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Amherst School Board Welcomes Staff, Teachers & Students

To the editor:

Welcome Back

By the time you are reading this, students will be back to school, having completed their first few days! It was a busy and sometimes chaotic summer but thanks to the hard work of our building administrators, faculty team, and volunteers, all our buildings are ready to welcome back students on August 31st. The Re-opening Task Force worked diligently on a plan for the start of our new school year this summer, developing a matrix of local data to help guide our current status level. That matrix can be found on the https://www.saun.org/SAU39 homepage. The Amherst School Board approved the task force’s plan with a few minor modifications. The first modification allows for anyone who begins school remotely through VLACS to take advantage of a designated federally funded liaison position; this liaison will help keep students connected to what is happening at their local school. The second modification will require that both students and staff wear masks when the school is in yellow status (previously it was just students too young to be vaccinated). The elementary and middle school will begin the year in yellow status with masks required for all in the building. Any student who requires a medical exemption from a mask will simply need to provide a doctor’s note.

Joint Facilities Advisory Committee Update

The Amherst School Board, after hearing recommendations from the Joint Facilities Advisory Committee (JFAC), voted to approve a design for the proposed elementary school. Notably, the school will feature a two-story building on the existing Wilkins site and maintain the existing multi-purpose room. The JFAC also made recommendations regarding a site and civil engineering firm and a construction management firm. Tighe and Bond has been selected as the site and civil engineer. DEW Construction has been selected as the construction management firm. Public forums have been scheduled and are on the SAU calendar found at SAU39.org. The first will be held on October 12 at 6:30 (moved from the initially scheduled September 23 date) in the Wilkins Elementary School MPR. We invite you to learn about the proposed project for a new elementary building, as well as the renovation project to the Amherst Middle School. Information regarding the project can be found at https://fac.saun.org. Please email PRINTBACK to https://fac.saun.org.

Volunteer Policy:

A reminder that our schools now have a new volunteer policy. Any designated volunteer (someone who plans to volunteer more than once during the school year) must complete a simple background check. The PTA, in conjunction with administration, has helped streamline the process. Simply pick up a volunteer packet at the Brick School (1 School Street), fill out the appropriate forms, bring them to the police station, complete fingerprinting, and return all forms to the Brick School with a fee of $21.25. The whole process takes no more than an hour.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

August 31st: 1st Day of School (early dismissal for middle school students)
- September 3rd: No School Labor Day
- September 6th: No School Labor Day
- September 7th, 6pm: ASB: Souhegan Learning Commons
- September 16th, 6pm: SAU: Souhegan Learning Commons
- September 30th, 6pm: JFAC: Location TBD

Sincerely,
Tom Gauthier, Chair
Elizabeth Kuzma, Vice Chair
Terri Behm
Josh Conklin
Victoria Parisi

Stop Forcing Urbanism on NH Towns!

To the editor:

It’s like death by 1,000 cuts — bills keep coming before the legislature which eat away, bit by bit, at local control, in hopes voters won’t notice. Partial bills are being “thrown at the wall to see what sticks” so Sununu and Biden can take zoning and planning decisions from towns and put them squarely in the hands of state and federal governments, as we’ve already seen with Housing Appeals Board. The HAB does not exist to protect you, the homeownar, but to enable predatory developers who don’t care where and how they clutter up your town with high-density construction.

HB 154, one of many similar bills, was passed and signed by Governor, allowing more of your tax dollars to go to developers for high-density housing. HB 132 is still in committee. If it passes, it will allow developers to more densely pack your town by reducing the required lot size to ½ acre for single-family dwellings on parcels served by town water and sewer. Please email HouseMunicipalandCountyGovt@leg.state.nh.us before committee session on 09/08/21.

How to stop creeping new urbanism?

Please contact your state representatives and tell them to say NO to the Biden/Sununu attempt to impose “New Urbanism” upon NH towns and to repeal the Housing Appeals Board (HB 288).

The HAB is tyrannical because it takes away your right to vote at town meeting.

Jane Aitken, Founder
BedfordResidents.com

LITTLE FREE FARMSTAND

~ GROW & GIVE ~

We invite all to come and visit the Little Free Farmstand

FARMSTAND HOURS: Sundays 11:00am-1:00pm
FARMSTAND LOCATION: SHARE 1 Columbus Ave, Milford NH

Produce and fresh eggs are donated by local growers. Anyone (regardless of need) can choose items from the ‘Little Free Farmstand. Anything not chosen will go to the SHARE food pantry for their clients to select from during the week. This is a great way to try new produce, involve kids in choosing healthy options, and foster a greater sense of community beyond your immediate neighbors.

To volunteer, or find out more about the ‘Little Free Farmstand, please visit our website: https://www.amherst.org/farmstand
LIBRARY

Preschool Storytimes Begin After Labor Day!

AMHERST – Family Storytime will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00am from September 7 & 8 to December 14 & 15. For preschoolers ages 3 to 5, younger and older siblings are welcome.

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RECREATION

Register Now for Exciting Programs for Kids & Adults

AMHERST – Happy first week of school to all the kids and teachers in town! Don’t forget to register soon for after-school activities that are starting up soon. Lots of adult programs are available too.

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TAXES

Amherst Property Revaluations Are Now Complete, in the Mail

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HISTORIC AMHERST

19th C. Coopers’ House on Hollis Road, Researching Old Houses

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LIBRARY HAS REOPENED WHILE CONTINUING COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

SEPTEMBER:
Preschool Times Begin After Labor Day

**Family Storytime** will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00am from September 7 & 8 to December 14 & 15. For preschoolers ages 2 to 5, younger and older siblings are welcome. Caregivers must be present for any siblings younger than 3 yrs. No registration is required.

**Little Listeners LapSilt Time** is offered on Thursday and Friday mornings at 10:30am from September 9 & 10 to December 16 & 17. For children age newborn to 3 years. No registration is required.

*(There will be no storyline on November 25 & 26)* For complete storyline details, please visit our storyline page.

**MISS SARAH'S RECORDING RELEASE/RETIREMENT PARTY**
Thursday, September 23 from 3:30-4:30pm - Did you know that our Miss Sarah is a talented musician who has just released her first recording of music for children? Did you know that Miss Sarah is retiring from her long and rewarding career as a children's librarian? Of course the leaving is bittersweet, as she has come to know and love so many Amherst families. So, come join us for a final fun program: Miss Sarah and her friend Jim Prendergast will perform some of the songs from “Angel on My Shoulder: sweet songs for little listeners”, and we’ll say our fond farewells. She hopes to see as many of you as possible! The event is planned as an outdoor program—if the weather doesn’t cooperate, we’ll be moving indoors to the Main Floor of the library.

**DROP-IN S.T.E.M. FRIDAYS:**
Build It Friday, September 17 from 3:00 to 4:30.
 iPads and apps are great, but sometimes, children just need to build something with their own hands! Come on down to the Children’s Room, and let your child explore our collection of building materials. We have plastic tubes, marble racers, blocks, magnatiles, mobiles, lots of Legos, and more! Let’s see what we can build!
For kids ages 4 and up. No registration required.

More Library Programs at: www.amherstcitizen.com/library.html

SEPTEMBER 2021
Recreation

Amherst Parks & Recreation

Programs & Memberships

Active Seniors
- Adult Co-Ed Softball Pick Up League
- Black Bear & Bobcat Presentation by NH Fish & Game
- Forest Bathing-Meditation in Nature
- Stearns-Davis Community Garden
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- Trip to Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway
- Weekly Walks in the Woods
- Yoga for Adults and Teens

Babooic Lake Happenings
- Babooic Lake Town Beach-Information, Beach/Boat Passes, and Boat Storage 2021

Activities for All Ages
- Babooic Lake Town Beach-Information, Beach/Boat Passes, and Boat Storage 2021
- Full Moon Hikes at PMEC
- Stearns-Davis Community Garden

Pre-School Programs
- "I Love Nature!" Series for ages 3-6
- Nature Games - Let's Play!!

Outdoor/Environmental Ed @ PMEC
- "I Love Nature!" Series for ages 3-6
- Homeschool Science Classes
- School Education at PMEC

Trips
- Trip to Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway

Youth Seasonal Sports
- Baseball, Fall
- Learn to Row
- Soccer
- Softball, Fall
- Tennis Lessons for Youth

Adult Classes
- Amherst Makerspace Memberships
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PRESS RELEASE

September 1, 2021

AMHERST REVALUATION UPDATE

The Town of Amherst’s town-wide revaluation of property is now in the preliminary notification and hearing phase. Vision Government Solutions mailed the notices of preliminary valuation via USPS to Amherst property owners on August 16, 2021. If you have not received a notice in the mail, please contact the Amherst Assessing Office at 603-673-6041 Ext. 202. Valuation information is also available on the Town of Amherst website at www.amherstnh.gov/assessing.

The 2020 tax rate of $28.48 should NOT be applied to the new valuation as the result will be inaccurate. The new tax rate for December 2021 will be finalized at the end of October and it will be lower than the 2020 tax rate because of the increase in the overall Town property values due to this revaluation. Preliminary values indicate Amherst's valuation as a whole, increased approximately 33%. It is important to note assessed valuations prior to this revaluation were based on a 2016 market value when the last revaluation was performed resulting in a five year market adjustment in property valuations.

2021 valuations are scheduled to be finalized the end of September. Once the tax rate is issued by the NH Department of Revenue, the tax bill due in December 2021 will be issued with the final 2021 valuations and the final 2021 tax rate included. The statutory period for filing an abatement with the Town starts on the date the final tax bill is mailed (generally early November) and ends on March 1, 2022.

New Hampshire Senate

Senate Bill Signed Into Law Helps Small Businesses Keep More of Their Earnings with BPT Change

CONCORD, NH – SB 101 has been signed into law – it increases the minimum income required to file a Business Profits Tax (BPT) return which will allow New Hampshire small businesses to keep more of the money they earn. One of the bill’s sponsors, Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro), issued the following statement today:

“This is a clear boost for New Hampshire small businesses, especially at a time when so many are still struggling due to the pandemic. Going forward, the threshold for paying the BPT will be $92,000 in gross income, instead of the current $50,000. This change will also remove the administrative expense associated with filing the BPT for a small amount. We want our small Main Street business owners to keep more of their hard-earned money because they are the heart and soul of our communities and the backbone of our economy.”

“SB101 makes so much sense, especially when it is paired with a reduction in the overall BPT rate that Republicans championed in the new state budget. Over the next two years, the rate will fall from 7.7% to 7.5%. Time after time it’s been shown that cutting taxes helps spur economic growth by creating jobs and attracting employers to the state.”
Researching Old Houses

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

As part of a longer-term project of researching the histories of old houses in Amherst to determine a plausible “year built” – based on actual documentary evidence – I recently turned my attention to the SW corner of Amherst. This section didn’t become part of Amherst until 1770, ten years after our town’s incorporation, when the town of Monson was un-incorporated and dismembered; that’s when the southern corner boundary with Hollis was established. The western corner boundary with Milford was established even later, in 1794, when the Southwest Parish was split off from Amherst to become its own town.

Generally when researching an old house, the 1855 map is a good starting point. I figured, why not start with the last house on the Hollis road before the town line, which is a house labeled “R. B. Wallace”? It had gotten back as far as 1839 and simultaneously was working forward in the deed chain, when I discovered that this house no longer exists. Howard Locke, who assigned it Town 2 in his numbering scheme, wrote, “small house, 3 or 4 rooms, torn down about 1895.” Dang. Now I’m not even certain which current lot and street number to ascribe to it – but I can assert that the long-gone house under scrutiny in this article stood next south of the mustard-yellow cape at 168 Hollis Road, home to Roswitha’s dots per its sign. Well, for those of us interested in the town’s broader history and the development of neighborhoods, this house history can form a useful piece of the puzzle.

Neighborhood of Hollis Road: Home to Tavern, RR Station, Poor House

In the mid-18th to early-19th century, the character of this neighborhood was distinguished by a tavern-inn and from the mid-19th century into the early 20th century by the railroad station. There was a tavern as early as 1758 on the original farm to which the present 107 Ponomah Road lot belonged (that’s before Hildreth and Smith in Amherst Village; concurrent with Robert Read one mile south of Common at 232 Boston Post Road). The last 12 years (1758 to 1770) of Monson’s town meetings were held in this tavern of Achelous: Towne (1734-1779; married 1757); his house was still a tavern after this area was annexed to Amherst (licensed by new county court in 1771). In 1785, David Danforth (1752-1827) of Chelsea, Mass., bought the farm (deed 15:116) and became innholder/tavernkeeper. He built the present house at 107 Ponomah Road (“P. Danforth” on 1858 map; now condos) “about 1795” (according to town historian Secomb, p. 556) – and this area was named Danforth’s Corner after him. Even after Danforth sold, it remained a tavern until about 1810.

The train depot (near SE corner of present intersection of Routes 101A & 122), on the Wilton RR line, which opened in 1848 and was the town’s only station till the end of the 19th-century, made it easy for summer visitors from the Boston area to come to Amherst to rusticate in farm boarding houses around town and at Baboosic Lake resort. Initially it was called Danforth’s Corner station; renamed Amherst station in 1866 (to make it easier for tourists to realize they had reached their destination); and finally renamed again in Nov. 1900 so that the new station at the SE edge of Amherst Village on the new B&M RR line could take the town’s name, the old station subsequently being called Ponomah after the fancy hotel (built 1884) of that name in Milford just across the town line, again a nod to the desired tourists. The last station master, Harry E. Heath (1870-1948), who ran the depot and its telegraph service from 1898 till its closure in the mid-1920s, contributed a new architectural style to the neighborhood in 1904 when he built the Prairie style bungalow at 108 Ponomah Road (now a real estate office).

This neighborhood was also close to two poor farms in the mid-19th century, although I’m not sure how or if that colored life here at all. Amherst’s Poor Farm (“Town Farm” on 1858 map, south of river), opened in 1833 to support paupers by housing, feeding, and clothing them, on site, from its proceeds, and was located at an earlier-established farm on Souhegan River (near current country club); the two-story house now standing at 76 Ponomah Road was built by the Town in 1844 as a replacement for the ains house that had burned in 1892 and was sold to private ownership in 1896. Milford’s Town or Poor Farm was also nearby.

Of course, this area was primarily inhabited by farmers. One of the earlier farms was established by David Duncklee (Sr., 1746-1826) in 1773, the farm straddling the Hollis and Milford town lines, and his farmhouse standing at 23 Ponomah Hill Road (“W. Hayden” on 1858 map), which would be home to six generations of his family until 1936. In this little section along Hollis and Ponomah Roads, quite a few of the other farmers were much inclined to switch houses, complicating deed research for any particular house, not to mention the ever-changing configuration of their farmsteads.

Blacksmiths and Coopers

The neighborhood was also home to a certain kind of mechanic (that’s the 19th century term!), namely a succession of blacksmiths and cooperers. David Danforth, the innkeeper who arrived here in 1785, was a blacksmith as well. His son, Jesse Danforth (1776-1826) was also a blacksmith; from 1800-1805 Jesse owned & occupied 117 Ponomah Road house (on 1858 map labeled “H. A. Clark” for the owner who happened to be the first RR station agent). That same house from Dec. 1814 to Oct 1815 was home to a cooper named Daniel Peacock (1776-1836) who moved there from Milford. The next owners, 1815-1817, were blacksmiths, Jesse Hardy & Samuel Dakin, who removed to Bedford. Another early cooper in this neighborhood was Timothy Wheeler Jr. (1774-1853), who bought the house at 168 Hollis Road with 25a in Dec. 1809 (deed 84:495), although how long he carried on that trade is unknown; he became a farmer, living there until he died. A later owner of that cape, selling in 1856, reserved “the shop” with the intention of moving it (probably to the property next north).
Owners of The Coopers' House on Hollis Road (Built Before 1839)

Following is the succession of owners of the now-gone house on the east side of Hollis Road, near the Hollis line, labeled "R. B. Wallace" on 1858 map and "Mrs. Matthews Est." (for Estate) on 1892 map. Notice how unusually small the lot size was — a mere two acres, thus best suited for a mechanic, especially one with his own shop.

Unknown date before 1839: Samuel Ober (1810-1888; m 1834 of Amherst, yeoman/ farmer, owned this land and house. (From Jan. 1854 to April 1855, this Ober owned the cape at 169 Hollis Road on 3 acres, plus another 27 acres plus 50 acres on the other side of the road (deeds 285:335 and 294:237). By 1857 (as shown on 1858 map), "S. Ober" owned a house on the opposite side of the road, a little further north, although he was not taxed as a resident in 1857 and 1858; a resident again by the April 1859 tax invoice, taxed on 215 acres in Amherst.)

1839 Feb (to take possession 1 April): Curtis Duncklee (1807-1857) of Milford, cooper, whose wife was Rebekah nee Duncklee (married c. 1825), bought 2 acres "with a dwelling house thereon" on easterly side of road that leads from Amherst to Hollis for $300 (deed 199:445). (Curtis was a grandson of the Duncklee who established 23 Ponemah Road Hill farm, and a nephew of Ebenezer Duncklee, the second generation to own & occupy that house & farm. Curtis & family would move to New York state, where he was a farmer, and subsequently to Iowa, where he died.)

1840 June: Asaph Spalding (1782-1873) of Hollis, yeoman who also was a cooper, whose wife was Abiah Howard or Bowers of Dracut (m. 1807; d. 1864), bought 2a "with buildings" on easterly side of road leading from Amherst to Hollis for $300 (deed 205:563). (Asaph returned to or remained in Hollis but later, from Jan. 1848 to Nov. 1849, calling himself "gentleman" in the deeds, he briefly owned & occupied another house in this neighborhood, the former tavern at 107 Ponemah Road, before moving to a farm in Peterborough.)

1841 June: Ebenezer Duncklee (1789-1867), yeoman/ farmer who had returned from Vermont to Amherst in 1828 & bought & since occupied house at 23 Ponemah Hill Road built in 1770s by his late pa, David. In June 1841 went on a real estate buying spree in the south part of Amherst, including 2a "with house" on easterly side of road from Amherst to Hollis (deed 212:239) & 6a from Sam Ober (wife Hannah) + 10a on North Brook from John Ober (wife Priscilla) + 7a from Porter Wheeler, cooper. Yet curiously Ebenezer's taxable real estate did not increase. Ah ha, that's because his younger son, Sylvester, paid the property taxes (per annual Amherst tax invoices).

1845: Sylvester J. Duncklee (1819-1887), who had married Mary Ann Stratton in 1842, formally bought 15 acres "in south part of Amherst" "with buildings" where he already lived + 10a parcel, for $585, together with his older brother Ebenezer T. Duncklee (deed 234:231). In April 1849, ETD (w/ Abby W.) quailed his undivided half of 15-acre parcel with buildings to Sylvester for $200 (deed 255:543). An oddity of their purchase and sale deeds is that the occupation of the brothers, aged 26 and 30 at the time of purchase, was listed "yeoman" in the deeds, whereas their pa's occupation was given as expected as "yeoman." Could that, I wonder, have been intended as an ironic or satirical jest? (Sylvester moved to Hancock, N.H., where he was a farmer (1850 census); later to Michigan, where he died. Ebenezer the younger moved to Hollis.)

1849 Oct.: Enoch Farley (Jr., 1824-1886), originally of Hollis, lately of Hancock, yeoman, whose wife was Harriet E. Baker (1820-1907; married 1846), bought 15a with bldgs + 5a for $500 (deed 256:230). Farley only owned a modest amount of livestock over the years, one or two horses and one or two cows, but he kept expanding his real estate holdings and moving around. (Shortly before moving to this house, Enoch purchased the 25-acre lot adjoining on the south, which lay partly in Amherst and partly in Hollis, for $115 (deed 261:372). Around 1860 he built a house on that lot (Howard Locke's Town 1; "N. Tuttle" on 1892 map when it had become last house on Hollis road), which he rented out before selling it in 1863 with 40a for $600 (deed 348:351).

1852 March: William K. Stearns (1816/9- 1892) of Hollis, cooper, bought 2a "in southerly part of Amherst" with bldgs for $300 (deed 273:20); his wife was Lydia Woods (1833-1906; married 1851). (They returned to Hollis.)

1853 Sep.: Luke M. Blood (1831-1912) of Hollis, formerly a farmer and likely turned cooper, bought 2a for $350 (deed 288:290). His wife was Josephine E. Woods (1835-1900; married 1852 in Nashua). (They returned to Hollis.)

1860 Aug.: Mary E. Blood (married in 1860 census his occupation was cooper. Laborer, but was farmer again by 1870.)

1885 April: Thomas Searles (b. c. 1810), a farm laborer who was already a resident of Amherst, bought 2a for $325 (deed 294:243). His wife was Polly Hadlock (m. 1836 at Dunstable/Nashua Village, N.H.). (He would become a fruit peddler in Nashua, from around 1870 to at least 1885.)

1856 Oct.: Robert Burns Wallace (1810- 1867) bought 2a with bldgs for $350 (deed 303:214). His wife was Martha Ann Burrell (1834-1923). (Burns Wallace had been a clerk in 1850 in Milford, and would be a small farmer here, owning an additional 6 acres. He died in Amherst.)

1862 Dec.: Margaret S. Dial (in tax records as Mrs. Thomas Doyle; but her husband was not taxed as resident of this district, S) bought in her own right "to her own sole and separate use free from the interference or control of her husband." 2a with buildings, for $350 (deed 345:150).

1867 Apr: Mary L. Philbrick, wife of John C. Philbrick (1831-1893 of Washington, N.H.) bought 2a with bldgs for $275 (deed 366:505). (John C. Philbrick was son of Joseph & Claraena/Clarinda (Fuller) Philbrick, who had moved to 15-acre farm in this area in 1860, and thus grandson of Thaddeus M. Fuller. John would subsequently buy a farm on same road.)

1870 April: Thaddeus M. Fuller (died 1874 or 1875) bought 2a with bldgs for $375 (deed 388:21). He was the father of Claraena (1860- 1900), Mrs. Joseph Philbrick, who lived nearby on same road. Thaddeus was a cooper and made barrels in a shop beside the road to Hollis (according to Howard Locke's notes for house he designated Town 4, "S. Ober" on 1858 map, on west side of road.)

1877 Sep.: William F. Matthews of Boston bought 2a in southeasterly part of Amherst on road leading from Amherst to Hollis with bldgs for $300 from Fuller heirs including neighbor, widow Claraena Philbrick (deed 441:7). He was taxed as a nonresident in 1879 but listed among resident taxpayers until 1890.

1890c.: George E. Farley (1849-1913) paid taxes on "Matthews place" 1891-1898, the assessed valuation decreasing by half between April 1890 and April 1894 suggesting that house was destroyed 1890/1. (George, yeoman/farmer, since 1880 occupied 58-acre farm nearby on same road, with his wife Mary Elizabeth Harmon, whom he subsequently inherited from his father Enoch Farley (d. 1886).)

And that was the end of that small house on Hollis Road near the Hollis town line. And this is the end of this glimpse into one agricultural neighborhood of Amherst in the 19th century.

Katrina Holman welcomes comments to HistoricAmherstNH @ junoo.com
CIVIC GROUPS

Amherst Garden Club Welcomes Ellen Ecker Ogden, September 9th

Because food gardens are more important than ever, this presentation will be ideal for gardeners seeking to raise the best-tasting vegetables, grow the most fragrant flowers, and add structure to their kitchen garden design.

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FALL MEETING

Excellent Opportunity to Learn About AAUW and What it Does

MILFORD – AAUW’s mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy; provides scholarships for young women who are pursuing college degrees leaning toward STEM.

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FUNDRAISING

Rotary to Celebrate 53rd Annual Pancake Breakfast, September 12

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EVENTS

32nd Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival, October 8–10

MILFORD – Great Entertainment & Music, Giant Pumpkin Weigh-In, Haunted Trail, Fabulous Food, Art & Craft Vendors, Scarecrow Making, Pumpkins, Beer-Wine-Spirits Tastings and MORE!

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Amherst Garden Club Welcomes Ellen Ecker Ogden

AMHERST – On Thursday, September 9, 2021, the Amherst Garden Club will welcome back award-winning food and garden writer Ellen Ecker Ogden. Join us for her presentation, “The New Heirloom Garden,” and learn the six steps to successful kitchen design, based on classic European Potagers, and what to grow for old-fashioned charm.

Ellen is a garden artist, speaker, and cookbook author based in Manchester, Vermont. Her kitchen garden designs and articles have been featured in national magazines, including Martha Stewart Living, Country Gardens, Better Homes and Gardens, Horticulture, Organic Living, Eating Well, The New York Times, and The Boston Globe. She has also been a guest on PBS’ Victory Garden and on HGTV’s Garden Smarts as the Baroness of Basil.

Because food gardens are more important than ever, this presentation will be ideal for gardeners seeking to raise the best-tasting vegetables, grow the most fragrant flowers, and add structure to their kitchen garden design. Ellen will lure us to try something new, while digging deeper in search of heirloom varieties, those delicate fruits, fragrant flowers, and open-pollinated and heirloom vegetables, is the secret to unearthing your own favorites.

In this lecture, we will take home design ideas for the kitchen garden, featuring heirloom designs and plants from Ellen’s new book, The New Heirloom Garden. Learn why growing heirlooms matters for preserving diversity, flavor, and the legacy of seed saving.

Amherst Garden Club Monthly Garden Tip

The meeting will be in person, with masks required, for members only at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 303 Route 101 in Amherst, beginning at 9:15 AM with a break before the speaker begins at 10:30. Copies of Ellen’s books will be for sale.

Non-members are welcome to view the live stream via the AGC Facebook page. You do not need to be a Facebook member to access the live stream.

AAUW Southern NH Branch News

Fall Kick–Off Meeting – September 22, 7 PM

Held at Gatherings at the Colonel Shepard House in Milford

MILFORD – The Southern NH Branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) is planning to hold their Fall Kick-Off Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, at 7PM. The meeting will be held at Gatherings at the Colonel Shepard House at 29 Mont Vernon St in Milford, just off the Milford Oval. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the organization and what it does. All are welcome. Please note, appropriate COVID protocol will be observed.

The evening will begin with a social time, then President Pauline Landigan will introduce the new and returning board members and present an overview of the goals of AAUW including the focus of the branch. An interesting variety of programs and activities is being considered for 2021-22.

AAUW’s mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. The Southern New Hampshire Branch provides scholarships for young women who are pursuing college degrees with the intent to follow STEM careers after graduation. This year’s recipients were two young women who graduated in June from Souhegan High School. In addition, the branch hosts the Annual Candidates Night giving
Milford Rotary to Celebrate 53rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on September 12th

Many area residents will remember the big tent that would be erected every year in front of County Stores, where “The King of Pancakes” George Infantti would preside and cheerfully serve breakfast to all-comers. During his life, George held the distinction at different times of serving as a Selectman in the three towns of Amherst, Milford, and Wilton, and his spirit of civic and volunteer enthusiasm continues to serve as a reminder to members of the Milford Rotary of how this club is truly dedicated to serving the entire Souhegan Valley community. In 2016, to help commemorate the fallen heroes of 9/11, the Pancake Breakfast was temporarily housed and operated in conjunction with the generous cooperation of The Milford Fire Department at the main firehouse just off The Oval in Milford. The Breakfast remained at the Milford Fire House for 2017, and then, just in time for its 50th anniversary, the Milford Rotary Pancake Breakfast moved to the Boys and Girls Club of Souhegan Valley in 2018 in their beautiful new gymnasium, to what we hope will be our home for many years to come.

Please see any Milford Rotarian for tickets or show up at the door for a small donation and remember kids eat free!

Amherst Lions Club Announces Winner of the Red Sox Ticket Raffle & 10th Annual Car Show

Red Sox Ticket Raffle Winner
Amherst Lions Club President, Nate Jenson (left) presents raffle winner, Nancy Ferman (right) with a certificate for four outstanding field box seats for the August 21, Red Sox/Texas Rangers game plus $100 for parking and snacks. Nancy and her son and 2 friends attended the game. The Amherst Lions give a big thanks to the anonymous donor of the tickets and all the community members that purchased a chance to win. We raised over $3600 that will all go to local charities! For more information about the Amherst Lions activities or membership, contact the club at amherstlionsclub@gmail.com.

Amherst Annual Car Show
The Amherst Lions Club will be holding our 10th Annual Car show! at a new location on September 18th in the Amherst NH Lowe’s parking lot, 124 Route 101A. There is free admission for spectators (donations welcome). All proceeds go to local charities. We will award category trophies and “people’s choice”, so come and vote for your favorite antique car, truck or tractor! If you have a car, truck or tractor that you would like to enter, go to our website at https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/amherstny/ for more information and how to register. Come join the fun!

Nashua Regional Planning Commission
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Held Saturday, October 2 in Nashua

WHAT — Household Hazardous Waste Collection
WHEN — Saturday October 2, 8:00AM-12:00PM
WHERE — Nashua City Park & Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua
WHO CAN ATTEND — residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham
COST — $15 user fee per vehicle, additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds
No Latex Paint, No Electronics, No Medications
For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: nashuaprc.org/3kw or call 603-417-6570.
32nd Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival
October 8 - 10, 2021

Great Entertainment & Music, Giant Pumpkin Weigh-In, Haunted Trail, Fabulous Food, Art & Craft Vendors, Scarecrow Making, Pumpkins, Beer-Wine-Spirits Tastings and MORE!
https://www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org

2021 Fall Program Openings

Naturally Minded
Tuesdays: K-1st Grade
Thursdays: 2nd-4th Grade
5 Sessions: Sep 16, 30, Oct 7, 21, 28
3:45 - 5 pm
$75 | $67 BBA members

We live in a changing and challenging world. The amount of input is increasing and the amount of personal, community and environmental connection is decreasing. Mindfulness practice can provide tools to help with the navigation of blending our inner and outer worlds in order to grow meaningful connections.

Through participation in games and activities, children will work to:

- Create class agreements to cultivate a welcoming atmosphere.
- Connect to their body and breath.
- Explore what it means to pay attention here and now.
- Discover ways to be curious about in themselves and others. What does it mean to be kind to yourself and others?
- Notice the sensations in the body, and thoughts that arise in the mind, during challenging activities.

“Have an experience of challenge that is not evaluated or judged by an outside person, and exposure to challenges that are also playful and without an end goal.”

— Amy Saltzman

Trail Running Club
Grades 4th - 6th
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:45 - 5pm
6 Weeks meets: Sep 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 Oct 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
$180 | $162 BBA members

Back by popular demand! Students in grades 4-6 can join this trail running and fitness club after school.

Certified Fitness Instructor and running coach Brooke Arthur and Assistant Education Director Beddy Kellner will meet the students, get them going on some conditioning and dynamic exercises then head out on a trail run.

The group will take a 30 minute trail run and return for cool down exercises and if time, some games. Students should be able to run a 12 minute mile. Please dress for the weather and in running shoes. Bring a filled water bottle.

Hike it All
Wednesdays 9-11am
15 Week Session Meets:
Sep 15, 22; Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov 3, 10, 17
Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
$70 BBA members ONLY

Interested in hiking all the trails at Beaver Brook?
BBA naturalist Kat Dickau will guide members in this process through hiking and recording all the trails completed. This group will stay on BBA trails and will hike about 3-4 miles each week. Participants who finish all the trails will join the ranks of the accomplished and earn a limited edition Beaver Brook Trail map bandana or buff!

Full Moon Hikes
September 18th, 7 - 9pm
October 16th 6:30 - 8:30pm
November 19th 6:30 - 8:30pm
December 18th 6 - 8pm
$15 | $13.50 BBA members

Experience the magic of Beaver Brook by moonlight. Join BBA naturalist Kat Dickau each month for a Full Moon Hike on our beautiful trails. Each hike will last about 2 hours. Dress in Layers. After the hike you will return to Maple Hill Farm for warm beverages, snacks and conversation.

SAVE THE DATES
- Old Home Days Parade September 11th, 10am
- 40th Annual Fall Festival & Nature Art Show
  September 25th - 26th, 11am-5pm

Contact Us
(603) 465-7787 | info@bbanature.org

MORE EVENTS
46th NH Highland Games & Festival

LINCOLN, NH – Come to Loon Mountain Resort and discover Scotland – no passport required. Be part of this 3-day celebration of Scottish music, food and drink, athletics, dance, heritage and more! Fun activities for all ages.

Our event will be different this year, but you will still find many of your favorite aspects of the Games: hearing the pipes play, watching Highland dance, seeing athletic feats of strength and endurance, enjoying fantastic Celtic musical acts, sheep dog trials, Try-It activities, and of course, whisky tasting! Our friends at Clan Village, many fantastic vendors and so much more will be there!

We can’t wait to see you back at the mountain!

Hillsboro County Fair
SEPTEMBER 10–12, 2021
https://www.hcafair.org

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR SEPTEMBER 17–19, 2021

IMPORTANT DETAILS

The 46th Annual NH Highland Games & Festival returns to Loon Mountain Resort on September 17-19, 2021. Our Festival will be more intimate this year, but you will find your favorite features including:

- The Joyous Sound of Pipes & Drums
- Athletic Feats of Strength & Endurance
- Fantastic Celtic Bands like Albannach
- Sheep Dog Trials
- Agile Highland Dancers
- Whisky Tastings
- Friends in Clan Village
- Vendors with Scottish Gear
- Try It Classes
- Seeing Familiar Faces & Some New Ones

This year, there will be a limit set on capacity and will include onsite parking only for all ticket holders. All attendees must purchase a ticket in advance. No tickets will be sold onsite.

We have planned this event with current COVID limitations in mind as we cannot plan for what September might bring. We will offer an event focused on outdoor activities to ensure the safest conditions for all attendees, volunteers and staff. All current federal, state and local guidelines, and Loon Mountain policies, at the time of the event will be adhered to and strictly enforced.

NEW BOSTON – We are excited to announce the Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair (HCAF) is back and scheduled this year for September 10-12, 2021, at the 4H grounds on Route 13 (17 Hilldale Lane), New Boston, NH HCAF is a family affair where 4H and agriculture is the focus. There are 4H animal shows, 4H multi livestock auction, exhibit halls displaying handicrafts, photography, 4H accomplishments, flowers, produce, baked goods, jams, King Arthur flour contest, truck and tractor pulls, draft horse/oxen pulls, live music, Northeast Mounted Shooters, laser tag, special demos/shows, horseshoes, and the midway offering games and rides for everyone.

Join us in the Amherst Village; on Saturday October 2, 2021

for the third annual Opportunity Network’s The Ability 5k and One-mile Fun Run! This event is a community run/walk to support and raise awareness for adults living with disabilities in our community. At Opportunity Networks, a major focus of our day program is to assist our participants with their overall health and well-being. Research shows that adults with developmental disabilities are at a greater risk of cardiovascular problems than the general population.

You can register online at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60f0f4e4fcejt6oas
*Registration day of the event will be available

To Sign Up, to be a Sponsor or Volunteer at the event please visit us at: https://opportunitynetworks.org
Or Contact Vicki Hammond at Opportunity Networks: (603) 885-4407 vhammond@opportunitynetworks.org

Sign Up for E-Newsletter
Coming Week of Sept. 21st

Amherst Citizen’s "e-newsletter"
SCHOOLS

Tom Lecklider Hired as Principal of Mont Vernon Village School

MONT VERNON – He has been hired with a two-year contract that will automatically be extended by an additional two years after a positive performance review in the spring of 2022.

SCHOOLS

Register Now for Exciting Programs for Kids & Adults

AMHERST – Happy first week of school to all the kids and teachers in town! Don’t forget to register soon for afterschool activities that are starting up soon. Lots of adult programs are available too.

SPORTS

Souhegan Sabers Boys Soccer Team Split First Four Games

AMHERST – Next up on Friday the Sabers are home to Bow at 4:30PM. Please come out and support 1st and 2nd teams as the kickoff will be simultaneous! What a great Friday afternoon to wrap up your week!

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Read About Our Local Students at Colleges and Universities

AMHERST – Twenty-one students hailing from Amherst and Mont Vernon are successfully pursuing their academic advancement at eleven institutions of higher learning. Stay tuned for more to come this school year!
SAU #39: Thomas Lecklider Hired as Principal of Mont Vernon Village School

MONT VERNON, NH – August 5, 2021 – Superintendent of Schools Adam Steel and Mont Vernon School Board chair Sarah Lawrence are pleased to announce the hiring of Thomas Lecklider to the position of Principal of the Mont Vernon Village School. He has been hired with a two-year contract that will automatically be extended by an additional two years after a positive performance review in the spring of 2022. His starting salary is $120,000.

Mr. Lecklider has been the principal of Litchfield Middle School for the past 16 years and brings over 20 years of administrative experience to Mont Vernon.

Superintendent Adam Steel: “Tom is a highly experienced instructional leader. Mont Vernon is a special community deserving of a special leader, especially after turnover the past few years. As a former colleague of Tom’s and someone who has stayed in touch over the past 20 years, I am confident Tom is exactly what the Mont Vernon community wants in a leader and what the school needs in a principal.”

Thomas Lecklider: “I am humbled and honored to be the new principal of Mont Vernon Village School. Throughout the entire interview process, it was the student-first mindset, incredible strength of the MVVS community, and outstanding skill of the staff team that resonated with me. I look forward to building on and supporting the team and continuing a strong partnership with the Mont Vernon community to keep moving MVVS forward as an outstanding learning community. There is a strong and unique sense of unwavering pride and spirit in the town of Mont Vernon and the Mont Vernon Village School that is exciting to be part of. I will deeply miss the community of Litchfield and Litchfield Middle School after 21+ years in the Litchfield School District. It has been an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to serve the families and students of this community. During my time with the District, I have built incredibly strong relationships with staff, community members, and families. It is these bonds that I will miss most.”

School Board Chair Sarah Lawrence: “Tom’s passion for education lights up the room. His proven success as a Principal and leader in his previous districts is impressive and exactly what we were looking for at MVVS. I’m looking forward to our school and community welcoming Tom and am excited to see his energy and expertise further our mission to engage, challenge and support all learners.”

Teacher Zak Blake: “The Mont Vernon Village School faculty and staff would like to welcome Mr. Lecklider to the Mont Vernon community! Understanding that Mr. Lecklider is a dedicated educator with a student-centered approach, the faculty and staff are excited for leadership that will promote collaboration and teamwork in pursuit of a common goal: to educate and support the students and families of the Mont Vernon community.”

Community member Bonnie Angelus: “Thank you for the opportunity to represent the community in the MVVS Principal selection process. Tom Lecklider stood out in his interview not only as an experienced educator, but an award winning principal with leadership skills, and a collaborative personality. I’m confident he will be a good fit for the students, staff, and community. I look forward to working with him in the near future. Welcome to Mont Vernon, Tom!”

The Founders Academy Public Charter School Awarded $600,000 in Grant Money

MANCHESTER – On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, Cassie Hayes, Dean of School at The Founders Academy Public Charter School in Manchester, NH received word from the New Hampshire Department of Education that Founders was selected to receive $600,000, the highest amount possible for an expansion grant, from the federal public charter school grant program. The Founders Academy’s grant proposal was reviewed and scored against 14 other programs in the state vying for the 7 available grants. Expansion grants provide funding for schools to enroll expansion, grade levels and educational programming.

The Founders Academy is a public charter school for students in grades 6 through 12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. Principled leadership is fostered by means of a curriculum of classical studies that includes analyzing the lives of great men and women of history, mining the rich classical ideals of the Western tradition, and tracing the evolution of the precious and costly idea of liberty.

The Founders Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more about The Founders Academy or to apply for admission, visit www.thefoundersacademy.org.
To Mask or Not to Mask

At the August 19 meeting of the SAU #39 board, the Superintendent of schools, Adam Steel presented the color coded system for reopening schools as recommended by the Task Force. The color coded system is mitigation while remaining safe. Mr. Steel explained that there is a balance that is struck between the personal freedoms that students and parents exhibit and the safety that is needed in our schools. At the opening of schools, Clark Wilkins and AMS masks were required. At Souhegan High School Masks were optional.

When the meeting was open to the public for comments, a large number of residents in attendance stood in a long line to speak for the 3 minute allowance.

First to speak was Dr. Chelsea Dixon-Donnie, a resident of Amherst and an internal medicine physician. She supported the proposed plan and said that the level of masking was at a minimum. She pointed out that the CDC recommends universal masking for staff and students regardless of vaccination status.

Parents that didn’t want their children masked argued that there is psychological harm being done to the child. Many parents pointed out that the masks are filthy and carry bacteria that parents wouldn’t want their child breathing in. Some parents applauded the school board and staff for providing a safe environment for in person learning.

Status Level System

We will continue with our use of a five-color status system for our schools. New to this year, the status level can be different for each individual school based on conditions for that particular school.

Below is a table that describes the overall system.

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Red – Campuses Closed

When conditions are severe, the entire school campus will be closed much like the spring of 2020. This status will be reserved for the most intense safety concerns for the school community or due to an executive order by the Governor or decree from DHHS.

Orange – Strict Safety Protocols

- Masks will be required indoors for all staff and students and optional at Souhegan.
- The daily COVID symptom screening questionnaire will be required for access to the in-person environment but will not be required in the PowerSchool system but will not be required to be submitted by parents each day;
- There will be no access to the buildings by visitors or guests;
- All parent meetings that can be done remotely will be done remotely;
- Several smaller protocols (such as limiting use of band instruments) will be put into place; and,
- Lunch will be in classrooms and in building travel will be limited.

Yellow – Required Safety Protocols

- Masks will be required at MWVS, C-W and AMS and optional at Souhegan;
- Lunches will rotate outdoors and in classrooms for the purpose of limiting the number of students in the lunch room;
- Designated volunteers will be allowed to access the building; and,
- Parent meetings can be done remotely or in-person with masks.

Green – Recommended Safety Protocols

- Masks will be recommended indoors, but not required; and,
- Parent meetings will be allowed to take place in school, but parent will be given the option for remote meetings.

Blue – Near Normal Operations

When conditions warrant, school conditions will return to near-normal operations with no mask recommendations or requirements, or any other COVID-related safety protocol.

One argument heard frequently accused the school of co-parenting. That they know what’s best for the student. Parents said the school was “overstepping their power and were out of bounds.”

One parent called the mask mandates for children, absurd, illogical, nonsensical and dangerous.

Another parent asked what is the penalty for a student not wearing the mask properly or not at all. Masks represent fear. Mask wearing should be the parent’s choice. Every parent should have that right.

“Give up choice.”

Near the end of public time, a speaker presented a rebuke of the survey done by the school administration and distributed throughout the community. The resident of Mont Vernon said she had identified bias in the latest survey which resulted in a misinterpretation of the vast majority of the community’s desires. In concluding that most parents (75%) support masks is misleading since only 1/6th of the community responded. She suggested that the response rate may have been low because of the ambiguity in wording of the questions. A simple question put by this speaker would be “Do you want to force children who aren’t your own to wear masks against their wishes?” She said that the conclusions of the survey were based on devious and fraudulent manipulation of biased data rather than the one data point that actually applicable. 99% want their kids to be able to develop into normally functioning adults.

The Color Coded System was approved with adjustments recommended by the Mont Vernon and Amherst School Boards.

Factors Affecting Status Level

We have established a list of factors that affect our status levels as described below:

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The factors listed are in priority order meaning the factor affecting the status level the most is the number of active cases in a school followed by vaccination availability. As of August 10, the table below displays current information and what the status level for each school would be if school

Remote Student Support – VLACS & Interventionist

Some parents might want a remote option for some or all of this school year. Through a partnership with VLACS, our students can remain in our schools, but use VLACS courses while remaining connected to us through a Federally funded interventionist position. As the Board approved this last night, we will move forward with this plan and I will update the board on the progress.

Other Factors

- All students are required by Federal regulation to wear masks on our school buses.
- There will be a “sign-off” field on paperwork reflecting acknowledgment and acceptance of the District policies and procedures.

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Souhegan HS Boys Soccer Drop Tight Match to ConVal HS 0 - 1

9/7/21 6PM kickoff Amherst, NH
Sabers v. ConVal

1 2 FT
SHS 0 0
CVHS 1 0

Goalkeepers
SHS - Ryan Locklitt 4 saves
CVHS - Zach Burgess 4 saves

2nd half Sabers showed real grit, and good football tonight. Continuing on the theme of improving passing strings of 3 or more passes, the home side found success with 27 pass strings tonight. This work is consolidating our efforts moving into the opponents half of the pitch with the ball under control. Still work to be done, but steady improvements are happening. CV nicked a ball away from the Sabers just past the half way point of the first half, and a quick counter led to an initial shot saved by Ryan Locklitt diving full stretch to his left. The rebound had a follower Nate Pimental who finished the shot in the 25th minute. The Sabers spent much more time in the CV half in the 2nd half, looking to create chances. Some wonderful quick play in midfield helped the team move deep into the CV half.

Next up on Friday the Sabers are home to Bow at 4:30PM. Please come out and support 1st and 2nd teams as the kickoff will be simultaneous! What a great Friday afternoon to wrap up your week!

Follow SHS Boys Soccer  http://twitter.com/souhegansoccer
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Pocket Schedules

Souhegan – Football

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TRAINER & CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

Dave Provins, Personal Trainer/Fitness Coach

Certifications: NSCA C.P.T., Precision Nutrition Coach, Med-Fit member

My journey as a fitness professional began almost 20 years ago. In that time, I have seen many changes and evolutions in the profession. Trends come and go, but the foundational knowledge that I learned in the beginning is the basis for bringing about physical betterment.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to work alongside some very talented and knowledgeable, skilled experts in the field. This has provided me with the training, skills and understanding to coach a wide variety of clients.

What continues to drive me to improve my skills, and increase my knowledge, is the desire to coach someone who needs assistance in breaking through the perceived barriers that are holding them back from achieving a higher level of fitness and physical betterment. I love seeing a client reach his or her goals...whether it is weight loss, better function, or improved performance is their chosen athletic endeavors.

I have worked with medical professionals, physical therapists, and other strength and conditioning specialists. This experience, along with my own quest for increased knowledge, gives me the tools to educate, empower, and coach those that are seeking physical improvement.

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I have been training with Coach Dave for several months now and he has been fantastic. Dave’s level of detail and knowledge is truly top notch. Dave has worked through my old medical limitations and improved my strength and flexibility so much. He is truly a miracle worker!

I believe what makes him so great and fun to work with is his calm energy and the specialized structured mobility work he does. I’ve been a fitness junkie for years and had to relearn everything from scratch. I always learn something new about health and wellness from Coach Dave. He gets it.

Forever grateful to Coach Dave,

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Book today by contacting Brian or Tim at brian@elitefitnessnh.com, tim@elitefitnessnh.com, or by calling 603-471-0724 or on our website at www.elitefitnessnh.com
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* Hailey Yabroudy, Amherst resident
* Abigail Powers, Amherst resident
* Ariana Infanti, Amherst resident
* Andreae Brown, Mont Vernon resident
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To qualify for dean’s list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Local residents named to Clark University’s Spring 2021 Dean’s List

WORCESTER, MA. The following local residents were named to Clark University’s Spring Dean’s List: Rosie Garvey, of Amherst, was named to second honors. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Local Residents Earn Award from WGU

JERSEY CITY, N.J. The following local residents have earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

* Robin Cummings of Amherst, NH has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University of Business.

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University of Rhode Island graduates more than 4,000 students during 135th Commencement

KINGSTON, RI - The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University’s 135th Commencement. More than 3,700 undergraduate degrees and 680 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during nine individual ceremonies held over three days, May 21-23, 2021.

* Haile Rae Parenteau of Amherst received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Magna Cum Laude.
* Ethan D Trzepacz of Mont Vernon received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance, Summa Cum Laude.

Students graduate from Bates College

LEWISTON, ME. Bates College graduated 469 students from 38 states and 43 countries on May 27, 2021 in an historic double ceremony allowing for social distancing among the graduates and their guests.

Eli Caulo, of Amherst, N.H., graduated after majoring in sociology and minoring in anthropology and Asian studies at Bates. Caulo, the daughter of Peter J. Caulo and Elizabeth G. Caulo, is a 2017 graduate of Brooks School.

Caulo was inducted into the Bates Scholar-Athlete Society, an organization which honors graduating seniors who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or have received special nomination from the faculty for outstanding academic achievement in their junior and senior years, and who have participated in a varsity sport for a minimum of three years.

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• Pooham Hill Winery, 226 Pooham Rd, Westmoreland, NH 03467
• Summit Winery, 719 Hwy 12, Westmoreland, NH 03467

Elaine Farmer, Amherst Artist, is Featured in Concord Art Exhibit

CONCORD, NH - An art exhibit titled Around New Hampshire, featuring Elaine Farmer, a member of the New Hampshire Art Association will be on exhibit at the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce beginning September 21. This exhibit is sponsored by the New Hampshire Art Association and the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce. Exhibit location is at the Chamber’s Visitor Center at 49 South Main Street, Suite 104 in Concord, NH. Exhibit runs September 21 through December 16.

Elaine’s artwork will feature oil paintings embodying New Hampshire's iconic views and ideals ranging from mountain lakes and birch tree woods to historic landmarks. Check the Chamber’s website for hours before visiting as they may vary: https://www.concordnhchamber.com/ https://www.nhartassociation.org/

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As we see kids waiting for school buses, NH Phil musicians are preparing for the upcoming 2021-2022 concert season. On Saturday, October 16, 2021, and Sunday, October 17, 2021, The NH Philharmonic Orchestra will perform as a full orchestra for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic began. The Phil is back, with masks on, bringing the healing powers of music to our audiences and marking the orchestra's fourth season at Seifert Performing Arts Center at Salem High School. Tickets for the upcoming concerts, which includes Barber’s haunting Adagio for Strings and Tchaikovsky's forceful and triumphant Symphony 5, go on sale this coming Tuesday online at www.nhphil.org.

The 2021-2022 concert season also includes our annual Holiday Pops concert, complete with Santa conducting the orchestra. Our February winter concert takes our audience on musical voyages that includes Schumann's Symphony 3 and Wagner's Prelude to Das Rheingold. In April of 2022, we will revisit the Drawn to the Music children's artwork from our cancelled March 2020 concert with a performance of Stravinsky's Firebird Suite. No new submissions for Drawn will be accepted this year. We finish the season with the always fun and entertaining Broadway Hits concert!

We will be announcing additional community concerts at venues around the state in the coming months. Our first community performance took place at Searles Castle on August 18th at the Salem Chamber Hidden Jewel event.

Phil for HHS string quartet. Brooke LaMonica, Dorothy Brecher, Theresa Cleary, Lilly Imrelia [l-r] Tom DeGennaro photo

Please check out https://nhTicket.bookitx.com/ to purchase in-person or live stream tickets. Our box office will be closed before each concert until further notice, and tickets for in-person concerts must be purchased online in advance. You must purchase a live stream ‘ticket’ in order to receive a unique URL link that will be emailed to you after your live stream ticket purchase.
The Artists Revealed: 2021 Studio Art Faculty Review

All faculty members will be presenting a series of artists talks throughout the duration of the exhibition. Beginning on Wednesday, October 6, 12:10 p.m. Julee Holcombe, Emily Werring, Leah Woods, will discuss current work and studio practices. Benjamin Cariens, Michael Cardinalli, and Liese Zahabi will present on Wednesday October 13, 12:10 p.m. - 1 p.m. And Brian Chu and Meghan Samson will present on Wednesday, October 17, 12:10 p.m. - 1 p.m. Please visit our website for more information.

Exhibitions and accompanying programs are supported by Friends of the Museum of Art.

Museum of Art, University of New Hampshire presents
The Artists Revealed: 2021 Studio Art Faculty Review

DURHAM, NH — A new exhibition, The Artists Revealed: 2021 Studio Art Faculty Review will be on view at the Museum of Art, University of New Hampshire beginning August 30 until December 14, 2021. An artist reception will be held Thursday, September 9, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. The Museum of Art and programs are open to the public free of charge. The Museum will be closed October 11 and 25-27, 2021. This exhibition of work by the artists who teach in the Department of Art and Art History reveals the breadth and range of the department’s studio art program. The participating faculty members are professional artists, involved in national and international exhibitions while serving as mentors to undergraduate and graduate students at the University. This exhibition highlights the broad scope of the department’s visual voice and creativity.


See History Anew with The Salem Witch Trials: Reckoning and Reclaiming

The fashion designer Alexander McQueen’s Fall/Winter 2007 collection, In Memory of Elizabeth How, 1692, was based on his Salem research into his ancestor Elizabeth How, one of the first women to be condemned and hanged as a witch in July 1692. More than three centuries after How’s death, McQueen and Sarah Burton, now the creative director for the House of McQueen, visited Salem. Selections from the resulting intensely personal and autobiographical collection will be on view, including the form-fitting velvet press sample runway dress from PEMY collection, with a starburst hand-sewn in iridescent gunmetal-gray bugle beads that radiates down the neckline and across the chest and shoulders. Set in context, nearby authentic documents help tell How’s story, from the initial complaint filed May 28, 1692 to the warrant for her arrest, her examination in court, testimony, indictment, pardon, and final restitutions to her family in 1712.

“Alexander McQueen’s theatrical fashion show, featuring his powerful designs, reclaimed How’s power and memory from the false accusation that led to her unjust execution,” said exhibition co-curator, Paula Richter. “His visit to key sites in Salem and research into his ancestry left a lasting impact on him. The resulting designs include symbols of witchcraft, paganism, magic and religious persecution.”

From a woman in hospital scrubs to a local Salem shop owner, photographer Frances D. Nunny’s series Major Arcana: Portraits of Witches in America reclaim the meaning of the word “witch” from its historical use as a tool to silence and control women. As a descendent of both accusers and the accused, Denny set out on a journey to discover modern-day witches. She encountered healers, artists and tarot readers, a vast spectrum of identities and spiritual practices. The exhibition features 13 portraits and accompanying personal essays, each revealing a fascinating glimpse into the contemporary spiritual movement.

More Arts
Milford Area Players Returns to the Stage with “12 Angry Jurors”

Milford Area Players, winners of the 2013, 2011 and 2008 New Hampshire Theatre Award for Best Production in Drama/Comedy for Community Theatre, are proud to present 12 Angry Jurors, adapted by Sherman L. Sergel from the movie by Reginald Rose, at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts, 56 Mont Vernon Street, Milford, NH Sep 24th thru Oct 3rd, 2021.

Following the closing arguments in a murder trial, the twelve members of the jury must deliberate, with a guilty verdict meaning death for the accused, an inner-city teen. As the dozen jurors try to reach a unanimous decision while sequestered in a room, one juror casts considerable doubt on elements of the case. Personal issues soon rise to the surface, and conflict threatens to derail the delicate process that will decide one boy’s fate.

The cast of 12 Angry Jurors includes JoAnn Zall, Susan Abis, Russell Arrowsmith and Roger Hurd of Amherst; Tim Lord, JoAnn Kaplan and Dave Atkinson of Merrimack; Michael Aranda, Maicie Cherry and Melinda Tourangeau of Milford; Andrew Gibson of Manchester; Mike Colenas of Hollis; Don Smith-Weiss of Nashua; and Felicity Campbell of Mont Vernon.

The play is directed by Tom Partridge of Amherst. 12 Angry Jurors will be staged by the Milford Area Players for two weekends, September 24-26 and October 1-3, with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm.

General admission tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors (60+) and students. Advance tickets are available online at www.MilfordAreaPlayers.org. Tickets can also be purchased with cash or check at the door. The theater is air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

COVID-19 note: Per Amato Center requirements, all patrons must wear a mask covering mouth and nose AT ALL TIMES while in the building. No exceptions. If you cannot comply with this requirement, do not attend the show. The cast are all fully vaccinated and will be unmasked only while performing onstage. Social distancing between groups in the theatre will be encouraged.

More information is available at our website www.MilfordAreaPlayers.org, on our Facebook page at Milford Area Players.

Calendar Entry:
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About Milford Area Players
Founded in 2002, the Milford Area Players continued the tradition of high-quality theater in the Milford area following the demise of the renowned American Stage Festival, and is currently the resident community theater company of the Amato Center for the Performing Arts. The company stages two mainstage shows every year in the spring and fall. MAP has been consistently recognized by the New Hampshire Theatre Awards, winning top prizes since the Awards’ inception in 2002, including “Best Production-Drama/Comedy” in 2013, 2011 and 2008. For more information on MAP, please visit www.MilfordAreaPlayers.org.
Daland Memorial Library

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure everyone, especially children, have their own library card. It’s easy to get a library card. Stop in to fill out an application in person or visit https://daland.biblionix.com/catalog to apply online. Library cards are FREE to all Mont Vernon residents and town employees.

Adult Craft Night

Sign up to make a beautiful Fall Container Garden in the backyard of the library on Saturday, September 18th at 12:00pm. The library will provide the container, soil, and a variety of plantings including mums, mini pumpkins and more. Registration required. Space is limited to 10. $25.00 material fee.

New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell

Join NH Humanities to Go presenter Pamela Weeks, on Thursday, September 30th at 6:30pm, at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church for her presentation “New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell”. Quilts tell stories, and quilt history is full of myths and misinformation as well as heartwarming tales. We would love to take a quilt exploring journey with you.

Nearly every world culture that has cold weather uses quilted textiles-quilting is NOT just an American art. Pam Weeks weaves world history, women's history, industrial history and just plain wonderful stories into her presentation. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. Promoted in part by the material culture at hand, the presenter may speak about fashion fads, the Colonial Revival, quilt-making for Civil War soldiers, and anything else quilt-related she can squeeze in. This program is brought to you by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities.

Hooks & Needles

Join the Friends of the Library social handwork group on the 2nd Friday of the month from 12-2pm. Experts and beginners are invited to bring their projects to work on. Group will be lead by Eileen Naber and Meg Baker and will meet inside the library during closed hours. New members always welcome. Next meeting: Friday, Sept. 10th

Lapsit

Miss JoAnn will have a 4 week indoor session of Lapsit for children ages 0-3 on Thursdays in September at 10:30am. Registration is required. Space is limited to just 8 children. Call the library at 673-7888 to save your spot. Session Dates: September 9, 16, 23, 30

Day of Fun Filled Activities at Lamson Farm Day – Saturday, Sept. 25

MONT VERNON – The Lamson Farm Commission is planning a day of activities as you read this. There will be Children’s Games, Pony Rides, Farm Animals, a Black Powder Shoot, Music, Antique Farm Equipment, a Blacksmith shop and Vintage Base Ball. Come watch a game the way Doc Adam’s would have played in the 1860’s at the Doc Adam’s Birthplace Classic. And of course you can purchase a ticket for our traditional meal of BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread and Pie for dessert!

If you have not offered to help with this special Mont Vernon tradition please contact one of us and let us know how you can help. Perhaps bring a crock pot of homemade beans or a pie, or volunteer at one of the activities being offered. Maybe you know how to weave a basket, knit, crochet, do needlepoint, create with felt, whip, use a spinning wheel, or do punched tin, make soap or something else. Come to Lamson Farm day and share your gift. We would love to have a variety of offerings this year!

Please contact anyone of the Lamson Farm Commissioners listed on the Town Website or leave a message on our Lamson Farm Facebook page. Here is Zoe’s phone number if you want to contact us that way: 673-0733.

Recreation will provide pony rides and children’s games at this event. P.S. Anne Dodd is making the coleslaw for our Lamson Farm Day meal and would love to teach somebody else to make it and help out. If you’re that person, get in touch with her.

Storytime

Hooray Storytime is back for the fall! Children ages 3-5 are invited to read stories, sing songs and make a craft with Miss JoAnn on Thursdays in September at 1:00. Registration is required. Space is limited to 8 children. Call 673-7888 or stop in to sign up. Session Dates: September 9, 16, 23, 30

Back to School, Back to Book Clubs

Junior Book Clubs are back at the library just in time for the start of school. Miss JoAnn has picked amazing books and activities this year! Books are available to borrow at the library starting in September. Groups will meet on Wednesdays after school from 3-4pm for a snack, book discussion, and a craft. Meetings will begin in October. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Call 673-7888 to sign up or stop in the library to register in person. Which group are you in? Eager Readers: 1st & 2nd grade (1st Wed. of the month), Bonkers for Books: 3rd & 4th grade (2nd Wed. of the month), Page Turners: 5th & 6th grade (3rd Wed. of the month)