THIS ISSUE IS JAM-PACKED WITH THE LATEST IN NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND AMHERST AND MONT VERNON

## **Mont Vernon**

"Make it Happen Mont Vernon" is this year's Spring Gala theme. Full schedule of May 16th events are included.

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### **CROP** Walk

Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Walk will be held this weekend, May 15th.

### Schools

Clark School students raise funds for the AJWC annual Hop-A-Thon.

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### **Business**

A U.S. veteran centric computer company moves to Amherst.

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### BRIEFS

### **Annual Multi-Family Yard Sale, May 14**

The Souhegan High School Nordic Ski Team will hold their annual yard sale to raise money to support the team on Saturday, May 14th (rain or shine) in the Meeting Place parking lot on Rt. 101 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a large sale with many families participating.

### **Souhegan Community Council Meeting, May 16**

Community Council is holding a Public Forum on Monday, May 16 from 6pm-8pm in Room 126-127 of the Souhegan High School Main Building. Under discussion will be a proposal to eliminate the "decile" ranking system at the high school. Community members are welcome to come hear the presentation and ask questions.

### Amherst BSA Troop 22 Yard **Sale Fundraiser**

Are you looking to clean out your house, attic, or garage and donate to a worthy cause? After a year off and due to popular demand, Amherst Boy Scouts Troop 22 will be having their annual yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, June 4th from 7:30am-1:30pm at 199 Meeting Place Plaza on Route 101. Please mark the date on your calendar and start setting aside any items that you would like to donate. Items in good condition can be dropped off at 199 Meeting Place Plaza on Friday, June 3rd from 3pm-8pm. If you are unable to drop the items off at this time, please send an email to yardsale@amhersttroop22.org to arrange for pick-up. There are some items that we can not accept including: computer equipment, refrigerators, microwaves, televisions, car seats, air conditioner units, de-humidifiers, or broken items. All other items in good condition will be gratefully accepted. While there, you can help support one of our Eagle Scouts towards his PMEC garden project by purchasing goods from his fundraiser bake sale. Lunch items will be available for purchase as well. As we approach our 80th year of providing scouting excellence in Amherst, Boy Scout Troop 22 appreciates the tremendous community support they have received. All proceeds from this fundraising event will be used to benefit the Scouts with their yearly

### **Souhegan Valley Chorus** Spring Concerts, May 14, 15

This spring Souhegan Valley Chorus is offering two opportunities to enjoy its annual spring concert this year. The first is on Saturday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Souhegan High School Auditorium. The second performance is on Sunday afternoon, May 15 in the Milford Town Hall at 2:00 p.m. The concert titled "Hope, Faith, Light and Love - Songs for a Troubled World" includes numerous songs both familiar and new exploring these themes, from traditional ballads and spirituals to contemporary choral pieces. Souhegan Valley Chorus, with over 50 singers from towns in and around the Souhegan Valley, is directed by Jennifer K. Erdody and accompanied by Laura Kennedy. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Children age 12 and under will be admitted free. Tickets are available at The Toadstool in Milford, from chorus members, or at the door. Details about the chorus and the spring concerts are available at www. SouheganValleyChorus.org. See page 3.

### **Girl Scout Movie Event May 22**

Donate a needed item for the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire and your kids can enjoy a movie shown by your local Girl Scouts from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, May 22 at the Amherst Town Library. Parents are required to remain at the library during this event. Please join us for the show! Bring any of these suggested high-need items to the library donation box: large heavy duty trash bags, bathroom cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, small animal bedding, hand sanitizer, old blankets.

# **Annual Amherst Springtime Events**

### Celebrating Mothers at Wilkins School



Students with their teacher Mrs. Paquette (on the right), and aide Diane Gates (left).

Students in Alice Paquette's third grade class read their original poetry about their mothers at a classroom reception held on Friday, May 6. The poems described their mother's favorite pet, color, food, trip or anything that makes her special. The guests of honor, which included Mrs. Paquette's mother Sue Conner, enjoyed a special moment when their son/daughter read aloud a poem about them. The students also served their moms cake and punch. A lovely Mother's Day

The poetry will be on display as part of the Clark-Wilkins Writing Festival May 23 to 27 at Wilkins School. More photos on page 9.

### **Amherst Gardeners Plant Sale**

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Happy to help his wife, collecting perennials at the Amherst Garden Club

## **Memorial Day Flags**



Sisters Maggie and Cailin Dix volunteered to place flags at Meadowview Cemetery.

### With Memorial Day Observances just around the corner, under the direction of Cemetery Trustee Marie Grella, volunteers set out 483 American flags to mark the gravesites of veterans at Meadowview, Christian Hill, Cricket Corner, St. Patrick and Pauper's cemeteries in Amherst. This project is funded donations which are greatly appreciated. Donations can be mailed to: Flags & Markers c/o Marie Grella, PO Box 86, Amherst, 03031

## Passing the Moderator's Gavel



at the first opportunity,"

**Board of Selectment's** meeting, Monday, May 9, retiring moderator, **Bob Schaumann passed** the gavel to moderator, Steve Coughlin. Board Chariman, Jim O'Mara looks on. Friends in attendance showed their appreciation of Bob's volunteer work of 23 years. Job well done, Bob.

Photos on page 5.

### New Reviewing Stand Delivered



The Amherst Lions Club took possession of the new reviewing stand which will make its debut on the Fourth of July. The structure is aluminum and when erected will form a 32" high, 24' x 16' platform which can also be used in different locations on the common as desired for other functions. Charlie Vars and Don Potter were at the Town Barn when it was delivered. For additional information contact Lion Charlie Vars at 672-7200.

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#### **Statement on HB 474 Concurrence** CONCORD - House will pass this year. This Speaker William O'Brien means more manufactur-(R-Mont Vernon) and Maing jobs, more service jobs jority Leader D.J. Bettenand more companies comcourt (R-Salem) offered the ing to the Granite State to following statement regarding the House's vote (225grow. If Governor Lynch is committed to growing our 140) to concur with the economy and creating jobs, Senate version of HB 474, he will sign this legislation

for New Hampshire. said O'Brien. "Right to Work is the sin-"The legislation is about protecting the New Hampgle greatest opportunity to create jobs in New Hampshire Advantage and making New Hampshire the shire that the legislature

Right to Work legislation

most competitive state in the Northeast. With Right to Work, we will be taking one more step ahead of our neighbors and giving businesses one more reason to come here. I certainly hope that the Governor considers the economic growth this bill will bring and signs this into law, making job creation a higher priority than special interests," remarked Bettencourt.

## Senior Project Presentations at SHS AMHERST - The pro-

cess of human development is a quest for independence. Growth means an ever-increasing ability to function effectively and resourcefully within one's surroundings. Active participation in education develops ownership of learning and provides opportunity to develop a set of skills to continue learning throughout life.

As a requirement for graduation, the intention of

Senior Project at Souhegan High School is to allow every student to demonstrate skills as an effective and resourceful learner.

Students independently select a topic to explore over the course of their senior year. They are encouraged to choose a topic that is of real interest and allows for new learning. Components of every project include extensive research, an application of learning that synthesizes and exhibits new learning, and a presentation to a public audience.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend any Senior Project presentation. Presentations are intended to answer the student's Essential Question through evidence of research, describe one's learning process, and share how the research was applied.

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