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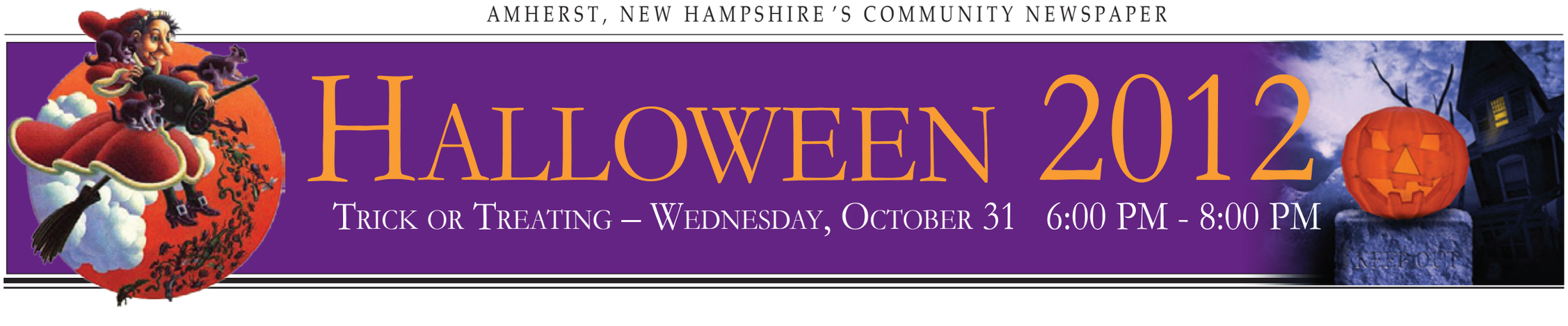

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TOWN OF AMHERST

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Amherst Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Clerk's Office at the Amherst Town Hall on Saturday, October 27, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. This will be the last day for new voters to register at the Town Hall or for changes to be made to the checklist until Nov. 6, Election Day. New voters are welcome to register at the polls on Election Day as usual.

Please address any questions about absentee voter registration and absentee ballots to the Town Clerk by calling 673-6041 Ext. 203.

If you are unsure of your current voter registration status, you may go online to check it at:http://cfs.sos.nh.gov/app/Public/PartyInfo.aspx

Halloween Candy Collection

Amherst Brownie Girl Scout Troop 20356 is collecting and distributing Halloween Candy donations to the residents of the Amherst Village for Halloween Trick or Treating. Please drop off your donations in the bins at the Amherst Library, Moultons Market, or The Homestead Grocery and Deli. Collection will take place from Sunday, October 7 thru Tuesday, October 23. Thank you for your support in making this a wonderful community event!

Food for Fines at the Amherst Town Library

The Amherst Town Library will collect "food for fines" from November 1st through November 15th. Please generously donate canned goods, paper products, diapers, cereal, pasta or packaged mixes and your fines will be waived. These items will be taken to SHARE to benefit families in our community. Help support SHARE and clear all your fines during the library's amnesty week.

D.A.R. November Meeting, November 5th

The Captain Josiah Crosby Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, November 5th at noon at the home of Mrs. Karen Blood in Amherst. Our speaker will be John Willbarger, veteran of the current military conflict. Members are asked to bring donations for the Manchester Veteran's Hospital such as toiletry items, paperback books, socks, sweatshirts, puzzles & games. Visitors are welcome. Contact Jackie Marshall 673-8029 for more information.

Newcomers Club Meeting Prepares for Holiday Events

The Amherst Area Newcomers Club will host a general meeting onNovember 13th to prepare the crafts for our Breakfast With Santa event.

The club is also hosting it's annual "Wreath Making Night" on December 3rd.

New members are welcome to join us for any of our general events. For information visit NHNewcomers.com or call the club co-president, Kami Harris at: 494-7069.

Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale November 3 – 10

The Friends of the Amherst Town Library is once again holding a Holiday Book Sale, Sale November 3 – 10, this time offering folks a whole week to shop! We are featuring holiday themed books, craft books, gardening books, New Hampshire themed books, children's books, and coffee table books.

Come by the Amherst Library anytime between Saturday, November 3rd through Saturday, November 10th and browse the Friends of the Library holiday gift book table placed conveniently near the checkout desk.

The Friends of Library organize and arrange for displays, exhibits, and concerts and decorate for the winter holidays. Our contributions have purchased computers, DVD's and the annual passes to the Boston Museum of Science, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Currier Gallery. New members are always welcome!

Ribbon Cutting Held at the New LaBelle Winery in Amherst

Amy LaBelle and husband, Cesar Arboleda are assisted by sons Lucas and Jackson.

AMHERST – LaBelle Winery held its official ribbon cutting ceremony on October 11 under a blustery but blue autumn sky. A large turnout for the occasion included family and friends of owners Amy LaBelle and Cesar Arboleda, Amherst officials, local state representatives, gubernatorial candidate Ovide Lamontagne, and 2nd district Congressman Charlie Bass.

Amy LaBelle and her husband, Cesar Arboleda, have turned a love of wine making as a hobby into a highly successful business. The LaBelle Winery opened its new winery, retail and event facility on 11 acres on Route 101 in Amherst. The new location is expected to quadruple the capacity for wine making. The new Winery features a full tasting room with all 25 varieties of LaBelle wine available. It also features a full-service event center and a light bites terrace with table service of wine, cocktails and small plates. A 5,000 square foot event center can seat up to 200 people for banquet events including weddings and corporate meetings.

Recipients of Amherst Garden Tour Funds

AMHERST – The Amherst Garden Club's 2011 Garden Tour was a great success. The proceeds from the tour were awarded to six individuals and organizations who submitted their projects for consideration to the selection committee of the club.

Clark-Wilkins School installed ten raised beds at Clark School. Each first grade and kindergarten class had its own bed while the AM and PM classes shared a bed.

The Amherst Garden Club installed trellises in the Amherst Historical Society garden at the Wigwam which, since 1971, the garden club has been developing and maintaining. The garden is on Cross Street behind the Wigwam. Upon the advice of Claudia Everest, garden club member and landscape designer, and with the permission of the Historical Society, the club asked Jamie Ramsay to build trellises to fill in a space left by the removal of a large maple tree. The trellises will provide a secluded garden room for public enjoyment by passers-by or by those entering and lingering in the garden.

Opportunity Networks on Caldwell Drive, a non-profit organization whose clients are adults living with acquired or developmental disabilities, constructed raised garden beds. The beds will provide the clients with new opportuni-

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Garden Club members at the Ponemah Triangle: Denise Wilson, Trese Gilligan (president), Sue Spiess (vice president), Charlene Carper and Sue Alger.

Mrs. Greany's morning class.

Amherst Garden Club November 1st Meeting

AMHERST - Linda Zukas, Annuals Manager and Container Designer at Churchill's Gardens in Exeter, will present how to solve the last minute problem of creatively decorating the Thanksgiving table at the November 1 meeting of the Amherst Garden Club held at the Amherst Congregational Church. The discussion will include using what is available in the home, yard, or garden to make a fabulous table for Thanksgiving, an everyday dinner, or other special days.

Ms. Zukas has an Associate's Degree in Horticulture from the Thompson School of Applied Science at UNH. She has worked on a landscape team for a corporation and as a floral designer for several florists. She has been with Churchill's Gardens for twenty-three years.

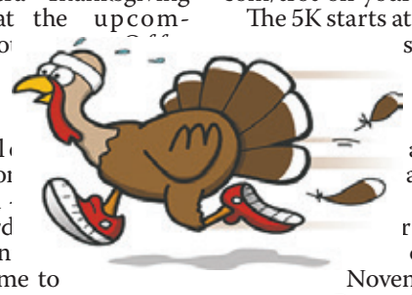
The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with a short social time followed by the business meeting at 9:15 and the program at 10:15 AM. Visitors are welcome.

Final Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection of 2012

Saturday November 3, 8:00AM-12:00PM at Nashua Public Works Garage, 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua For residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham Cost: $10 user fee per vehicle covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds, additional charges for electronics recycling. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call 603-424-2240.

13th Annual Trot Off Your Turkey 5K & Fun Run

AMHERST – Work off those extra Thanksgiving calories at the upcoming Trot Off Your Turkey 5K and one-mile fun run on November 23rd. Participants are welcome to walk either course.



The 13th annual event is sponsored by the Amherst Junior Women's Club and features a new name and a professionally organized course with chip timing by Millennium Running.

The race starts and ends at the beautiful Village Green in Amherst, and the flat course spans country roads around the historic center of town. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each age category.

The first 50 people to register will get a free T-shirt. Register for the race at: http://www.millenniumreg.com/trot-off-your-turkey.

The 5K starts at 10am and costs $25. The one-mile fun run costs $10 and starts at 9:30am. Online registration closes on November 21st. Race day registration on November 23rd runs from 8am to 9am.

Cash donations are gratefully accepted to offset race expenses. Checks may be mailed to: AJWC, P.O. Box 513, Amherst, NH 03031.

The Amherst Junior Women's Club is a non-profit organization that focuses its efforts on civic needs, educational advancement and the less fortunate. Proceeds from the race will benefit local schools and area charities. For more information, please email amherstturkeytrot@gmail.com.

Trip to the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA

Explore the Delightful Realm of Hats

Wednesday November 7th
Sponsored by The Friends of the Amherst Town Library

Stephen Jones, hat maker to the rich and famous including the late Princess Diana and pop-personality Madonna, displays the wit and whimsy of "HATS: An Anthology Exhibit", featuring more than 250 hats from the past 900 years. "HATS" originally ran at London's Victoria and Albert Museum in 2009 and is a collection drawn from the Victoria and Albert archive of nearly 5000 hats plus several from private collections.

The trip cost of $40 per person includes the price admission, bus transportation, driver gratuity, and a one hour guided tour of the "HATS" collection, with the remainder of the time free to view other exhibits. The bus will depart from the Meeting Place in Amherst at 9 a.m. and return to the Meeting Place by 5 p.m. All are welcome, but register early since bus seating is limited.

To register, just mail a check made out to the Friends of the Amherst Library and send it to Jane Cosmo, 12 North Meadow Rd., Amherst NH, 03031. Please include your telephone number and cell number if you have one. For more detailed information call 673-3192.

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