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Tree Lighting Festival

BRIEFS

Historical Society of Amherst December Meeting

Please join the Historical Society of Amherst in welcoming Lafayette Scholar Alan R. Hoffman as he discusses the Revolutionary War general's tour of America from 1824-25. The program is based on Mr. Hoffman's 2007 translation of Lafayette en Amérique en 1824 et 1825 published in French in 1829 by Auguste Levasseur, Private Secretary to General Lafayette during his tour. Mr. Hoffman is passionate about American history and Lafayette and spent three years working on this first unabridged English translation. This fascinating discussion happens in the Vestry of the Congregational Church of Amherst at 7:30pm on Monday December 10th, 2012. Refreshments will be served.

Collecting Cold Weather Clothing at Tree Lighting

The Amherst Lions Club will be collecting mittens, scarves, hats, socks and coats at the tree lighting? Collection boxes will be at the fire station, library, and Congregational Church for the festivities and then at the Amherst Library until January 10th.

2012 MEMORY TREE

A donation to the Memory Tree, with its little white lights, acts as a remembrance of a loved one. Located on the town green right in the center of town, it is an Amherst tradition and twinkling reminder to all who pass by of the person and the times shared. The lights on the Memory Tree will be lit on Friday, December 7th, the weekend of the Tree Lighting Festival and will stay lit through the cold winter nights into January. .

The Amherst Garden Club has donated the money raised each year (around $1,000.00) to various projects around Amherst and the local area. We are happy to announce that the donations this year from the Memory Tree will be going to SHARE. We know they will put the money to good use.

Town of Amherst

Public Notice

The Bertha Rogers Trust Fund Board of Directors will be awarding funds to projects whose purpose is for the betterment of the Town, projects which have the greatest impact on the largest portion of the citizens of Amherst, projects which have lasting impact to the Town and projects which are finite (no on going projects will be awarded funds, no administrative costs will be paid). Please send proposals to the Town of Amherst, Administration Office, P.O. Box 960, Amherst, NH 03031 no later than Friday, January 4, 2013.

SHARE Holiday Program

It's not too late to "adopt" a family or an individual through the SHARE Holiday program. It is easy and guaranteed to make a local familyor an elder citizen happy on Christmas morning. Simply call SHARE Outreach at 673-9898, tell them how many people you can shop for, and they will give you a list of suggested items. No time to shop? Donate $25 gift cards to groceries stores, drug stores, Target, Walmart etc. or give cash. SHARE will make sure that your gifts reach neighbors in your community in need this year.

47th Annual Christmas Bird Count

NASHUA – Saturday, December 29, the Nashaway Chapter of NH Audubon will join with tens of thousands of volunteers throughout North and South America to participate in the 113th annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC). For over a hundred years, the desire to both make a difference and to experience the beauty of nature has driven dedicated people to leave the comfort of a warm house in the middle of winter. Each of the citizen scientists who brave snow, wind, or rain to take part in the CBC make an enormous contribution to conservation. Audubon and other organizations use data collected in this longest-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations - and to help guide conservation action.

Amherst Trot Off Your Turkey 5K Results

AMHERST – In a field of 176 runners, Amherst men secured the top three spots in the 13th annual Amherst Junior Women's Club Trot Off Your Turkey 5K on November 23rd. 20-year-old Anthony Caruso won with a time of 17:29. 17-year-old Brady Camplin came in 2nd place at 19:06. 52-year-old Carl Hefflefinger finished 3rd at 19:18.

All three improved from their 2011 standings. Caruso placed 2nd overall last year, Camplin moved up from 10th place last year, and Hefflefinger jumped from 8th place.

19-year-old Csilla Vamos defended her 2011 title to win first female finisher with a time of 20:10. She finished 8th place over-

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Overall winner, 20-year-old Anthony Caruso of Amherst, finished with a time of 17:30.

Oldest age division winner, 79-year-old Bob Welts of Amherst, finished with a time of 36:29.

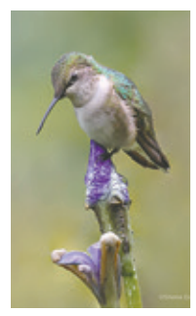
63-year-old David Salvas of Amherst, age division winner and raffle prize winner.

Age division winner, 50-year-old Gregory Earley of Amherst, with Tracey Hanlon, an event sponsor.

Amherst Town Library

Nature at Your Doorstep Exhibit

An intimate view of a New Hampshire garden and surrounding locales



AMHERST - Sherie Dowsett will be showing her inspiring nature photography of some of New Hampshire's backyard wildlife during the month of November at the Amherst Town Library. Sherie came to the United States from England in 1994 after working as a dentist in her home country for a number of years. She moved to Amherst five years ago, craving an environment that would support her passion for nature and the outdoors. She is an active member of Merrimack Valley Camera Club in N. Andover, MA and has won numerous awards for her nature images locally and internationally. Her work was recently displayed in San Francisco

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