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To the editor:

We did it! We, as a community, have made it through the current virtual learning portion of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Amherst School Board would like to extend another round of kudos to the students, parents, teachers, and school administration for coming together to implement a learn-at-home system practically at a moment's notice. The past few months were not easy for anyone; for students adapting to a new learning environment without friends and face-to-face contact for parents balancing a student's learning with a full-time job; for teachers, many of whom are parents, putting together comprehensive lesson plans that could be conveyed without the usual personal touch; and for the administration, which began planning for this potential scenario in January when COVID-19 and “coronavirus” were a continent away. Now the focus shifts to the 2020-21 academic school year, which features a variety of unknowns at this point. Our administration is developing plans for all possible scenarios while state officials attack the issue from their end. It’s likely a fully-fledged decision won’t be made immediately so we will do our best to keep you informed as the summer progresses.

With the end of the school fiscal year coming at the end of the month, the board spent a good majority of its May meeting looking at our unreserved fund balance. This is an allotment of money that was not spent during the 2019-20 school year. Through proper planning and as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly $3.5 million was left in the ASD’s coffers. At least $700,000 of that will be returned to taxpayers. Another portion of it will be put to projects that the schools need, focusing on health and safety building infrastructure, and non-emergency necessities. The following is a list of approved projects and additional items on which we are awaiting more information (costs are estimates). We will be reviewing the unreserved fund balance again at our June meeting and will have a more accurate total that will be returned to taxpayers in our next letter.

Approved
• Air duct cleaning in Clark, Wilkins and AMS - $22,000 total
• Four new cafeteria tables in AMS - $9,000
• New snowblower at Wilkins - $2,500

Awaiting further information
• Roofing work at Clark, AMS
• Replacing main breaker switches at all three schools
• Dividing walls at AMS
• Heat water systems in Wilkins and servicing at all three schools
• School lockers at AMS

Next Meeting
Our next meeting is Thursday, June 4 at 6 p.m., and we will be making final decisions on utilizing the unreserved fund balance in a manner that maximizes the long-term value of the investment while fixing immediate needs. We will also be discussing our board goals for FY21 and doing a first read on a new finance policy for Clark-Wilkins and AMS. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to us at ASB@sau39.org.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Kuzma, Chair
Tom Gauthier, Vice Chair
Ellen Grudzien, Secretary
Josh Conklin

Cancellation of July 4th Festivities

To the editor:

The chairs of the July 4th Committee, with the unanimous support of the Amherst Board of Selectmen, the Police Chief, the Fire Rescue Chief, and Town Health Officer, made the difficult decision to cancel this summer’s festivities. This is in keeping with the current statewide ban on gatherings of more than 10 people. Prior to our decision, a member of the Governor’s Task Force was contacted and confirmed that the ban on large gatherings remains in place. A prediction of when the ban will be lifted is not available. Other nearby communities including Portsmouth, Dover, Haverhill, Andover, and Henniker have come to the sad conclusion that fireworks and the accompanying large crowds will not be possible this summer. We wanted to share the information as quickly as possible to ensure that everyone has ample time to plan. We made this decision thoughtfully, with heavy hearts, and for the safety of our town and citizens.

Respectfully,
Kim Ayers
Leilee Bennett
Jennifer Elocastion
Grace Beal
July 4th Committee Chairs

June Update from the Joint Facilities Advisory Committee

To the editor:

The Joint Facilities Advisory Committee remains committed to keeping you informed of our progress. We continue to meet regularly, via video conference, as we work to develop recommendations for a long-term public-school facilities plan for the Amherst School District and Souhegan Cooperative School District.

Included in our regular meetings are representatives from the firm, Lavallee Brensinger Architects, who the SAU has engaged to conduct a study of the buildings in the Amherst School District, a similar study has already been completed in the Souhegan Cooperative School District. We continue to discuss the most pressing needs in our schools and share critical information which will assist them in their review.

In our most recent meeting, Lavallee Brensinger shared feedback from their initial Amherst School District staff survey. They also led the committee through an in-depth review of the Souhegan 2.0 Conceptual Design Analysis, which was completed by their firm in May 2019. Of note in the plan – upgraded science labs, HVAC, and small group breakout spaces.

Once Lavallee Brensinger completes their review of the Amherst School District facilities (Clark-Wilkins Elementary and Amherst Middle School), the committee will begin the important work of prioritizing recommendations into a cohesive plan to present to the Amherst and Souhegan Cooperative school boards, targeted for September/October 2020.

As the committee works to develop our recommendations it is important that we balance the needs of students and educators with the expectations and desires of the community. A survey will be released in the coming weeks seeking your input. Please look for it in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to the Amherst Citizen for updates. Updates can also be found on the SAU 39 website at www.sau39.org and on the JFAC Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/JointFacilities/

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June Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event Cancelled

To the editor:

After careful consideration, the Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District in conjunction with Nashua Regional Planning Commission, has cancelled the June 4, 2020, HHW collection in Nashua. This decision has not been taken lightly and we appreciate the public bearing with us as the COVID-19 Outbreak unfurls. We ask that the residents of our district still properly dispose of their hazardous waste at our August 1, 2020, HHW collection at the Nashua Public Works Garage, located at 9 Stadium Drive.

For additional questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call 603-417-6570. Like and follow NashuaRPC on Facebook and Twitter for more updates.

Thank you,
Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Letter to the editor:

Brian Coogan, Community Member
Michele Croteau, Business Administrator
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July 4th Committee Chairs

Letters
Temporary walkup/ramp to window at Town Clerk’s Office. Please call 603-673-6041 x203 or 208 before arrival or conduct business online.

The Amherst Town Clerk’s service window is installed and ready for business. We still encourage citizens to renew online, by mail, or over the phone with a credit card but if you need to transact business in person please call ahead of time.

Rich Ray and Rick Keyes from the DPW have done a wonderful job constructing this temporary window so that we can assist our residents during these difficult times. The ramp is still under construction and should be completed in a few days.

Our hours are 9AM-3PM Monday - Friday or earlier by appointment. Tuesday evening hours are suspended until further notice.

Please call us if you have any questions or email us.
ndemers@amherstnh.gov
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673-6041 x 203 or 208

We thank you for your support and understanding. Be safe.

Amherst Transfer Station Notice

The DPW is preparing for staffing shortages at the transfer station. We have our highest priority set as accepting trash. We may find it necessary with no notice to close the scale house to support taking trash. We have alternate personnel to use, but we may not get them there on short notice.

Running the scale house requires a weighmaster license. We will use the town webpage and the DPW Facebook page to give as much notice as possible; however if our weighmaster(s) call out sick, or if the deck attendant(s) call out at the last minute we may have to use the weighmaster on the deck and we may only be reporting the closure as it occurs.

Please check the Transfer Station webpage (https://www.amherstnh.gov/public-works/transfer-station) or our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/AmherstNH.DPW/) daily for closures and other updates. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding throughout this state of emergency as we continue to evaluate what needs to be done to keep our staff and residents safe. Please feel free to contact our office at 673-2317 with any questions. Normal office business hours are Monday thru Friday, 7am to 3pm.

To support social distancing at the transfer station, DPW has marked out 4 dedicated parking spots for the trash compactors. They are designated with barricades/cones/barrels and we have divided the trash bins into a left and right side. There are two parking spots per side.

Except for: Recycling, Still Good Shed and Book Swap the remainder of the transfer station functions remain in operation.

If things change, we will continue to provide updates via our Facebook page and the DPW and Transfer Station webpages.
What's Up in The Children's Room During Stay-At-Home 2020

During these weeks of social distancing, we are working hard to think of ways to keep in touch with our patrons, who all mean so much to us. With that in mind, and with the knowledge that children feel most secure when they are continuing with their predictable routines, we are offering video versions of our library programming. We do so with the full knowledge that we have neither the equipment nor the experience to create professional-grade video! Please forgive our many mistakes, and take these videos in the spirit in which they’re offered—as a way to connect with our wonderful patrons until we can sit together at the library again. We miss you all, and can’t wait until that day arrives.

Access our videos at the following link: http://www.amherstlibrary.org/childrens-room/online-storytime-links

Storytime: Miss Sarah likes to upload a new episode on Tuesday mornings, and you can access any of the episodes we’ve already shown at any time by following the link.

Little Listeners: Miss Sarah likes to upload a new episode on Thursday mornings, and you can access any of the episodes we’ve already shown at any time by following the link.

S.T.E.A.M. Storytime: Miss Lisa is uploading video instructions for some of her most popular S.T.E.A.M. projects. Follow along and make your own— it’s fun! She tries to upload a new project on Wednesdays, and you can access any of the videos we’ve already shown at any time by following the link.

At the time we were all asked to practice social distancing, Miss Sarah was at work recording some of her children’s music. Although none of the tracks have been fully polished, she thought she’d make a few of them available for listening—just to keep in touch in another way. Look for the links on the Storytime page, and have a listen!

Minecrafters via the Amherst Town Library Facebook page. Miss Sarah has created a special Minecraft Group, and hopes you’ll all be posting to it!

Each week she will set you all a Minecraft Challenge—spend some time completing it, and when you’ve done something really cool, take a screen shot, and post it to the group, where we can all take a look—Don’t forget to post a picture (with first name only) when you’re finished. Join the Amherst Town Library Minecraft Club on Facebook.

Now that we’ve had some time to get used the idea of staying at home for awhile, we are feeling almost overwhelmed with the online opportunities we’ve been made aware of. With that in mind, we’d like to offer you a sampling of some of the countless resources that are out there, and encourage you to share these and other great ideas with each other. We’d also like to remind you that this is actually a great opportunity for kids to get outdoors, and for them to have a chance to get bored—for it’s in those moments of boredom that your child finds an opportunity to create their own fun!

Find these resources on our website at the following link: http://www.amherstlibrary.org/teen-space/blog

STAY-AT-HOME FUN LINKS AND MORE

We are in the process of working out the details, but here’s what we know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect. We know you will understand our need to avoid certain types of activities while some number of social distancing restrictions will still be in effect.

Our target date for beginning the program is Monday, June 15. Please visit our website (www.amherstlibrary.org) for updates and details as they become available.

There will be reading logs for tracking reading hours, prizes to be earned, weekly craft kits, find-the-picture scavenger hunts, virtual storytimes, and, yes, there will be a virtual PET SHOW! Our teens will have the opportunity to win gift cards to local business by submitting “Book Bucks”. We will offer some virtual craft programs, some challenges, and some opportunities for virtual get-togethers.

We are planning to send out information through the schools, email newsletter and social media, and we’ll be updating our website as our plans are finalized. Although some things may not be possible this summer, and some things may be different, we think that Summer Reading is a great way to say, “We’re here, and we’re in this together—your library is here for you!”

You can access any of the videos we’ve already shown at any time by following the link.

Miss Sarah entertains children during online Storytimes on YouTube: Summer Reading
Earliest Maps of Amherst, N.H.
From Quohquinna__-__ to Narraganset No. 3 to Souhegan West to Amherst

**BY KATRINA HOLMAN**

Digital versions of three early maps of Amherst, New Hampshire, namely the 1806 hand-drawn map and both 1858 maps, Village and Town, have recently been added to the Town's website under Heritage Commission (which is under Boards & Committees), making these maps easy to access and much easier to study. Maps are valuable resources for gaining a better understanding of the history of a place. Both were part of statewide mapping projects, making it possible to compare Amherst to other towns on those dates.

**Here is an overview of early maps of Amherst:**

- **1660 plats of 3 land grants at place called Quochquinnapassassanannay by the Indians, along both sides of Souhegan [Souhegan] River, “in the wilderness” of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, west of Merrimack River.**
- **1) Eastern “farm” – 700a granted to John Wilson Senior of Boston, of which 400a are on north side of river which included land of present 2 through 30 Thornton Ferry Road 2 and 369, 377 & 382 Boston Post Road lots.** (Once he finally had tangible land, Rev. Wilson (1588-1667) quickly sold the property to Simon Lynde (1624-1687) of Boston, in whose family it passed down through descendants. It is labeled “Goudges farm” on one S.W. Proprietors’ map and “Col. Gouge” on another version, for Col. Joseph Gooch Sr. (1700-1770), a lawyer, who in 1724 had married Lynde’s great-granddaughter Elizabeth Valentine.)
- **2) Middle “farm” – 500a granted to Capt. Wm Davis of Boston &Capt. Isaac Johnson of Roxbury, of which 230a are on north side of river, roughly centered on the confluence of “a beaver brook.” (Another plan of 500-acre “Capt. Davis farm” survives as a 1732 copy of 1727 plan, which indicates that the bounds had been renewed in 1681 by three men named Davis, likely the original William’s heirs and/or sons.**

![1806 map of Amherst, N.H.](image)

**Circa 1740s Proprietors’ maps of Souhegan West (at least 3 versions):** Show lot divisions, with each lot numbered, of same territory laid out in 1728. One of the original Proprietors’ maps, which includes Third Division lots outlined in red, is dated Dec. 1748. However, these maps were probably created over the course of about two decades, given that the first lot division was made in 1734 but an annotation labeling Lot 46, which lies east of Baboosic Lake, with the name HOGG must have been added after June 1757 (deed Lovejoy to Hogg). The Chapel copy does not have the HOGG annotation but does show the 1750 toline change giving a sliver off the eastern boundary to the Town of Merrimack so that the toline bisects Baboosic Lake and some original S. W. lots. The alignment varies between the different versions; for example, at what position the brook flows through Lot 50. (Three vellum versions hang in Amherst Town Hall upstairs; a more-legible copy is housed in Chapel Museum.)

**1881 map of Amherst School Districts:** Only map that shows bounds of school districts (12). Shows locations of 9 schoolhouses; roads, railroad, and bodies of water. (“Presented to Selectmen of Amherst by Edward Aiken.” Original colored manuscript in Amherst Town Hall vault; facsimile exhibited in Chapel Museum. Untitled and undated.)

**1883 map of Amherst:** Indicates changes in town boundaries with dates. Names geographic areas; depicts and names bodies of water, bridges, turnpike, railroad line, railroad station. Identifies schoolhouses, town farm, cemeteries; and indicates locations of dwelling houses (except not individually distinguishable in Village). Shows roads. Two historical sites are noted: “First Meeting-House erected in 1738” north of center and “First Settlement in town, about 1735, by Samuel Lambson” south of center. (Frontispiece in Secomb’s History of Amherst, N.H.)

**1892 maps of Amherst, Town and Village:** Same type as 1858 but riddled with errors (houses missing, houses on wrong side of street, wrong owner names; even labels wrong house as birthplace of Horace Greeley)
1806 map of Amherst (22,435 acres) & Mont Vernon (7,975 acres): First map of Amherst, N.H. with essentially the same boundaries as today. A unique aspect of this map is that it shows public taverns: two in the Village (which research identifies as 1 Carriage Road and Samuel Curtis’s hotel on south side of Common); and three more in the southern part of town (John Eaton’s at 344 Boston Post Road; Timothy Kendall’s better known as Fletcher’s after later proprietor at 382 BPR; and formerly Danforth’s at 107 Ponemah Road). The center is indirectly identified by Meeting House, Court House, and School House. Symbols distinguish three kinds of roads: turnpike, “public stage roads” and “town roads” but the road crossing townline to Bedford (roughly where present Route 101 crosses) is labeled “County Road.” There is only one Turnpike (in NW corner of town, terminating in Village); and there are only three stagecoach roads in Amherst, all leading southerly from the Village: one heads west out Main street to Milford Village; the other two head toward Boston, joining, splitting and joining again – the east-most being Courthouse Road and the middle one being Boston Post Road, which join up for a stretch before splitting into Boston Post Road (the southeastern branch) and Route 122, which heads southerly toward Hollis but after crossing the river veers easterly (along what is now called Old Nashua Road) to join up again with the other branch just beyond the SE corner of Amherst, probably present junction of Boston Post Road and Craftsman Lane in South Merrimack. Also shows and names bodies of water – river, brooks, ponds. (Original, hand-drawn by Daniel Warner of Amherst, surveyor, housed at N.H. State Archives in Concord, called Carrigan manuscript because done for his state-wide mapping project.)

1858 maps of Amherst, Town and Village: Depict and label buildings – identifying dwelling houses by owner’s name and commercial and public buildings by function. Abbreviations include: S.M. for saw mill (4 of them besides one in Village); B.S. for blacksmith shop (3 in Village, 1 in south part of town); W.W.S. for wheelwright shop (1 in Village, 1 in south part); S.H. for schoolhouse (9). Also show roads. Town map shows railroad line; and depicts and names bodies of water. Remarkably accurate, but contain just a few errors where changes were made between 1857 drawing and 1858 publication (for example, Vestry in Village, now Chapel – so use with caution! Indicates P.O. at RR station and includes standard information such as railroad line, and location of schoolhouses. Does not show any details for surrounding towns. (Amherst Town Library has copy.)

1906 topographical map of Milford Quadrangle, including all of Amherst: Names bodies of water and hills (except Patch Hill off Lyndeborough Road is not named). Danforth’s Corner area in SW part of town has been renamed Ponemah. Also shows roads and houses (as small black squares) and public buildings including town hall, schools, churches (as + over square, no names) but P.O. is not indicated. Cemeteries have their own symbol. Shows and names two railroad lines but not stations. (Surveyed 1904; engraved 1905; published 1906. Viewable and downloadable from USGS Historical Topographic Map Explorer at livingatlas.arcgis.com/topoexplorer/index.html ).

1941 map of Amherst Village by Seaman & Boardman: Actual shapes of buildings, including barns; dwelling houses labeled with personal name that is first initial and surname; public and commercial buildings labeled with names. Some old buildings that no longer existed are shown with X on them (such as Old Jail, Horse Sheds, house & store at NE corner Church St & Old Jailhouse Rd). Streets have names (some different from today). The Common is labeled PARK. (At bottom right corner is F. W. Seaman’s monogram with date 1941. At bottom left is hand-printed: “MADE UP BY T. E. BOARDMAN (1942)”. In Chapel Museum.)

1942 map of Amherst, both town and detail of Village on same sheet, by F. W. Seaman: Houses (most indicated with same square symbol) are labeled with owner’s surname. Errata: in the Village, Hotel Carriage House is missing. Most roads are named; shows only one rail line but not the station. Hills are indicated with their elevation feet. Beaver Brook is called Quoquina, (Original hand-drawn and hand-lettered. Version in Chapel Museum annotated: “DONATED BY T.E. BOARDMAN (ENLARGED FOR ME BY MY UNCLE).”)

There are more maps, of course, but this seems a good place to stop for a list of “early” maps.

Katrina Holman welcomes comments to HistoricAmherstNH@juno.com
2nd Annual Michael J. O'Mara Golf Tournament – August 7, 2020
Amherst Country Club

Proceeds benefit local scholarships and recovery efforts for substance use disorder and mental health. Download Form

LaBelle Winery Receives Financial Help from “One-to-One” Local Business Initiative

AMHERST — Unlike many local businesses, Alkemy Partners in Amherst, NH, has not been significantly impacted by the economic downturn sparked by the COVID-19 pandemic, a circumstance that recently inspired Jim Kaveney, Alkemy’s president, to create an initiative called One-to-One, a program that will make it easier for small businesses that are doing well to help those that may be struggling.

Choosing to lead by example, Alkemy will sponsor a large sailcloth tent at LaBelle Winery for a month, which will allow The Bistro at LaBelle Winery to resume serving customers outdoors, in compliance with state COVID-19 safety regulations, helping them get back on their feet more quickly. In return, LaBelle is compiling a list of local businesses in need to share with employees, friends and business partners in the hope that those that are able to do so will help businesses that are struggling become stable again.

“America is the most generous country in the world, and given the challenges our country is facing, I felt it was necessary to help local businesses get back on their feet again. When small business wins, America wins,” Kaveney says. “My hope is that the innate kindness and generosity of the American people and our small business community will compel others to participate in One-to-One. We hope it will become a movement to help America come out of this stronger and more united.”

Examples of ways that businesses can participate in the One-to-One initiative include local businesses ordering lunch for their employees from a local restaurant or caterer, and companies donating supplies and/or services to other businesses in need.

To help spread the word, Kaveney is asking businesses that participate in One-to-One to share their experience on social media using the hashtag #OneToOneChallenge.

Amy LaBelle, co-owner and winemaker at LaBelle Winery, says, “We are excited to bring this challenge to the local business community and so grateful to be the first recipient in the One-to-One initiative. It feels great to know that local businesses that have maintained their revenue streams during this crisis are willing to help those that have suffered.”

For more information on the One-to-One program visit https://alkemypartners.com/one-to-one or www.labellewinery.com/one-to-one-challenge.

Wedding

Rebecca McCallum Herrigel and Corey Stephen Johnson were married Feb. 22 at the Delta Flight Museum in Atlanta, GA. Candiss L. Howard, a friend of the bride's family who is a judge at the Sandy Springs Municipal Court in Sandy Springs, Ga., and the Dunwoody Municipal Court in Dunwoody, Ga., officiated.

Rebecca is the daughter of Victoria S. Aronow of Marietta, Ga., and David A. Herrigel of Atlanta. Ms. Herrigel, 31, is an Accounts Director at FRAME Media Strategies, in Portland ME. She graduated from Trinity College in Hartford and received a master's degree in political management from George Washington University.

Corey is the son of Kathy L. Johnson and Steve R. Johnson of Amherst. Mr. Johnson, also 31, is a Principal Consultant at C&S Engineers, Inc. in Washington DC. Corey is a 2007 graduate of Souhegan High School, and graduated summa cum laude from the University of New Hampshire and received a master of environmental management degree from Yale.

Ms. Herrigel, whose first love is soccer, and Mr. Johnson, whose first love is airplanes, met in 2014 through a mutual friend in Washington.

The couple currently reside in Washington DC now but are planning a summer move to Portland, ME.

Please send Engagement and Wedding announcements to Editor: news@amherstcitizen.com

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Mark Your Calendars: Taste For a Cure For Cystic Fibrosis, Rescheduled for Nov. 5th

MANCHESTER – Due to current social distancing recommendations, our 14th Taste For A Cure For Cystic Fibrosis, has been rescheduled to Nov 5th. The event will still take place at The Executive Court Banqueting Facility in Manchester! Our fabulous Restaurants and Food businesses will be serving their signature dishes and we will still have our amazing silent auction. We are so grateful to local Restaurants, businesses and friends for your continued support, we could not do this without you, and we ask you to support our Restaurants, sponsors and donors in these uncertain times. Taste For A Cure has raised over $1.2 million in 14 years, and during that time the quality of life and life expectancy for people living with CF has increased tremendously. Thank-you, and we look forward to seeing you on November 5th – tickets now on sale https://events.cff.org/tasteforacurenh

2020 Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Amherst Lions Club invites nominations for 2020’s Amherst Citizen of the Year. This year has surfaced with many who are deserving of the award which will be presented at an appropriate ceremony in July. It will be the 45th annual presentation whose past awardees include at least two couples. The award recognizes friends, neighbors, and colleagues who have made significant contributions to the community welfare through volunteerism, innovation or ingenuity. Along with a medal, the winner receives a silver engraved bowl and their name engraved on a permanent plaque in town hall.

Nominations are due by June 24 by using the form found on the club’s web site e-clubhouse.org/sites/amherstnh or by contacting the Lions at amherstlionsclub@gmail.com. Letters of recommendation are encouraged. The image below is also linked to a form.

As the town’s July 4th celebrations have been cancelled for 2020, the Lions are working to make the presentation of the honor at an equally significant venue.

Century Ride (100 miles) Across NH

As the Annual Prouty ride was cancelled this year, they have substituted a virtual ride. As I was already signed up for the ride, I have decided to do the virtual ride. I will be going from the Vermont/New Hampshire border to the Atlantic Ocean (108 miles). I am looking for company. If you are interested in doing the entire ride or a section (I have broken it up into 4 sections - listed below) let me know. My ride date is June 14th. You will be responsible to get yourself to the start and back to where you started from where you stopped. I will be raising money for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital Cancer Research.

If you can't ride but would like to donate here us the link https://secure3.convio.net/dhmc/site/TR?fr_id=1580&pg=entry. Hit the donate button in the upper right and then enter the name, David Salvas.

Congregational Church of Amherst Holds SHARE Food Drive

In addition to its online services and other activities, members of the Congregational Church of Amherst UCC are working on projects to assist neighbors in need. Most recently the church held a Drive-by Food Drive on May 22 and 23. Church members and other local residents dropped off donations of food and paper products for SHARE Outreach in Milford. Two carloads of donations were delivered, and future similar events are under discussion.

The church’s Sunday services are broadcast on FacebookLive and also available for later on-line viewing. Links for services and other events can be found on the church’s website (ccamherst.org). Pastors Maureen Frescott and Kate Kennedy work together to provide pastoral care during this time, and the church welcomes community members to connect with this loving, serving, open and affirming community of faith.

From Gift Cards to Mi-Box Storage Units: Outreach Efforts at CCA

What began as a small-scale outreach idea by the Congregational Church of Amherst (CCA) has blossomed into a trailer-sized project. For several
years, CCA has donated gift cards at Christmas to the NH Chapter of Bethany Christian Services, which support vulnerable kids and families. This year the World Service committee wanted to increase CCA’s outreach.

The committee contacted Cynthia Thomas at Bethany Christian Services. Through the Community and Faith-based Initiative, Bethany Christian works with the NH Division of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) to help foster families. One opportunity involved helping young adults transitioning out of the foster care system and setting up housekeeping for the first time. With very few resources, the youth are in need of basic supplies. An idea took shape. World Service used mission funds to purchase items to create 15 new “kitchen kits,” stored in plastic tubs for easy storage and delivery. Two tubs have been delivered so far to youth starting out on their own.

The idea grew. There is a need to help families fostering infants and small children with baby equipment and furniture. The next step for World Service? Gather the needed household items. Church and community members began donating.

The number of donated goods kept growing and storage became an issue. World Service team members reached out to Ed Smith and Cathy Putnam of College Bound Movers, and they volunteered a MI-BOX storage unit free of charge if a visible location could be found. Jamie Arsenault at the Black Forest Café enthusiastically offered their parking lot. Voila! At the moment, the trailer is almost full, but donations are still most welcome.

If you have furniture, lamps, and baby equipment in good condition that you would like to donate to this effort, contact Storage Coordinators Susan and Don Holden directly (603-566-2394 or bagnarathornton@comcast.net). Please do not drop anything off at the MI-BOX storage unit!

This is truly a story of “It Takes a Village.” The Congregational Church, Bethany Christian Services, DCYF, College Bound Movers/MI-BOX, and the Black Forest Café have all worked together, volunteering their time and their resources to help those in need of the basics. Church and community members have donated the equipment and supplies, and that makes the whole effort work.
Barbara Kandi Powers

Barbara Ellen (Lewis) Tate

Jeanne Marie Tarrant
George Williams Sawyer

AMHERST – George Williams Sawyer, 83, died unexpectedly on May 5, 2020 after several years of failing health. He was born on Mother's Day, May 10, 1936 in Fitchburg MA to Elizabeth (Williams) and Walter F. Sawyer, Jr. George and older brother, Tom, became a pair, and remained close throughout their lives. The two spent many happy summers carousing with their cousins on the Vermont family farm, and George carried a lasting love for its countryside.

To say that he was not handy with tools would be an understatement - a carpenter's apprenticeship arranged by his father lasted just under 2 days - but with a shovel and some decent snowfall, young George built a long love of skiing, starting with homemade slopes in the yard, then moving on to conquer “Hospital Hill,” a steep incline extending precariously from Fitchburg’s Burbank Hospital down to the main thoroughfare below - what some might call playing in traffic – to hiking and descending Pack Monadnock, a 2,000 foot peak. His graceful technique was hailed by all who witnessed it, including ’60s pop duo Sonny and Cher, who filmed him while skiing in California.

“Jigger” ran track and was football captain of the Red Raiders, graduating from Fitchburg High School in 1955, where he was lauded as “dynamite with pigskin and a demon on skis.” He served two years in the Navy, stationed in Key West, FL, then studied business at Boston University. What followed was a long career in sales, successfully combining dual interests in socializing and making money.

His first job with Harvard Table Tennis landed him a spot on the ’60s TV game show “What’s My Line?”, where a celebrity panel failed to guess his occupation as “ping pong ball salesman.” Successive jobs led him to Pendleton Woolen Mills, eventually returning to New England, where his confirmed bachelorhood abruptly ended when he married young widow Nancy and her 2 children, Susan and Matthew. George moved his new family to Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where their son Tom was born.

George embraced fatherhood by introducing his children to the outdoors, with time spent tenting, hiking, swimming and boating, little knowing what the teen years would bring, but once they arrived, thankful his job required travel.

After a decade in Maine, the Sawyers moved to Amherst NH where they remain. George loved golf, and was known fondly as “the guy with pigskin and a demon on skis.”

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A memorial service will be held later in the summer. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to SHARE Outreach, Milford, NH or St. Joseph’s Community Services Meals on Wheels program. Carl also leaves behind his grandchildren Gretchen (Schaefer) Dec and Carl William Schaefer

BEDFORD – Carl William Schaefer, 87, of Bedford NH, was called by the Angels to be reunited with his wife Grace in Eternal Peace and to be in the presence of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Carl was born on March 6, 1933 in the Bronx, New York to Markus and Margaretha (Forst) Schaefer. He graduated from Power Memorial High School in the Bronx in 1950 and was a graduate of Manhattan College in 1954 with a degree in electrical engineering. In 1972, he received his Master of Science Degree in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Carl began his engineering career at Sperry Gyroscope, where he met and married his wife Grace on July 31, 1955. Together they raised two sons and a daughter. Carl went on to work at Benrus Technologies in Connecticut and Sanders/Lockheed-Martin in Nashua.

Carl was an active family man, serving as a coach for his sons’ little league teams, taking his children to professional ball games (football, baseball, basketball and hockey) and taking up skiing, which he continued to enjoy well into his seventies, when his mobility was affected by MS.

After his retirement from Sanders in 1998, Carl was an active volunteer for several organizations. He and his wife Grace delivered meals for the St. Joseph’s Community Services Meals on Wheels program. Carl also was a volunteer with Share Outreach and provided rides for the elderly to essential appointments and up until this last tax season, Carl also assisted those in need with their federal income tax filings. Additionally, he followed current events diligently, often contributing his thoughts and concerns to the Nashua Telegraph Letters.

Carl and Grace also enjoyed traveling, having taken several cruises, visiting Italy and Germany, and by far, the trip that had the most lasting impact, was their trip to Africa. In his spare time Carl enjoyed reading and was a regular at the Amherst Library and was also a master at Sudoku.

Carl enjoyed watching most major league sports, however, the one thing everyone knew about Carl is that he was a die-hard NY Giants fan.

Before moving to Bedford in July 2019, Carl was a resident of Amherst and a parishioner at St. Patrick’s church in Milford for the past 42 years. Carl is survived by his son Mark Schaefer and his wife Brenda, son Carl Schaefer Jr. and his wife Nancy, and daughter Margaret (Peggy) McRae. Carl also leaves behind his grandchildren Gretchen (Schaefer) Dec and husband Jaymes, Nathan Schaefer, Liam McRae, Melanie Schaefer, Sarah Schaefer, and great grandson Emerson Dec.

Along with his wife Grace, Carl has been reunited with his parents Markus and Margaret, his grandson William Reuben Schaefer, granddaughter Rebekah Grace Schaefer, and son-in-law Patrick McRae. A family service will be held on May 22, 2020. In lieu of flowers donations in Carl’s memory can be made to Share Outreach, Milford, NH or St. Joseph’s Community Services, Meals on Wheels, Amherst, NH. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, NH. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com

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Students in the News

Becker College recognizes graduates
WORCESTERSHIRE, MA—Becker College is pleased to announce the graduation of more than 100 students at a small commencement celebration, including the following local residents:

Natalie causonis, of Amherst, has graduated with a Bachelor of Science.
Bob Jones University Students Named to President's List
GREENVILLE, SC—The following students received the President's List for the Spring 2020 semester. To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester.

Emily Hubbard, of Haverhill Public Health/Global Health from Mont Vernon, was named to the President's List.

Backwell Students Named to Dean's List
LINDSBY, Minn.—Bucknell University has released the list for students achieving academic achievement during the spring semester of 2019/2020. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to receive Bucknell's dean's list recognition. The following students have earned dean's list status:

Matthew Hurley, class of 2020, from Amherst.
Andrew Hubbard Named to Dean's List at Anderson University
DUBERFF, S.C.—Despite the incredible challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Andrew Hubbard of Mont Vernon was named to the Dean's List at Anderson University for the fall 2020 semester. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average or higher.

Anderson University congratulates Andrew Hubbard.

Area Residents Named to Dean's List at University of New England
BEDFORD, ME—The following students from the New Hampshire region were named to the Dean's List for the 2020 spring semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or better and a cumulative grade point of 3.0 or better.

Area residents honored were:

Alana Barretto, of Amherst, NH
Erich Jameson Rotthoff, of Amherst, NH
Jenifer Ladd, of Amherst, NH
Emily Hubbard, of Haverhill Public Health/Global Health from Mont Vernon, was named to the President's List.

Area Residents Named to Dean's List at New England College

Area residents named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester were

Victoria Dyer graduated from RPI Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
Connor Houghton Presents Research for University-Wide Virtual Symposium
SALT LAKE CITY, UT - Connor Houghton of Amherst, NH, was one of more than 200 University of Utah undergraduate showcasing their research virtually at the 2020 Undergraduate Research Symposium on Monday, April 20, 2020. Houghton, whose major is listed as Physics, was awarded the Interdisciplinary paper award. Houghton gave a presentation titled “Continuum Simulations for Experimental Extent in Electric-Position Dependence in Extended Air Showers.”
Daland Memorial Library News

A note from your library...the Daland Memorial Library building remains closed to the public but, we hope that you are taking advantage of our virtual library offerings. You can now get a library card online and use it to access FREE online eBooks, audio books, and magazines through NH Overdrive. New adult and children's virtual programs are also being developed and delivered online. Please visit the library website at www.dalandlibrary.com for more information and be sure follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We miss you! Be well Mont Vernon!!

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PopUp Storytime with Miss JoAnn - ‘Most People’

Pins and Needles by Zoom

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Daland Digital Picks by Amy

Are you using NH Overdrive for eBooks and audio books? Check out Amy Wyman’s weekly book reviews and recommendations on the library website at www.dalandlibrary.com or on the library Facebook page. Need help with NH Overdrive or need a library card? Email us at dalandlibrary@comcast.net. Happy Reading!

Online Storytime with Miss JoAnn

Don’t miss a single storytime with Miss JoAnn. Visit the Daland Memorial Library Facebook page every Tuesday and Thursday for new online stories and crafts.
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Longhorn – 579-6975 ~ Takeout & Curbside pickup

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~ 554-8534 ~ Takeout & Curbside pickup

Moulton’s Market
~ 673-2404 ~ Takeout

Papa Gino’s – 429-1476 ~ Contact directly for hours

The Pasta Loft
~ 672-2270 ~ Open for Takeout

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~ 424-1000 ~ Takeout

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~ 249-0734 ~ Takeout

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The Flying Butcher
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*SOURCE: Greater Merrimack Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce
Emergency Post ~ March 20, 2020

In the midst of the current pandemic which has spread across the country, Amherst confronts the current situation with resolve and a spirit of community. We appreciate those among us who continue to work for the essential town departments. It is reassuring to know that those who serve are vigilant and prepared to perform their mission in the face of mounting peril. Thank you.

Our professionals in the school department continue their work with our children and again we can be confident of their on-line teaching skills and their unwavering commitment to their students. They have shown themselves to be inspiring role models as they teach the next generation about responsibility.

Managing the Coronavirus in NH

211NH is New Hampshire’s statewide, comprehensive, information and referral service operated by Granite United Way and replaces the current Department of Public Health Hotline – 603-271-4496 – for COVID-19 related questions. Follow these clickable links:

- Amherst Emergency Response to COVID-19
- Mont Vernon Emergency Response to COVID-19
- Amherst Town Library
- SAU39 – Amherst and Mont Vernon Schools
- Chamber of Commerce List of Restaurants, Town Information
- New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
- Gov. Sununu’s COVID-19 Emergency Orders 1-15 and 16
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Data and Charts from World-O-Meter