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AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S COMMUNITY



Student Art

Over 400 works of art by Amherst students will be on display at the Amherst Town Library now through May 28.

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Transfer Station

A one-year update on how the redesign has affected recycling rates in Amherst. Charts are included.

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Library

Sharon and Steve Wood portray Betsy Phelps and Abraham Lincoln as part of Amherst's 250th Celebration at the Amherst Town Library, May 16.

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BRIEFS

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 was held for the artists and their friends and families at the Library on Sunday afternoon, May 9th, from 2:00 - 4:00.

Newcomers May 13th Meeting

The Amherst Area Newcomer's Club will be hosting a coffee/tea on Thursday, May 13th 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.

Yard Sale at Atherton Common

Atherton Common (45 unit condo complex) at Atherton Lane Yard Sale. Sat. 5-22, 8am - 2pm. Furniture, antiques, dishes, glassware, luggage, lamps, baby furn., movies, lamps, linens, appliances and much more. 1 mile from Village Ctr., off Old Milford Rd. Rain or shine. NO PREVIEWS.

MOMS Club Charity Yard Sale

The MOMS Clubs of Amherst will hold their Second Annual Yard Sale Saturday, May 15th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The sale will be held at 178 Amherst Street. All proceeds of the sale will benefit Jaiden's Angel Foundation.

HUGE Yard Sale !!

Artwork, sport equipment, collectables, small furniture, books, toys, treasures for everyone! May 15, 8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. The Meetingplace - Route 101 - Amherst All proceeds to benefit SHS Nordic Ski Team

PTSA, Parent Discussion Groups

Date: May 18, 2010 @ 7pm Topic: Why Do They Act That Way? Presenter: Kris Wilson MSW, LICSW Kris will be facilitating a discussion on Brain Functioning and Temperament. Location: Souhegan High School, Room 126/127

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Jane Heineke replaces flags at the Christian Hill Cemetery.

Memorial Day Observance

Friday, May 28, 2010

SUNSET PARADE FEATURING, AMHERST'S YOUTH & CEREMONIES

5:30 p.m. Parade forms on Large Common

6:00 p.m. Parade Steps Off

Ceremonies after on the Large Common

(Parade will be held rain or shine—except thunderstorms!)

For info call Marie Grella 673-4905 or e-mail mgf1225@aol.com



Maggie Paul and Jackie Marshall at the Meadowview Cemetery in Amherst.

Marie Grella and her team of volunteers set out about 400 American flags to mark veterans' graves at Meadowview, Christian Hill, Cricket Corner, St Patrick and Pauper's Cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day observances which will be held on Friday, May 28 in Amherst. Volunteers included Jackie Marshall, Maggie Paul, Jane Heineke, Bonnie and Tom Knott and Souhegan senior Eric Lyon.

Amherst Middle School Teachers To Retire

AMHERST - Teachers Charetta Mutarelli, Bob Evans and Ron Reid will be retiring this year from Amherst Middle School. These teachers are highly regarded by the students who wrote about their admiration in essays which have been posted to the SAU website and published here to spotlight the teachers contributions to the students and the Amherst Middle School community. Bob, Charetta and Ron will be hard to replace. More on page 11.



Ron Reid, Charetta Mutarelli and Bob Evans

2010 CROP Walk Raises \$37,000

MILFORD - The twenty-first annual Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Walk Against Hunger, which took place on Sunday, May 2nd, was a great success. The computerized Roster shows 374 people came out to walk (or ride in a stroller or be carried), despite oppressively hot and humid weather. The youngest to complete the full 10 km (6.2 mile) Walk route was Matthew Cobleigh (5), with his parents and two older brothers. The eldest walkers were Vern Trudo (85), who did the entire route; and Mimi Havinga, now 86, who chose the "Short Loop" course. There were two families of six on the Walk: Fran Martel, with her grown children, their spouses, and one grandchild; and David and Janet Gramatges, with their four children, age 7, 5, 2+ and 14 months. Both families are from St. Patrick congregation. No doubt due to the influence of Fr. "Don" Keegan, pastor of St. Patrick Church and this year's Walk Chairman, over 100 people from St. Patrick turned out for the Walk, the largest contingent ever from that



Many CROP Walk volunteers turned out on a hot day to raise funds for charity.

congregation. They now rival Milford United Methodist Church as having the largest representation on the Walk. Milford U. M. C. had 103 in 2008, but "only" 73 this year. At the Walk Celebration and Awards Party Thursday evening, May 6th, Fr. Don and United Methodist pastor, Rev. Tom Getchell-Lacey, joked with each other about who will have the most Walkers next year. "We have fallen

off a bit last year and this", said pastor Tom, "but we'll be back..."

Along with the surprising turn-out from St. Patrick Church, this year's Walk also had fairly large representation from beyond the area's religious congregations. Other affiliations reported were: Amherst Chiropractic Wellness (10 walked); Curves of Milford (8), Pine Hill School (9) and Milford Rotary (2). While

the CROP Walk tends to draw largely from area faith communities, due to its sponsorship by the Souhegan Valley Interfaith Council, these non-faith-based organizations and businesses -reached largely via a mailing through the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce-- are becoming an important factor in widening the scope of the

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Souhegan High School 2010 Project Graduation



AMHERST - The idea of a substance free celebration for Souhegan High School's graduating class was introduced based on the senior project research of 2004 graduate Allison Feeny. Statistics from the National Highway Safety Administration show a dramatic increase in alcohol related traffic fatalities during graduation and prom season. With this in mind, Allison created a plan for Project Graduation. Two years later, in 2006, Ms. Feeny's dream was realized and Project Graduation is now an annual event for Souhegan's graduating class.

GET ON BOARD! This year the event will have a 'cruise' theme. The Project Graduation committee, made up of a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parent volunteers, has been hard at work planning this fun-filled event. The Hampshire Dome will be the site of this fully supervised, all night, substance-free party for the Souhegan High School Class of 2010 graduates. It will be held on Friday, June 11th from 10pm to 5am. Entertainment and food will be provided throughout the evening and morning.

Attendance at this event increases each year as the word gets out that graduates are having a safe and fun night to remember. The committee hopes to build on this success and needs the support of the community. Our goal this year is to be able to offer this event free to all students. It is hoped that families who have benefited from past Project Graduation events, local businesses and all of our

neighbors will offer assistance in funding this event. Donations, in the form of money or prizes, are needed to help make this a successful celebration. In past years the generous support of our community has provided our students a special night to remember and our parents the peace of mind that the students are safe on graduation night. If you can help out with a donation we know the 2010 Souhegan High School graduates will certainly appreciate it!

Donations

Your generous donation is a gift to our graduates. Please consider donating money or a prize toward our efforts. Please send donations to:

SHS Project Graduation
c/o Cathy Jellison
2 Christian Hill Rd.
Amherst, NH 03031

Volunteer your time, energy and ideas! We will need LOADS of volunteers, for committees, chaperoning, etc. PAY IT FORWARD! Senior parents are not allowed to attend this event and we rely on parents for chaperoning so those parents with younger students please donate your time. Remember - someone else will be doing this for your child their senior year!

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