada" to begin a Manchester Monarchs game at the Verizon Center in Manchester. The performance was part of festivities celebrating Canadian Heritage Night on November 17. After their performance, the sixty-five student musicians in grades 6-8 danced and cheered in the stands, and enjoyed watching a well played

game of hockey. More than one hundred-fifty family members and friends turned out to support the AMS group and enjoy the night of entertainment. Band Director Chris Brunelle said, "It was a great experience for us - the Monarchs staff were super family-friendly, the kids had a blast, and it gave the band a goal to work for. It was an exciting first musical performance of the year for

students, especially since The Amherst Middle School is celebrating its 40th Anniversary!" Max, the Manchester Monarchs mascot, visited the Amherst Middle School on Halloween to promote the AMS Band trip to the Verizon Center. During his brief visit, Max, posed for pictures with students and staff, and led band members in a parade through the school to the delight AMS students.

Souhegan Valley Dollars for Scholars Raising Funds for College Scholarships

MILFORD - The Souhegan Valley Dollars for Scholars chapter has been raising college scholarship funds for deserving high school and college students of the area for over 50 years. One of the ongoing events is weekly Bingo at the River Card Room at 185 Elm Street in Milford every Tuesday. Come and play to support Dollars for Scholars. The doors open at 5:00 pm and the bingo begins at 6:45. The River Card Room will be giving out \$20 in free play to anyone new and to anyone who brings a friend. Food and beverages are available from the River Bluff Cafe. On December 6 from 8am -2pm the SVDFS hosts the Holiday Craft

Fair at Jacques Elementary School on Elm Street Milford. This fair raises funds for John Foss "It's for the Kids" college scholarship. John Foss was the beloved Principal of Jacques School for 11 years. The PTO is hosting the Kringle Kafe. DFS is seeking crafters to rent booths as well as donors of new craft items for the DFS table. Please remember to shop at Jacques School this year to benefit this worthy scholarship fund. For more information on this local nonprofit or to volunteer please visit souhegan-valley.dollarsforscholars.org

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