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Rosie Garvey directs in a short movie titled "Manchester Magic" thanks to the Make Wish Foundation.

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Library

Genealogy Special: Find Your Family at Your Library, 7 p.m., October 21. Free and open to the public.

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Mont Vernon

Falling Leaves on Vintage Tractors celebrates the fifth gathering of Rooster's Round Up in Mont Vernon. Take a short trip down memory lane.

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BRIEFS

Historical Society Of Amherst October Meeting Notice

Please join the Historical Society of Amherst for their first meeting of the year on Monday, October 20th. Jackie Marshall, a Society member, will present the history of the Amherst Rail Road Coach that is currently housed in our Wigwam Museum. Included in the talk will be information about the early stage service in Amherst as well as information about the Abbot-Downing Company of Concord. During the renovation of our coach in 1975 the date of construction originally was 1849. Images of our coach before and after renovation will be included in this powerpoint presentation. The meeting will begin at 7:30 in the Vestry of the Congregational Church in Amherst. Refreshments will be served.

The New Hampshire General Election will be held Tuesday, November 4th, 2008 at Souhegan High School. **Absentee Ballots**

Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's Office. NH law requires that you vote in person at the polling place (in Amherst that is Souhegan High School) unless you plan to be absent on election day, cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment, are unable to vote because of a disability or you cannot appear at any time during the polling hours because an employment obligation requires you to remain physically at work or to be in transit to or from the time the polls open until after the time polls close. Polling hours in Amherst are 6AM to 8PM. To obtain an absentee ballot please submit a written request which requires a signature of the voter. They are available during regular business hours 9AM to 3PM Monday through Friday and Tuesday night from 4:30 to 6:30. Ballots may be requested by mail or in person and must be received back by 5PM Monday night on November 3rd if returned in person and by 5PM on election day if returned by mail. No absentee ballots may be returned in hand on election day. The Amherst town clerk's office will be closed all day on election day as we will be working at the polls.

AJWC Prepares for 9th Annual Turkey Trot

The 9th Annual Amherst Junior Women's Turkey Trot will be held Friday, November 28th, in the Amherst Village. The proceeds will benefit area charities such as Nashua Children's Home, Families in Transition, David's House, just to name a few. Come walk or run off your Thanksgiving dinner with our 5K, or One Mile Fun Run. Don't miss your chance to get a commemorative T-shirt, given to the first 100 entrants! Register on-line NOW at Coolrunning.com, or look for the registration forms at the Amherst Town Library, Runner's Alley, and Sportshoe Center. Prizes, refreshments, professional timing, and lots of fun!! E-mail Mary Lou Mullens at AmherstTurkeyTrot@ comcast.net with any questions.

Halloween In Amherst

Amherst Village celebrates Halloween on Friday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m. No need to cook, as dinner will be available as in years' past courtesy of Amherst Boy Scout Troop # 613 from 5 to 8 p.m.!!

The boy scouts will be serving delicious hot dogs and steaming bowls of chili at our Annual Hotdog and Chili Booth fundraiser.

We will be located on the village common across from Moulton's, and will also have hot chocolate, apple cider, soft drinks and water.

Please join us!!

"Thank you Amherst!"



Wilkins students express their sincere gratitude to the community for the recently completed renovations at their school.

Pictured from left to right are: Eden Sette, Harrison Mazur, Ben Warren, Cameron Fischofer, Luke Leighton, Robert McGrath, Cole Anderson, Owen Batchelder, Faith Farnham, Marissa Walker, Yeraldine Espinoza, Hannah Bilger, Molly Shaw, Jennalyn Speer, and Belinda Swayne.

COURTESY PHOTO

Amherst Conservation Commission Receives Award

AMHERST - Three members of the Amherst Conservation Commission went to the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness to receive the award. Jim Bowen, Rich Hart, and Bill Wichman were in attendance to received the 2008 Fish and Game Commission Conservation Organization Award of Excellence from Bob Phillipson, Chairman of he New Hampsire Fish and Game Com-

This award recognizes an organization, group, foundation or agency that has excelled in efforts to enhance the welfare of fish, wildlife and marine resources, supporting achievement of the Department's mission. Each nomination is judged on efforts to promote the wise use of natural resources for recreational or economic value.

Phillipson said that "Conservation Commissions in each town and city in New Hampshire are created by state statute and charged with proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources in towns. The Amherst Conservation Commission has taken a broad view of their mission and this has benefitted the public and Fish and Game. For example, the have



Richard Hart, Bill Wichman and Jim Bowen receive award of excellence.

created the Peabody Mill Environmental Center at Joe English Preserve to support environmental education; they have an active land acquisition, management and outreach program that explains the values of logging for

example. "

Most importantly, they support a multi-use philosophy with their lands. Unlike some other towns which have large tracts of land that restrict or pro-

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Master Planning Notes

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Master Plan: What's Next

RICHARD HART, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

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the recent Amherst Master Plan survey affirmed that we may be headed in the right direction, a lot of work remains to be done and many decisions must be made. Analysis of survey data and discussion of results continues. Check the results on the web site and add your thoughts (http:// www.amherstnh.gov/MP/ survey.html). Come to the meeting on the 15th. The master plan is a de-

scription of the current state of our town and a list of changes we may make in the future. Including something in the master plan does not require that it be done. However, not including something in the master

plan can make it more difficult to do. The master plan is the guide town government will use to plan for changes in zoning laws, future development, and town infrastructure. Changes in regulations and development will have a better chance of success if they are supported in the master plan. In addition, federal and state agencies look more favorably at requests for grants if they are supported by the town's master plan.

Will Master Plan Recommendations be Carried Out?

Clearly, not all recommendations in the master plan

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Candidate Forum at SHS On October 28

attend a Candidate Forum hosted by The Community Council of Souhegan High School on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m in the theater of Souhegan High School located at 412 Boston Post Road in Amherst. The Community Council has host-

The public is invited to ed this event every election year since 2002. It's a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the candidates and the issues so you can make an informed choice when you go to the polls on November 4th.

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6th Annual Nature Spooktacular

Join us for an exciting afternoon presentation with Wildlife Encounters of NH where you'll meet spectacular wild animal critters such as snakes, skunks, frogs,

Sunday, October 26th at Souhegan High School, 1:00-4:00PM. \$5 Amherst resident, \$6 nonresident.

Going Public

Two Seconds of Fame

By Peggy Silva

AMHERST – Well, I have really enjoyed the two seconds of fame I earned by submitting the last question asked at the October 7th debate between Barack Obama and John McCain. I have asked the question, "What don't you know and how will you learn it?" of every candidate since Bill Clinton in 1992. I stumped John Mc-Cain with that same question at the Amherst Middle School in 2000. My goal was not to stump the responders, but to pose a question that could not be answered by rote of candidates who answer hundreds of questions each day. I had sent the question to NBC.com, and was startled to hear myself quoted by Tom Brokaw.

Before the candidates even responded, my two phones began ringing with calls from friends around the country-from Ohio, Florida, California, Colorado, and California. I received

about 40 emails from former students. Owen Davies (1996), wrote, "A question so Souheganesque, I assumed it must be your handy-work. Truly, the highlight of the evening. Andrew Beliveau, ('08), wrote, "I watched the Presidential Debate this evening, and I absolutely loved the question you asked. It gets not only at the heart of the candidates, but also embodies the type of thinking that our school has fostered in our community. Watching the debate in my dorm common room tonight with my new fellow classmates, I was so proud to have come from a school that develops true thinkers."

I received text messages and Facebook messages. I barely understand what that even means, but I saw firsthand the power of the communication tools our children routinely use. I loved the immediacy of their responses, and I also loved that our students were glued

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No School at Souhegan on Election Day, November 4th

AMHERST - At the October 3rd Board of Selectmen meeting, it was announced that school would not be in session at Souhegan High School on election day, November 4th. Town Clerk Nancy Demers was concerned about the traffic and congestion at the high school on election day if school was in session. The 8,400 registered voters plus new voter registration, political supporters and observers added to the students and staff on site would have been very difficult to effectively manage according to Ms. Demers.

Chairman of the selectmen, Bruce Bowler thanked the school superintendent, Dr. Mary Jennings and the Souhegan School Board for making this adjustment to their schedule to accommodate the presidential elec-

Ms. Demers indicated at the meeting that there may be an additional cost of \$1400 for additional voting booths to meet federal election regulations. Presently, the town has 86 booths with 8400 voters. The federal requirement is one booth for every 100 voters.