

Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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web http://www.amherst.lib.nh.us
Mon-Thu, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fri & Sat, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Children's Room Programs:

Winter Craft & Storytime

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, & 16, 2009
3:45pm to 4:30pm

Join Miss Sue and Miss Jennie for some fun holiday stories and nifty crafts, such as stained glass mittens, felt Christmas tree ornaments and seasonal cards. There will be plenty of glitter, sparkly doodads, and stickers to make your crafts extra special. Please remember to sign up by calling the children's room at 672-2288 or by visiting the Calendar of Events section of the library's website (<http://www.amherst.lib.nh.us/>).

Holiday Film Fest

Get cozy at the library with some popcorn and a good movie. No registration is necessary. We will be watching the following movies in the Johnson Meeting Room:

The Muppet Christmas Carol on December 10, 2009, 4pm to 5:30pm

The Forgotten Toys and Madeline's Christmas on December 17, 2009, 4pm to 5pm



Open Play Time

Tuesdays, December 1, 15, & 29, 2009
10am to 12pm

Drop in on our open play time. Meet other moms, dads, babies, kids, nannies and nanas. This is a great way to get out of the house and have some fun. We will have all kinds of puzzles, puppets and blocks to play with. No registration is required.

Here's a small sample of upcoming 2010 programs:

- Family Game Night
- Toddler Dance Party
- Babymouse Extravaganza
- Dolly Tea Party
- Make Your Own Comics Workshop

Please come in and check out some of the new book and video games that we've added to the collection. We also have a box full of fun math games that kids can play with their families, such as Blokus, Battleship, and Mancala.

Amherst Town Library Exhibit:

Legendary Horses Visit Amherst

Public Library Hosts a Parade of Yesterday's and Today's Heroic Equines and Equestrians

AMHERST – Black Beauty lives at the end of Main Street and Pegasus takes wing from a pasture not far from Wilkins Elementary in a new internationally touring equestrian photography exhibit visiting the Amherst Town Library. The exhibit pairs up photos of today's horses and riders with quotations from the world's great books.

According to the artist, equine photographer Vanessa Wright, "the horses of myth and literature are alive and thriving in our neighborhoods! I hoped these images would help people see themselves in the great books and inspire them to live their own legends," Wright concluded. "Heroes aren't just people who lived long ago – they are our neighbors, our friends, our fam-

ily members, and ourselves. The beauty, heart, and spirit we admire in legendary horses exists in our pasture pets, school ponies, service horses, and competition partners. Together, we face challenges as thrilling and as extraordinary as the quests of old. After all, every great story, at its heart, reflects the greatness that is already within us." Vanessa Wright is an author and equine photographer whose work has been published, exhibited, and featured in media worldwide. Most recently, both her photography and her writing on horses were featured in the books, The Ultimate Horse Lover and Horses with a Mission: Extraordinary True Stories of Equine Service. The Literary Horse: When Legends Come to Life



Riders Read II.

will be on display from December 1 to January 15 at the Amherst Town Library. This free exhibit is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is open to the public. For more information, activities, and a booklist, visit www.TheLiteraryHorse.com.

It's About Conservation

Chips

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Calvin Rustrum, journalist and wilderness connoisseur, published some of his articles in the classic "Chips From A Wilderness Log". An example from one article on NY City as a haven for wildlife can serve as a flag waving for us. Rustrum wrote, "...I just want to briefly point out that wildlife species, given half a chance, will not become endangered. One citizen bewailed that fact that people are starving while tons of grain are being fed to NYC songbirds. It's good New Yorkers are not starving their spirits by excluding wildlife."

Bird feeding does feed both the giver and receiver but we must also be sure are feeding goes through pantries like SHARE

An experiment reported in Northern Woodlands magazine by MIT scientists and students has spawned a new product and company. The researchers found that due to pH differences between parts of a tree and its surrounding soil that a micro-voltage difference existed capable of generating 100 micro-watts of continuous power. Using trees as a source of power in their own defense, a line of self-sustaining sensors has been developed that can transmit forest conditions, especially fire danger levels, from remote locations. Other applications for the bioenergy converter focus on monitoring wildlife movements and climatic data.

In last week's article I closed with the admonition: Don't Move Firewood! Did you go to the USDA website <http://dontmovefirewood.org>? The following snippets come from there.

It's the all-American experience – in summer we load up the family and head out to enjoy the great outdoors, complete with marshmallows toasting over the crackling campfire. How could this innocent activity endanger our forest resource? When we move sticks of wood for our campfire, we potentially move several serious insects and pathogens. Many of these insects and diseases weaken

and kill trees. In some cases, such as the emerald ash borer, they threaten to wipe out an entire genus and species of tree.

This exotic beetle is wreaking havoc across Michigan and many other states just west of New Hampshire. Over 15 million ash trees have died in the US alone. Many of the new discoveries have been associated with the movement of wood from infested areas. A single stick of firewood can carry enough beetles to establish a new infestation. Other sinister hitchhikers include beech bark disease, hemlock woolly adelgid, and Asian longhorn beetle.

Closer to home – In New Hampshire state law prohibits bringing campfire wood into state campgrounds. Wood must be purchased at the campground. While the law does not apply to private campgrounds, local purchase is still a strongly recommended good practice. The federal government has imposed a quarantine zone 80 miles in radius around Worcester, Mass. Wood may not be cut and moved out of the zone into other areas. You should check the source of any firewood purchased to be sure it comes from local stock. Jon Nute, Hillsborough County Forester, says that so far the invasive beetles have not been brought into our area. Let's help keep it that way.

What you can do:

1. Don't move firewood; buy it where you will burn it
2. Ask your firewood dealer to carry local firewood only
3. Tell your friends about the website and the "Don't Move Firewood message."

If you must take wood with you, burn it or bring it home. These same precautions apply to obtaining wood for the home woodstove and fireplace.

Local Author to Make Appearance at the Animal Rescue League of NH

BEDFORD - Local author Kathy Brodsky will be signing her newest picture book, Just Sniffing Around, at the Animal Rescue League, 545 Route 101 in Bedford, Sunday, December 13, from noon to 4 PM. This charming book, illustrated by local artist Cameron Bennett, features Kathy's own dog, Cali, a Dogue de Bordeaux that was her beloved companion for 11 years. Written in rhyming verse, the book re-

veals the special qualities of our canine friends and the special bonds we forge with them. Just Sniffing Around makes a perfect gift for dog lovers of any age. A portion of the sale of each book will be donated to the Animal Rescue League.

Brodsky is a psychotherapist, poet, and author who lives in Manchester. Her previous books include Moments in Our Lives, a collection of poems about women's shared ex-

periences, and two picture books -- My Bent Tree, which has themes of friendship, diversity, and conservation of our green spaces, and The Inside Story, about change, adaptation, and recycling. Her next book, Purrsnikitty, will, of course, be about cats!

Please come and meet Kathy at the Animal Rescue League. We hope to see you there!

Church Services

First Baptist Church of Amherst

Regular schedule
As of October 4th,
Worship Service 10 am Sunday
Pioneer Clubs 6:15 pm Wednesday – ages 4 years to 7th grade www.amherstfirstbaptist.com.

Congregational Church of Amherst

11 Church St.
Amherst Village Common
Senior Pastor Richard Leavitt
Associate Pastor Catriona Grant
Church office: 673-3231
Web site: www.ccamherst.org

Sunday services at the Congregational Church of Amherst, United Church of Christ, are at 10 a.m. at the church on the common in Amherst Village, 11 Church St. Children 2 years old through seventh grade attend church school following the Children's Time in the service. Nursery care is provided.

Communion is the first Sunday of each month. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29. The Advent season concludes on Sunday, December 20. The Christmas Eve services are December 24.

To learn more about our congregation, its mission and its varied activities and programs for all ages, go to the website at www.ccamherst.org. Or contact the church office at 673-3231. Senior Pastor Richard Leavitt and Associate Pastor Catriona Grant and the congregation welcome you.

Christ's Church of Amherst

58 Merrimack Road
Amherst
673-8292
www.ccnh.org
Pastor Darin Shaw

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. with Nursery Care up to age 3 years and Children's program 3 years to grade 5.

Souhegan Christian Church

5 Route 101A, Unit #2
Amherst
672-6759
www.sccofnh.org
nhscc@sccofnh.org

Sunday school for EVERYONE will be at 9:00am. The Adults will be starting in 1 Peter with Jon Voskuil leading. The High

school youth will be starting the "LIVE" curriculum put out by Simply Youth Ministry. This is same group that does the Mission trip devotionals for Group Workcamp. The 4th - 8th graders will be joining Mrs. Lord for a trip through the gospel of Matthew. The younger kids will be using the Group publishing "Hands on Bible" Curriculum.

Fellowship will be from 10:00am - 10:30am.
Worship will be starting at 10:30am.

Messiah Lutheran Church

303 Route 101
Amherst
673-2011
Pastor Tom Teichmann
Fall Schedule begins Sept. 27th with Rally Sunday!
9 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum
10:30 Worship Fellowship to follow

St Luke's Anglican Church

St Luke's Anglican Church, Amherst offers Sunday services at 8 a.m. and a choral Eucharist at 10 a.m. with coffee and fellowship following both services. Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. feature a Bible study class led by Fr Jeff Swayze.

Milford United Methodist Church

327 No. River Rd
Milford
Milford United Methodist Church schedule: 8:30 Spirit Celebration, 9:30 Sunday School, and 10:45 Traditional Worship. The 8:30 Spirit Celebration is led by Chris Wilard and the Praise Band. It is an informal worship service featuring contemporary Christian music. The 10:45 service features the Chancel Choir led by Sally Landis, and traditional prayers and readings. Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey preaches at both services. We have Sunday school for children of all ages, a high school class and an adult class. Information: Susan Drew (672-4877). Web: www.MilfordUMC.org.

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

3 Craftsman Lane
Amherst
Please join us each Sunday at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. Our Sunday worship service begins at 9:30am with our combined adult/children bible class at 11:15 while

construction to our building is in progress. A Thanksgiving service is scheduled on Wednesday 11/25 at 7pm with a pie social after the service. Advent midweek services are on Wednesday's starting December 2nd at 6:30pm throughout the Advent season. On December 13th a new building dedication is scheduled in our Sunday worship service. Visit our website at www.stpaul-amherst.org to learn more about our church. Pastor Joel Petermann and Pastor Brian Schuessler 821-9891, 3 Craftsman Lane, Amherst.

Church of Our Saviour

Sunday worship and education schedule.
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Junior & Senior High Classes
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir
9:45 a.m. Church School for age 3 - grade 6
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Website: www.coosmilford.org

Mont Vernon Congregational Church

4 South Main Street
Mont Vernon
Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
For information, call the church office: 673-3500 on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. or check the website: montvernonchurch.org
Email: montvernonchurch@montvernonchurch.org

Unitarian Universalist Church,

20 Elm St.
Milford
Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord, minister.
Worship Services: are held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord. Children's programming is held each Sunday as well. Childcare is available and coffee hour and fellowship follows each service at 11:45 a.m.
Meditative Chant services are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 8 p.m. Come join the circle for a short service of chants, rounds, and songs from many world spiritual traditions. Information: 673-1870. Email: uucm1870@gmail.com. Website: www.uu-milfordnh.org.

Holy Trinity Southern Episcopal Church

58 Merrimack Road

Amherst
Fr. Griffin: 654-5741

Holy Trinity, part of the conservative Southern Episcopal Church, meets as a subcongregation of Christ's Church of Amherst, in the Christ's Church building.

7:30 p.m. Saturday: Holy Eucharist, 1928 Prayer Book (sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Sunday: Spiritual Formation class (office)
Website: www.ccnh.org

First Congregational Church, UCC

10 Union Street
Milford
673-3713
The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ resumes 10a.m. Worship time. The Church School will begin at 10a.m. on September 13th "Rally Day". Sunday evening Bible Study at 6:30p.m. resumes on September 13th and Sunday morning book study (for adults) begins at 9a.m. on September 20th. The "Come to the Light" Contemporary Praise Worship Service resumes on September 26th at 5p.m..

Saint Patrick Catholic Community of Milford

Regular Mass times are:
Saturday: 4 p.m. Sunday: 7:00; 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.
Holy Day of Obligation: 7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

First Church Of Christ Scientist

103 South St., Milford
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting: 8 p.m.
Christian Science Reading Room
42 South Street, Milford
Mon. through Fri. 11a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 noon Wed. 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
First Sun. of the Month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Telephone – 673-5274
Email – readingroom@csmilfordnh.org

Thanksgiving Day Service
First Church of Christ, Scientist in Milford welcomes you to a Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26) service held in our church at 103 South Street (just off the Oval) at 10:30 a.m. This is a special worship service conducted in our church, a branch of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, to express our gratitude for the blessings of God, Christ Je-

sus, and for our families and country.

The service includes singing hymns and reading from the King James Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. Science and Health is a book that Christian Scientists use to discern and understand the Scriptures' spiritual teaching. There is about a 15 minute time period allotted for testimonies by Christian Scientists appropriate to the occasion. The whole service is one hour long, and no collection is taken.

A nursery is available for children too young to attend the service.

Please feel free to come join us on this special day of gratitude.

The Bridge Community Church

65 West Street
Milford, NH 03055
603-673-5191
email: info@bridgechurchnh.com
web: www.bridgechurchnh.com
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. M-F
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ronald Bouthilllette
Schedule: Sunday 10:30am - Morning Worship & Adventure Zone (Children)

New Hope Assembly of God

The Meeting Place, 199 Rt 101
Amherst
672-2434
e-mail: newhopeag@hotmail.com
Website: www.newhopeag.net
Pastor John Rotch

SUNDAY

Morning Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Coffee and fellowship after the service
Awakening Connection Services: 2nd & 4th Sunday 6 - 8 p.m.

MONDAY

Prayer: 3rd Monday every month - 7 - 8 p.m..

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study: 7 p.m.

First Unitarian Congregational Church, Wilton

Isaac Frye Highway
Wilton Center
Minister: Reverend Jeanne Nieuwejaar
Phone: 654-9518
Web: www.uuwilton.org/
Email: admin@uuwilton.org

Church Services: 10:30 a.m. on Sunday followed by coffee hour at The Red House. Our society offers rentals of "The Red House." For information, Email: admin@uuwilton.org or phone Joyce at 654-9784.