**BUDGET SEASON**

**Town & School Budgets up for Voting**

**AMHERST** – The Amherst Board of Selectmen and their department heads have been developing their budgets for the next fiscal year. SAU 39, Amherst School District, Souhegan Cooperative District, and Mont Vernon District have been conducting budget sessions as well and are preparing to present their recommendations to voters at Public Hearings, Deliberative Meetings prior to voting, March 9, 2021. The Amherst Citizen will be publishing information in this and upcoming editions...

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

**MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021, 7:00 P.M., TOWN HALL, AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Amherst Board of Selectmen met Tuesday, June 1, 2021 to finalize their budget decisions for the next fiscal year. The Board is scheduled to present the budget to the voters at the Public Hearing to be held on June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The budget includes funds for salaries and benefits for all town employees, capital projects, and expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget will also include recommendations for funding for various departments and agencies, including the Selectmen, Police, Fire, Public Works, Library, and School District. The budget will be available for public review at the Town Hall and on the town’s website. The Selectmen encourage all residents to attend the Public Hearing and provide their feedback on the budget recommendations.
Amherst School Board

Amherst School District FY22 Budget

To the editor:

Budget - At our November meeting the Board asked the administration to review the budget again and recommend cuts to reduce the proposed budget to a number closer to our goal of matching the default budget. At the December meeting, the administration came back with 3 options.

1. Cut 6 total teaching positions, including 3 current positions and 3 proposed positions. This would revert to six teachers per grade from K-6.
2. Cut all paraprofessionals in kindergarten.
3. Cut all sports and extracurricular activities at AMS and Clark-Wilkins.

The Board dove deeply into discussions about each option.

- Cutting teachers would create class sizes of 23-27 in most grades. These class sizes would rank as the 5th highest class sizes in the state for grades 1-2 and 2nd highest for grades 3 through 8. The projected enrollment for incoming kindergarteners has us at 20 students per class. Given all that data the Board was uncomfortable cutting any current teachers or paraprofessionals at this time.

- Since kindergarten enrollment is difficult to project accurately the Board asked for continuing updates on the 2021-22 enrollment. This is aimed to make a proper decision about kindergarten staffing (teachers and paraprofessionals) based on real numbers as they come in. There are myriad options to reduce unneeded staffing while meeting our class size goals. It is the Board’s goal to avoid surplus staffing.

- The Board is aware that extracurricular activities and sports are important to students and participating in these activities can lead to higher grades. Due to this the Board is not ready to cut these activities yet but have asked administration to look at increasing participation fees for students.

- The Board looked deeply into the roles of all administrators at the schools so see if any positions could be cut there. It was decided that, until all of Clark-Wilkins can be brought into one building, administration cannot be reduced.

The final decision was that one of the proposed teaching positions would be cut at Clark-Wilkins as well as approximately $100,000 in various other items, such as classroom furniture. Those cuts combined with other reductions and corrections made earlier in the process have seen over $779,000 removed from the proposed budget.

We will have an official proposed budget after our January meeting, prior to the public hearing in early January.

Deliberative – The Board will be hearing from the school district moderator at our Jan. 4 meeting regarding safety measures that are available for an in-person Deliberative. This will allow us to decide whether to move forward with a typical deliberative session or a remote deliberative session that HB 1129 affords us. If you miss this meeting recordings of all our meetings are available on the SAU39 YouTube page.

Upcoming Meetings – All future meetings can be found on the SAU’s Website’s Calendar.

Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. - Amherst School District Public Hearing Planning Session
Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. - Amherst School District Public Hearing
Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. - Amherst School District Board Meeting
Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. - SAU Board Meeting

Regards,
Elizabeth Kuzsma, Chair
Tom Gauthier, Vice Chair
Terri Behm
Josh Conklin
Ellen Grudzien

Amherst School Board

Thank You from the Amherst Lions

To the editor:

In a normal year we would have had our annual craft fair with lots of crafters selling their unique items, but as with all of our in-person events this year we had to adjust.

While we were unable to have the community come to us we went to them virtually. We had our 1st ever online silent auction.

Local businesses and individuals donated items and gift certificates to be featured. The week-long auction was a huge success with community members working to outbid each other for the items and the raffle ticket tree ($200 worth of scratch tickets). We met the winners to give them their items at the Amherst Green afterwards. It was a safe way for us to add to our charity funds and for folks to help us out while having a good time bidding against each other.

We just want to say “Thanks” to all the merchants and participants who contributed to the auction. It has been a tough year for all charitable organizations, but because of all the support for this and the other online fundraisers this year we have been able to continue giving to our local charities.

We have even been able to give a bit more to meet more need this year.

We are looking forward to next year when we plan on having our normal Craft Fair – we already have a lot of crafters lined up and expect it to be the biggest ever.

We also want to add a special thanks to our Tier 1 sponsors for 2020:

- Brian McGuigan C.F.P., Amherst Label Inc., Budget Blinds of Amherst, Cardoza Flooring, Ponomah Crossing Dental P.C.

Happy New Year from the Amherst Lions Club
President Reed Flowers
2020 Memory Tree

**Remembering Loved Ones**

**AMHERST** – The “Baby Blue Eyes” Spruce with vivid blue foliage was illuminated this year on the Amherst Town Common. Although the spruce tree is in its infancy and still quite small, the message is significant. The blue spruce, layered in eight hundred white lights, shone brightly on the Amherst Town Common over the Holiday season. For a small donation to the Amherst Garden Club’s Charitable Fund, loved ones who have passed, were memorialized.

Thanks to the generosity and caring of so many members of the community, the money will be carefully spent on a cause that is aligned to the Amherst Garden Club Mission. Past proceeds went directly to the Amherst Garden Club Scholarship Fund for those individual students attending an institution of higher learning to study horticulture, botany, plant science, landscape design, or environmental science as it relates to horticulture.

**In Loving Memory Of Our Families:**

All Families who have lost a love one to Covid-19

The Bachman Family
The Beckett Family
The Richard B. Bruce Family
The Robert and Kathy Brundage Family
The Gene and Margaret Carmosino Family
The Cassulo Family
The Jackson Bryce Clemens Family
The Thornton and Jean Currier Family
The L. James and Alice Dailey Family
The Ron, Irene, and Janice Dean Family
The Duval Family
The Walter and Gertrude Dzenis Family
The Feedley Family
The William & Elsa Finke Family
The Gambie Family
The Jim and Joanne Jacobs Family
The George and Lorraine Jannery Family
The Johnson Family
The Barbara Z. & Melvin T. Johnson Family
The Otto & Marie Krosch Family
The Wilson Madigan Family
The James, Mildred, Virginia and Dan McAdams Family
The John F.McCarrthy Family
The Leo J. McLaughlin Family
The William & Elisabeth Michaelis Family
The O’Brien Family
The Poppop and Gigi Family
The Philly Family
The James F.Rutledge Family
The Spiess Family
The Saint James Family
The Steele Family
The Tom & Marti Warren Family

**In Loving Memory Of:**

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Russell Bement
Samuel Bement
William Barnes Bement
Elaine Bennett
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Jan Brown *
Gene Buckley
Francis Cardoza
Allyn Sanford Chabot
Maryann Conoway *
Janis Cloutier
John and Margaret Crisman
Tim and Kyle Crisman
Milly Cunningham
S.W.T.S.D.Dailey
Romey Daley
Gordon Dalrymple
Marjorie Dalrymple
Roger deLongchamp
Lew Dobro
Nate Dobro
Mary Donovan
Don Dubremple
Donald Elliott
Val Evans
Bill Falgares
Jack Feddies Sr.
John Ferraro
Wanda Finke
Patricia S. Fitzgerald (Sister Mary Bernadette, F.S.P.)
David Richard Fraser**
Esther Glaser
Janet Head Gustafson **
Isabel Hampton
Faran Harrow
Tom Head **
Beth Rea Hebert
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Eva Michaelis
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Linda Reiger
Janet Reis
Val Richardson
Dr. Cedric Robinson
Nancy Robinson
Catherine Rodger
Infant Gabriel Rodriguez
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Ruth Sammis
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Joshua Savoy
Diane Schroeder
Janice Sevier *
Brendan Shea
Terry Shields
A.J. Sikora
Jean Sikora
Lyndell Simpson
June Smith
Mary Snaith *
Helen Sorrentino
Stephen John Stafford
Rachel Steele
Will Steele
William Stylter
Charlie Sullivan
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Greg Taylor
Nathaniel Gordon Tenca
Stephen Toy
Chuck Tranhhart
Samuel Wanger
Eugenia McManigal Ward
Joram Warmund
Paul H. Wanger **
Paul S. Wanger **
Maureen Ellen Zimmer
Mary Zygmunt

*Past Amherst Garden Club Member
** An individual who has multiple remembrances

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**Jeffrey T. Manson**

Carpenter and Builder

Jeffrey Manson
200 Memory Tree

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AMHERST, NH’s DIGITAL NEWSROOM

shydorn@amherstlibrary.org if you are interested in joining.

Meets the First Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

For kids in grades 5 and 6

review skills, to stand up in front of a group to give our opinions, and we possible inclusion on next year's Great Stone Face List. We learn book-

grades 4-6. Our club reads from a master list of the newest middle-grade

The Great Stone Face Award is a statewide reading list for kids in

ZOOM BOOK CLUBS:

register:  http://www.libraryinsight.com/calendar.asp?

ZOOM link will be sent before each program. Link for information and to

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As always, there will be a CHALLENGE---Miss Sarah will have a new

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Come and join Miss Sarah for ZOOM Minecraft Club on Tuesday

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Join US virtually

ZOOM FAMILY STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 10:00am, January 5 - February 16

Come join Miss Sarah and Princess Lovely for a fun-filled family program!

For ages 3-6; younger siblings are always welcome. Registration is required. An email with the ZOOM link and a materials list for the program will be sent before each program. Link for information and to register: http://www.libraryinsight.com/calendar.asp?

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Come and join Miss Sarah for ZOOM Minecraft Club on Tuesday afternoons!

As always, there will be a CHALLENGE---Miss Sarah will have a new challenge for you at the beginning of each meeting. You will need a device that can run the ZOOM program.

For kids ages 7 and up. Registration is required. An email with the ZOOM link will be sent before each program. Link for information and to register: http://www.libraryinsight.com/calendar.asp?

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The Great Stone Face Award is a statewide reading list for kids in grades 4-6. Our club reads from a list of the best middle-grade fiction books, and mimics the practices and ideas of the Great Stone Face Challenge.

For kids in grades 5 and 6. Meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

Next Meetings: January 7 & February 4

Sound like fun? If it is, Contact Miss Sarah at shydorn@amherstlibrary.org if you are interested in joining.

More Library Programs at:

www.amherstcitizen.com/library.html

Library HAS REOPENED LIMITED HOURS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC CRISIS

PROGRAMS for FAMILIES and CHILDREN at the LIBRARY

JANUARY SCIENCE FUN FOR KIDS

ALIENS-Escape FROM EARTH

Thursday, January 21st - 4:00-4:45pm

During a midnight meteor shower, something mysterious falls from the sky " but it’s not a shooting star. Two curious kids venture into the desert to investigate! and find themselves mixed up with visitors from another planet! Pursued by a zany space scientist, Hailey and Caeser must rescue the aliens and get them back to their spaceship before it’s too late! B大巴 up for an action-packed, out-of-this-world adventure that explores science concepts like the solar system, desert habitats and more! Kids ages 5-10 will enjoy both the animation and the interactive presentation by one of the knowledgeable Talewise/Science Tellers staff. Registration required. Sign-up link: https://www.libraryinsight.com/eventdetails.asp?jx=1nc&1=1&ms=%24%25&%24%25

YOUTUBE VIDEOS

LITTLE LISTENERS “SHORT-TAKES”

For our youngest patrons, these videos are short, sweet and engaging. They feature our favorite rhymes, songs, and the occasional book. Since they can be accessed whenever it’s convenient for you, there’s no need to worry about scheduling your little one to be available at a certain time. Videos are available for viewing on the Amherst Town Library’s YouTube Channel.

For newborns-dyrs. No registration required.

YouTube Channel link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt7Wux3Qigmg8izTA1A3pMe

PROJECT: FUN!!

Join Miss Lisa for a new FUN!! project every month! She’ll be diving into our collection of non-fiction books to find cool projects we can all enjoy. Materials for the project will be available here at the library the Tuesday before each how-to video is released. Projects may involve art, science, cooking, or maybe a bit of all three! Videos will be available for viewing on the Amherst Town Library’s YouTube Channel. For kids ages 5-8. No registration required.

Next videos will be released on January 27 & February 24

YouTube Channel link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt7Wux3Qigmg8izTA1A3pMe

VISIT OUR CHILDREN’S PAGE

We are always updating and adding to our Children’s Page on the Amherst Town Library website. Just lately we’ve added a couple of things that we think you’ll enjoy:

NEW!! CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Now you can find materials lists and instructions for some of our most popular Children’s Room craft projects. Just click on the craft that interests you, and let the creating begin! Page link: https://www.amherstlibrary.org/childrens-room/crafts-kids

NEW!! MISS SARAH’S STORYTIME BOOKLISTS

Have you ever wanted a list of great picture books on a certain theme? These book lists contain the titles of wonderful books we’ve used in storytimes, and other related titles that we just didn’t have time to include. We highly recommend them all! Page link: https://www.amherstlibrary.org/childrens-room/miss-sarahs-storytime-book-list-shares

"NEW!!" BOOK BUNCH!

Zoom Book Club for Grades 3 and 4

Book Bunch Book Club is starting this month! First meeting:

Thursday, January 28, 4:00-5:00pm

Each month we will read one of Miss Sarah’s FAVE CHAPTER BOOKS, and then ZOOM together to talk about them. Before the meeting pick up an ACTIVITY KIT at the library, and we’ll all have fun doing a book-related project together!
Winter Recreation Programs
Register now for the programs that interest you! Video shows how easy it is to select, register and check out.

For Adults
Master Plan Survey
The Amherst Planning Board has established a Master Plan Steering Committee to facilitate the 2021 Amherst Master Plan Update. The Master Plan Steering Committee is soliciting your input to help guide this process. Your valuable participation will help develop a Master Plan for the next ten years. Amherst Master Plan Survey

Strength & Power
Group Exercise Classes
New in January... In Person and Online Mondays 6-7pm: Pilates Strength Tuesdays 9-10am: Pilates Mat Wednesdays 6-7pm: Power Barre Thursdays 6-7pm: Yoga Sculpt Saturdays 9:30-10:30am: Pilates Flexibility Group Exercise Classes-CLICK HERE

Senior Walking Program
Join others in the community to stay active all winter with daily walks at the Hampshire Dome. Ages: 70+ for free. Where: Hampshire Dome When: Tuesdays-Fridays, 10am-1pm Beginning December 1st Senior Walking Program-CLICK HERE

Family Fun
Family Hiking & Yoga
Bundled up the entire family and get ready for a fun and active morning of hiking, yoga and meditation. Build strength, endurance, flexibility and balance while exploring nature and finding peace in the outdoors. Sundays 9am-10am Family Hiking & Yoga

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For Kids
February Vacation Camp
February School Vacation will be here before you know it! What better way to spend it then take part in a fun-filled week at camp. This camp will be based around the beautiful outdoors and nature that PIMEC has to offer! Each day there will be outdoor exploration, snow play, nature hikes, group games, and of course...arts and crafts! February Vacation Camp- CLICK HERE

Summer Camp 2021
Summer Camp 2021 is Open for Registration! Babossec Lake Summer Camp Outdoor Discovery Summer Camp

Science is My Super Power
Join us for a 3-part interactive program based on hands-on scientific lessons! We will explore some exciting and sometimes “messy” science topics required for this age. Begins January 13th Science is My Super Power- CLICK HERE

Home School Science
Welcome to Home School Science Class 2020! We are thrilled to be kicking off the Fall school year with an exciting Home School curriculum. The structure for each session includes, one hour Education and one hour Play/Social Interaction. Home School Science- CLICK HERE

Amherst Rec Esport Leagues
Don’t let the winter stop you from some fun competition between friends. Amherst Recreation is stepping into the wild world of esports. Esports is one of the fastest growing competitions in the world and we want to allow players a safe way to compete with friends on your own in the confines of your own home. Esport Leagues- CLICK HERE

Skating & Hockey
Learn to Skate or Play Hockey this winter! Class times vary. Learn to Play Hockey Learn to Skate

Amherst Rec Lacrosse
Amherst Recreation is excited to be teaming up with Amherst Lacrosse Club to offer Lacrosse to both boys and girls in the Souhegan Valley Region. Our goal is to teach athletes the fundamentals of Lacrosse in both practices and games. If it's not FUN, why play? Lacrosse- CLICK HERE

Baseball
Batter up! Babe Ruth League Baseball is open for players 5-15 years old. Early Bird Deadline is February 10th! Baseball- CLICK HERE

Softball
Come join girls ages 5-12 on the softball diamond! Early Bird Deadline is February 10th! Softball- CLICK HERE

2021 New Year’s Day PJ Run
AMHERST – On New Year’s morning a number of people met to Run/Walk/jog in Amherst Village to assist Share of Milton. Share assists area towns with clothes, food and much more. This years PJ run was able to donate over a 100 pairs of PJ’s, some winter jackets, and cash donations to assist Share with their needs. Runners were given hand made cookies, by Maggie Salvias. Thank You to everyone who donated and made this the most successful year yet.

Mediation in Nature
A Guide will lead the group through the forest offering skillfully crafted meditation invitations which will allow participants to open their senses and experience the forest in a new way, even if they’ve been hiking in the forest for years. The idea took birth in Japan in the 1980’s and proved to be a very effective tool to reduce the ill effects of a hectic life and stressful work environment. Forest Bathing & Meditation- HERE

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Yoga for Adults & Teens
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**AAUW Southern NH Branch News**

**Diversity in New Hampshire** January 26, 2021 via Zoom

The Southern NH Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has scheduled the second program in their Civic Engagement Series – Part 2 on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7 p.m. Photographer and author, Becky Field and Southern NH University alumna, Mahboba Akhtazarzadah will present their program, “Diversity in New Hampshire” via Zoom. The program is free and open to all. Since 2012, Becky Field has been documenting the lives of immigrants and refugees in New Hampshire. Her project shows that while we have different backgrounds, we all have the same dreams for good jobs, a bright future for our children, and freedom to practice our traditions. Becky’s photographs have been honored by immigrant groups and arts organizations. Her project is being archived at the University of New Hampshire. Her first book (2016), Common Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire’s Cultural Diversity (pub. 2015), won two national awards. Her newest book, Finding Home. Portraits and Memories of New Hampshire Immigrants (pub. 2020) is a collection of 40 essays by immigrants about resettling in New Hampshire. Books are available at some libraries and also bookstores including the Toadstool Bookshops. Becky holds a Certificate in Photography from the New Hampshire Institute of Art, and studied photography at centers in the Northeast. In part-time work she was a federal research ecologist and university professor. She has a doctoral degree in wildlife ecology and lives in Concord, NH.

Mahboba Akhtazarzadah came from Afghanistan to the United States in 2013 on a full scholarship to SNHU and graduated in 2018 in Information Technology. She now works in that field with a federal government contractor. Having contracted polio as a child, she faced many challenges during her schooling in Afghanistan, which made her a strong advocate for good education. She gives inspirational talks throughout the country to help Afghani women raise their voices, motivate them toward a better future, and break down stereotypes. Mahboba now lives in Arlington, VA.

If interested in attending the program via Zoom, please contact Program Co-chair Johanna Tigert at johanna_tigert@uml.edu for the Zoom link information.

The first program in the series will be held on April 14. A speaker from the Toadstool Bookshops, Becky holds a Certificate in Photography from the New Hampshire Institute of Art, and studied photography at centers in the Northeast. In part-time work she was a federal research ecologist and university professor. She has a doctoral degree in wildlife ecology and lives in Concord, NH.

Closing the Gender Wage Gap – Work Smart Online – FREE Course

While waiting for the economy to get back on track, consider a program developed by AAUW to help women in salary negotiation. Work Smart Online is a free course that helps women earn the pay they deserve. To access the online course type salary.aauw.com in your search bar and begin preparation to negotiate a better salary and benefits. An easy, engaging e-tool will teach participants to learn the target salary based on skills and experience, and ask for the pay they deserve. In surveys nearly all participants reported having more confidence and better negotiating skills after taking the class. For additional information, contact Susan Hoover at 213-6601.

AAUW Southern NH Branch Book Discussion Program for 2021

The following is the list of books chosen for discussion in 2021. Discussions are expected to continue being held via Zoom. Questions will be sent out before the meeting. If interested in participating, please contact book discussion facilitator Mary Marsh at amherst993@comcast.net.

- **January 4** “Saints for all Occasions” by Courtney Sullivan
- **March 1** “The Moment of Lift” by Malinda Gates
- **April 5** “The Dutch House” by Ann Patchett
- **May 3** “The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead
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**Child’s Delight**

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**Honorable Mention:**

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The Tour was broken up into 3 areas around town. The following list are mainly the 45 who registered, however, there were many others along the way. The Amherst Garden Club thanks everyone for lighting Amherst up this holiday season!
Sher the Dough: Baking Bread in Amherst

Sherry Hall in her Amherst kitchen, baking bread for local charity

BY SUSANNA HARGREAVES

AMHERST – Sherry Hall has taken baking bread to a whole new level during the pandemic. Hall now bakes for a cause, and her mission is called “Sher the Dough.”

Since September, Sher the Dough has already raised and donated just over $2000 dollars for local charity.

According to Hall, a local non-profit organization is chosen and partial or all the proceeds from that month are donated. Local organizations donated to so far: the Boys and Girls Club of Souhegan Valley and Marguerite’s Place in Nashua. For the month of December, Sher the Dough is dedicated to SHARE in Milford, NH and so far over $200 dollars has been raised along with donations of non-perishables and essential family toiletries.

Sher the Dough was born by giving back, “Sher...ing” with the community.

“To sustain, I have to charge for my bread, but in the same token, we are giving back. Currently, I start to make my levain on Friday nights and by Monday Morning, I am baking off the final production. And delivery and/ or pick-up occur on Mondays.” Hall said.

Hall’s most popular breads are the savory Cheddar/Jalapeño and for sweet bread, Chocolate, Cinnamon Swirl, and they are delicious.

To place an order or learn more, contact- Sherry Hall, sherthedough@gmail.com, FB and Instagram @Sherthedough

LaBelle Winery Creates New Product Line, “The Winemaker’s Kitchen” Spirit Infusion Kits

AMHERST – Winemaker Amy LaBelle and Cesar Arboleda, co-owners of LaBelle Winery in Amherst and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, announce a new handcrafted line of “spirit infusions” under LaBelle Winery’s “The Winemaker’s Kitchen” line of culinary products. Six flavors are included in the new line: juniper berry citrus, cinnamon vanilla, spicy bloody Mary, triple citrus twist, vanilla bean old fashioned and cranberry vodka.

Spirit infusions, developed in Amy LaBelle’s home kitchen, enhance home bar offerings through the process of incorporating natural flavors into pre-existing alcoholic spirits (not included in the kits). Each of LaBelle Winery’s infusion kits has a unique flavor profile made with selectively sourced ingredients. Included in each kit is one Ball jar; herbs, spices, and fruits for infusion; and simple-to-follow instructions. Consumers add their favorite liquor to the infusion jar, let it rest for approximately one week, and then enjoy it with family and friends.

“I had so much fun making these infusions in my home kitchen.” LaBelle says. “I was able to tweak recipes and change ingredients as needed to come up with six unique flavor profiles. The resulting liquors are distinctive, and cocktails made with them are delicious. I’ve gifted the kits to friends and family this holiday season—I think they would make great gifts any time of year. People will love the creative process of making their own infused liquors to enjoy with their loved ones.”

LaBelle Winery’s infusion kits can be purchased online at LaBelleWinery.com or by visiting LaBelle Winery Amherst. Each kit costs $13. Kits can also be shipped or delivered locally.
Brendan N. LeBlanc

AMHERST – Brendan N. LeBlanc, 48, died on December 12, 2020 after a sudden illness.

He was born on August 10, 1972 in Boston, MA a son of the late James and Jayne (Murray) LeBlanc.

Brendan was raised and educated in South Hamilton, MA. He graduated from Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School in 1990 where he played golf, hockey and tennis, sang in the Concert and Acapella Choirs, and performed in Musicals. Brendan got his comedic start in high school calling Community Bingo and was well known by all who knew him as a gifted joke and storyteller.

Brendan graduated from Gordon College in 1994 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. On August 15, 1998 he married Stephanie (Sawyer) LeBlanc of Boxford, MA. He began his professional career as an Auditor in Public Accounting. In 1999 he lived and worked in Luxembourg and traveled Europe with Steph. Most recently, his professional career was focused on sustainability.

Brendan lived and breathed sustainability and cared deeply about making the world a better place. His dedication, passion and love for his work and colleagues inspired the next generation of sustainability leaders. He paired his accounting background with his dedication and unique sense of humor to change the minds of conservative business leaders all over the US, arguably the planet, to see that sustainability has more value than almost anything else they do: “the economy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of society,” he would remind us all regularly.

Brendan was a trailblazer, applying the rigors of traditional accounting standards to corporate sustainability reporting. He founded LeBlanc & Associates, LLC and worked with some of the early leaders in corporate sustainability. In 2008, he worked with Ben & Jerry's to provide a first-of-its-kind independent accounting assurance for their Social and Environmental Assessment Report.

His entrepreneurial mindset and inherent competitiveness always kept him a few steps ahead of the field – or the “Sustainarati” as he called them. Brendan joined Ernst & Young (EY) in 2011, helping establish the foundations of its global sustainability practice and rising to Partner. He served on various boards, spoke at universities and conferences, and participated in a number of international sustainability-related standards developments – from measurement and reporting, to sustainability risk management to human rights. Within the companies he worked with, he drove change that flowed on to impact the health and well-being of thousands: helping a major fast-food chain be more open and transparent about their ingredients and eliminating trans-fats from their menu; and a construction equipment company reduce the potential for human rights violations in their value chain. He would share with anyone who would listen: “the only thing more dangerous than no progress is the illusion of progress.”

His impact did not stop there. Brendan was truly one of a kind - no matter how long your life crossed paths with him, he would always make you feel like you were part of his friends and family circle. He guided countless people both personally and professionally. By always staying true to himself and keeping his energy and (sometimes questionable) sense of humor, he would push all of us to be better and do more. He taught us that progress and impact are best achieved alongside a laugh. His love of work, life, family, friends and colleagues was infectious and for him those things were inseparable. It’s no surprise that he dedicated his career to inspiring anyone who would listen, or even those who wouldn’t, to value the intangible. For Brendan, it was the intangibles that mattered most – how we treat people, our planet, ourselves.

In short, Brendan’s legacy of making the world a much better place for all of us will live on far into the future. Gary Hirshberg, the co-founder and chairman of Stonyfield Farm, said of his friend Brendan, “He was one of the most effervescent, positive, enthusiastic and inspiring sustainability entrepreneurs I have had the privilege of knowing. As I told the Stonyfield team when I heard the news, a very bright light has now gone dark.”

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Brendan. He loved playing hockey, golf, tennis and card games with his vast network of friends. He loved to watch sports, meet new people, tell jokes and stories, and spend time with his family.

Brendan was predeceased by his Mother and Father, Jayne (Murray) LeBlanc and James LeBlanc and his two sisters Danielle LeBlanc and Jessica LeBlanc.


SERVICES: A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date and time to be announced.

DONATIONS can be made in Brendan's honor to Personal Responsibility Organization, 7 Meadowcrest Road, Hooksett, NH 03106 www.proyou.org and Change is Simple, 100 Cummings Ctr. Suite 227Q, Beverly, MA, www.changeissimple.org , two Non-Profit Organizations that were dear to Brendan's heart and representative of his life's work of impacting people and the planet.

To share a memory or offer a condolence please visit www.smithheald.com. Arrangements are in the care of the Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, NH 03055.
Donald E. Vandenburgh

CONCORD – Donald E. Vandenburgh, age 97 of Concord, NH died peacefully on Sunday, December 27th at his daughter’s home in Columbus, OH. Don was a loving husband, a dedicated father and a proud grandfather and great grandfather.

A member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Concord, NH, Don was also a skilled mechanical engineer, a WWII veteran, and a passionate outdoorsman, who loved skiing, tennis and hiking until the age of 89! One of Don’s last great pleasures was walking in the woods with his dog Charlie.

A person of great integrity, inspiration dedicating and remarkable love and empathy, Don helped so many others in his quiet and unselfish way. Born and raised in Mechanicville/Troy, NY, Don was a creator, builder and skilled engineer his entire life. He first started building small gas-powered cars as a young boy. As a young man, Don attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1941 and interrupted his college years to enlist in the Army during WWII. He served on active duty for 2 years, kept army vehicles running during the war and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium.

Following his military service, he graduated from RPI with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and began a career in the early stages of the nuclear power industry. At age 43, he served as a Project Engineer and superintendent in building one the world’s largest nuclear power generating stations located in Connecticut. After 28 years in a remarkable career Don retired in 1986 as Executive Vice President of Yankee Atomic Electric Co.

Don had two beautiful 30-year marriages. He and his high school sweetheart, Ann Strattner married in 1947 and raised six children. After Ann’s death in 1982, Don was blessed to meet Beverly Russell and they were married in 1984 and formed a beautiful blended family with 6 Vandenburgh and 4 Russell children.

Before Beverly’s passing in 2013, together they enjoyed their time with friends and activities at Havenwood-Heritage Heights Retirement Community in Concord, NH. Don and Beverly’s active lifestyle included planning trips in their motor home, visiting every state in the USA (except Hawaii) and Don became an accomplished woodworker fabricating beautiful finished pieces that were sold at shops throughout New England.


Don, Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa will always be remembered for his quiet yet strong will, his thoughtfulness, his humble and sweet hospitality and beautiful blue eyes. He was loved by so many! He has been and always will be his family’s finest role model and their collective hero.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Merrimack, in support of the Community Hospice House, or Wreaths donations may be made in Jim’s memory to Home Health & Hospice Care, Merrimack, in support of the Community Hospice House, or Wreaths Across Amherst NH – GoFundMe.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com.

James W. Quinn Jr.

AMHERST – Quinn, James W., Jr., 80, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 17, 2020, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on August 9, 1940, in Arlington, MA, he was the son of the late James W. and Mae E. Quinn. He was predeceased by his brother, Thomas M. Quinn Sr., and his sister, Jacqueline (Quinn) Aiken.

Jim earned a civil engineering degree from Norwich University. After college, he served two years as a Lieutenant in the Army in Fairbanks, Alaska. In the early 1970s, Jim and his brother, Tom, started Quinn Bros. Corporation, a successful concrete and aggregate company in Southern NH. Jim loved working with his older brother and, more recently, with his nephew, Thomas Quinn Jr.

Jim also loved spending time with his family and friends. During their 56 years together, Jim and his wife, Carolyn, hosted many large and lively gatherings that brought together family and friends in Amherst, Wolfeboro, Quechee, VT, Hyannis Port and Ovesteira, MA. For many years, Jim was Carolyn’s silent partner and steady companion as she volunteered on various committees in Amherst. Jim and Carolyn especially enjoyed, along with their cherished golden retrievers, living in Amherst Village and working together on Amherst’s July 4th Celebration and 250th Anniversary Celebration. Until his passing, Jim remained a deeply devoted husband, intensely supportive father and father-in-law and adoring and spirited grandfather.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carolyn Curtin Quinn; his daughter and son-in-law, Kristin Quinn Lamont and David Scott Lamont of Bedford, NH; his son and daughter-in-law, James W. Quinn III and Katherine Nash Quinn of Groton, MA; and his granddaughters Elizabeth C. Quinn, Megan L. Quinn and Eliza Quinn Lamont. He is also survived by his sisters, Maureen (Quinn) Gilmartin and Eleanor (Quinn) Feeley; his sisters-in-law, Mary Ellen (Beaton) Quinn, Corinella (Curtin) Aaron and her husband, James Aaron, and Paula (Curtin) Houston; and his brother-in-law, John V. Curtin and his wife, Patricia G. Curtin; and many dear nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private funeral was held on December 23, 2020, at St. John Neumann Church in Merrimack. Internment will be public and take place in the spring at Meadow View Cemetery in Amherst. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim’s memory to Home Health & Hospice Care, Merrimack, in support of the Community Hospice House, or Wreaths Across Amherst NH – GoFundMe.
Obituaries

Rosemary F. Curtis

AMHERST – Rosemary F. Curtis, 85, resident of Amherst, NH died on December 21, 2020 at her home.

She was born in Newark, NJ on October 30, 1935, a daughter of Joseph and Josephine (DeMaura) Palmucci. She was raised and educated in Newark, NJ and graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and history.

Rosemary taught in the Mont Vernon School District for 33 years. She was a former member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and was honored twice by Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Her passions were many but nothing surpassed her love and devotion to her children and grandchildren. Rosemary would travel near and far to care for them, be with them, watch their sporting events, plays, graduations…she never missed a milestone. In addition, Rosemary was an avid reader, loved family vacations at the beach and cooking authentic Italian favorites.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Edmond C. Frisch and Richard Curtis.

Family members include three children, Suzanne Frisch of Amherst, NH, Renee Phillips and her husband, Gary of Sudbury, MA, Edmond Frisch and his wife, Connie of Danvers, MA; four grandchildren, Britanny Phillips and her fiancé Justin Reis, Michael Phillips, Nicole Scott and her husband Tom Scott, and Joseph Frisch and his wife Kristin Frisch; one great-granddaughter, Alanna Rose Scott; and a brother and sister-in-law, Nicholas and Judith Palmucci and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to That Place You Know in Hollis, NH. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com

Edward S. Cummings III

AMHERST – Edward S. Cummings III, 68, resident of Amherst, NH died on December 14, 2020 in Goffstown, NH.

He was born in Denver, CO on January 3, 1952, a son of Eleanor (Govin) Cummings of Vero Beach, FL, and the late Edward Stanley Cummings II.

Ed was raised and educated in Shrewsbury, MA and graduated from Shrewsbury High School, Class of 1970. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Babson College, Boston, MA. He made his home in Amherst for the past 34 years.

Before retiring about 10 years ago, he had been employed in sales and worked for 3M Company for his entire career.

Ed's passion and hobby was for Model A Fords. He devoted much of his time restoring them and also made products to help them run more efficiently. A family tradition his family looked forward to was driving in the 4th of July parade with his many Model A's. He enjoyed sailing, trips to the ocean and loved being the cook at the big lobster bakes.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Linda T. (Hebert) Cummings, who died in 2018.

In addition to his mother, family members include his daughter and son-in-law, Kristine and Ben Guthrie of Concord, NH; his son and daughter-in-law, E. Scott and Theresa Cummings of Mansfield, MA; two grandchildren, Connor and Makayla Cummings; a brother, Steve Cummings of Myrtle Beach, SC; and a sister, Cheryl McNeill of Vero Beach, FL.

A celebration of his life and burial in Meadowview Cemetery, Amherst, will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com
Governor Sununu Statement Following Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee Vote to Accept $46M in Education Funding

CONCORD – After two years of obstruction and delay by Democrats on the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee, the new Republican majority voted today to accept $46 million in federal funds to benefit New Hampshire Schools. Governor Chris Sununu issued the following statement:

“Today, commonsense prevailed and kids won,” said Governor Chris Sununu. For two years, hundreds of kids have made the trip to Concord to advocate for what they believed in — and their hard work has finally paid off. Charter schools and public schools, under serving our children and changing grant will open up doors of opportunity for school children across the state. The right thing to do is always worth fighting for.”

Republicans Vote to Increase Property Taxes, Reduce Funding for Public Schools

CONCORD – Today, during a meeting of the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee, House and Senate Republicans voted to accept an unsustainable federal grant intended to double the number of charter schools across New Hampshire, thereby creating a $17 million gap in funding for the traditional public school system.

After the vote, Senate Democratic Leader Donna Scoucy (D-Manchester), Senator Lou D’Allesandro (D-Manchester), and Representative Peter Leishman (D-Peterborough) issued these statements:

"Supporting our existing charter schools and their students is, and always has been, a bipartisan priority," stated Senate Democratic Leader Donna Scoucy (D-Manchester). “This grant does not support existing charter school students or operations and leaves New Hampshire property taxpayers responsible for filling a $17 million gap in state funding. Our efforts should be focused on helping our existing public schools and public charter schools who have been significantly impacted by the financial and administrative burden of COVID-19, not increasing taxes for our homeowners, renters, and small businesses during a period of mass financial instability.”

Senator Lou D’Allesandro (D-Manchester) added, “The overhead costs to our school districts have only increased over the past year as they work to keep their heads above water.”

"This grant was initially rejected by the Fiscal Committee in December of 2019 because it would have threatened the financial stability of our traditional public schools and public charter schools. Many of our schools and districts were struggling financially before the pandemic and are only hurting more now,” added Representative Peter Leishman (D-Peterborough).

"I had hoped that the Commissioner of Education would be able to request a modification of the grant to strengthen and support our existing public charter schools, not to create new ones and exacerbate the financial strains being felt on our current education system. This grant will only downshift costs to local property tax payers, something that no one can afford as we are doing our best to keep our heads above water.”

The Founders Academy Public Charter School Awarded SPSR Funds

MANCHESTER – On December 7, 2020 The Founders Academy Public Charter School in Manchester, NH learned it would be awarded more than $156,000 in Supplemental Public School Response Funds (SPSRF) by the New Hampshire Department of Education. Most of this money comes to the state from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The money will be used to cover expenses related to COVID including protective equipment, facility upgrades, and technology needs related to remote learning.

Upon receiving news of the grant money for The Founders Academy, Dean of School, Cassie Hayes said, “This grant helped covered the unexpected COVID-related expenses and allows us to continue to provide a safe and rigorous educational experience for all of our students. We are able to provide a safe learning environment for those students who would like to come into the building and a robust learning environment for those students who choose to do school remotely.”

The Founders Academy is a charter school serving students grades 6 through 12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. The Academy develops leaders who are able to provide a safe learning environment for those students who choose to do school remotely.
WASHINGTON, DC – This fall, Amherst Middle School was notified that we had been selected to create the ornaments for the New Hampshire tree as part of the National Christmas Tree “America Celebrates” Ornament Program in Washington DC. The program is a collaboration of the National Park Service, the US Department of Education and the National Park Foundation. AMS was the only school in NH that was given this honor. Our tree is one of over 50 surrounding the National Tree in President’s Park just south of the White House. The theme for this year’s ornaments was “What Makes Your State Beautiful?”

When asked about her students’ experiences creating these ornaments, Mrs. Pettus said, “New Hampshire is such a beautiful state with so many natural resources. The students enjoyed learning more about our state while being challenged with creating an eye-catching design using a non-traditional art technique. The faux stained glass technique was fun and accessible for all students and many said it was their favorite project in their portfolios. Amherst Middle School students feel honored to be chosen to represent the students of New Hampshire in this inspiring national display.”

The timing was tight (we had about a week), and AMS students happily got working! In total six classes were able to create ornaments for consideration. Mrs. Brandie Pettus’ grade 7 and 8 students and Ms. Diana Plank’s 6th grade students created over 75 ornaments in a faux stained glass technique using cut paper and tissue paper.

All student artists from each of the 50 states, whose work was selected, were invited to a live presentation and tree lighting ceremony in Washington DC on November 30. August Moore, Grade 8 was able to attend the event and even got a White House tour from First Lady, Melania Trump.

The National Tree Lighting Ceremony can be viewed online at: thenationaltree.org

This was a very special honor and AMS is very proud of all of their student artists and the beautiful ornaments they were able to create representing our state. What a wonderful way to kick-off the Holiday Season!
Students Named to Clarkson University Dean's List
POTSDAM, NY -- The following local students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University:

- Tyler C Hall of Amherst, NH, a sophomore majoring in innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

As a private, national research university, Clarkson is a leader in technological education and sustainable economic development through teaching, scholarship, research and innovation. We ignite personal connections across academic fields and industries to create the entrepreneurial mindset, knowledge and intellectual curiosity needed to innovate world-relevant solutions and cultivate the leaders of tomorrow.

The Derryfield School Announces 1st Semester Honor Roll

Students Named to Clarkson University Presidential Scholars
POTSDAM, NY -- Students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University.

- Samantha Mary Kathleen Speer of Mont Vernon, NH, a junior majoring in psychology, was named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University.
- Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

As a private, national research university, Clarkson is a leader in technological education and sustainable economic development through teaching, scholarship, research and innovation.

With its main campus located in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the New York Capital Region, Beacon, N.Y., and New York City, Clarkson educates 4,300 students across 95 rigorous programs of study in engineering, business, the arts, education, sciences and health professions. Our alumni earn salaries that are among the top 2.5% in the nation and realize accelerated career growth. One in five already leads as a CEO, senior executive or owner of a company.

Students Named to the University of Vermont Dean's List
BURLINGTON, VT -- To be named to the dean’s list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

- Karly Infanti of Amherst
- Jennifer Ladd of Amherst
- Jane Leighton of Amherst
- Sophie Unger of Amherst
- Katie Noyes of Mont Vernon
- Nathan Stine of Mont Vernon

899 Students Named to President's List at Plymouth State University
PLYMOUTH, NH -- 899 students have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Fall 2020 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Students from Amherst include:
- Samantha Cushing of Amherst
- Lindsay McCool of Amherst
- Kyle Archambault of Amherst
- Meaghan Allard of Mont Vernon
- Julia Brogioli of Mont Vernon

419 Students Named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University
PLYMOUTH, NH -- 419 students have been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2020 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Students from Amherst include:
- Josiah Calfin
- Jane Campbell
- Kianna Darrow
- Heather Gebhardt
- Zachary Bolduc
Map-Like Drawings Explore Manchester’s Social Issues

Currier Museum of Art Debuts New Work by Artist Larissa Fassler

MANCHESTER – The Currier Museum of Art will premiere a suite of immersive large-scale drawings by Larissa Fassler that were inspired by her time as artist-in-residence at the museum. Critical Cartography: Larissa Fassler in Manchester opens on November 12, 2020.

“Larissa Fassler’s works are extremely unusual maps. They plot how people of all types behave in our city,” said museum director Alan Chong. “This project is part of our long-term interest in landscape – of our neighborhood and our region. Larissa has helped us understand the social needs faced by our communities.”


Fassler, a Canadian artist who has been based in Berlin, Germany for the last twenty years, creates drawings, paintings, and sculptures based on research and observation of cities. Her past work has focused on Paris, Berlin, and New York, among other cities. She is interested in understanding how a city’s architecture affects its citizens – both psychologically and physically – and in turn how our behavior shapes the built environment. Primarily taking the form of maps, her work presents a critical cartography by drawing attention to vital issues facing a city and by inspiring dialogue among viewers and citizens alike.

The monumental drawings on display reflect her impressions of Manchester’s downtown as observed over several weeks in the summer of 2019. Fassler spent countless hours exploring, observing, sketching, and mapping the environment and the movement of people through public spaces. From her initial observations, she conducted research on city statistics as well as spoke to members of the community. The drawings raise important civic issues, including the use of public spaces, the role of community organizations in supporting the needs of citizens, and the effects of poverty on the physical and emotional health of a community.

“Larissa’s drawings complicate our expectations of what a map can do,” says Samantha Cataldo, curator of contemporary art. “She visualizes complex social problems and offers the viewer a new way to access the information. As an artist, her role is to ask questions, rather than offer answers, and she inspires us to think critically about our own perspectives on the concepts present in her work.”

Larissa Fassler (b. 1975, Vancouver) obtained her BFA from Concordia University, Montreal, and an MFA from Goldsmiths, University of London. She has received grants from the Canada Council for the Arts and the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, among others. Her work has been exhibited widely and is in numerous public and private collections. Since 1999, Fassler has lived and worked in Berlin, Germany. She is represented by Galerie Jérôme Poggi, Paris.

Critical Cartography: Larissa Fassler in Manchester is on view until spring 2021.

Larissa Fassler Mapping Manchester Zoom Event

While in residence at the Currier Museum in the summer of 2019, Larissa Fassler explored the neighborhoods surrounding the museum and created large-scale drawings of Manchester’s downtown core. On July 17, Samantha Cataldo, curator of contemporary art, sat down with Fassler for a discussion of the artist’s work, methods, and new drawings to be revealed at the Currier in November 2020.
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**Winter Reading Marathon**

On your mark, get set, READ! The Winter Reading Marathon has begun! How many books can you read from the 1st Day of Winter (Dec. 21st) to the 1st Day of Spring (March 21st)? Registration required. Visit https://dalandlibrary.com/library-news for the registration link, printable reading logs, and more information. Challenge yourself to read 3 books to complete the 5K, 6 books = 10K, 13 books = Half marathon and 26 books = Full Marathon! Need help? Call or email the library to make request for Curbside Pickup, or reserve books online with your library card. All Ages Welcome!

**Winter Storytime**

Follow the library Facebook page to watch and listen to stories on Thursdays. Miss JoAnn will be reading from a variety of picture books and may even do a craft! Catch up on all the past Storytimes in the video section of the Facebook page.

**Digital Streaming Services**

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Pandemic Highlights Importance of Community Landmarks and Main Streets:

CONCORD, N.H.: The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance announced its 2020 Seven to Save list Tuesday, October 20th, highlighting vulnerable historic resources and related threats to community life and economic well-being during the pandemic. All of the listees need transformative investment to become viable community assets again. “We need these places to survive and thrive,” said Nicholas Mitchell, chair of the board of directors of the Preservation Alliance. “These landmarks are the heart and soul of our daily life and feel even more important during these uncertain times,” he said.

Preservation Alliance leaders also emphasized that our small towns and historic buildings give our state its distinctive and appealing character. “The mix of old and new building stock, as well as the design and scale of historic main street buildings, attract varied ages and types of people, help incubate small businesses and create attachments to communities that boost economic vitality,” said Jennifer Goodman, the Preservation Alliance’s executive director.

The Seven to Save list for 2020 features endangered historic structures and resources includes:

**Mont Vernon Town Hall, Mont Vernon**

Built in 1781 from oak timbers supplied by local farmers, then moved across the street and expanded with a second story, this center of civic life and home to town offices and the historical society needs a major investment to keep it viable for public use. Structural and foundation work are required, as well as electrical, fire safety, heating and energy-efficiency upgrades. Expanded public support—the town has only 600 property owners—and additional resources will help with the planned phased rehabilitation approach.
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Town of Amherst and School District Offices Open for Candidates

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice to the Citizens of Amherst, NH**

**FILING DATES FOR AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

Wednesday, January 20 through Friday, January 29, 2021 between 8am and 4pm.

The last day of the filing period, the office will be open until 8pm.

School District Officers to be elected March 9, 2021

For three years: One School Board Member

If you are a candidate or seek nomination, you must file a declaration of candidacy with the school district clerk.

*Owens, Garth*

Amherst School District Clerk

2020 School Street

603-672-9600 Ext. 2114

owensgc@amhs2.org

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**Notice to the Citizens of Mont Vernon, NH**

**FILING DATES FOR SOUTHERN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES**

Wednesday, January 20 through Friday, January 29, 2021 between 8am and 4pm.

The last day of the filing period, the office will be open until 8pm.

School District Officers to be elected March 9, 2021

For three years: One School Board Member (Amherst)

If you are a candidate or seek nomination, you must file a declaration of candidacy with the school district clerk.

*Owens, Garth*

Southern Cooperative School District Clerk

1 School Street

2020 School Street

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**TOWN OF AMHERST**

**Town Election – March 9, 2021**

**Amherst, New Hampshire**

**Filing Period for Town Offices**

January 20, 2021 – January 29, 2021

- 2 Selectmen – 3 Years
- 1 Town Treasurer – 3 Years
- 1 Cemetery Trustee – 3 Years
- 1 Library Trustee – 3 Years
- 2 Zoning Board Members – 3 Years
- 1 Trustee Of The Trust Funds – 3 Years
- 2 Planning Board Members – 3 Years
- 2 Planning Board Members – 2 Years
- 2 Planning Board Members – 1 Year

Candidates shall file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours which are Monday – Friday from 8:30AM – 3:30PM. On January 29th, 2021, the last day of the filing period, the office will be open until 8PM.

*Nancy A. Demers, Town Clerk*