Amherst Garden Club’s Plant Sale

AMHERST – Come visit Amherst Garden Club members on Saturday, May 15 as they tie on garden aprons to sell plants at the Amherst Garden Center on Route 101. It’s a perfect time to purchase vegetable plants, perennials, annuals or shrubs as the nursery will be bursting with plants. This is the club’s biggest fundraiser, raising money that goes back to the town to replace trees, for 11 civic gardens, grants, and scholarships ...

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Coming Soon: PDF Files!

Amherst Citizen’s “e-newsletter”
Amherst School Board

Joint Facilities Advisory Committee Update

To the editor:

The month of March was busy for the Joint Facilities Advisory Committee (JFAC) and its related subcommittees. Through the next year, until voting day 2022 and beyond, JFAC will provide monthly updates to the Amherst School Board, at board meetings and in board communications to the public, such as in these letters and on social media.

Public Relations Committee

The PR committee is creating an in-depth calendar to outline the plan and the resources needed to promote this project to the Amherst community. There are several mediums the committee will use to seek more information from voters - website, videos, social media, mailings, Nixle updates, and more.

The beginning of April kicked off the campaign with two initiatives - a postcard sent to every household in Amherst and a video to introduce voters to JFAC. Keep an eye on your mailbox for the postcard and be sure to check out the video and website (JFAC.SAU39.org) for more information.

Clark School Exploration Committee

The Clark School Exploration subcommittee has been tasked with gathering input from community experts and stakeholders on possible ways to utilize the Clark School building and site should the new elementary school bond pass next year.

The committee has met virtually with various stakeholders groups including town representatives, neighbors of the Clark property, and many residents to gather input and will continue this mission in the coming months. A presentation of findings is planned for the May JFAC meeting to be followed up with the June Amherst School Board meeting.

If you have additional feedback about the future of the Clark property, please join us for the public comments session at our next board meeting.

Facilities Project Team

This group has been active for months, reviewing conceptual designs, analyzing costs, and continuing to line up the next steps of the project. The first of these important steps is underway as a request for proposals (RFP) has been sent to architects across New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. The RFP is designed to find an architect who will take our conceptual drawings and lead us into the next phase of the project. You can find details of the RFP on the SAU 39 website.


Start time and School Calendar Changes: All district boards have voted to change the school start times in the fall. The new school schedule is:

Clark-Wilkins - 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Amherst Middle School - 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

The first day of school is now August 31st with students attending three days of school before Labor Day weekend. After guidance from the state, February vacation is now scheduled for February 28th-March 4th. The SAU is working to identify community needs for before and after school care options. A survey will be available soon to gauge the needs of our families.

Budget: A reminder that our deliberative session will now be held on May 4th. Further details on location and Covid protocols are forthcoming. The later voting day and deliberative will allow us to review our budget items one last time at our April 5th meeting, using actual health insurance costs and more concrete enrollment numbers, rather than estimates. If you were not able to attend the live meeting, you can watch our discussion on the SAU YouTube Page.

Policy Review: We are beginning our annual review of policies. The policies that will be under review this summer are open for public comment until June 1st. The list of policies to be reviewed can be found on the Policy Committee section of the SAU website. Feel free to send comments regarding any policies up for review to the current policy chairperson ekuzsma@sau39.org.

Remember that you can always reach out to the board regarding any concerns either at public comment or by emailing ast@sau39.org. All emails to the board are considered public record and added to our board minutes.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 6 - Amherst School District Ways and Means 7 p.m.
April 22 - SAU Board Meeting 6 p.m.
May 4 - Amherst School District Deliberative Session 7 p.m.
May 10 - Amherst School Board Meeting 6 p.m.
May 13 - JFAC Meeting 6 p.m.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kuzsma, Chair
Tom Gauthier, Vice Chair
Terri Behn
Josh Conklin
Ellen Grudzien
Yates is Candidate for Planning Board

To the editor:

My name is Chris Yates and I am proud to announce my candidacy for the Amherst Planning Board for a three-year term. I became interested in the planning board in 2019 after attending a monthly planning meeting. It became quickly apparent there was a need for members with leadership to provide direction, openly communicate with a clear and concise voice with applicants and the community. I volunteered, was selected as an alternate and I have served for the past year. I have spent the time listening, learning the state laws, local ordinance, and rules of procedure, I am prepared to dive into this position on day one!

My family and I lived in Merrimack, NH for 5 years while stationed at Hanscom Air Force base and we fell in love with New Hampshire. My wife and I realized as we headed to our new assignment driving across the NH/MA state line this was home and we would be back. We moved back to Amherst in 2018 after being away for 8 years, we are excited to be back home and be a part of the Amherst community.

I am a retired Air Force Cyber Security Officer and have served in many leadership positions at home and abroad as a strategic planner, project manager, and cyber security engineer. I have served the community as a Boy Scout leader for the past 15 years in various positions and am a member of the BSA National Fishing Committee. My wife Chiara and I have three amazing children.

I am not anti-development however, how a development affects the community, water, home density, community services, traffic, and township taxes must be reviewed in an objective manner. The next several years are vital to Amherst’s future and with transparent leadership and open communication with the community, I would like to set the following goals for the Amherst Planning Board.

1. Complete a theme-based master plan with input and continued community communication to plan the look and feel of Amherst for the next 10 years.
2. Work with community boards, ZBA, and the planning board to update outdated statutes, to encourage a rural and small town feel while balancing the rights of all.
3. Create transparent repeatable procedures for Amherst citizens, outside developers, and the planning board to follow.

It is important to incorporate early, strategic planning that shapes the future growth of our town. That starts with the Master Plan and continues with the town committees and departments reviewing and incorporating this master vision into ordinances and procedures. Development will happen and we must be ready to direct and work with all involved parties. I respectfully ask for your vote on 9 March 2021.

Chris Yates
Amherst

Houpis Seeks Elected Position on Planning Board

To the editor:

My name is Christy Houpis and I am proud to be running for the Amherst New Hampshire Planning Board for a single year term. I was appointed to the Amherst Planning Board as an Alternate eighteen months ago, after many long time Amherst friends and neighbors urged me to volunteer.

During my interview by the Select Board, I stated Amherst will need to balance land development with its rural character and desire for open space. I worked to achieve this during my 18-month tenure on the Planning Board by asking important questions, engaging in comprehensive reviews, requesting independent impartial analyses, encouraging an open dialogue with residents and developers alike while ensuring full transparency during all proceedings. These are the same objectives I commit to pursuing if elected to the Planning Board.

I recognize change is the only constant and do not follow an anti-developer, not-in-my-backyard approach. However, I have not and would not be a rubber stamp for development approval. I respect property owner rights to develop land while clearly embracing the Planning Board’s responsibility, stated in its regulations, to manage development applications with the needs, safety and quality of life of Amherst residents. Each perspective of landowner/developer and Amherst resident is valid and protected under the Planning Board’s charter and can be simultaneously considered.

The value of any development, commercial or residential, must be understood in conjunction with the impact to life in Amherst including water, traffic, emergency services, educational systems, and open space.

I know competing objectives can be balanced. While not having decades on a Zoning or Planning Board, I ran a cellular telephone company for many years and creatively and successfully balanced the competing objectives to meet public demands for mobile communications with the equally strong desire to not have visible cell sites.

Born in New Hampshire, I am not a native of Amherst and have only lived here for the last 32 years. But I love Amherst, its community, its character and, most importantly, its beautiful charm. It is the hometown where my wife and I live. Its where we raised our daughter. It is where I hope to live out my life. Because of this deep appreciation for our town, its residents and the people who serve it, I am asking for your vote.

I have no other political aspirations or agendas beyond giving back to our community by providing knowledge and continuity during the transition from an appointed to an elected board, helping produce an inclusive Master Plan and supporting the updating of our ordinances given the residents’ repeal of the IIHO.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Christy C. Houpis
Amherst
What's Up in The Children's Room During Stay-at-Home 2021

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Historical Society of Amherst

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Because this program was originally compiled for the Capt. Josiah Crosby Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) we’ll also learn a bit about the society and how Revolutionary War patriots are recognized.

Hope to see you on April 12. To join us, just click here:

The Scheduled Zoom Program

The ACC Celebrates Earth Day 2021

Acts of Green Series*

AMHERST – Earth Day is 51 years old on April 22, 2021. It began in 1970, during an era of civic action when concerned citizens from all walks of life held environmental teach-ins. Around the USA, people gathered to learn the facts about environmental degradation happening across the country. Today, we might not call the actions teach-ins, however, individuals, governments and non-profit organizations around the world are planning their own activities for Earth Day. The Amherst Conservation Commission (ACC) continues to celebrate Earth Day, every day, by working to protect and conserve land and natural resources and promote the use of outdoors for pedestrian recreation. This Earth Day, the focus is in the USA and around the world on climate change. It is up to every one of us to restore our Earth, not just because we care about the natural world, but because we literally live on it. We all need a healthy Earth to support our jobs, livelihoods, health and happiness, and to have fun. A healthy Amherst, a healthy New Hampshire, a healthy country, and a healthy planet is a necessity. It is up to all of us to promote. The phrase “think globally, act locally” was used 51 years ago and it is relevant today. There are small steps we can take to restore our Earth and assure that we can enjoy our forests and waterways for hiking, fishing and outdoor recreation for many years to come.

*ACTS of GREEN

1) Join the Amherst Conservation Commission on May 15, 2021, to participate in Amherst Clean-up Day. Look for more details as the time gets closer. For now, mark the date on your calendar.

2) Try Backyard Composting. Food waste is one of the world’s biggest contributors to climate change. Hundreds of millions of tons of food are thrown away each year. Composting is one solution to the growing problem of food waste. Composting is easy to do, it helps mitigate the climate impact from food waste (by reducing methane production from decomposition), has less impact on our transfer station (dump), it does not smell, and it is inexpensive to set up. The results of composting are also good for your flower and vegetable gardens.

Below are links to learn more about food waste and get you started on composting.

https://extension.unh.edu/resource/composting-home-gardener-fact-sheet

*This article is the first in a series of articles that will focus on the activities of the ACC and the environmental issues it addresses in its work. The series is also an opportunity for others in the community to share their ideas about environmental and conservation matters. Guest contributions to the series are welcome. Please submit your article to the ACC at this link. The ACC reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of the material and whether or not it will be posted:

https://www.amherstconservation.com

Using Science to Conserve Biodiversity, Manage Open Space and Promote Outdoor Recreation

Contact Us: Amherst Conservation Commission 2 Main Street, Town Hall. Amherst NH 03031

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Children’s Programming at the Amherst Town Library

APRIL ZOOM FUN with SEE SCIENCE CENTER

SLIMY LAB
Wednesday, April 21 - 4:00-4:45pm.

Kids ages 6 and up can get their hands deep into science when a See Instructor leads us through combining two liquid substances to create our own silly putty. Participants are encouraged to get a little messy and think about different ways they can work to change the substances. There are always lots of smiles and giggles during this experience.

For ages 6 and up. Kits with materials will be available for pick-up at the library for registered participants.

Click to register.

JOIN US VIRTUALLY
ZOOM FAMILY STORYTIME
Tuesdays at 10:00am, April 6, 13 & 20

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 craft will be sent before each program.

Click to visit our calendar and register.

ZOOM MINECRAFT CLUB
Tuesdays from 3:45 - 4:45pm, April 6, 13 & 20

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.

Click to visit our calendar and register.

ZOOM BOOK CLUBS:
Great Stone Face Reviewers Club
The Great Stone Face Award is a statewide reading list for kids in grades 4-6. Our club reads from a master list of the newest middle-grade fiction and comes to meetings prepared to evaluate these books for possible inclusion on next year’s Great Stone Face List. We learn book-review skills, to stand up in front of a group to give our opinions, and we always have a lot of fun!

For kids in grades 5 and 6
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Next Meeting Dates: April 1, May 6

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

BOOK BUNCH! Zoom Book Club for Grades 3 and 4
Each month we read one of Miss Sarah’s favorite 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 during our meeting!

April’s book: TEDDY MARS: ALMOST A WORLD RECORD BREAKER by Molly B. Burnham

For kids in grades 3 and 4.
Meets the fourth Thursday of the month, 4:00-5:00pm. Next Meeting Date: April 22. Registration is required.

Click to register.

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-3yrs. No registration required.

Look for Brand *NEW* videos on April 1 & 8.

Click to visit our YouTube Channel.

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 while supplies last 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 April 28 & May 26.

Click to visit our YouTube Channel.

MORE PROGRAMS
The Call of Kilimanjaro

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 • 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
virtual program via zoom
Get ready to climb 19,341 feet to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro – one of the famed Seven Summits – the roof of Africa. Based on his memoir, The Call of Kilimanjaro, author, adventurer, and TV host Jeff Belanger takes you on a breathtaking multimedia journey of Tanzania that’s spiritual, motivational, and uplifting. After his brother-in-law Chris passed away, Jeff made the decision to take the trip of a lifetime, both in honor of Chris and in pursuit of clarity about his own life and goals. The Call of Kilimanjaro is a day-by-day record of Belanger’s ascent to the peak of Africa’s highest mountain. What he learned along the way transformed his life. The presenter Jeff Belanger is a storyteller, adventurer, journalist, and one of the most visible explorers of the unexplored today. The author of over a dozen books published in six languages, he is also the Emmy-nominated host, writer, and producer of the PBS and Amazon Prime series New England Legends and the weekly New England Legends podcast. He’s been a guest on hundreds of television and radio networks and programs, including History, Travel Channel, Biography Channel, PBS, CBS Sunday Morning, NPR, BBC, and Coast to Coast AM.

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Gardens of Cornwall and Devon

Monday, May 3, 2021 • 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
virtual program via zoom
Warmly by the Gulf Stream, the magical gardens in Cornwall and Devon are home to some of the most exciting, rare, and beautiful plants in the British Isles. Enjoy an armchair tour of twelve historically and architecturally important gardens. Warmed by the Gulf Stream, the magical gardens in Cornwall and Devon are home to some of the most exciting, rare, and beautiful plants in the British Isles. Enjoy an armchair tour of twelve historically and architecturally important gardens. The Water Draft, Prolific

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Presenter Jana Misbacher is a garden designer, speaker, and author. She combines horticulture, design, and art to inspire and delight both new and seasoned gardeners. Jana loves to visit gardens and historic sites in the U.S. and abroad, and share her trips through her books, photos and blog.

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Esport Leagues
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competitions in the world and we want
players to connect with friends on
your own in the confines of your own home.
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For Adults

Forest Bathing & Meditation
Join us as we develop an appreciation of our
local lands and nature in general, subtle and
mindful ways. Forest bathing is the practice of
immersing yourself in nature in a mindful way, using
your senses to derive a whole range of benefits for
your physical, mental, emotional, and social health.
Meditation- CLICK HERE

Red Cross CPR & First Aid
Interested in learning life saving skills and gain
the confidence to be prepared for anything? Get
certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED through the
American Red Cross. Ages 11+
CPR & First Aid- CLICK HERE

Around Town

Spring Soccer 2021 - Players born between 2001-2018
Amherst Soccer Club/Hampshire United SC is
accepting registrations for our spring soccer programs, Tots and EDP Non-travel. We also
have limited spots available on our travel teams U9-U20. Players born between the years of
2001-2012. For players born between 2001-2018 are eligible to play. If you are
tired of cold weather, get a jump start on your summer by buying your Baboosic Lake Beach Pass.
Season Pass- CLICK HERE

For Kids

Eagles Basketball Camp
Join Amherst Middle School’s own Coach
Rodon in this all-around skill development
camp for girls entering grades 6th through 9th.
Eagles Basketball- CLICK HERE

Next Level Basketball Camp
Take your basketball skills to the NEXT LEVEL
this summer! Camp will focus on overall skill
development through instruction and positive
competition. Camp is open to boys in rising
grades 3-5 and 6-9.
Next Level- CLICK HERE

Safe Sitter
Learn the skills needed to become a great babysitter as well as important info about how
to advertise and accept babysitting jobs. This
class is for any ages 11-15.
Safe Sitter- CLICK HERE

Camp Babuck
Announcing the newest addition to the Amherst
Parks and Rec Summer Camp Line-up: Camp
Babuck!
This camp has a little bit of everything. You can
expect lots of group games, sports, arts &
crafts, water play and a big cool down with
weekly trips to Baboosic Lake!
Camp Babuck- CLICK HERE

CIT Program
Welcome to our revamped CIT program! This
summer, CIT’s will get trained in CPR and First
Aid, have an opportunity to lead activities at our
summer camps and learn the skills needed to be a counselor in the future.
For Grades 8-10
CIT Program- CLICK HERE

Baboosic Lake Swim Team
Our team is a seasonal swim team offering
coaching, technique and instruction for all ages
and abilities. he goal of our team is to provide
every member an opportunity to improve
swimming skills in order to achieve success at
his or her level of ability, make new friends and
have a great deal of fun!
BLST- 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

I Love Nature
Is your preschooler eager to learn about the world
they live in or love wandering through the woods?
At I Love Nature, we have lots of fun
exploring different habitats and learning all
about what you can find out in the amazing
woods all around you.
Thursdays from 10-10:45am
Hartford, Conn. required visitors to the town to Quarantining Small-Pox inoculation and eruption.”

It is unlikely to assuage distrust or fear, imho. “Poor and lessen the inherent danger and another “new blood-letting for before and after inoculation to New York), and about a detailed treatment practitioners who lodged the inoculated in “a about inoculation, including about American newspapers regularly carried items result. A Boston newspaper, reporting in 1721 significant number of people died as a direct infection by causing a controlled infection. It pathogens. The idea was to avoid a deadly and with small-pox using unweakened live practitioners were inoculating people against and with small-pox using unweakened live pox. Jenner’s discovery, a doctor in Edinburgh “cow-pox” in America. Inoculation Hospitals .

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In New England in the latter half of the 18th century, some towns and private practitioners set up special inoculation hospitals, and Towns took to notifying the public of their institution’s status and inoculation rates. Some examples of such hospitals: Someone anonymously advertised in 1752 (in Boston Weekly News-Letter). “To be Lately, several convenient rooms in a commodious house in Boston with necessary bedding and furniture, suitable for such of the inhabitants of this town, who are inclined to return from the country to receive the small-pox by inoculation.” A doctor in Boston in 1764 advertised his success with inoculation of “of the Province of New Hampshire, the Colonies of Connecticut, and Rhode Island. It is judged that between 3 and 4000 Persons have gone safely through it. Disterm, in the time since Liberty was granted for Inoculation, which is five weeks; and it is observable there has been little or no infection from those who have had the disease, we can not learn that there have been 32 persons taken down in the Natural Way in the above time, notwithstanding that several hundreds of children in this town are exposed thereto, an account of some Scruples the Parents or Guardians of them have to as the Lawsfulness of the practice.” (N.H. Gazette, April 1764.)

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Inoculation Humor

In the late 18th century, a newspaper in New Hampshire, The Rising City, reported:

In 1813, newspapers across the country including Amherst's Farmer's Cabinet carried the following announcement of an extraordinary Congressional act:

**Vaccine Matter.** The undersigned having been appointed by the President of the United States, Agent for Vaccination, hereby gives notice that, the genuine Vaccine Matter will be furnished to any physician or citizen of the United States who may apply to him for it... by post, and the requisite fee, five dollars... When required, such directions, &c... how to use, will be furnished with the matter, as will enable any discreet person, who can read and write, to secure his own family from the small-pox with certainty, without any trouble or expense. All letters on this subject, or to the undersigned and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, are carried by United States' mail free of any postage, but only by the act of Congress, entitled “An act to encourage Vaccination.” JAMES SMITH, U.S. Agent for Vaccination, Baltimore, May 14, 1813.**

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In 1796, Dr. Edward Jenner, a self-taught country doctor from England, performed a groundbreaking experiment on a boy named James Phipps, to test the hypothesis that voting cowpox provided immunity to smallpox.

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AAUW Southern NH Branch News

Civic Engagement Series – Part 2

“Achieving Gender Justice” – April 14, 7 PM via Zoom

AMHERST – The Southern NH Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has scheduled the third and final program in their Civic Engagement Series – Part 2 on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7 PM. Crystal Paradis, Director of Strategic Communications & Community Engagement for the New Hampshire Women’s Foundation, will present “Achieving Gender Justice” via Zoom. The program is free and open to all.

With a goal of advancing gender justice in New Hampshire, Ms. Paradis recognizes there is a long way to go in addressing inequities of political representation at the local level as well as equal pay in the workplace. She will share recently published data in the Granite State and also give an overview of the landscape of gender justice in both private and public spheres across the state. She will also offer suggestions on how to become more involved in shaping a more equitable future for New Hampshire women.

Crystal Paradis is a City Councillor At-Large for the City of Somersworth and sits on the recreation, pubic safety, sustainability and economic development committees. She is also founder of Feminist Oasis. In 2015, she was named one of 10 to Watch by Catapult & Seacoast Media Group. Her experience includes working on political campaigns from municipal to presidential and engaging community through her writing. 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.

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 market value of their skills and experience, determine an equitable “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, please contact book discussion facilitator Mary Marsh at amherst993@comcast.net. Questions will be sent out ahead of time. If interested in participating, please contact Program Co-chair Johanna Tigert at johanna_tigert@uml.edu for the zoom link information.

Amherst Lions Club

Chili Cook-Off Results

Crystal Paradis - Director of Strategic Communications & Community Engagement - NHWomen’sFoundation

by Joan Ferguson

AMHERST – A non-conventional chili and a U.S. Coast Guard recipe took the top honors at the recent Lions Club chili cook-off. Three local celebrity chefs chose them among 10 entries at the chili cook-off hosted by the Amherst and Merrimack Lions Clubs.

“It was super close. Everyone did great – a lot of great flavor profiles, presentations, and creativity. All top notch,” said Copper Door’s Executive Chef Jay Smith. Other judges were CRACK’D Kitchen & Coffee Eatery’s Chef Alan Frati and Up In Your Grill’s Pitmaster Dan DeCourcey.

Brian Foster’s lamb chili took first place among the individual entries. Admitting the recipe was created just days prior to the event, he said garbanzo beans hold their consistency better and the Havarti cheese topping adds more creaminess than other cheeses. The cilantro and lime finish the taste. Corn chips on the side add additional texture, he said.

Top Lions Club recipe went to Bedford Lions Club’s Mike Sills who explained a former Coast Guardiansman introduced the chili to a Super Bowl party in the 1970s and it’s been a favorite ever since with the right balance of core ingredients and added bacon to flavor. Even though Sills likes the Army’s recipe – perhaps out of loyalty to his service years – he said the Coast Guard chili is the best among the military services. The chefs agreed, selecting Sills’ Chili from among the four Lions Clubs’ entries.

To view the video that highlights the entrants, click this link: e-clubhouse.org/sites/amherstnh. All the entrants’ recipes and five bonus recipes are available for purchase with proceeds going to the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of New Hampshire.

Newcomers Seek New Members

AMHERST – The Souhegan Valley Women’s Social & Newcomers Club, aka Amherst Area Newcomers Club, is a non-profit, social group for women. We welcome new residents as well as those who have lived here for years. We offer monthly general events and over 20 interest groups. Due to Covid, the general meetings have been on hiatus. We do have some groups who have been meeting outside, via zoom, or in person with Covid restrictions. Contact us at nhnewcomers@gmail.com, & check out our website at NHNewcomers.com.
AMHERST – Ecologist Tom Wessels has spent more than twenty years interpreting New England’s landscape and teaching others to see “the forest for the trees.” An intrepid sleuth and articulate tutor, Tom will teach us how to interpret the landscape the way one might solve a mystery. What exactly is the meaning of all those stone walls in the middle of the forest? Why are pine trees dominant in one patch of forest and maples in another? How do you tell the age of a beaver pond and determine if beavers still live there?

This interactive presentation will guide us to a fuller understanding of our home ground. After a short introduction to reading forested landscapes, Tom will interpret photos we submit of landscape features we would like explained—oddly growing trees, unusual scarring on a tree trunk, or a patch of young saplings amid dense forest, for example. Through Tom we’ll learn to see the forest in a new light. No walk in the woods will ever be the same!

Tom Wessels is Professor Emeritus at Antioch University where he founded the master’s degree program in Conservation Biology. As a terrestrial ecologist he has interests in forest, desert, arctic, and alpine ecosystems, plus a strong interest in evolutionary ecology, complex systems, and sustainability. He is author of numerous books, including the highly acclaimed Reading the Forested Landscape: A Natural History of New England. His latest, New England’s Roadside Forested Landscape: A Natural History of New England, will become available during the spring of 2021.

AMHERST – A spring tradition that was sadly missed in 2020 will be back this year! Marit Warren, Karen Woodbury and Elise Lutz, along with many dedicated members of The Amherst Garden Club, have been busy for months working out the details for the 2021 Amherst Plant Sale to be held online only. Our club members will dig, pot and label to sell our usual high quality, locally grown perennials. You will be able to purchase these plants through our new online shop starting at 8:30 AM on April 28.

Shop early for best selection! The sale will close on May 1 at 12:00 noon. Look for the link to the shop on our website (amherstgardenclub.org) or on our Facebook page. There will be photos of the perennials as mature plants, plant descriptions, and planting guidelines for all the plants we are offering for sale.

In addition to our featured locally grown perennials, our sale will include an auction selection of baskets creatively filled by our garden club members. They will be happy to articulate tutor, Tom will teach us how to interpret “the forest for the trees.” An intrepid sleuth and
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The morning starts at 8:30am and the public is encouraged to come with questions for the garden club members. They will be happy to guide and assist everyone in finding the right plants for their landscapes. Also during the day, Peggy Wallace will be selling her beautiful glass garden ornaments. Flyers will be available from UNH Extension on a variety of gardening issues. Peggy will be at the club’s biggest fundraiser, raising money that goes back to the town in the form of replacing trees, plants for 11 civic gardens, horticultural speakers (open to the public), community grants, and scholarships.

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Garden Club Events

Amherst Garden Club Presents:

“How to Interpret a Forest’s History” with Tom Wessels
VIRTUAL PROGRAM • Thursday, May 6th, 10:30 AM

Our Spring Plant Sale is Back: Online!
Starting April 28th • Pickup May 8th

Amherst Garden Club Day at Amherst Garden Center
Open to the public May 15, 2021
Success Story: Lily Smith – Teen Entrepreneur

Submitted by Nancy Foster

AMHERST – A local teen is on the road to entrepreneurial success with a new e-commerce company that, after four months, has resulted in customers from all over the U.S., over 1100 Instagram followers, and products that are catching on as a fashion statement with the younger set.

L. Sky Designs is the start-up of 13-yr-old Lily Smith of Amherst, spawned by her need to “be productive and to counter the effects of Covid pandemonium boredom.” This creative teen is the mastermind behind the operation from start to finish. She researched products coveted by elementary – high school students, developed designs, began producing, then advanced to designing a website through GoDaddy. After securing an e-commerce license and investing $300.00 of her own money for start-up costs, L. Skye Designs launched in December and orders soon followed. To date, profits are poured back into the business for marketing and supply costs -- but Lily anticipates taking a profit soon.

Currently Lily’s line includes handcrafted jewelry, whimsical scrunchies, custom stationery and “to do” pads. Trendy wire rings are available with various stones - including granite - in wire settings of silver, gold or copper. Popular motivational necklaces are available imprinted with “Bold, Loved or Strong,” and enameled lightning bolt earrings can be crafted with either huggie or hook fasteners. All items are priced beneath $20.00. Lily's products are made from “high-quality local products” since she values the need to counterbalance “fast fashion” with handcrafted quality items, all the while supporting “shop local” and “Made in USA” initiatives.

Marketing of her products is done through her website, the YouTube Channel, and Instagram platforms.

A 7th grader at Amherst Middle School, Lily is following in the steps of her dad, Edward M. Smith, respected local businessman and founder of Nashua-based College Bound Movers. After graduation, she hopes to go to law school, but at present, she is intent on growing L. Skye Designs during after-school hours and lunch breaks. “I am excited to be a teen entrepreneur. It allows me to express myself artistically through my products, and I learn something new every day.”

Ms. Smith's products may be found at www.lilyskyedesigns.godaddysites.com and Instagram: lsky.edesigns.

Email: lilyskyedesigns@gmail.com.
Ride to End Cancer

AMHERST – I am registered for the Prouty Bike in 2021. This year I will be participating in the 40th Annual Prouty, 2021. I need your support! I will be riding 100 miles to end Cancer. It has been a very stressful year for all of us, but just imagine what it is like to be stuck in a hospital with CANCER and can't see anyone. Close your eyes and imagine being alone without family or friends or relatives to visit. Being stuck with needles, no one to talk to. Having test after test and now imagine you are only two years old.

Last August I was hit by a truck while on my bike and after an ambulance ride and spent the day in the hospital, but I was able to go home.

In January I had a Mini Stroke. Again rushed by ambulance to the hospital. This time I spent a few days in the hospital, tests, needles, scans. The worst part “No Visitors”. Couldn’t hold my wife’s hand and get her moral support. We talked on the phone, but just not the same. All the patients with Cancer in the hospital are alone, no matter what age. While I still have some numbness from the stroke, but I am able to bike and raise funds. I am able to get out and enjoy fresh air, family, and friends (albeit 6 feet apart with a mask).

Riding 100 miles to help end cancer pales in comparison to all the things that cancer patients have to go through. If you think riding 100 miles is tough, try Chemotherapy!

One friend lost his daughter to cancer, and another friend David has had numerous bouts with cancer now. I have been very blessed with good health and want to pass this along to others that are struggling with cancer.

Please help me obtain my fund raising goal and get us closer to ending Cancer. For every check, credit card, or cash donation of $250-$999, the gift will be matched dollar for dollar, by the Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation Match. I will personally match the first $500 of donations.

If you have someone you would like me to ride in Honor or Memory of, let me know and I will print their name on a ribbon and pin it to my shirt as I ride.

Funds raised help fuel life-saving cancer research and meaningful patient and family support services at Dartmouth and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center, one of only 51 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute. Together we will end cancer. Thank you for your support!

Dave Salvas
Amherst

30th Annual Souhegan Valley Golf Classic

AMHERST – This year, our 30th Annual Souhegan Valley Golf Classic (charity golf tournament and dinner auction) will be held on Thursday, June 10th 2021, rain or shine, at the Amherst Country Club in Amherst, NH.

Our charity golf tournament and dinner auction attracts many golfers from the Southern New Hampshire Community. It is one of the area’s premiere charity golf tournaments and is a day filled with great food, great golf, and a Live Dinner Auction at the end of the day. This event provides much needed financial support to our agency. Opportunity Networks is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with 34 years serving adult residents who live with acquired and developmental disabilities. We are committed to providing genuine Vocational Opportunities and Social Activities that promote life enhancing skills for disabled adults in the Southern New Hampshire area.

Once a disabled person reaches the age of 21, they are no longer eligible to receive benefits through their local school system. This is why Opportunity Networks is so important to the community at large; it provides vital support services to the disabled that allows them to thrive as an adult. Our clients range in age from 21 to their upper 60’s. They want to succeed and be a part of their community, and at Opportunity Networks, we strive to allow them to do just that!

Throughout the history of our organization, we have depended on the generous support of the community to assist us with accomplishing our mission. With funding cuts on the federal, state and local levels, our fundraising efforts have become more crucial than ever for us to raise the funds necessary for us to provide quality programming for our clients.

We are proud and fortunate to operate in such a supportive community. Please consider supporting our organization. If you have any questions, contact Amanda Morse: 603-883-4402, amorse@opportunitynetworks.org.
Candidates Running for Office
Town of Amherst and School Districts (SAU39)

Town Elections
June 8th 2021
Amherst, NH
* Incumbent
** Currently an appointed member

2 Selectmen – 3 Yrs
John D’angelo*
Raymond N. Kong
Danielle Pray
1 Town Treasurer – 3 Yrs
Elizabeth Overholt*
1 Cemetery Trustee – 3 Yrs
Lisa Eastland*
2 Library Trustees – 3 Yrs
Nancy T. Baker*
Michael Enriquez
2 Zoning Board Members – 3 Yrs
Timothy Kachmar
Douglas H. Kirkwood*
Tracy Lee McN Inls
1 Trustee of The Trust Funds – 3 Yrs
Lori Mix*
2 Planning Board Members – 3 Yrs
William R. “Bill” Stoughton**
Craig Urquhart
Christopher “Chris” Yates**
2 Planning Board Members – 2 Yrs
Peter Hansen
Robert Kula
Thomas Quinn
Arnold Rosenblatt**
Thomas Silvia
2 Planning Board Members – 1 Yr
Tracie Adams**
Eugene C. Ancitl
Christy C. Houpis**

Ninth Annual Amherst Candidates Night – New Date

On Tuesday, May 25, 2021 the Southern New Hampshire Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold the Ninth Annual Amherst Candidates Night via Zoom from 7 pm to 9 pm. Election Day is Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Anyone with questions may contact Liz Overholt at liz@theoverholts.net or 673-5171.

The filing period for both town and school Amherst offices did not change. The last day of the filing period was Friday, January 29th.

Deliberative and Town Election dates postponed to May & June

Pursuant to the NH Governor’s Emergency Order #83, the Amherst Board of Selectmen have postponed the Amherst Deliberative Session and Town Elections.

The Deliberative Session previously scheduled for Wednesday February 3, 2021 has been moved to Wednesday May 5, 2021. The Town Election previously scheduled for Tuesday March 9, 2021 has been moved to Tuesday June 8, 2021.

School Elections
June 8th 2021
Amherst & Mont Vernon, NH
* Incumbent
** Currently an appointed member

1 Amherst School District Board Member – 3 Yrs
Victoria Parisi
Jason White
1 Souhegan Cooperative School Board Member (Amherst) – 3 Yrs
Tony Labranche
John Glover*
2 Mont Vernon School Board Members – 3 Yrs
Sarah Lawrence
Peter Eckhoff
1 Mont Vernon School District Moderator – 1 Yr
Peter King
1 Mont Vernon School District Clerk – 1 Yr
Autumn Grdina
1 Mont Vernon School District Treasurer – 1 Yr
Lyn Jennings
Senate Passes Bill to Help New Hampshire Small Businesses

SB13 lowers BPT and BET tax rates; boosts businesses hurt by pandemic

CONCORD, NH – The Senate today passed SB13, legislation lowering the Business Profits Tax (BPT) and the Business Enterprise Tax (BET), a move that sends a strong message of support to Main Street businesses that have been hurt by the pandemic. The bill reduces the BPT from 7.7% to 7.5% and the BET from 6% to 5%.

The bill’s prime sponsor, Senate President Chuck Morse, (R-Salem), said, “Reducing these taxes is important because our Main Street businesses are still struggling due to the pandemic. SB13 is about jobs. It will help small businesses keep our friends and neighbors employed as the pandemic ends and we work towards restoring New Hampshire’s economy. Lower tax rates also reduce the cost of doing business, make our state more attractive to companies thinking of relocating here and help incentivize new investment.”

Morse added, “Since 2015, Senate Republicans have been fighting to make New Hampshire’s business climate more competitive. With SB13, we have reduced the BPT from 8.5% to 7.5%, a nearly 12% reduction in the tax rate. Senate Republicans have also lowered the rate of the BET from 0.75% to 0.5%, a 33% rate reduction on the tax on all New Hampshire employers.”

Additionally, Morse said, “SB13 doubles the current exemption on the Interest & Dividends tax from $1,200 to $2,400 for those who are age 65 or older, blind, disabled or unable to work and not yet 65. Increasing the exemption for those who are 65 and older will make it easier for them to stay in the state and that is important because a third of New Hampshire citizens will be above 65 by 2030.”

NH Expands Eligibility, Additional 35,000+ Granite Staters Schedule Appointment

CONCORD, NH – Today, over 35,000 Granite Staters scheduled an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccine as of 3:00 PM.

“Today's expansion of eligibility to individuals 30 and older was another massive success,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “As we designed VINI, creating an easy-to-use system that allows Granite Staters to complete the registration and scheduling process as quickly as possible was our focus, and on average, users completed the process in well under 15 minutes. Today was another win for New Hampshire.”

Users did not experience wait times during today’s release.

The state estimates that approximately 25,000 individuals in the 30-39 year old cohort have already received at least their first dose as part of earlier phases.

Today's expansion of eligibility follows Monday’s successful rollout to New Hampshire residents 40+. As of 3:00 PM today, over 51,000 appointments had been scheduled by those 40+. Eligibility will expand to all New Hampshire residents 16+ Friday, April 2.

Due to FDA emergency use authorization requirements, 16 and 17 year old vaccine recipients are only allowed to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

Pfizer is available at all state-managed fixed sites. A parent or guardian must be present at the time of vaccination.

The State continues to urge those who register to use only one device during the registration process. Individuals who attempt to sign on with multiple devices risk having longer wait times and will contribute to a slower registration process.

New Hampshire Senate

Republicans Vote to Support Second Amendment Rights

CONCORD, NH – All 14 Senate Republicans today voted to pass SB154 - legislation that would prohibit the state of New Hampshire from enforcing a Presidential Executive Order seeking to restrict or regulate a person's right to own a gun under the Second Amendment.

The bill's prime sponsor, Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, (R-Wolfboro) explained the need for SB154 saying, “If there are Executive Orders issued from President Biden restricting an individual's ability to keep and bear arms, this bill will make it clear that the state of New Hampshire would not enforce any such Orders issued after January 20, 2021. SB154 will protect the rights of New Hampshire citizens to defend themselves and their loved ones. New Hampshire is among the safest states in America because we have effective law enforcement and allow people to exercise their constitutional rights under the 2nd Amendment.”

House Labor Committee Approves Right-To-Work Legislation

CONCORD, NH - House Senior Majority Advisor and 36 year union member Representative Len Turcotte (R-Barrington) released the following statement after the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services committee voted 11-9 to recommend OTPA on SB61, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join a labor union.

“I first want to thank my Republican colleagues on the House Labor committee for supporting this critical piece of legislation. Putting SB61 into law would make New Hampshire the only Right-To-Work state in the region and give us a distinct advantage when competing for jobs,” said Turcotte.

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Senate Votes for Property Tax Relief

SB99 gives cities and towns more Meals & Rooms money to help lower local property taxes

CONCORD, NH – In a win for taxpayers all across New Hampshire, the Senate today voted 24-6 to pass SB99 which is designed to send more Meals & Rooms (M&R) tax revenues back to cities and towns to help lower local property taxes.

Prime sponsor Sen. Denise Ricciardi (R-Bedford) called the legislation long overdue, saying, “The state has been promising to share more of the revenue generated by the Meals & Rooms tax with local communities for decades. If signed into law, SB99 will guarantee that promise is finally kept, and I am delighted we took a big step in that direction today with the Senate passing the bill unanimously.”

Under SB99, cities and towns would receive 40% of the M&R revenues generated in their communities instead of the current 22%. This would mean an additional $56 million for local property tax relief.

Shaheen Statement on the American Jobs Plan

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) released the following statement after President Biden unveiled his comprehensive infrastructure package, the American Jobs Plan:

“All Granite Staters deserve safe roads, clean water, high speed internet and access to good-paying jobs – these investments and more can’t come soon enough as we recover from this economic crisis. It’s been decades since we’ve invested in our infrastructure in a meaningful way, but now we have an opportunity to repair crumbling infrastructure that threatens our safety and security, while creating jobs and bolstering our domestic supply chain,” said Shaheen.

“From expanding access to quality broadband and investing in manufacturing to repairing our bridges, highways and roads, New Hampshire’s infrastructure priorities must be met and I’m eager to work with the Biden administration to make that happen.”

Let’s set the record straight. Right-To-work is not a Democrat versus Republican issue. Right-To-Work is not union-busting. Right-To-Work will not in any way, shape, or form affect an individual’s ability to join or form a union. It will allow union members to ensure they are receiving adequate value in exchange for dues paid. It will also assure private-sector workers the same freedom that their public sector counterparts have received since 2018, the ability to make that decision for themselves.”

“Making New Hampshire the nation’s 29th Right-To-Work state would not in any way, shape, or form affect an individual’s ability to join or form a union. It will allow union members to ensure they are receiving adequate value in exchange for dues paid. It will also assure private-sector workers the same freedom that their public sector counterparts have received since 2018, the ability to make that decision for themselves.”

“Making New Hampshire the nation’s 29th Right-To-Work state would be a clear victory for our workforce by creating more jobs and giving workers the freedom they need to make the choices that suit them best.”
Obituaries

Bruce Borglum Brinkema
AMHERST – Bruce B. Brinkema, 86, longtime resident of Amherst, NH died on March 2, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Omaha, Nebraska on February 5, 1935, son of Robert J. and Jean (Borglum) Brinkema.

Bruce was raised in Omaha, Queens, NY and Oakland, NJ. He graduated from Pompton Lakes High School in NJ, excelling in football as their quarterback, earned his BA from Dartmouth College while learning to ski, and an MBA from University of Southern California to advance his banking career.

He had been employed in the banking industry for many years, including by Union Bank in Los Angeles, CA. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp and was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant in 1959.

Bruce was an elite masters cross country skier across five decades. Bruce skied his first ski marathon, the 90 kilometer Swedish Vasaloppet in 1973, with dear friend and Dartmouth classmate Len Johnson of Milford. He went on to compete in 38 American Birkebeiner ski marathons, frequently finishing in the top three of his age category. He was a fixture at the annual Thanksgiving gathering of the national ski racing community in West Yellowstone, MT.

Family members include his loving wife of 60 years, Julie (von Schrader) Brinkema of Amherst, NH; a son and daughter-in-law, Corey Brinkema and Maree Hampton of Minneapolis, MN; two daughters, Kristin Brinkema and her partner, Lisa Stevens of San Juan Capistrano, CA, and Jean Brinkema of Playa Vista, CA; five grandchildren, Torsten, Lars, Bode, Berit and Maxwell; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Leone Brinkema of Virginia; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anne Ganley of Colorado Springs, CO and Susan and Gregory Hewitt of Lakeside, CA; several nieces and nephews.

Our amazing, caring dad and grandfather, a wonderful, devoted husband, and big brother left us way too soon. His passion and determination in his many endeavors, and above all his love will stay forever in our family's memory.

Services will be held later this year. 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

Laura Anne Krantz
AMHERST – Laura Anne Krantz, 47, born in Chester, PA September 19, 1973 passed away peacefully March 9, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

She resided in Amherst from 1983 until 1990. Laura was a resident of Dublin, NH for many years and most recently lived in Hancock, NH.

Laura graduated from The Dublin School and received her Registered Nurse degree from the New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord, NH. After graduation she worked at the Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, NH and later worked as a private duty nurse.

She is survived by her son Colby Theodor Tolman, three brothers: Kristoff, Randall and Dale, her parents Anne and Ted Krantz, Amherst, and her partner Brian Murphy.

Laura always had a smile on her face and a sparkle in her eye. She will be remembered for her kindness, her sharp wit and her infectious laughter. She loved cooking, skiing, and water sports. She and Colby spent many happy summer days at the Dublin Lake Club.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her memory to the Merrimack Community Hospice House. The family would like to thank the outstanding staff and volunteers there that took such good care of her during this difficult time. There are no calling hours, and a celebration of life for the family will be scheduled at a later date.

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George F. Howatt, Jr.

AMHERST – George Frederick “Bud” Howatt, Jr., age 97, of Amherst, New Hampshire, died peacefully on March 10, 2021 at High Pointe House, Haverhill, MA. George was born in Winthrop, MA in 1924, son of George F. Howatt and Dorothy (Spinney) Howatt. He spent his childhood in Winthrop before moving to Natick. He graduated from Newton Trade School in 1942 and Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s School of Industrial Management.

George enlisted in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a pilot with the 389th Squadron, 312th Bombardment Group in the Philippines. At the end of the war he was stationed in Japan for nine months before discharge.

Following the war, George became V.P. of National Lace Paper Company, Vice President and Plant Manager of New England Envelope Mfg. Co. and later owner and President of Orion Machine Co. He held several patents on machinery used in the envelope industry. In 1960 George moved with his family to Holden, MA where he lived for 42 years before moving to Paxton in 2002. He moved to Worcester briefly before moving to Swampscott in 2014 and to New Hampshire in 2018. George was an avid golfer and an accomplished ship modeler. He served briefly as Chairman on the Holden Industrial Committee and also the Paxton Council on Aging.

He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Louise (Hagman) Howatt; a sister, Elizabeth Russell; and brothers, Richard Howatt and Robert Howatt.

Family members include his children, Nancy H. Wilson of Amherst, NH, with whom he made his home, Carol D. Costello of Marblehead, and William D. Howatt and his wife, Laurel of Rutland, MA; six grandchildren, Craig Wilson and his wife Moray, Alexander Wilson and his wife Johanna, Kevin Costello and his wife Caitlin, Kristen Black and her husband Stephen, Jason Stoyanoff and his wife Dianna, Lindsay Brown and her wife Melanie Maness and nine great-grandchildren.

At his request there will be no calling hours or memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH.

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David Lyle Bellamy

MONT VERNON – David Lyle Bellamy, 52, longtime resident of Mont Vernon, NH, died from a heart attack on March 26, 2021 at Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH.

He was born in Worcester, MA on February 17, 1969, moving to Mont Vernon, NH in grade school. He was raised and educated in Mont Vernon and Milford graduating from Milford Area Senior High School, Class of 1988.

Dave had been employed by the Milford and Amherst School Districts for many years. He was a volunteer firefighter for 33 years, starting in Mont Vernon at the age of 18 and serving Milford department when he lived there for a time. He was a regular patron at local cafes where he would stop in for coffee and conversation with anyone and everyone. Dave was always available to lend a helping hand, have a cuppa coffee, and listen to anyone who wanted to talk. He was a loving son, father, brother, and uncle. He loved his sons, Lyle and Nathan and considered them his main source of inspiration. He was proud of the men they have become and looked forward to seeing them take their next steps through adulthood.

Family members include his parents, Jacqueline and Fred Salisbury of Milford, NH; two sons, Lyle Bellamy and Nathan Bellamy, both of Mont Vernon; his twin brother, Ralph Bellamy and his wife, Luchi and family of FL; brother, James Bellamy and family of Milford, NH; a sister and brother-in-law, Marlene Nielsen and Thomas of CA; brother, Ken Salisbury, and family of Milford NH, brother Keith Salisbury and his wife Maria and family of Milford, NH; sister Emily Bellamy and Jason Biddix and family of NC; sister Carmen LaPlante and her husband Gary and family of Mont Vernon NH; sister, Debra Scripter and family of TN; brother, Scott Salisbury and his wife, Melissa, and family, of Milford, NH, and Matthew Salisbury and Renee Renda of Milford, NH.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Mont Vernon Fire Department.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. For more information, please go to the Mont Vernon Fire Department Facebook page. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com
SAU #39: Amy Facey Appointed as Business Administrator

AMHERST & MONT VERNON – Amy Facey, former Souhegan Cooperative School Board member, is appointed by unanimous vote to the role of business administrator. She will officially begin on July 1, 2021, but will start transitioning into the role before that date.

Superintendent of Schools, Adam Steel, appointed Ms. Facey at the SAU #39 Board Meeting on March 18, 2021. The SAU #39 Board unanimously elected her for a three-year term with a starting salary of $117,000.

Facey resigned from her seat on the Souhegan Cooperative School Board, effective March 17, 2021. She was elected to the school board for a second term in March 2020. During her time as a school board member, she served in several roles, including the Policy Committee, Joint Facilities Advisory Committee, and as Chairperson to the SAU 39 Board.

Adam Steel, superintendent of schools for SAU #39:
“Amy brings unique experience from both the non profit and business worlds. As a former board member, she knows exactly what our schools are capable of and what it will take to get us there. As a trusted member of our board, she already has established rapport and credibility with our community and our staff that will allow her to make an immediate impact.”

Amy Facey to the SAU 39 Board on her appointment:
“...I’m so excited to serve in this role and to continue to work with [the board]. I do want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with all of you, as board members. I have learned from each and every one of you, and I look forward to continuing to serve our school community.”

Stephen O’Keefe, SAU 39 Board Chairperson:
“I am happy to join my fellow board members in welcoming Mrs. Amy Facey to our SAU #39 administrative team. Amy has been a pillar of our school community for the past ten years and has demonstrated a deep understanding of our commitment to our students. Amy’s successfully private sector experience, board membership and community engagement made her a natural fit for our district and will serve her well in her new role as our Business Administrator. We look forward to many years of partnership as we serve the school communities of Amherst and Mont Vernon.”

Spirituality Finds a Place in the New ‘Schoolhouse’

AMHERST – For many children, education is now presented and received at dining room tables, in kitchens, basements, and bedrooms: the new “schoolhouse.”

But when school buildings shuttered their doors in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, many Jehovah’s Witness families turned the challenges of remote learning into an opportunity to expand their children’s education through spiritual activities.

For many parents accustomed to sending their children off to a school each morning, taking a more active role in their child’s education has been one of the most difficult challenges of this “new normal.” Other parents have acknowledged the difficulties that stay-at-home orders have created. Jennifer Antil from Amherst, New Hampshire faced these challenges by incorporating spiritual topics into the education of their three daughters, ages 13, 15, and 18. They made a virtual visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a Bible tour and started research projects on historical figures in the Bible like Queen Esther.

Some families have found that the best education happens beyond the walls of their “schoolhouse”—with what educators call authentic or project-based learning. This learn-by-doing approach “requires developing skills in critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and various forms of communication,” according to PBLWorks, a nonprofit organization focused on project-based learning.

More information on how families can succeed at distance learning and on the activities of Jehovah’s Witnesses is available at jw.org.
Rosters Announced for 2021 CHaD All-Star Football Game

**CHaD**
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT DARTMOUTH

**All-Stars suiting up July 17 at St. Anselm College**

LEBANON, NH – The rosters are now confirmed for the 2021 CHaD NH East-West High School All-Star Football Game presented by Bedford & Nashua Ambulatory Surgical Centers. Over eighty of New Hampshire’s best football players have been chosen to play one more game that will raise money for Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD). These soon-to-be high school graduates will meet up at St. Anselm College’s Grappone Stadium July 17 at 1 p.m. for the epic east vs. west showdown.

Team West, which leads the series 5-3, will be led by Souhegan head coach Robin Bowkett. His roster features players from 18 schools, the largest contingent of six coming from Goffstown. Five players (Will Boyle, Austin Jain, Riley Lawhorn, Luke Manning and Michael Maroun) represent Division II champion Souhegan and four players from Hollis-Brookline and Bedford were also selected for the game.

The teams will learn about the game, how it benefits patients and families, and how they can support the cause with fundraising of their own. They will also get to sit down with their coaches in the virtual setting to discuss additional on-field details.

Players are not required to fundraise in order to play in the game but they have generated over $535,000 since the game began. Last year’s teams raised $46,000 despite the pandemic, highlighted by Milford High School’s Colton Burrows.

**Tuition Update**

University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, Keene State College and Granite State College Announce Third Consecutive Tuition Freeze for In-State Students

CONCORD, NH – Recognizing the financial challenges faced by many Granite State families due to the pandemic, the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) will freeze tuition for in-state students for the 2021-2022 academic year. This is the third straight year USNH has kept tuition the same for New Hampshire residents.

“Ensuring that public higher education is accessible and affordable for students is a top priority for our institutions as we continue working to serve New Hampshire and to make our colleges and universities the first choice for New Hampshire students,” said Cathy Provencher, USNH Vice Chancellor. “This has been an incredibly challenging year in so many ways, and we continue to work to lessen the financial burden on our students and their families, many of whom have suffered job losses, business closures and other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Provencher noted that the ability to freeze in-state tuition for a third year was made possible due to the support of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, our Governor and state legislators. “In the face of financial losses and unanticipated COVID-related expenses for the University System of New Hampshire, this tuition freeze would likely not have happened without their support,” added Provencher.

USNH institutions have also committed to providing significant increases in financial aid to students, reducing the overall cost of attendance. Since fall 2016, aid to USNH students has increased from $119M to $161M per year. Granite State College, USNH’s adult serving college with courses primarily delivered online, is recognized as the most affordable bachelor’s degree in New Hampshire.

The University of New Hampshire campuses in Durham and Manchester, Plymouth State University, and Keene State College continue to offer the groundbreaking financial aid program, Granite Guarantee, which makes college affordable for more than 2000 Granite States by covering the full cost of in-state tuition for all who qualify. First year through senior year students, along with Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) graduates who transfer to USNH institutions, benefit from the Granite Guarantee. For more information about the Granite Guarantee, please visit: www.usnh.edu/our-institutions/granite-guarantee.

For more information about USNH, please visit: www.usnh.edu/ours.

The University System of New Hampshire (USNH) enrolls 32,000 students and consists of four public institutions: Granite State College, Keene State College, Plymouth State University and the University of New Hampshire. USNH strives to ensure the availability of appropriate and accessible higher educational opportunities throughout New Hampshire and addresses critical state workforce needs. A 29-member Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the University System.
minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0, To be inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, students include:

Local Assumption Students Inducted to the Academy.

Emma Upton of Amherst, N.H., was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the fall semester. She is majoring in sociology and minoring in Spanish at Bates.

Lillian Sullivan is a member of the Class of 2021 and is majoring in sociology and minoring in anthropology and Asian studies at Bates.

Isabel Blume of Amherst, is a graduate of Souhegan High School. She is majoring in sociology and minoring in anthropology and Asian studies at Bates.

Local Students Named to Dean's List at University of New Hampshire

Hofstra University Congratulates Fall 2020 Graduates

Hampstead, NH -- More than 700 Hofstra University students earned their undergraduate, graduate, or law degrees in December 2020. Benjamin Gottwald of Amherst, NH earned a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Mont Vernon Resident Earns First Academic Honors from Clark Univ.

Worcester, Mass. - Emerson S. Addams of Mont Vernon, NH, was named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2020 semester. To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, or a maximum of 4.3 (all A+). Students in the News Students in the News

Mia Chen 2023
Lillian Handwerk 2024
Ashley Hardner 2023
Taylor Hardner 2023
Nathaniel Pagliocco 2021
Hailey Ramundo 2023
Benjamin Roy 2023
Courtney Wold 2024

HIGHEST HONORS

Daniel Damiano 2023
Michael Grunbeck 2024
Andrew Wold 2021

HIGH HONORS

Anya Merriman 2023

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To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

Emerson College Announces Dean's List Honorees for Fall 2020 Semester

BOSTON, MA - The following students have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Olivia Cashman of Amherst, Major - Media Arts Production. Class of 2022.

Local Students Named to Dean's List at MCPHS University

Boston, MA - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) University is pleased to announce the students who have been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for their academic achievements during the Fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, or a maximum of 4.3 (all A+). Students in the News Students in the News

Lauren Trepiany is a native of Amherst, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Lauren will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2022.

Tessaleigh Leroy is a native of Amherst, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Tessaleigh will graduate from the Manchester, New Hampshire campus in 2022.

Katherine Visich is a native of Amherst, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Katherine will graduate from the Manchester, New Hampshire campus in 2021.

Juliana Torres is a native of Amherst, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacology and Toxicology. Juliana will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2024.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

Local Residents Named to Simmons University Dean's List

BOSTON, MA - The following local residents were named to the 2020 fall semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

Ariana Infanti, Amherst
Hailey Yabroudy, Amherst
Abijal Powers, Amherst
Hailey Hull, Amherst
Rowen Bentley-Melle, Amherst
Kristin Meader, Mont Vernon
Andreasia Brown, Mont Vernon

S U B S C R I B E

AMHERST, NH’S DIGITAL NEWSROOM
The Currier Museum of Art Has Reopened to the Public

New Classrooms Signal a Fresh Start for Programs

MANCHESTER - The Currier Museum of Art reopened to the public on Thursday, April 1st. At the same time, it will unveil newly renovated and expanded classrooms. The Art for Vets Studios will host expanded veterans and community programs, made possible by CARES funds administered through the state and Swim With a Mission.

“We are thrilled to be reopening. The museum belongs to the community as a place of discovery and learning, but also as a place to escape from a tough year,” stated Alan Chong, director of the museum. “Our new classrooms and exhibitions will launch us into the future.”

Art for Vets at the Curier offers opportunities for veterans, active service members, and their families to come together and enjoy the benefits of the creative experience. The new classrooms in the museum will foster social connections through looking, art-making, and guided conversations. More information is available here.

A new exhibition will also open on April 1. The Body in Art: From the Spiritual to the Sensual will explore the creative ways artists through the ages have used the human body as a means of expression. These meanings included religion, passion, joy, and a sense of our own mortality. The past year has reminded us that we are all fragile but share a great deal in common.

The Currier Museum celebrates the art of Tomie dePaola, the great book illustrator who died a year ago this month. The museum formed a close bond with Tomie when his work was exhibited in 2018, and this new exhibition of original drawings launches a fund set up in his honor to support art education for young people.

Also on view is Critical Cartography: Larissa Fassler in Manchester. The Currier’s artist-in-residence used large-scale maps to capture the strange and sometimes humorous interactions in downtown Manchester.

Creatively Coping With Covid-19

MILFORD – This past year has been as difficult as any that most of us can remember. But for those in our community operating small businesses, life has been particularly challenging. Surviving has required self-sacrifice, ingenuity, cost cutting and finding new ways to adapt to changing conditions. Such has been the case at Creative Ventures Gallery on Nashua Street in Milford. Before the pandemic, class attendance was at or near capacity. New exhibitions attracted patrons and guests. First Friday Art Talks were well attended, and then all that just went away, virtually overnight. Hosting of Milford’s Tuesday Morning Coffee and Critique group was placed on hold. And like the flip of a switch Plan B was born.

“Our mission,” according to Betsy Craumer, owner/operator of Creative Ventures, “includes supporting both our local professional artists and art students. The pandemic has made this objective more challenging, so we have made efforts to adapt to this new reality.”

During the early days of the pandemic, classes became smaller virtually overnight as students hunkered down and stayed home, giving birth to zoom classes and one-on-one online critiques.

Those who continued to attend in-person classes wore masks and maintained social distancing. This practice will continue until state regulations allow a return to normal. Before the pandemic, the main viewing area in the gallery building was dedicated to showing the work of those speakers who presented during First Friday events. The shutting of that recurring event provided an opportunity to refocus the venue to feature the work of many of the area’s favorite artists, all of whom have been affected in one way or another by the closure or postponement of art shows and other opportunities to sell their art. Artists whose work is on display at the Gallery include but are not limited to William Cheever Turner, Phil Bean, Joan Tierney, Chris Reid, Betty Glass and Howard Muscott.

To paraphrase a well-worn sentiment, change is life’s only certainty. That truism has been driven home to all businesses large and small during this past year. One’s ability and willingness to adapt to changing circumstances has been the hallmark of all businesses coping with Covid-19.
Mont Vernon

Daland Memorial Library

Spring Storytime

As the weather gets warmer, be on the lookout for outdoor storytime with Miss JoAnn in the backyard of the library. We will hope to meet in late April for stories and a craft. Until then, enjoy Pop Up Storytime on the library Facebook page.

Adult Craft Night-

Sign up to learn the art of terrariums on Saturday, April 17th at 12:00pm in the backyard of the library (weather permitting). We’ve been inspired by the book “Terrarium Craft” by Amy Bryant Aiello and will provide the container, tools, planting materials, embellishments, and instructions for a complete terrarium. Call 673-7888 or email dalandlibrary@comcast.net to reserve a spot. Limit 10 participants. $25 material fee.

Spring Poetry Night-

Spring is in the air! Join facilitator Mary Katherine McNamara on Thursday, April 22nd for an evening of poetry to celebrate National Poetry month. Bring a poem about spring to share with the group. Call, email, or visit the library Facebook page to sign up. Meeting will be held on Zoom.

Book Clubs

The Daland Memorial Library offers three Adult Book Clubs. There is no attendance requirement for either group – attend meetings that are of interest. Books are available to borrow at the library. New members always welcome! If you have any questions about book clubs, please call the library at 673-7888.

Morning Book Discussion Group – Meets the 1st Monday each month at 10:00AM by ZOOM. The group reads a mix of contemporary fiction and non-fiction titles. 2020 titles listed below.

- Monday, April 5th: “Half of a Yellow Sun” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Just the Classics Book Club – Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM by ZOOM. This group is focused on reading classic titles selected by group members. 2020 titles listed below.

- Thursday, April 15th: “The Three Musketeers” by Alexandre Dumas

Black Books Matter- Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM by Zoom. This is a newly formed book club that will focus on books by black authors. 2020 titles listed below.

- Thursday, April 8th: “Tar Baby” Toni Morrison

Tiny Town Library Podcast

The staff of the Daland Memorial Library host a monthly podcast called Tiny Town Library that can be found on iTunes, Spotify and the library website https://dalandlibrary.com/category/podcast/. Tune in to catch up on Mont Vernon news, book recommendations, and happenings at the library.

Sign Up for the Mont Vernon Monthly Flyer

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Stones needed for War Memorial beautification

The Patriotic Purposes Committee will start the next phases of the War Memorial beautification project in early May. We are in need of volunteer labor and donations of stones. A list is available at the library or on our Facebook page. If you are able to help, please contact the library at 673-7888.

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