Amherst PTA Prepares for Annual Play – Oklahoma!

Oklahoma!, the first musical written by famed composers Rodgers and Hammerstein is coming to stage near you. Amherst PTA has chosen Oklahoma as the perfect show to celebrate 60 years of wonderful community theatre. its uplifting story, beautiful scenery and popular music is set in Oklahoma territory, with cowboy Curly McLain and his budding romance with farm girl Laurey Williams. Cowboy Will Parker and his fiancé', the flirtatious Ado Annie liven the story with their trials and tribulations. Jud Fry, a farm hand soon gets in the way of Curly and Laurie for an unusual love triangle.

The original Broadway production of Oklahoma opened in 1943. It was a box-office smash and ran for an unprecedented 2,212 performances. In 1955, Oklahoma was adapted for the screen, winning 2 Academy Awards starring Shirley Jones as Laurey and Gordon MacRae as Curly. The 2002 Broadway revival experienced similar success, being nominated for seven Tony Awards. With hit songs like Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', The Surrey with the Fringe on Top, I Can't Say No, People Will Say We're in Love, and Oklahoma, it is a show not to be missed.

Show dates are April 12th – April 15th at the Souhegan High School Theatre.

The show is directed by Roger Hurd, advisor to the director Alan D. Kaplan. music director is Kim Whitehead and choreography by Vouli Anthimidou. Producers are Jackie O'Dowd and Rita Piotrowski.

Amherst PTA website: www.amherstpta.org

Students in the News

Allie Bohan Earns Fall Athletic Recognition at Pomfret School

POMFRET, CT - Pomfret School is pleased to announce that Allie Bohan, of Nashua, was awarded the Lisa Noble Field Hockey Award. This is awarded to the player who shows outstanding effort, attitude, spirit, and dedication to the team, by selection of the coach. In addition, Allie was team captain for fall 2011.

Allie is a member of the Class of 2012.

Local Students Named To NHTI Dean's List

CONCORD — The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at NHTI, Concord's Community College in recognition of their academic achievement during the Fall 2011 term. In order to qualify for Dean's List a student must be considered full time (registered for 12 credits or more) and have a term GPA or higher.

AMHERST: Katherine Dahlgren, Mary Ede, Sandra Gagnon, and Kyle Kelso

Sarah Regan Named To Honor Roll At Loomis Chaffee School

WINDSOR, CT - Sarah Regan, a sophomore from Amherst, has recently been named to the High Honor Roll for the fall term at The Loomis Chaffee School.

Courtney Gabinetti of Amherst named to the Fall Term Deans' List at Choate Rosemary Hall

WALLINGFORD, CT - Courtney Gabinetti, daughter of Ms. Patricia A. Gabinetti of Amherst, was named to the Fall Term 2011 Deans' List at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut.

Local Student Makes Dean's List At Messiah College

GRANTHAM, PA - The following local student have been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Messiah College.

Amherst resident Jonathan McCormick was named to the dean's list for the 2011 fall semester at Messiah College. McCormick is a sophomore majoring in criminal justice. Dean's list is earned by receiving a 3.6 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Local Students Receive President's Recognition at Clearwater Christian College

CLEARWATER, FL - Local students received a President's Recognition at Clearwater Christian College for scholastic achievement during the 2011 fall semester. In order to be recognized for this award, honorees must have been enrolled full-time and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.90 on a 4.00 scale.

Nathan T. Allen of Mont Vernon is a 2006 graduate of North Atlantic Regional High School in Lewiston, ME, and the son of Tim and Susan Allen of Mont Vernon. Allen is a senior accounting major at Clearwater Christian College.

Felicia Weber of Amherst is a 2009 home school graduate and the daughter of James and Beth Weber of Amherst. Weber is a junior exercise sport science major at Clearwater Christian College.

Michelle Weber of Amherst is a 2010 homeschool graduate and the daughter of James and Beth Weber of Amherst. Weber is a sophomore music BS major at Clearwater Christian College.

Senator Ayotte Announces Service Academy Nominees

MANCHESTER – U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) today announced the names of the 32 New Hampshire students she has nominated to attend one of the nation's military service academies in 2012. To be considered for appointment to a service academy, applicants must be nominated by a Member of Congress or other authorized nominating source.

"It's an honor to nominate outstanding young people to be considered for admission to our nation's military service academies," said Senator Ayotte. "These young men and women have excelled inside and outside the classroom while making valuable contributions to their local communities. They represent some of the very best of New Hampshire, and I expect great things from them in the future."

The following are local students who received Senator Ayotte's nomination as candidates to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York:

U.S. Military Academy
Graham Cox, Mont Vernon
Souhegan High School

U.S. Naval Academy
Andrew Yourell, Amherst
Bishop Guertin High School

Can You Spare the Cost of a Cup of Coffee?

Times are tough right now. The Souhegan Scholarship Foundation knows that. Just think of the cost of college today. For many students, the cost of a four-year education is more than the cost of our first homes. The SSF wants to help...but we need your help.

If everyone can spare $2 -- the cost of a cup of coffee -- the funds will add up and we can help those students attend the colleges of their choice.

Since 2004, the Souhegan Scholarship Foundation has given more than $70,000 in scholarships to students in Amherst and Mont Vernon, NH. Our local high-school students have shown dedication to scholarship and community service, and deserve our assistance with the high costs of higher education. We have provided scholarships to local students who are enrolled in all area schools. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to our worthy scholars. Any donation, no matter how large or how small, is greatly appreciated. You may mail donations to us at:

Souhegan Scholarship Foundation
27 Route 101A, Suite A
Amherst, NH 03031

Visit our website for more information on donations, applications for scholarships, deadlines, and general information: www.souheganscholarshipfoundation.org.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Girl Scouts are now taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies, to be delivered in mid-February. Girl Scout Cookies are great cookies for a great cause. There are eight varieties which sell for $3.50 a box; all of the proceeds support local Girl Scouts and programs.

Along with seven returning favorites there is a special new cookie celebrating the birthplace of Girl Scouting, the lemony Savannah Smiles. Girl Scout Cookies are kosher foods and there are zero grams of trans fat per serving.

This annual program is the leading financial literacy program for girls in the U.S., teaching them five essential skills they'll use for the rest of their lives: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Girls can earn money to pay their way to Girl Scout camp and other fun and exciting opportunities.

Don't know a Girl Scout but want cookies? Call the Cookie Hotline: 888-474-9686 ext. 201, and leave a message including the name of your town, and we'll return your call.

Girl Scout Cookies will be delivered in the middle of February. At this time, cookie booth sales will begin and run through early March. For more information, visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

Students with teacher Kathy Dinan, are Megna Senthilnathan, Allison Ham, Shane Donnelly, Allie Hanson, Roy Chan,Alexander Hall,Mike Nash, Jordan Vetter, Amy Lam, and Jane Ham. Many of the members of the Art Club were not present for the picture, but contributed numerous hours working on the project.

BG Art Club Creates Love Boat

NASHUA – Each Christmas the Bishop Guertin Art club, in their attempt to outdo itself from the previous year, creates a "candy house" that is imaginative andfun. This year's "Love Boat" surpasses everything the club has done so farin its scope and beauty. The extraordinarily creative and imaginative artstudents collaborate on the project and come up with some amazing ideas!

The Art club donates "The Love Boat" to the Hunt Community Home where itwill be on display for the holiday season in their Café.

In The Region

Souhegan Valley Chorus Seeking New Members

Souhegan Valley Chorus (SVC) invites interested singers in the area to join the chorus for the start of its new season. The first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, January 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Milford Middle School Music Room.

SVC is a community chorus with members throughout the Souhegan Valley and surrounding towns singing a repertoire that ranges from pops to light classical. The chorus is known for its creative and entertaining concerts as well as the enjoyable and educational musical experience it provides for its members. The chorus presents two concerts a year, performs several mini-concerts at a Milford senior residence and participates in the Amherst Fourth of July celebration. Director, Jennifer K. Erdody, is choral director at Milford Senior High School, serves on the staff of the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club School of Theatre Arts, and directs the annual "Messiah" performances in Mont Vernon. Pianist, Laura Kennedy, an exceptional chamber musician and solo performer, accompanies the chorus.

The chorus has featured varied themes in its programming during the 32 years it has been singing together and entertaining area audiences. Director Jennifer Erdody has chosen music that is uniquely American for the upcoming season's concerts being held the first weekend in May at the Milford Town Hall. Traditional music, favorites from "the great American songbook," and pieces by famous American composers will be the focus as the chorus prepares for its May concerts and its summer 2012 tour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Membership chair Jean Desany says, "SVC is open without audition to anyone high school age or older who is interested in singing choral music. Our singers bring a wide range of abilities and experience, so we encourage anyone who loves to sing to come give us a try at one of our first two open rehearsals on January 17 and 24. Jenn makes our rehearsals a good balance of work and fun, and you'll enjoy being part of our group."

Check the chorus website at www.souheganvalleychorus.org or call 673-7302 for more information about joining.

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Church Services

First Baptist Church of Amherst

25 1/2 Middle Street
Pastor: Mike Sacco
Church Office: 673-4063
Website: www.amherstfirstbaptist.com

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m

For the children

Nursery: to age 3

Super Church: ages 4 thru grade 4

Puppet Ministry: grades 5 through 7

Immediately following worship, there are adult and teen breakout discussion groups from 11:30 to 12 noon.

Messiah Lutheran Church

Rev. Tom Teichmann, Pastor
303 Route 101
PO Box 488
Amherst,
673-2011 (office)
673-7707 (meeting and fax)
messiahnh@comcast.net

Regular Sunday schedule - 9:00 am Sunday School and Adult Forum, 10:30 am Worship

St Luke Anglican Church

3 Limbo Lane, Amherst
672-6054
st-luke.amherst.nh.us

Sunday services are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Alexander Henderson Webb using the traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Bible study is at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays in the church.

All are welcome to worship with us.

Congregational Church of Amherst UCC

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

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10 am at the church on the common in Amherst Village. Children 2 years old through seventh grade attend church school following the Children's Time in the service. Nursery care is provided. The church is handicapped accessible via the driveway entrance. All are cordially invited to coffee hour in the Community Room immediately following the service.

The Woman's Association meets Monday mornings at 9:30 AM.

The Men's Fellowship group meets weekly at 8:30 am on Tuesdays in the Youth Room.

The Women's Spirituality group meets the fourth Wednesday from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Parlor. Our time together fosters community and faith.

Senior High Youth Fellowship meets the first three Sundays of each month.

The Prayer Shawl Knitters meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Shawls created under this ministry reach out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl.

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
Pastor Ray McDaid
www.sccofnh.org

We welcome you to come and worship with us! And we invite you to join us in discovering and serving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Sunday worship

10:30 am Worship service - followed by fellowship

Children's church for 3yrs old – 6th graders

Nursery care for those under 3 yrs old

(Holy Communion the 1st Sunday of each month)

Other Ministries

Small groups meet through out the week

Weekly prayer meeting APoC, a youth group for grades 7-12, meets every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. There are several small groups that meet through out the week, call or visit the church's website for more information.

Amherst Christian Church

Corner of Patricia at 134 Hollis Rd. Amherst
Phone: 672-1541
Sunday Discipleship classes 9-10
Children's class (Grades 1-6) 10-10:30
Worship Service 10:30
Children's church for preschoolers during service
Childcare provided for infants

Milford United Methodist Church

327 No. River Rd, Milford
8:30 Spirit Celebration
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Traditional Worship

The 8:30 Spirit Celebration is led by Chris Willard 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. A variety of ministries are offered including Home Groups, Afternoon Off (senior care), Stephen Ministries (peer counseling), music ministries, bible studies, vacation bible school and much more. . Information: Susan Drew (672-4877). Web: www.MifordUMC.org. Feel free to contact our office at 673-2669 or office@milfordumc.org.

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

3 Craftsman Lane, Amherst

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church welcomes you to join us each Sunday for our worship service. Our Sunday Service begins at 9:30am with our Sunday School at 10:55 and adult Bible study at 11:15. Nursery service is available. Please be our guest as we celebrate the Lord and all he has done for us. Pastor Joel Petermann and Pastor Brian Schuessler 821-9891 www.stpaul-amherst.org

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.- Child care available.

Christian Science Reading Room

87 Union Square, 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
Website – www.csmilfordnh.org

On January 17 at 2:00 p.m. the on-line chat will be with Mark Swinney, a Christian Science practitioner and teacher on the topic "Sports—what really counts?" Join this chat to discuss how your relation to God plays a key role in dissolving issues such as divisiveness, win-at-all-costs attitudes (including the temptation to use performance-enhancing drugs), and enmity between rival teams and nations. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of Mark.

On January 24th at 2:00 p.m. we will listen to a Christian Science Sentinel–Radio Edition CD on two topics: "A deeper view of your individuality and identity" and "The law of Love."

Church of Our Saviour

10 Amherst St.
Milford

Regular weekly church school classes begin Sunday, September 25, when pre-K through grade 5 students meet at 9:45 a.m. and youth in the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) and Young Adults in the Church (YAC) classes, ages 14 and up, begin their biweekly meeting schedule at 9:00 a.m.

A new Rite-13 group is forming and will also meet for their first weekly class on September 25 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. between services. All church school groups welcome both return and new members. For further information, call the parish office at 673-3309 or log on to the parish web site: www.coosmilford.org.

Mont Vernon Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
4 South Main Street
Mont Vernon
Interim Pastor: David Jadlocki
Church Office: 673-3500
(open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Web site: www.montvernonchurch.org
E-mail: montvernonchurch@montvernonchurch.org

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school is available for children aged 6 and older, while child care is provided for children under 6 years. Everyone is invited to coffee hour in the Round Room following worship.

Holy Trinity Southern Episcopal Church

58 Merrimack Road
Amherst
Fr. Griffin: 654-5741
Website: www.ccnh.org

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)

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

20 Elm St.
Milford
Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord, minister.
Johanna Seale, Director of Religious Education
www.uucm.org or call 673-1870.

Sunday services and children's programming begin at 10:30 AM. Childcare (infant to two years) is available. A high school youth group meets at the church most Sunday evenings at 6 PM.

UUCM hosts a community dinner the third Wednesday of each month from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. It is free and open to everyone in Milford and surrounding towns to share a meal and camaraderie.

Saint Patrick Catholic Community of Milford

Website: www.ccnh.org
Phone: 673-1311
Website: saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

The Bridge Community Church

65 West Street, Milford, 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 Bouthillette
Schedule: Sunday
10:30am - Morning Worship & Adventure Zone (Children)

First Unitarian Congregational Society Wilton Center

Isaac Frye Highway in Wilton Center
P.O. Box 89, Wilton
654-9518
Website: www.uuwilton.org/
Email: admin@uuwilton.org

Church Services are at 10:30 am on Sunday (except July and August) followed by coffee hour at The Red House. Children join in the opening portion of the service and then have time for age appropriate Sunday school programs.

First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
10 Union Street,
P.O. Box 188, Milford
Church: 673-3713
Parish House: 673-5101
E-mail: milforducc@firstcmnh.org

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ would like to announce that they will resume their 10:00am Worship time. Sunday evening Bible Study at 6:30pm resumes on September 18th and Sunday morning book study (for adults) will begin at 9:00am on September 18th.

St. John Neumann Catholic

708 Milford Road - Rt 101A
Merrimack
880-4689
www.sjnnh.org
Fr. Agapit H. Jean, Jr

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

6:00pm Labor Day through Memorial Day

Weekday Mass: 12:15pm

Holy Days: 7:00pm vigil, 12:15pm and 7:00pm