

Honor Rolls

2009 Third Trimester Honor Rolls for Amherst Middle and Souhegan High schools, plus news about local students in college.

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July Fourth

Nancy Head, summarizes a day to celebrate our country’s birthday and “Our New Hampshire Heritage”. Slideshow at: amherstcitizen.com

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SHARE

A special collection for SHARE will be held on the Milford Oval, on Saturday, August 1st, from 9 a.m. to Noon.

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Hartshorn

Amherst Recreation’s PMEC August programs begin. Be sure to register your child for fun activities.

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“Thanks (again) Nancy, For All You Do”



How did you do it? I know you have lots of experience and a great hard-working committee of volunteers. Everyone that has worked with you knows about your work ethic. If you can’t find someone to do the job, give it to Nancy. She’s busy, she’ll get it done. When I receive an email from Nancy, I’m never sure if she’s wearing her Amherst School Board, Garden Club or July 4th hat. With her

self-effacing humor and sunny smile the job always gets done. But this year July 3 and 4 was a huge task. For those of us enjoying the two day celebration, it all seemed so easy. Hamburgers, hot dogs, magic show, music, fireworks and that was just the 3rd of July ... parade, talent show, art show, antique autos and more food and fun ...whew!! And you still had energy left over for your biggest trick of all.

Just how did you stop the rain and make the sun shine on the Amherst July 4th parade? You are a miracle worker. This would be a good time for me to thank Nancy and her committee for recognizing *The Amherst Citizen* for the coverage provided to the July 4th events. Well again, Nancy and her committee make our job easy! Thanks again.

Cliff Ann Wales

Town Clerk’s Office

State Surcharges to Jump Dramatically

AMHERST – If your car, SUV or truck registration needs to be renewed in the months of August, September or October, an early renewal before August 1st will save you money. Amherst Town Clerk, Nancy Demers said that early renewals will not be subject to the new state surcharges on registrations imposed by House Bill 2 (HB2). After August 1st there will be a state surcharge assessed based on the vehicle weight. “It’s tough to explain to residents why the charges are so high. There are many fami-

lies in Amherst that will be hurt. This bothers me so much,” said Ms. Demers. Vanity plate fees will increase from \$25 to \$40. Most automobile sedans fall into the weight category that will be assessed an additional \$30 over the state fees from last year. Sports utility vehicles (SUVs) and pick up trucks (5001- 10,000 lbs) will be charged an additional \$45. And if you have a vanity plate to renew that will cost another \$40.

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BRIEFS

AMHERST REPUBLICANS

Monthly Meeting
Saturday, August 1, 8:00 AM
Joey’s Diner, Route 101A, Amherst
Our guest speaker for this meeting is Robert Gluda, prospective candidate for the Second District seat in the US Congress. Bob has served our nation as a US Marine Corps Officer and as an FBI agent. He has served the people of New Hampshire as a Selectman in his home town of Warren, NH and as Deputy Majority Leader in the NH House of Representatives as well as a member of the Ways & Means Committee. Please join us for what is sure to be an interesting discussion of the critical issues facing New Hampshire and the nation.

For more information please visit www.amherstrepublicans.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, August 1, 8:00am - 12:00pm at the Nashua Public Works Garage, 6 Riverside Street, Nashua. Amherst and Mont Vernon residents can attend.

A \$10 user fee per vehicle, additional charges for electronics recycling will be charged. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 424-2240.

Amherst Junior Women’s Club Seeks New Members

The Amherst Junior Women’s Club is seeking new members. Volunteer members focus on civic needs, educational advancement and those less fortunate in the community. AJWC achieves these goals with the assistance and generosity of businesses, organizations and individuals.

Members must be over 21 years of age and must be a resident in the Amherst area. Any woman interested in learning more about the club is welcome to attend our informational meeting in September. For more information, please contact membership chair Kathy Christensen at mous84@mc.net or visit our website amherst-juniors.org. Look for us at the Amherst Farmer’s Market on August 20th.

Paving of Route 122 Was A State Project

AMHERST – Addressing the questions posed by citizens concerning the paving of Route 122, Selectman George Infanti at the June 29th Board of Selectmen meeting explained that the stimulus money received from the federal government goes to the state and it’s the state’s decision on how to use the money.

The paving of state Route 122 was not a decision made by the Board of Selectmen or the Amherst Department of Public Works. Selectman Bruce Bowler added that the Town could not spend money on a State road and could not receive funds from the State. Mr. O’Mara noted that Amherst doesn’t even plow Route 122. The paving done by the state started in Amherst and continued along Route 122 into Hollis.

2009 Amherst Citizens of The Year



Chris and Vern Trudo were named Amherst Citizens of The Year – 2009, an annual honor given by the Amherst Lions Club during July 4th ceremonies. More photos on page 8.

Why I’m a (Baboosic) Laker



Alyson Miller at Babboosic Lake concession stand.

MONT VERNON – This spring, my children and I considered leaving Amherst’s Baboosic Lake Swim Team after many years at the lake. The frustration over the town’s removal of the lake raft and the concession stand last year caused many of our friends to join

other swim programs. We had options, and I was planning on taking them. “But Mom,” one of my sons finally said, “we’re Lakers.” My other two kids nodded in silence, imploring me not to make them swim in

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Amherst Garden Club Donates Window Boxes for Hospice Patients

MERRIMACK – Home Health & Hospice Care is pleased to announce that the Amherst Garden Club has donated 6 artfully designed and blossoming window boxes to the Community Hospice House in Merrimack. The boxes will hang just outside of the patient suites on patios that open to the lush grounds and gardens surrounding the Hospice House. Patients and families will enjoy the colors and sweet smells of the flowers.

Located in Merrimack, the Community Hospice House is a health care residence for terminally ill persons who can no longer remain at home. The House has 10 patient suites and provides a warm, home-like environment and around-the-clock hospice care to ensure an individual’s comfort, dignity, and quality of life. The suites were designed with large windows, a private patio, and wonderful garden and nature views visible from both the bed and sitting area in the room. The patio doors are

wide enough to enable the bed to be wheeled outside to give patients and their loved ones the freedom to enjoy the serenity of gardens and sunshine. Over 1,600 patients, ranging in age

from 17 to 102, and their families have received compassionate end-of-life care at the House.

“The Amherst Garden Club has given our patients, Community Hospice House staff, and volunteers a wonderful gift to enjoy,” said Tina Andrade, Director of Development. “We rely on in-kind gifts and services, as well as donations to the Community Hospice House endowment, and we are fortunate to live in community that values the work of our hospice team.”

Home Health & Hospice Care (HHHC) is a non-profit visiting nurse association which serves 33 communities in southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. The Community Hospice House is owned and operated by HHHC. For more information about any home health care programs, hospice programs, or the Hospice House, visit the agency’s website at www.hhhc.org.



The Amherst Garden Club recently donated 6 window boxes to the Community Hospice House in Merrimack. Pictured from left to right are: Mary Salmon, Sue Alger, Judith Woodbury, and Caroline Wojcicki. Absent from photo, but also involved in the project were: Gail Beers, Ann Willis, and Trese Gilligan.

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Police Department Partners with Nixle for Community Information Service

AMHERST - The Amherst Police Department has launched a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology.

This service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, email,

and web. There is NO Spam or Advertising. Nixle is completely free (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers).

The service is simple to use, reliable and trusted. Register now and learn more at www.nixle.com. Then share this e-mail with friends and neighbors to spread the word!

Stay connected to your world, from the public safety alerts that are relevant to you, to the important neighborhood advisories you want to know about, and other valuable community information. You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email, or just simply over the web.

We are very excited to have you experience it for yourself.

N.E. Peach Festival and Lobster Supper

Mark Your Calendars! It’s Coming!



Susan Robinson is serving the lobsters.

MILFORD – The 6th Annual Peach Festival, sponsored by Milford’s Church of Our Saviour will be held, rain or shine, on August 15 from 9:30 to 3:00 at Lull’s Farm Stand on Route 13 in Milford. This truly old fashioned New England festival will feature a day of entertainment for the whole family ending with a sumptuous Lobster Supper.

We will have everything peachy for you and your family to take home such as our famous homemade peach pies, jams (both regular and sugar-free), peach sundae sauce, and peach breads to name a few.

Peach shortcake and peach sundaes made with Jake’s ice cream will be served throughout the day as well as hamburgers and hot dogs from our Grill, and soft drinks So do plan to

stay for lunch! In addition to live musical entertainment (See schedule below), there will be a craft table, a silent auction, peach gift baskets and many children’s activities such as games and face painting. We will again have a Mission Table featuring beaded jewelry from Uganda. The Festival starts at 9:30 and it is best to come early if you want one of our famous homemade pies made with fresh locally grown peaches. In prior years they have been sold out by noon!

This year, our popular LOBSTER SUPPER will be served at two sittings - one at 5:00 and a second at 6:00. All proceeds from this supper will be sent to support our companion parish in Africa, St. Andrew’s Church

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Amherst Town Library

End of Summer Reading Cook-Out: Town Common on Thursday, August 13th



Librarians, Miss Sue and Miss Jackie

AMHERST – Everyone in Amherst is invited to join us in a celebration on the Town Green on Thursday, August 13th from 5:30-7:30. (Please not time change from previously advertised 5:30-8:00). The library will provide the burgers, hotdogs, paper goods and beverages. You provide a dish to share (salad, dessert, chips or side dish) and a blanket to eat upon. There will be games, fun, and the opportunity to socialize with your friends and neighbors. Sign up online at www.amherst.lib.nh.us or at the library. At 7:00 pm we will announce the prize winners of the summer, the Grand Prize winners for all three reading programs as well as have pies thrown in the Children’s Librarians faces if the children of Amherst turned in 5,000 hours over the course of the summer. Join us!