

## School News

### Writing Festival 2015

# Celebrating the Reading and Writing of Clark-Wilkins Students



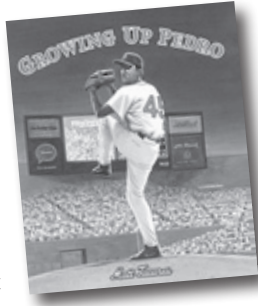
Nicole Heimarck and her daughter Natalie take time to read Natalie's book.



Isabela Goulet shares her book with her mom, Kara Goulet.

AMHERST – The annual Clark-Wilkins Writing Festival was held the week of May 18th. Parents, relatives, neighbors and friends enjoyed this annual celebration of the students' writing skills. All students have individually published books that highlight different formats and styles of writing. All books are arranged by grade level and teacher name. The students displayed work done in the fall of the school year and highlighted the progress made throughout the year.

Part of the Writing Festival is the much anticipated visit of an author. This year with the financial support of The Amherst PTA, author illustrator Matt Tavares visited with the students, selling and autographing books. Tavares made presentations to the students at Clark and Wilkins talking about his process of writing and illustrating his books. His most recent book is "Growing Up Pedro." Other books by Tavares include: "Henry Aaron's Dream," "There Goes Ted Williams," "Lady Liberty Biography," and "Hel-



growing up Pedro

en's Big World."

Matt's books are award winners: three Parents' Choice Gold Awards, six Oppenheim Gold Seal Awards, an Oppenheim Platinum Award, an International Reading Association Children's Book Award, and an Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children. His artwork has been exhibited at the Museum of American Illustration at the Society of Illustrators, the Brandywine River Museum, and the Mazza Museum of Picture Book Art.

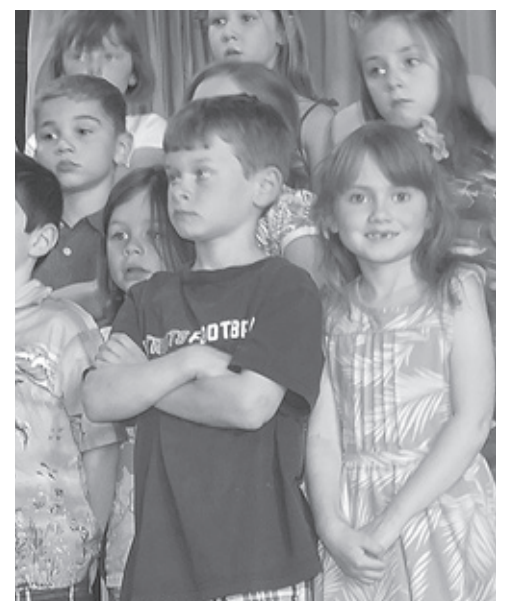
Matt and his family live in Maine.



Display of Student Writings and Book Fair in the Wilkins School all purpose room.



## First Grade Music Show at Clark-Wilkins School



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He is the son of Lori and Joseph Cinque, Amherst.

#### May Graduates from Pennsylvania State University

Connor William May, a class of 2011 graduate of Souhegan High School, has graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, and minors in Music Technology and Engineering Mechanics. Connor, who spent the first semester of his senior year studying abroad at the National University of Singapore, will

be taking a position at the Dachau, Germany facility of Autoliv, a global manufacturer of seat belts, airbags and other automotive safety equipment. He is the son of Jonathan and Kay May of Amherst.

#### Keene State Announces the 2015 Spring Dean's List

KEENE - 1,411 students were honored for academic excellence in the spring 2015 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, Keene State undergraduates must be enrolled in a degree program and must have completed a minimum of six credit

hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale to earn dean's list honors.

The following local students were among the honorees:

**FROM AMHERST:** Mitch Hale, Thomas Troie, Micaela Wilson, Katarina Silva, Nicholas Doiron, Patrick Kelley, Alex Green, Allison Mensh, Emily Payrits, Katelyn Shaw, Michael DeMarco, Holly Bourassa, Evelyn Cauchon

**FROM MONT VERNON:** Brendan Poor of Mont Vernon

#### Local Residents Achieve Dean's List at Lasell College for Spring 2015

NEWTON, MA - Several local residents have achieved Dean's List for the Spring 2015 semester at Lasell College in Newton, MA. To achieve the Dean's List, each student must be full-time carrying 12 or more graded credits for the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or above. They were among 695 students to receive the honor.

Named to the Dean's List: Alexa Katsigianis of Amherst is a member

of the class of 2015, majoring in Entrepreneurship

#### Lasell College Graduate Alexa Katsigianis of Amherst Receives 2015 Book Award

NEWTON, MA Alexa Katsigianis of Amherst has received a 2015 Book Award from Lasell College for excellence in the study of Entrepreneurship. Katsigianis is a 2015 graduate of Lasell. The awards are given each May to graduating seniors in recognition of a demonstrated commitment to excellence at Lasell College.

#### Craven Graduates from Mount Holyoke Magna Cum Laude

Paige Craven, of Mont Vernon, graduated magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College May 17, 2015. With double majors in Psychology and Theatre, she completed her B.A. in three years, receiving the Academic Achievement Award for excellence in Psychology; the Sydney Robertson McLean Short Story Prize; and the Margaret Davis Stitt Prize for excellence in the field of dramatic arts.