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AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Arts

Souhegan Valley Chorus celebrates its 30th Anniversary with a 7:00 p.m. spring concert at Souhegan High School Auditorium.

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CROP Walk for Charity

The 17th CROP Walk steps off Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. from St. Patrick's in Milford. This year's goal is to have over 400 walkers raising more than $45,000 in much needed funds for charity.

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Library

Professor William Fowler joins us as part of Amherst's 250th Celebration at 4:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 2 at the library.

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BRIEFS

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.

D.A.R. May 3rd Meeting

The Captain Josiah Crosby Chapter, D.A.R. will meet at noon on Monday, May 3rd at the Amherst Town Library. Following luncheon Regent Jackie Marshall will present the program "The Concord Coach." Anyone interested in the D.A.R. is welcome to attend. For further information please call 673-7190.

September Primary

The September Primary will be held at Souhegan High School on Tuesday, September 14th from 6AM to 8PM. The last day to change party affiliation is Tuesday, June 1st.

2010 Student Art Show Sponsored by the Friends of the Amherst Town Library

The popular Student Art Show is coming again this year to the Amherst Town Library! During the month of May you will be able to see a sample of the art projects our local students have been creating under the talented guidance of the Amherst and Souhegan School District's art teachers. Each year they choose pieces of art that represent the types of projects the students have been working on. The Friends of the Library place more than 400 items throughout the Library, including watercolors, oils, pastels, photographs, pen and pencil drawings, furniture, fabric creations, collages, masks and sculptures.

The exhibit will be on display from May 9th to May 28th. A reception for the artists and their friends and families is planned for Sunday afternoon, May 9th, from 2:00 - 4:00 at the Library.

AMHERST REPUBLICANS Monthly Meeting

Saturday, May 1, 8:00 AM
Joey's Diner, Route 101A, Amherst

Our guest speaker will be United States Senate candidate Bill Binnie. Read more about Bill at www.binnie2010.com. For more information please visit www.amherstrepublicans.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Milford

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission is holding its second Household Hazardous Waste Collection of 2010 on Saturday May 8 in Milford.

What--Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection in Milford

When--Saturday May 8, 8:00am - 12:00pm

Where--Milford Public Works Garage, 289 South Street (Rt 13), Milford

Who Can Attend--residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham

Cost--$10 user fee per vehicle, additional charges for electronics recycling

For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: http://www.nashua-rpc.org/hhw or call 424-2240.

The Amherst Area Newcomer's Club Meeting

Thursday, May 13th, 9:30-11:30, Cassidy's Grille, 25 Route 101A, Amherst. For further information, call 672-6122 or 673-9544 or visit: www.nhnewcomers.com

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It's Apple Blossom Time

The region's apple orchards are blooming in April. AMHERST CITIZEN FILE PHOTO

"The Mills at Sunset: The Nashua Manufacturing Company" Un-retouched Digital Photograph by Kathy MacKay

Art Exhibit at the Amherst Town Library

AMHERST – Amherst and Mont Vernon's students, including the adult students, are encouraged to visit the Amherst Town Library this month to see the unique and beautiful artwork created by their own art teachers. The art and industrial arts teachers of Amherst, Mont Vernon and Souhegan Schools, including the instructors of the Adult Evening Enrichment Courses, have been invited to exhibit some of their favorite works. Two and three-dimensional art in various mediums will be exhibited in the main library and in the display case at the entrance. This exhibit gives the teachers, who devote so much to the students of our community, a chance to shine. We hope you enjoy the sampling of beautiful and creative work that these talented artists have to offer!

Participating artists include, Amy Parker from Clark School, Mary Prescott-Niness from Wilkins School, Marilyn Barry from the Amherst Middle School and Martha Rives, Liz Gosselin and Kathy Mackay from Souhegan High School. Also participating are, Mary Salmon, ceramics instructor, and Kevin Dadoly, watercolor instructor, in the Adult Evening Enrichment Courses held at Souhegan High School.

Amherst Town Library

"A Soldier's Mother Tells Her Story" and *"A Visit with Abraham Lincoln"*

Sharon Wood

Portrayed by Sharon and Steve Wood

AMHERST - Amherst's 250th Celebration Committee is pleased to announce that two very special guests - Sharon and Steve Wood – will join us at four o'clock on May 16th at the Congregational Church as we continue to celebrate our 250th year. Sharon Wood is a professional storyteller specializing in world folklore and American history. In "A Soldier's Mother Tells Her Story" Sharon will portray Betsy Phelps, a 19th century resident of Amherst whose son, Charles, died heroically at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Sharon first wrote Mrs. Phelps' story at the request of Amherst's Heritage Commission as we prepared for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Brick School in October of 2004. Her portrayal of Betsy Phelps was so tender and so touching that she was the very first person we contacted as we prepared for our special events this year.

Steve Wood has been researching and portray-

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Steve Wood

A Spring Tradition:

The Amherst Garden Club's Plant Sale

AGC members helping a customer at the Annual Plant Sale.

AMHERST - Truly a spring tradition, The Amherst Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale is one of the largest in New England. The event will be held on Saturday May 8, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm the day before Mother's Day. This event is a great opportunity to pick up something special for Mom! The Plant Sale runs

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New Foundation to Raise Money to Fund Muscular Dystrophy Research

AMHERST — When Shannon Turcott, owner of Ponemah Farms in Amherst, heard that her neighbor, four year old Gus Dreher, had been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, she was unaware how serious the diagnosis was. A discussion with Gus' parents, Tonya and Steve, a teacher at Souhegan High School, helped her understand what the diagnosis meant. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is a degenerative muscle disorder that impacts primarily boys. It is currently 100% fatal and it is the number one genetic killer of boys in the world. The more Turcott heard, the more she wanted to help.

At the same time, Tonya and Steve were working to understand the implications

Tonya and Steve Dreher with their son Gus.

of the diagnosis for their son, "We were devastated, but it didn't take us long to understand that we had to do something," says Tonya. After realizing that there is much promising research for treatments or even a cure for the disease, Tonya and Steve decided to start a foundation that would direct money to that research.

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A Delicious Fundraiser at Moulton's Earns AJWC Cash

AMHERST - Moulton's Market made a difference in March by giving back to their community with their pizza. For each pizza sold, Moulton's gave One Dollar to the Amherst Junior Women's Club. Moulton's sold 447 pizzas in March, earning the AJWC $447.00. To date this fundraising effort has generated the most pizzas sold in one month at Moulton's Market. What a delicious way to benefit the town of Amherst.

The Amherst Junior Women's Club has a mission to focus efforts on civic needs, educational advancement, and those less fortunate. They give away all money earned towards this goal. Their goals are achieved with the assistance and generosity of businesses,

AJWC President, Lara Lowenberg with Stephen Berry (L) and Steve Yurish of Moulton's Market.

organizations and individuals. Moulton's proved to be one such generous business that chose to give back to the community. AJWC was the third non-profit organization to benefit from the pizza project. Buying a pizza at Moulton's may just help serve more than a craving for delicious pizza. Enjoy!