

COME ON NOW... IT'S SPRING... AND TIME TO TAKE DOWN THOSE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!

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End of season awards banquets held. SHS Cheer head to State Championships.

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## BRIEFS



### Easter Egg Hunt

The AJWC Easter Egg Hunt takes place Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. on the town common. The AJWC Annual Easter Egg Hunt is fun for all ages! Leave the snow behind and bring your family to the Amherst town green on Sat., March 28 at 10 a.m. This free event begins with a parade featuring none other than -- the Easter Bunny! Children can next join in the hunt for eggs in specified areas on the town green, according to their age group. Bring your baskets! AJWC fills 1000 eggs for the event and 200 lucky hunters will find a free kids meal certificate for Texas Road House! Crafts for the kids and a variety of baked goods also will be available to enjoy. And, parents may want to have a camera on hand for a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny.

### Amherst Lions Club 43rd Pancake Breakfast

It is that SPRINGTIME of the year again when the 55 members of the Amherst Lions Club will prepare and host its annual Pancake Breakfast. The Pancake Breakfast will take place on March 29 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Wilkins Elementary School. Tickets are available from any Amherst Lion or may be purchased at the door. Cost for the all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child (ages 12 and under). All funds go to local charity, including sight and hearing impaired programs, Boy and Girl Scouts, SHARE and college scholarships.

This year's event includes not only pancakes, sausages and pastries, but fruit toppings as well as traditional maple syrup. Juice, tea, coffee and milk are also included

### Clark-Wilkins 2015-2016 New Student Registration

Registration for Kindergarten and incoming first graders that are new to the Amherst School District, will take place in the Clark School Multipurpose Room on Wednesday, March 25th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Registration packets can be downloaded from our website at <http://sau39.schoolwires.net/domain/250>. Please bring completed packets along with your child's most recent physical, immunization records and original birth certificate, which will be copied at the school.

Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years old by 9/30/10. First Grade: Children who are 6 years old by 9/30/10 and did not attend kindergarten at Clark School must register for the upcoming school year. Current students do not need to re-register for first grade.

### Amherst Democrat Caucus - March 28

The Amherst Democrats will hold their biennial caucus on March 28 at the Amherst Town Library beginning at 10am. Following a brief presentation, officers and members at large will be elected to the executive board of the Amherst Democratic Committee.

Also during this caucus, three delegates will be elected to attend the New Hampshire Democratic Convention. The caucus is expected to last no longer than one hour. All Amherst residents who are registered Democrats are encouraged to attend and are entitled to vote at this biennial caucus.



Fall planted tubs will soon be poking through the disappearing snow cover.



Kerry Mendez speaks at the April 2nd meeting.

## Amherst Garden Club to Hold Two Meetings in April

AMHERST - Kerry Mendez, well-known in the garden world, will speak on The Right-Size Flower Garden: Exceptional Plants and Design Solutions for Aging and Time-Pressed Gardeners" at the April 2 morning meeting of the Amherst Garden Club at the Messiah Lutheran Church on Route 101 in Amherst. The talk will focus on easy-to-follow strategies, no-fuss plant material, and year-round design tips for those who love gardening but don't have the time, space, or energy to tend a big garden. Ms. Mendez is a gardener who recently wrote a book on right-size gardening which shows readers a step-by-step way to continue with the gardening they love in spite of limitations they might have. The meeting will begin at 9:15 am with refreshments and a short business meeting. The program will begin at 10:15 am. The evening meeting of the Amherst Garden Club on April 9 at 7:00 pm at Parkhurst Place on Veterans Road in Amherst will feature Carol Iodice, the head gardener at Pickety Place in Mason, New Hampshire. Her topic will be Herb Gardening. Pickety Place is known for its old English gardens filled with flowers and herbs, its greenhouse, garden shop and restaurant. Visitors are welcome at both meetings.

## Souhegan Thespians Perform The Broadway and Souhegan Classic "Guys and Dolls"

AMHERST - Souhegan High School's spring musical, Guys and Dolls, will be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26, 27 and 28. Despite all the snow days challenging our rehearsal schedule the show is coming together very well. The ever popular 1950 Broadway hit which starred Marlon Brando, Frank Sinatra and Jean Simmons was first performed at Souhegan in 1997. This year's show reprises the direction of Pat McMullen and Steve Hodgman as well as the original choreography of Amy McGuigan. The talented cast is led by Megan Dillon as Sarah Brown, Alyssa Lederhos as Miss Adelaide, Matt Katsi-



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## Souhegan Earns "First in Nation" Designation for School Accountability Strategy

AMHERST -- Continuing efforts to help students develop the skills and innovative thinking needed for success in the innovation economy of the 21st century, Governor Maggie Hassan and New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) Commissioner Virginia Barry today announced that the U.S. Department of Education (USED) approved New

Hampshire's Performance Assessment for Competency Education (PACE) pilot. Souhegan Cooperative School District is one of four districts piloting a more balanced and comprehensive system of assessment and accountability.

A first-in-the-nation accountability strategy, the PACE pilot allows Souhegan to focus on assessing students on more rigorous

tasks that are more integrated into a student's day-to-day work than large-scale standardized tests. Beginning this year, in addition to administering carefully designed common "performance assessments" developed locally and validated at the state level in grades 9-12, Souhegan will give the Smarter Balanced statewide assessment at grade 11.

Souhegan, along with the other pilot districts, Sanborn, Rochester and Epping, have worked closely with NHDOE over the past several years to develop the strategy, and as a result, the U.S. Department of Education has agreed to allow them to be the only districts in the country to pilot a new locally managed assessment

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### Amherst Town Library

## Klezwoods Quintet to Perform April 12



Klezwoods Press

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library welcomes "The Klezwoods Quintet" in a concert scheduled for Sunday, April 12 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Library. This performance is part of the Library's very popular Sundays at 4 music series funded by the Friends of the Amherst Town Library. The Boston-based ensemble melds the spirit

of traditional Klezmer and Balkan music with modern grooves, improvisation, and original repertoire. Every player comes from a different background, which creates the band's unique sound and style. They originally got their start some years back when local Cambridge, MA haunt, Atwoods Tavern, wanted music for a

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