

## More Letters

## Thank You for Your Patronage

To the editor:

After 20 years of serving the community through our business of Amherst House of Pizza, Naji Hobeika is simply saying “Thank You Everybody” for patronage and support. Since the fire destroyed the building, I am now selling cars new and pre owned at Infiniti of Nashua.

Thanks  
Naji Hobeika

## I Appreciate Your Support

To the editor:

I appreciate the support of voters in Milford and Amherst that places my name on the November 4 ballot for the New Hampshire Legislature as a candidate to represent Hillsborough District 6 Milford/Amherst.

I entered this campaign with the sound fiscal management of the state as my priority. The current demanding economic environment underscores the importance of this issue. The best contribution I can make, if elected, is to work diligently for a New Hampshire state budget that is responsibly balanced, limits spending to essential services, and requires no increased fees or taxes that will burden Milford and Amherst citizens or businesses.

I served as Vice Chair of the House Finance Committee in my prior legislative service (1994-2000) and have a strong working knowledge of the state budget and the process through which it is developed. I chose not to run in 2000 because of the need to focus on family, but I disagree with many decisions made in the last legislative session and would like to redirect my time and energy to the legislative service on your behalf. Based on my experience as a State Representative, it is likely that there will be over 1,000 pieces of legislation each year of the session. These bills will range across a broad spectrum of social, environmental, and educational concerns. In each of these instances I will seek “the common good”...but the real legislative task is for the state to live within in its means while meeting the vital needs of the citizens of Milford, Amherst, and all of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,  
Bill Belvin  
Amherst

## Endorsement for John Mendolusky

To the editor:

First, I encourage you to vote. Become informed, and do not surrender your power. It is our responsibility to elect qualified, compassionate officials to serve. I am honored to offer such a candidate for your consideration. Please vote to elect John Mendolusky for State Representative Amherst-Milford District 6.

I have known Mr. Mendolusky since 1975; he is friend and trusted advisor. John is uniquely qualified to represent the voters in District 6. He is eager to devote his energy and expertise as a professional negotiator and political activist to represent us. There are few individuals that share John's passion to engage in meaningful political discourse, and fewer still will try to resolve conflict. It is hard work to reach consensus, to create positive change, but John can do it!

Many are cynical about the political process, and rightly so. Our lives are complicated and often it is easier not to question, or upset and challenge the status quo. I assure you: John will seek out these opportunities and not be silent. He will be mindful and care for his constituents, especially the issues important to seniors, families and children. Rest assured he will listen and he will keep listening, always, and without exception. He will make sure our voices are heard -- loud and clear. Please vote for John Mendolusky, State Representative Amherst-Milford District 6. It is time for a change!

Susan M. Frenette  
Amherst

## Pignatelli for Excellent Representation on the Executive Council

To the editor:

Debora Pignatelli has represented District 5 in the Executive Council which includes the towns of Milford and Amherst as well as 25 other towns and cities from Nashua to Keene with honesty, enthusiasm and experience. The Executive Council confirms judges state agency heads, nominees to state boards and commissions and reviews and approves state contracts.

She previously served in the State House of Representative the State Senate and now the Executive Council. She is a moderate in her views. As a state senator she advocated for increasing state funding for education enhancing environmental protection, curbing violent crime and improving the foster care system. As a councilor she worked against no bid contracts to save taxpayers money.

While in the house and senate she helped towns and cities with problems they might have and did it with enthusiasm and dignity. The towns and cities seem to be more than happy with her. She is willing to stand up for what she believes in. She continues her good work as a member of the Executive Council.

Many of the local papers have congratulated her on the work she has done. She received the Recipient of the Excellence in the Workplace Award from the Merrimack Rotary Club.

I would hope you would vote for her so that our District continues to have excellent representation on the Executive Council.

Dick D'Amato  
Former Milford Selectman

## Leadership Skill is a Requirement

To the editor:

I am writing in support of Debora Pignatelli for re-election to the Executive Council.

Most of us have little appreciation of the role of the five members of the NH Executive Council. Briefly, the Governor and Council form of government is unique. No other state in the nation has two governmental branches as accountable to its citizens as New Hampshire. New Hampshire's Governor and Council members, all elected by the people, has become the most democratic form of executive government in the nation.

An effective Executive Council must have the ability to foster consensus, the ability to work across party lines, and the ability to make informed decisions based on what is right for the citizens of the State. Since the Executive Council does not set policy, what it does not need are politicians with rigid ideological positions. As one of the five Executive Council members Debora Pignatelli readily works across party lines and has demonstrated that she has the courage and leadership skills essential to this position. A few of Debora's accomplishments: Fought relentlessly against No-Bid contracts; a stickler for open government; the only Executive Councilor working to get Merrimack citizens relief from unfair tolls and changed council policy requiring public hearings on state agency commissioner nominees.

Please join us in voting to keep Debora Pignatelli as our district's Executive Councilor.

Steve and Liz Morgan  
Amherst

# Region

### Seasonal Fairs & Events

## Annual Holiday Open House Gala at Treasures Antiques

AMHERST – Treasures Antiques, Collectables and more, invite you to their annual Holiday Open House gala celebration, on Saturday and Sunday, November 1st and 2nd from 10AM until 5PM.

Treasures offers an eclectic combination of ideas from every era and a one-stop shop that provides friendly service in a relaxed atmosphere. Many of the in-house dealers will be on hand to greet you throughout the weekend and they will be available to answer any questions that you may have and offer tips on decorating. Their talents will show-case, along with assorted antiques and collectibles, artist's paintings, handmade ornaments, custom and handmade jewelry, scrapbooking, gift baskets and vintage clothing, sports memorabilia, handmade soy wax candles and the unexpected. They offer seamstress service, party planning, interior decorating and custom painting. Several new dealers have joined them this year and they present an exciting new mix of sparkling merchandise. Vintage holiday lighting and other festive ideas will be found throughout, as well as a wide variety of refreshments.

Other planned attendees include Erin Holly, setting up her “Queenies Weenies” kitchen with an assortment of wonderful goodies ranging from her irresistible hot dogs, chili and sausages to treats and some unexpected surprises. Her vending area was a popular attraction at last years open house as well as at the May Kitty Angels fundraising event. A raffle of several Brand-new HP products will be held to help raise some much needed finds for “Kitty Angels, Inc.” the pet charity of Treasures.

Treasures is located on the street level, of a sprawling 1750 farmhouse and barn, on Route 122, south of the Rte 101A intersection, in Amherst. Phone: 672-2535. Visit their web site at <http://treasuresantiques.tripod.com>.

### Wilton Harvest Fair On Saturday, Oct. 25

WILTON – The Wilton Main Street Association is hosting the annual Wilton Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 25th. The fair will run from 9-2 pm, with a pancake breakfast at the Mason's Hall beginning at 7:30 am to kick off the event. The event will feature craft vendors, hayrides, music by the talented Amy Conley, a children's presentation by Steve Lechner of ScienceWorks and more. Come be a part of Wilton's fall celebration. For information regarding vendor opportunities please contact Sarah Sadowski, Program Manager, of WMSA at 654-3020 or email [wmsa@tds.net](mailto:wmsa@tds.net).

### Fall Fair At Educational Farm At Joppa Hill

BEDFORD, NH – The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill is hosting its annual fall fair on Sunday, October 19 from 2pm-6pm. Come visit the animals and enjoy pony and hay rides. Pizza available from Papa John's. Make your own tie dye t-shirts and bees-wax candles. Free admission. The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill, 174 Joppa Hill Road, Bedford, NH. Call 472-4724 or [www.theeducationalfarm.org](http://www.theeducationalfarm.org) for more information.

### Christmas Fair at Hancock Meeting House

HANCOCK – Christmas Craft Fair sponsored by the Hancock Woman's Guild, Saturday, November 1st from 9 – 3 at the Hancock Meeting House and Vestry. Wide variety of handmade items: glass-ware, jams, jewelry, fashion purses, dolls, painted items, fleece, pottery, quilts, pressed flowers, wool items, country art, Rada knives, homemade pies, The Sweet Shoppe, great raffles and much, much more. Lunch will be available for purchase from 11:30 – 1:00. Proceeds benefit the Hancock Woman's Guild scholarship fund. For more information please call 525-3021.

### Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley

## Bowl-A-Thon October 19th

MERRIMACK – The Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley will hold a Bowl-A-Thon on Sunday October 19th at Merrimack Ten Pin in Merrimack, New Hampshire. This family-friendly fundraising event combines the fun and excitement of bowling with the rewards of raising money for a good cause. All friends, families of members, and supporters of the Club are invited to attend!

It's easy to participate. Register as a Bowler with your team of friends, family or coworkers and ask people to sponsor you. Don't want to bowl but still want to help? Sponsor a Boys & Girls Club staff member or other bowlers. Money raised at this event will help support the positive programs offered at the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley.

For more information on the Bowl-A-Thon or to make an online donation please visit [www.svbgc.com](http://www.svbgc.com).

## Classic Car Show At Canterbury Shaker Village

CANTERBURY — Saturday, October 18th, Larry Guild and Profile Automobile League bring the 12th annual Classic Car Show to Canterbury Shaker Village, 10 am to 3 pm.

Visitors can view a wide range of classic cars, meet the owners, and talk with fellow antique car enthusiasts.

After viewing the cars, visitors can enjoy the fall foliage and all of the museum tours, demonstrations and exhibits at Canterbury Shaker Village. Admission is \$15 for adults,

\$13 for seniors, \$7 for children ages 6-17. Children under 6 are free. Group and family rates available. Admission price includes all regular museum tours, demonstrations and exhibits. No entry fee for show cars. Check in for show cars 9 am.

An outdoor grill lunch will be available for purchase on the Village grounds. The Shaker Table is open for lunch 11:30-4, dinner 5pm -9 pm. Lighter fare is available at the Shaker Box Lunch and Farm Stand.

## HandicappedPets.com & 2 Rescue Dogs Kick Off Adopt-a-Dog Month

AMHERST –HandicappedPets.com helped American Humane kick off Adopt-a-Dog month on October 1 by adopting a wheelchair-bound rescue dog named Lucy as its mascot and giving her a new Walkin' Wheels wheelchair. Hook, a lovable tripod rescued through the coordinated efforts of a shelter in Puerto Rico and the Wynn Dog Rescue in Jaffrey, was also on site – let's find him a permanent home!

Hook is pictured here with Mark Robinson, founder of HandicappedPets.com and inventor of the Walkin' Wheels wheelchair. Hook was born with a very short right front leg that was amputated to improve the dog's balance and ability. Now he is a healthy, happy, active dog. Anyone interested in learning more about adopting Hook can email the Wynn Dog Rescue at [wynndogrescue@gmail.com](mailto:wynndogrescue@gmail.com) or contact Lisa Murray, above.



Hook with Mark Robinson

HandicappedPets.com was created by Mark C. Robinson to support caretakers of pets with special needs. HandicappedPets.com provides everything – products, services, and support.

## Granite State Organizing Project Announces Medical Ride Service



Door to door service provided by Nashua transport System.

Beginning on October 1st, rides to medical appointments will be available to people living in the Souhegan Valley towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis and Milford. The door-to-door service will be provided by the Nashua Transit System and will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. For information call 880-0100. “Non-Emergency Medical Transportation in the Souhegan Valley has

been a dream of the Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) for two years”, said GSOP board president and Milford resident, Ruth Haden. GSOP has been working with town residents and officials since last January to plan and raise funds to support the needed service. Tuesday's launch announcement will include a list of community partners and funders.

## Giving New Hampshire's Abused Children a Voice in Court

MANCHESTER – Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH has five trainings planned for the rest of 2008. We are in need of men and women who will advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in NH courts. Currently, CASA is able to accept 70% of the cases we are offered. We want to be able to provide EVERY abused and neglected child in our state a voice in court - will you be that voice??

Being a CASA volunteer isn't for everyone. We ask our volunteers to stay on a case until it closes, which averages two years, and to visit with the child or children on their case at least monthly. Volunteers must be available for scheduled court hearings; there are five to six during the first year. On average, our volunteers spend 15 hours a month between visits, court, follow-up and report writing. Our volunteers work with families, social workers, attorneys and judges to ensure a

safe and permanent home for these children. After a careful screening and application process, volunteers receive 40 hours of specialized training.

Dover training takes place between October 27 and November 15. It is an evening/weekend schedule. Manchester will be a daytime training, taking place between November 5 and 14. Sugar Hill (October 25 through November 15), Keene (November 1 through 22) and North Conway (November 8 through December 13) will all be independent studies.

No previous professional or volunteer experience is necessary, but you must be 21+ and have a minimum HS or GED degree. If you feel YOU might be right for CASA, we'd love to hear from you. Call today or visit our website for further information on our program or to request an application/information packet - [www.casanh.org](http://www.casanh.org) 800/626-0622.

# Vandals Cost SHARE Precious Funds

MILFORD - The new SHARE building, formerly owned by the Knights of Columbus was vandalized on Friday and Saturday nights, September 26 and 27. On Friday the vandals broke into the building and sprayed the contents of a fire extinguisher around, got into the cupboards and broke some dishes on the floor and broke a two-way window located inside the building. They also took drinks and food that was there for the volunteers who had worked all Friday afternoon do-

ing demolition work.

“We were very sad to see what had happened during the night Friday and we took precautions to try to make sure it didn't happen again by securing the door they had used to enter the building,” said Carolyn Momenee, co-director of SHARE.

On Saturday night they were not able to enter the building but they did damage from the outside-breaking windows in two doors trying to enter and also a window in the wall.

“On Friday volunteers came and worked hard getting the rooms ready for the “extreme makeover” and it is disheartening to see that parts of the building that were going to be used are now damaged,” said Momenee.

SHARE faces replacing windows and doors. Momenee wrote in an email, “These are expenses we had not anticipated. Also, it appears we will have to put in a good security alarm system to ensure things like this do not happen in the future.”

She continued, “We do forgive the vandals who are doing this and hope that they realize that they are damaging a building that is going to used to help people in the community. We hope they will turn their energy and time into good and volunteer their services to build not destroy. This truly is a wonderful caring community and I know we can and will all work together to make the SHARE Center a safe place where people can come for help.”