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AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S COMMUNITY NEWS

Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

The annual event sponsored by the Amherst Junior Women's Club will be held April 3 at 10 a.m.

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Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Amherst Lions prepare the 38th Annual Pancake Breakfast for March 28th morning.

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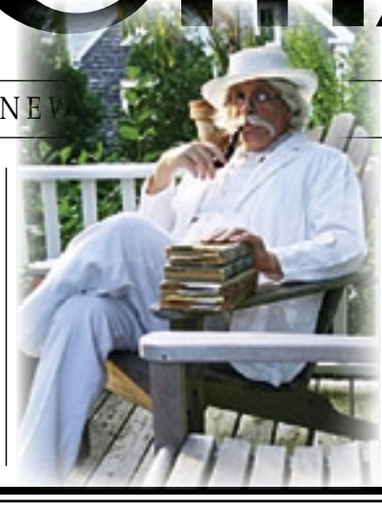

Library

Welcome Mark Twain to Amherst with a living history performance by Richard Clark on April 20th.

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BRIEFS

AMHERST REPUBLICANS

Monthly Meeting
Saturday, April 3, 8:00 AM
Joey's Diner, Route 101A, Amherst

Our guest speaker will be Second Congressional District candidate Jennifer Horn. Read more about Jennifer at www.jenniferhorn.org

For more information please visit www.amherstrepublicans.org

Newcomer's Club Coffee on April 8th

The Amherst Area Newcomer's Club will be hosting a coffee/tea on Thursday, April 8th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please join us if you are new to the area, and would like to learn more about our group, or not so new and looking for new, exciting things to do. We are not just for new-to-town people. Most of our members have lived in the area for many years.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about our various activities. This year we have eleven "special interest groups" ranging from the ever-popular Book Group to the Charity Group. If you don't find a fit, then tell us what you would like to participate in!

We meet at "Cassidy's Grille" the second Thursday of each month. They are located at #25 Route 101A in Amherst. Cassidy's serves a wide variety of breakfast treats. The restaurant and club also welcomes children.

For further information, please call Helen J Uurtamo at 672-6122 or Gail Beers 673-9544 or visit our website: www.nhnewcomers.com

Historical Society Meeting

The Historical Society of Amherst has received a grant from the NH Humanities Council to present "Daniel Webster: NH's Favorite Son". Dr. Richard Hesse will be presenting this fascinating program on Monday April 12 at 7:30pm at the Congregational Church of Amherst. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

April Meeting of D.A.R.

The Captain Josiah Crosby Chapter, D.A.R. will meet at noon on Monday, April 5th at the home of Mrs. Harold Struss, 18 Summerfield Way, Amherst. Following luncheon Katrina Holman will present a program on the famous Bank Crash of Amherst in the early 1800's. Guests are welcome. For further information please call 673- 7190.

Bone Marrow Registry and Blood Drive

On Friday, March 26th, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM, Seasonal Specialty Stores, 120 Route 101A, Amherst will host a Bone Marrow Registry and Blood Drive.

Every year, thousands of adults and children need bone marrow transplants — a procedure which may be their only chance for survival. These patients' lives depend on finding an unrelated individual with a compatible tissue type, who is willing to donate marrow for them. A simple swab to the inside of your cheek is all it takes.

Donating blood - the need is constant, the gratification instant. One donation can help up to five patients.

Free gift bags to every donor - including Seasonal gifts, coupons and more. Plus a great dessert buffet. 17 years of age or older, positive ID required.

Annual Rabies Clinic

Amherst annual rabies clinic on Saturday, May 1st from 9AM to 11AM at the South Fire Station on Stearns Road. Amy Hollengreen, DVM from Amherst Animal Hospital will be the attending veterinarian. Dogs must on leashes and cats in carriers. The fee is $13.00 per shot. Licensing will be available to Amherst residents. The cost is $10.00 for a dog that is not altered and $7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs.

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Amherst PTA Presents *Children of Eden* at Souhegan High School, April 8-11

AMHERST - For the 58th consecutive year, the Amherst PTA is presenting a stage show to raise funds for programs to benefit the children in Amherst schools. This year's production, "Children of Eden," will run for five shows, April 8-11, at Souhegan High School. With lyrics and music by Stephen Schwartz (the creator of Wicked, Godspell, and Pippin), "Children of Eden" is a story of parents, children and faith.

Although audiences will recognize the characters of "Children of Eden" from the Old Testament, this joyous and inspirational musical is more than a retelling of the well-known stories of Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel, and Noah & his family. "Children of Eden" is an honest, heartfelt, and often humorous exploration of the relationships between parents and children. Adam, Eve, Noah, and the Father who created them must deal with the daring and often confrontational choices of their children. The show ultimately recognizes that "the hardest part of love is letting go" and provides hope for believing in second chances.

Noah & Family - (l to r) Susan Abis, Bob Piotrowski, Gordon Goyette, Meg Petersen, Kevin Linkroum, Sophie Carpenter, Russell Arrowsmith, JoAnn Zall

Michelle Emmond

"Children of Eden" will be performed at Souhegan High School, 412 Boston Post Rd., Amherst, NH, Thursday, April 8 at 7pm; Friday, April 9 at 7pm; Saturday, April 10 at 2pm & 7pm; and Sunday, April 11 at 2pm. Senior citizens are invited to dress rehearsal free of charge on Wednesday, April 7 at 7pm. Tickets are $10 each, general admission, and are available at www.amherstpta.org/tickets and at the following establishments in Amherst: The Black Forest, Moulton's Market, and Homestead Grocery and Deli, as well as The Toadstool Bookshop in Milford. General production information can be found online at www.amherstpta.org/play or by emailing co-producer Jackie O'Dowd at jgo100@aol.com.

Hillsborough GOP Names Carol Holden 2010 Lincoln-Reagan Award Winner

BEDFORD - The Hillsborough County Republican Committee announced today the winner of the 2010 Lincoln~Reagan Award is Hillsborough County Commissioner Carol H. Holden of Amherst. This special honor was presented to Commissioner Holden during the 2010 Lincoln~Reagan Gala Reception on Friday, March 19th at The Event Center at CR Sparks in Bedford.

The award signifies Holden's outstanding record of achievement and dedication to public service on behalf of the people of Hillsborough County. "It is our pleasure and a true honor to name Carol as the 2010 Lincoln~Reagan Award winner. Her steadfast commitment and long record

Carol Holden

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Amherst Fire Chief Announces Retirement

AMHERST – The Amherst Board of Selectmen announces that Amherst Fire Chief Richard Todd, after a distinguished 29 year career in the fire service, will retire on March 31, 2010. Todd became the Amherst chief in October 2007 after serving with the Merrimack Fire Department for nearly 27 years.

Chief Todd made many significant improvements to the Amherst Fire Department during his service to the town. He was instrumental in enhancing the relationships with our mutual aid partners. He formed a recruitment committee to enlist more oncall firefighters, and the

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Art In Bloom Trip Museum Of Fine Arts - Boston

AMHERST - All are welcome to join with The Friends of the Amherst Library as we celebrate spring at this annual festival of fine art and fresh flowers on Monday, April 26. See the Museum of Fine Arts galleries transformed by fifty extraordinary floral arrangements inspired by magnificent works of art, from Asian sculptures to world-renowned European paintings.

There will also be five different free half-hour tours given by Museum-trained guides featuring a sampling of the floral arrangements and the masterpieces that inspired them.

Price: $40 (includes coach, museum admission, driver's gratuity). Departs from the Meeting Place (Rte. 101) Amherst 8:30 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Please make your check out to The Friends of the Amherst Library and mail it to Paula Schmida, 34 Thornton Ferry I, Amherst, NH 03031. For more information call 673-6424.

Nancy Demers swearing in Dwight Brew with his wife Carrie and children Jackie and Thomas looking on.

Dwight Brew Sworn in as Amherst's New Selectman

"Inside New England – a Native's Point of View"

Jud Hale, editor Yankee Magazine and Old Farmer's Almanac

AMHERST - Amherst's 250th Celebration Committee is pleased to announce that Judson Hale, long- time editor of Yankee Magazine and the Old Farmer's Almanac will join Amherst residents at 4 o'clock on Sunday, March 28 at the Congregational Church in Amherst. Mr. Hale's talk is entitled "Inside New England - From a Native's Point of View" and after dedicating his life to a magazine devoted to New England, Judson Hale is uniquely qualified to share his stories. Please join us on March 28th as we continue to celebrate our 250th anniversary along with the stories of New England.

Due to space restrictions, please contact Carolyn Quinn, 673-3308 or ccq02@comcast.net to reserve your place. We look forward to seeing you.

Voters Support Budgets, Roads and Capital Reserve Funds

By Cliff Ann Wales

AMHERST – On election day, 3,025 voters (35% of the 8,642 registered voters) went to the polls determined to keep costs under control. They supported three lean operating budgets and committed to repair the deteriorating roads. They defeated 15 year bonds for playing fields and open space. And also, they continued to fund capital reserve funds for future purchases. On the $15 million dollar road reconstruction bond, 64% of the voters chose to support the bond 1,929 - 1036. It needed a 60 % vote (1,779) to pass.

Open Space land bond was defeated with only 877 votes in support and 2,041 opposed.

But the biggest loss was the recreation land purchase bond which was defeated by a vote of 737 – 2,249. Seventy-five percent of the votes on that issue were in the negative.

The town operating budget passed this year, 1,888 – 1,039. Other articles to pass were the mosquito surveillance program, capital reserve funds (ambulance purchase, bridge replacement, recreation facilities, fire apparatus, ambulance, communications center, 250th celebration and town computer system).

Capital reserve funds defeated were assessing revaluation, Forestview cemetery and fund for transportation with an additional motor vehicle registration fee.

Also defeated was $35,000 for Health and Human Services.

The article to accept a Fact Finder's report on the matter between the Police Department Employees Union and the Town was defeated 935 – 1,932. However the voter supported 2,063 - 832 a Special Town Meeting to consider these cost items for the Police Employees Union.

The $18.2 million Souhegan operating budget passed 1,811 – 1,518 combined votes from Amherst and Mont Vernon.

The Amherst School District operating budget of $23.3 million passed 1,561 – 1,127.

Full results are posted at: www.amherstcitizen.com, until end of March.