Letters & Opinion

Great Privilege To Serve Amherst

To the editor:

I am grateful to the voters of Amherst for giving me the opportunity to represent our town these past two years. It has been my great privilege to

I congratulate my opponents and thank them for their willingness to serve. I wish for them the best as they work for their Amherst constituents and the betterment of the state of New Hampshire.

> Sincerely, Shannon E. Chandley **Amherst**

Girls - You Brought Me a Big Smile

To the editor:

I want to thank "Girls on the Run" for the Love Rock that I found on my front step this morning. It was such a great surprise and it brought me the biggest smile. You are part of what makes this community so special and why I feel so lucky to live in this town. Thank you!

> Lucienne Foulks **Amherst**

Red Ribbon Week Campaign -A Huge Success - Thank You!

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our community partners in sharing the 2014 theme for Red Ribbon Week which is LOVE YOURSELF BE DRUG FREE. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug prevention campaign that began back in 1988 as a result of the death of a DEA agent. Today the Red Ribbons displayed during the last week of October serve as a catalyst to engage and mobilize youth and their communities to participate in drug prevention activities. We asked the schools in Souhegan Valley to partner with us and promote Red Ribbon Week in their schools – they did! The middle and high schools took this opportunity to provide specific activities for their students (our children) to engage in and the messaging the students came up with far exceeded our expectations. Milford High Students took the civic route and received permission from the Milford Selectmen to decorate the Milford Oval with Red Ribbons and flyers. Milford High School students also decorated their classroom doors with healthy choice pledges. Amherst Middle School had over 70 classroom doors decorated by students, many of which had very specific facts relative to substance use and were quite creative in their messaging; Milford Middle School students created a giant pledge poster for their peers to sign; Hollis/Brookline Middle School students created a wall and chain of pledges to make healthy choices; and Hollis/Brookline High School students shared Red Ribbons and wristbands with their school community. There were many other activities promoting prevention of alcohol and other drug use that were conducted in the schools as well.

We would also like to recognize those business/community organizations that participated and/or promoted the LOVE YOURSELF BE DRUG FREE message during Red Ribbon Week. Those include the Milford Selectmen, Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley, Kenmore Stamp Company, Hampshire Hills Fitness Club, Milford Elementary PTO, Milford Ambulance Service, Granite Town Media, Brookline and Hollis Cable Access Channels. This was a great collaborative effort on a short notice and Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST) greatly appreciates the efforts of all those involved. It was very encouraging to see the messages around town and the connections that were made between the schools and community with this positive messaging. Thank you and we are looking forward to next year's campaign!

If you would like to learn more about how you can help prevent youth alcohol and other drug use please join us at a coalition meeting, visit our website at www.castnh.org or contact us at cast@svbgc.org. CAST, a committee of the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The mission of CAST is to prevent substance use and promote healthy choices among youth in Souhegan Valley.

> Love yourself, Be Drug Free Monica Gallant Community Action for Safe Teens

Department of Public Works

Amherst Transfer Station Hours

Closed for Thanksgiving Thursday/Friday, November 27 and 28 Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Friday: Saturdays: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Letters To the editor:

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Please direct your letters, views and commentary to the Editor, The Amherst Citizen, P.O. Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031-0291, or e-mail your submission to: news@amherstcitizen.com. We will attempt to run your letter as submitted (space permitting) providing it is signed and phone number is included.



Thank You to SHS Community **Service Students**

To the editor:

As a retired Navy veteran, I am very appreciative of the fall cleanup work performed by nine Souhegan High School Community Service students on Monday, November 10th. These freshmen split and moved firewood from the back of our property to the winter storage area near our basement entry. In addition, they ran leaf blowers and raked leaves on about an acre of land. The four hours of work they performed would have taken us two weeks or longer. We cannot thank them enough for their effort and the faculty member that supervised them. Also, we thank Maggie Paul and Marie Grella for selecting us to receive the volunteer help and their excellent skill in organizing the event.

> Sincerely, Ken Miller **Amherst**

Thank You to the Citizens of **Amherst**

To the editor:

I thank the citizens of Amherst for their votes that will allow me to represent Amherst in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. I will do everything in my power to maintain our high quality of life in New Hampshire. Further, I will work to further economic development in our state; development that will secure high income employment.

I also congratulate Peter Hansen, Steven Stepanek and Laurie Sanborn for their successful campaigns and Shannon Chandley and Julie Radhakrishanan for their for their quality and positive campaign.

As most readers know both Shannon Chandley and I sponsored and argued for the bridge replacement legislation. Without her assistance in a Democratic controlled house the bill would not have passed. I thank her for her efforts. As a result of the bill becoming law we will have the Manchester Road bridge completed this coming September.

> Sincerely, Robert H. Rowe

Keep Running!

To the editor:

To the Girls on the Run: I happened upon one of your "love rocks" on our front step. What a sweet greeting!
Thank you for sharing such a thoughtful message. Keep running!

Sincerely Elizabeth Caulo Amherst

Amherst Recycling Task Force
The Task Force meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Office of DPW – residents are welcome. Visit: www.amherstnh.gov/publicworks/transfer.html for complete details.

Amherst Recycling Center

Hours: Tuesday: 12 noon to 8 p.m. Thursday: 12 noon to 8 p.m. Friday: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fee Structure (PAID AT THE SCALE HOUSE)

Appliances with Freon: Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Freezers,: Brush over 6" diameter: \$0.10/lb.

Demolition & Construction material (No asbestos or asbestos shin-

Propane Gas Cylinders: Check at Scale House for price based on size. \$2.50 each. \$10.00 each. Car Tires: **Truck Tires:**

TVs, Computer Monitors, CRTs: \$5.00 each.

Aluminum Cans

Recycle on aluminum can sorting table; rinse and squash.

Batteries-Alkaline Put in trash compactors.

Batteries-Rechargeable

Take to Radio Shack, Nashua Hazardous Waste Center, or place in special battery container in recycling area.

Batteries-Car

Stack At Designated Area.

Put in Book Shed or recycle soft cover books in mixed paper compactor. Take covers off hard cover book and recycle in mixed paper compactor; put covers in trash.

Brush-up to 6"

Put in brush pile at top of hill.

Brush – over 6"

Pay at Scale House, then put in brush pile at top of hill.

Put in compost pile: Grass clippings, leaves, pine needles, garden

waste and COLD fireplace ashes; no brush, rocks, food products, flower pots, or plastic bags. **Cell Phones & PDAs**

Recycle at Scale House, or with Peabody Mill Environmental Center

at the Library, Town Hall, or Wilkins School. Clean, untreated lumber

Dispose of at top of hill: Not painted or stained, no pressure treated items, no plywood, no wood-like composite material.

Clothing/Textiles Must be clean. dry, and in plastic bags—clothing, bedding, rags, or towels. No pillows or sleeping bags. Place in collection container.

Recycle plastic and metal containers on commingle sorting table

Corrugated Cardboard

Recycle in cardboard compactor; flattened, clean, dry, no pizza

Electronics

Check at the Scale House – VCRs, radios, electronic equipment; computer equipment. - Place "intact" CPU box (all components including hard drive) and laptops into the container dedicated to CPU's. TVs/computer monitors – pay at Scale House.

Fluorescent Lights

Recycle in covered plastic containers near trash compactors.

Recycle on glass sorting table; bottles, drinking glasses, ceramic

coffee cups, plate glass, and window panes.

Kitty Litter

MUST be disposed of in trash. Cannot be Recycled.

Visit transfer station website or ask attendants on duty.

Peter Hansen New Hampshire State Rep

~ District 22 ~



I want to thank all Amherst voters and especially those who elected me to another term. I am grateful.

I also want to remind Amherst residents that I serve all of you as your elected Representative. Please contact me for help with your questions or concerns.

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