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AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE’S COMMUNITY

Primary Election

After the vote Tuesday, September 14th, visit: www.amherstcitize.com for election results to local and national offices



250th Celebration

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Amherst 250th Bags

Purchase a commemorative bag for \$5.00 at local stores and on the Village Green, or the Historic Mansions Tour September 25 & 26, to benefit local charities.

BRIEFS

Preschool in the Village Fundraiser

Preschool in the Village will be at the Antiques on the Green Sale and Show on September 18th selling A&E coffee and hot apple turnovers. We will also be on the Common September 25th for the town's 250th festivities with an assortment of baked goods and coffee. Come for some tasty treats and support our school community!

SHS Sabers Cheerleading Squad Needs Your Help!

The girls have organized a fundraiser to raise \$3,000, which they need to support their program. These girls have been volunteering throughout the community at various events, and are hoping that some of their good will can come back around.

They are reaching out to local businesses and asking if they can donate a gift certificate, or item of value -- no item is too big or too small -- towards the raffle to be drawn the beginning of Oct. You will see the girls out and about asking businesses on an individual basis, and they hope that you will help them and donate. If you are willing to donate a prize, it's easy to do this via e-mail. Just send an e-mail to Patti O'Mara at patio6@msn.com.

The girls will also be stationed at various locations; like Wall mart, and Shaws ect. selling raffle tickets, so if you see them please buy a ticket and have a chance to win some great prizes while helping out their squad.

All donating businesses and individuals will get recognition with their name on the back of t-shirts that the girls will wear to the games, and your names will be announced at the games as sponsors of the Souhegan Sabers Cheerleading Squad.

They want to thank you all for your support, and hope that you will be able to help them.

All donations are tax deductible, and the girls will be providing their tax id # to you.

Thank you so much for your support!

Amherst PTA Information

PTA Family Information Night at Wilkins Elementary School on Monday September 27th, 6:30-8pm in the Multipurpose Room!

The Amherst PTA is currently accepting proposals for the 60th Amherst PTA Play, which will take place in April of 2011. The Deadline has been extended to November 1st, 2010. Please submit your proposal for a "family friendly" play to the Amherst PTA at AMHERSTPTA.ORG. The proposal must include a cost/budget analysis and detailed ideas. We look forward to reviewing all submissions!

AAUW To Hold Membership Meeting

The Southern New Hampshire Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its annual membership meeting on Tuesday evening, September 21st, from 7-9, at the home of Ruth Krumhansl, 27 Walnut Hill Road, in Amherst.

AAUW is an organization with more than 150,000 members nationwide. It serves as a powerful voice to promote equity and education for all women and girls. Our local branch functions as a social group with a serious purpose. Social activities include a gourmet dinner group, a book club, and several fund raising events. Our serious purpose is to award annually a substantial scholarship to a young woman graduate from one of our local high schools. We also support the Teen Health Clinic in Manchester, SHARE in Milford, and various other organizations dedicated to the well being of women and their families. For more information, contact Aggie Vaughn, membership chair, at aggievaughn@hotmail.com.

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Historical Society of Amherst

Antiques on the Green – 15th Annual Antique Show, Saturday September 18



Beautiful silver tea service and tableware will be on display at Antiques on the Green, this Saturday.

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Three Day Event Honors Amherst’s 250th Anniversary

AMHERST - Conversations about Amherst's 250th Celebration actually began several years ago. Over time a Committee was formed and slowly and carefully the members developed a plan that we hoped would best honor the history of the Town. We are now preparing for our last major three-day event of our 250th Celebration and we're very hopeful that you will plan to join us.

Our kick-off event will take place on Friday, September 24th at 7 p.m. when we gather to share an evening of Contra dancing with families and friends at the Wilkins School in Amherst. Our leader is the renowned caller – Frank Woodward – who grew up dancing to his own father's contra dance music.

For the last fifteen years Frank has been calling dances around New England and has also made trips

to Russia to teach contra dancing at children's camps and even at a college there. His name may be familiar to many of us because he organizes monthly contra dances in Milford and Windham. We couldn't think of a nicer way to begin our three-day 250th Celebration and we're looking forward to seeing you there!

On Saturday we have a full day of events planned which are geared to both adults and children and will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning. As the day moves on we will look forward to enjoying a variety of special

events - one of which will bring a Farmer from Old Sturbridge Village to teach us about farming in earlier days. And, just to be sure our farmer's feeling at ease in New Hampshire, we're planning to surround him with a variety of adorable farm animals. We'll also be looking forward to enjoying horse-drawn wagon rides which will give us a leisurely tour around our beautiful village.

As the day draws to an end, plan to stay with us and enjoy the delightful music provided by Patricia

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It’s Back to the Future for This Little Red Fire Truck



Rick Crocker stands next to his reacquired '31 fire truck.

AMHERST - How many people do you know who spend 15 years looking for a significant artifact in their life? Several years ago, Amherst native and fifth generation Amherst resident, Rick Crocker, received a phone call from the Tilton Fire Chief advising him of the location of a former piece of Amherst fire equipment.

What he'd located was a 1931 Chevrolet truck, outfitted by the Howe Fire Apparatus Company of Anderson, Indiana. Purchased new by the town of Amherst in 1931 for \$3,200, it remained in town invento-

ry until retired in 1956. It appears that the truck was then purchased by two retired World War II Army nurses, who bought it for fire protection on their farm in Wilmot. The farm was called Freedom Acres. They grew fruits and made jelly and jams to sell from 1944 to 1985. They sold it in the late 60's because a man from Long Island came there to buy some jellies and jams, went for a ride on the truck and fell off, injuring himself. He then sued the folks at Freedom Acres, won, and

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Friends of The Library Annual Book Sale

OVER 15,000 BOOKS - MOST FOR \$1 OR LESS!

AMHERST - The Friends of the Amherst Town Library Annual Book Sale will held on Saturday, September 18 in the Community Room (basement) of the Amherst Congregational Church.

Sale hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., but members of the Friends of the

Library get "early bird admittance" at 8:00 a.m. Hardcover, paperbacks, CDs and DVDs are available. Children's books are no more than 50 cents each!

A "bag of books" sale starts at 1:15 p.m., when you may fill a brown grocery bag (provided) and pay only five

dollars!

The proceeds from this sale benefit the Amherst Town Library, and help pay for the museum pass program, supplies for the Children's room, the Student Art Show, an annual gift to the library, as well as other special programs.

It is easy to join the Friends of the Amherst Town Library. You can go to the library's website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us/Friends.htm and join the Friends of the Library via a PayPal link. See you on the 18th!

Last Chance for Amherst Mansion Tour Tickets

AMHERST – Lucky ticket-holders are looking forward to touring the historic Kendall, Means, and French mansions on Sunday, September 26. For those who want to tour just one—but not all—of these impressive houses, a limited number of single-tour tickets are available. Pick the mansion that you've never toured before, always wanted to see the most, or simply can't get

enough of and order a ticket for \$15. Your ticket buys you a docent-guided tour, a commemorative program, and a free membership to the Historical Society of Amherst. All proceeds will go toward the restoration of the historic cobblestone watering trough near the town hall. Contact mansionstours@hsanh.org or visit the society's booth on the common on Saturday, September 25.



Col. Robert Means Mansion



Frederick French Mansion



Nathan Kendall, Jr. Mansion

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