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Remembering

Lyman Sawtelle left Dartmouth College and enlisted in the defense of the country in October 1862. He died of disease incurred in the army of the Potomac on the 23rd of September 1863, age 23 years and 6 months.



MEADOWVIEW CEMETERY, AMHERST

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S COMM

Holidays

The 2009 Edition of Amherst Living's Holiday Supplement is loaded with gift-giving ideas, events and recipe tips, included inside this issue.



Souhegan High's cross country team Class I results, plus Amherst resident, Garrett Trombi inducted into WPI Hall of Fame.

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BRIEFS

NOTICE

AMHERST TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station will be closed Thursday November 26 and Friday November 27 For The Holidays

Buy a Library Carpet Tile

A donation of \$25 to the library will help purchase and install carpet tiles to re-carpet the much used lower level of the library. In the last year almost 10,000 people attended children's programming in the lower level. The carpeting is stained and worn. For more information call the library at 673-288 or send a check made payable to Amherst Town Library.

Memory Tree 2009

The Memory Tree is sponsored each year by the Amherst Garden Club. Anyone can make a donation and submit names of loved ones, use the attached form. A donation to the Memory Tree, with its little white lights, acts as a remembrance of a loved one. It is an Amherst Tradition, located right in the center of town, it speaks out with a twinkle to all who pass by. "Remember me, remember the times we shared." The lights on the Memory Tree will go on December 13, the evening of the Amherst Tree Lighting Festival. Names of those being remembered are posted on a display next to the Memory Tree and listed in the Amherst Citizen.

We have donated the money raised each year to various projects around Amherst and the local area. We are happy to announce that the donations this year from the Memory Tree will be going to Share, a local non-profit organization, and just in time for their "Share Christmas," helping families in need for the holidays. For more information call Marti Warren 673-7054. Form on page 5.

Newcomers Host Coffee on November 12

The Amherst Area Newcomer's Club will be hosting a coffee/tea on Thursday, November 12th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please join us if you are new to the area, and would like to learn more about our group, or not so new and looking for new, exciting things to do. We are not just for new-to-town people. Most of our members have lived in the area for many years.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about our various activities. This year we have eleven "special interest groups" ranging from the everpopular Book Group to the Charity Group. If you don't find a fit, then tell us what you would like to participate in! We meet at "Cassidy's Grille" second Thursday of each month. They are located at #25 Route 101A in Amherst. Cassidy's serves a wide variety of breakfast treats. The restaurant and club also welcomes children.

For further information, please call Helen J Uurtamo at 672-6122 or Gail Beers 673-9544 or visit our website www.nhnewcomers.com

MOMS Clubs of Amherst Hold 2nd Annual Preschool Information Night, Nov. 18

The two Amherst sister chapters of the International MOMS Club® are holding their 2nd annual Preschool Information Night on Wednesday November 18th at the Amherst Town Library from 6:30 to 8:30. This event brings area preschools together in one place so that parents can learn about their options. Schools will have information about their programs available, as well as a representative present to answer any questions. "I had no idea that you needed to register for preschool so early in the year," said MOMS Club Vice President Christine Mikkola, "and when we moved here, I only heard about two schools. I think this is a valuable resource to help area parents see what's out there."For more information, please contact Christine Mikkola at 249-5268 or amherstmomsclubeast@gmail.com.

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Halloween Night

Dragons and Monsters Invade The Village



Dragon friend, Cassie with Monster, Inc. Sulley dance and entertain on Halloween at Mike's Auto in Amherst Village. More photos on page 8.

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Building Career Connections

AMHERST - As part of the "Life Changes" adult evening series at the Amherst Town Library this fall, Tammy Gooler Loeb presents the program, "Building Career Connections" on Tuesday, November 17 at 7-8:30 p.m. Professional coach, facilitator, and trainer Tammy Gooler Loeb explores some of the most effective ways to build and use profes-

sional networking for career success. This program is for everyone from new graduates to seasoned professionals. Whether you're seeking a job, looking to change careers, or want to advance in your chosen career, it's crucial to understand the importance of professional networking. Wherever you are on your career path, this program will show you

that you have a wealth of job contacts to draw upon, how to find them, and how to use this network to your full advantage. You will leave this interactive session with inspiration, new ideas and approaches to getting the connections and information you are seeking.

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Tammy Gooler Loeb

Souhegan Valley Chorus Presents 30th Annual Holiday Concert, "A Family Christmas Spectacular!"



Souhegan Valley Chorus presents its 30th Annual Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 13 at Souhegan High.

AMHERST – Come and Enjoy a Special Evening on Sunday, December 13th! The Souhegan Valley Chorus will present its 30th Annual Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Souhegan High School Auditorium in Amherst.

The program, "A Family Christmas Spectacular!" will feature a selection of

holiday favorites including; "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer", wonderful classics "We Three Kings", "I Wonder As I Wander", the rich harmonies of "Gloria", "Alleluia Noel" and many more!

The Souhegan Valley Chorus is under the direction of Jennifer K. Erdody. Jennifer is presently the Choral Director at the Milford High

School and a staff member of the Boys and Girls Club School of Theater Arts. Our accompanist, Laura Kennedy, is known nationally and internationally as a chamber musician and solo performer. Also performing this evening, the melodic sounds of The Valleyaires, an a capella group that will be singing "Parade Of The Wooden Soldiers", "Fum,

Fum, Fum" and "Angels We Have Heard On High". Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors. Tickets can be purchased from chorus members, at The Toadstool Bookshop in Milford, at the door or by calling 673-7573. For more information, please visit our website: www.wolaver.org/

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Boardman Concert to be Held, November 15

Laura Kennedy and Joseph Scheer Will Perform Works of Dvorak, Brahms, and Kreisler at the Amherst Town Library.

Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

AMHERST - This year's Anna Boardman Concert will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. A special performance is planned in tribute to the late Tom Head, a Library Trustee from 1998 to 2007. Laura Kennedy (piano) and Joseph Scheer (violin) will perform works of Dvorak, Brahms, and Kreisler. Sister and brother, Laura and Joseph were close friends of Tom's and the first musicians he scheduled during his ten years as the board's Programs chairman. The



Laura Kennedy concert will be held in the

Adult Reading Room of the Library with refreshments to follow.

Pianist Laura Kennedy of Milford has distinguished herself across the nation as a solo performer as well as accompanist and chamber musician. On National Public Radio's "Performance Today", she has been featured in all three capacities. Chamber music collaborations include performances with the Florida Symphony Chamber Players, the Fairmount String Quartet, Composers in Red Sneakers, the Ibis Chamber Ensemble,

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Discover the Joy of Helping Needy **Families**

MILFORD – Book groups, card groups, exercise classes, and social groups are discovering the joy of help-ing needy families at Christmas. SHARE is encouraging groups of friends to collectively adopt a family, shop for gifts, and deliver them to SHARE so that others may have a happier holiday.

The process is simple: groups or individuals determine what size family they can adopt, they call the SHARE office, are assigned a family and given a list of suggested gifts, shop for the gifts, and deliver them to SHARE.

Combining resources makes the process much more enjoyable for everyone. Those who adopt and shop in a group discover their buying power is increased and their enthusiasm is contagious. Many more families receive gifts from SHARE and are able to enjoy Christmas.

Ask the members of your group to adopt a family and call SHARE at 673-9898 today or email them at: share. outreach@hotmail.com. Gifts need to be delivered to SHARE by December 6.

Holiday Toy Store

AMHERST – For 21 years the Holiday Toy Store has given families experiencing financial difficulty in Milford, Brookline, Mont Vernon, and Amherst the opportunity to choose holiday gifts for their children free of charge. What a wonderful way to share the holiday spirit. The Holiday Toy Store has evolved into a special community effort involving various churches, business-

es and civic organizations. The Holiday Toy Store needs your support, and this year more than ever. SHARE, who has been so generous to our community for so many years, has decided to concentrate this year on providing families with necessities such as food and clothing. The Holiday Toy store will be providing all the toys to the children in the Souhegan Valley. Last year we served 200 more children than the previous year. We expect to help over 300 families and 700 children this year. To support the Holiday Toy Store please send your tax-deductible check by December 1st to:

The Holiday Toy Store P.O. Box 6 Amherst, NH 03031

New, unwrapped toys for infants through teenagers may be donated as well. Please leave those at the collection boxes found at: Hampshire Hills, Fredrick's Pastries, Black Forest Café', Milford Town Hall, Toy Box, Stop n' Shop-Milford, and the 4 towns schools and libraries. To be eligible to receive gifts and register in the program please contact Share. Thank you and Happy Holidays!