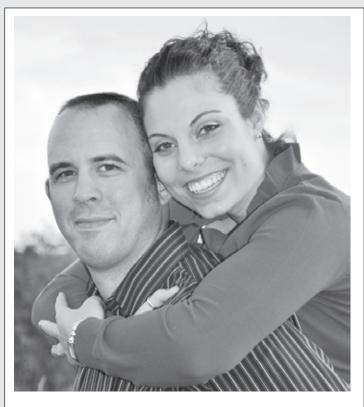
ENGAGEMENT



Corbin - Bock

Robert and Janice Bock of Amherst are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Jean Bock, to Joseph Franklin Corbin III, son of Joseph F. Corbin, Jr. and Connie Corbin of Romney, West Virginia.

Stephanie is a 2003 graduate of Souhegan High School in Amherst. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in History from Stonehill College in Easton, MA in 2007. In 2008, she earned her Master of Arts in Teaching History/Social Studies from Brown University in Providence, RI. She is currently a social studies teacher at Bedford High School in Bedford.

Joseph is a 1996 graduate of Hampshire High School in Romney, WV. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Geoscience from West Virginia University in Morgantown in 1999. He earned his Master of Science in Environmental Science and Doctorate in Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences from Washington State University in Pullman in 2003 and 2008, respectively. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Southern New Hampshire University.

A September 2012 wedding is planned.

Please send Engagement and Wedding announcements (forms available at www.amherstcitizen.com) to Editor:

The Amherst Citizen, PO Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031. Also, enclose a S.A.S.E. for return of color or B&W photos.

More Letters

Time For A Civility Pledge?

To the editor:

Recently I submitted a letter to papers describing the decennial elected office redistricting process, and the relationship and priorities of state and federal laws as to this legislative process. It was a letter based on my experience as a member of the New Hampshire Redistricting Committee. The letter was planned and intended to be informational and not partisan.

I was stunned, disappointed and saddened by the partisan attacks that followed. Is this what our government has become? If a member of one party says, "good morning," the responding member of the other party replies, "no, you idiot, its noon." Pick, pick, attack, attack, no matter the subject or the importance.

Ninety percent of New Hampshire legislation is not partisan; it relates to good government. So to obtain the best legislation, both parties must work together. Yes, there are differences of opinion; after all, the platform of each party is different. But be assured that all elected officials want the best for the citizens of New Hampshire. The debate should be about issues. Don't make it personal.

As chair of the Judiciary Committee and as a member of the Redistricting Committee I am fair and respectful to all members. Both majority and minority party members have complemented me on this. Truly, unless this personal attack attitude ends, no one will desire to run for an elected office. Who will suffer? The citizens of New Hampshire.

Here is my suggestion. In the past we have had the Tax Pledge. Possibly it is time to demand all candidates sign a Civility Pledge. Just a thought.

> Representative Robert H. Rowe House member for Milford and **Amherst**

Government 'Giving' Is Not Charity

To the editor:

Jens Rieckmann's June 12 letter accuses Romney of hypocrisy for advocating charity and praising the Paul Ryan budget. Government payments to the needy and sick are not the same as charity. This is true regardless of whether the money comes from taxation, borrowing to be paid for by future taxpayers, or money printing which is paid for by a higher cost of living. Voting to take money from your neighbor is not noble. It may be what our governments do, and it may be necessary in some circumstances, but it is not noble. The charity that Romney has done, particularly in donating his own time which is more valuable to him than a few dollars, deserves our respect.

Maybe Jens Rieckmann can weigh in on how Obama's spending should be paid for. Presently, nearly half the money comes from issuing bonds, most of which are bought by the Federal Reserve...i.e. money printing. Taxes on the most productive members of society are already high enough to discourage new economic activity. Besides the Paul Ryan budget, we have proposals to cut spending from Gary Johnson and Ron Paul.

> Peter de Bruyn Kops **Amherst**

Democracy for Sale?

To the editor:

Please join us for a free showing of the one-hour documentary film Koch Brothers Exposed at the Wilton Town Hall Theatre on July 15 at 4:30. Come learn about the ways that the Koch Brothers support politicians who work to weaken the EPA so that Koch Industries can continue to pollute our air and water without any consequences. Profit first. The health of people and the planet - not so important.

We invite all those who wish to stay for a discussion and refreshments to

join us in the downstairs meeting room.

Admission to the film is free. Donations are welcome. Sponsored by NH Green Coalition and Women Making a Difference.

> Jo Deckert Amherst

Town News

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Call 673-6248 for info. Visit www.amherstrec.org for info or to register. Most programs require pre-registration.

Adult & Senior Programs

Game Daze

The game play is continuing so won't you join a fun group of seniors in a game of Dominoes or perhaps the card game "Hand & Foot". Amherst Recreation offers a fun afternoon of table or card games for Seniors. Bring a few friends and enjoy the afternoon challenging yourself

When: Thursdays Where: Amherst Central Fire Station Time: 1:00-3:30pm Fee: Free

Summer Outdoor Boot Camp

Outdoor boot camp is for men and women of all ages who want to step up their fitness level. This class combines intervals of cardio drills and muscle conditioning exercises to provide a challenging circuit workout. Participants will use benches, curbs, and even each other for some friendly competition. Outdoor boot camp provides participants an opportunity to take part in a fitness class that they would otherwise have to join a gym to experience. Participants should dress in comfortable clothes with sneakers; and bring a towel, mat, and plenty of water to drink.

Instructor: Beth Civiello, Certi-fied Personal Trainer

When: Mondays, 7/2-8/6 Fee: \$60 Amherst Resident, \$70 Nonresident Time: 6:00-7:00am Where: Cemetery Fields

Mothers Morning Tennis

Moms enjoy some time to learn tennis, brush up on tennis skills and play a game while we help with the child care (children ages 3 to 7). While you play tennis your child will be cared for by our child care provider.

When: Fridays, 7/6-7/27 Time: 9:00-10:00am Where: Davis Lane Tennis Court Fee: \$50 Amherst Resident, \$60 Nonresident

PMEC Programs

Under the Full Moon Hikes

Let us help you around the night sky. Join us for stories and a walk in the woods along easy paths that accommodate people of all ages. Bring a flashlight to help you navigate uneven terrain. Join us for one or more of these full moon hikes and discover how well you can actually see during a full moon.

7/7 - Thunder Moon, fire fly catch followed by flashlight tag, 8:30-10pm

10/29 - Harvest Moon 7:30-9:00pm

These programs require registration one week prior to the date of

Where: PMEC Fee: \$8 Amherst Resident, \$10 Nonresident, \$20 Amherst Resident family (3+ people), \$25 Nonresident family

Fishing Rentals

Rent a rod, reel and tackle for only \$5. Fishing in our pond is catch & release. A license is required for 16 and over. Rent in person during PMEC hours of operation.

When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00am-1:00pm. Saturday 12:00-4:00pm. Fee: \$5

Hartshorn Summer Program 2012

The mission of Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC) is to foster an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world, by offering environmental, conservation, and science programs

to all ages. PMEC strives to foster diligent stewardship of our environment so that future generations may inherit and continue to be inspired by the wonders of a protected and natural world.

With that in mind we are offering our 23rd season of environmentally based programs in our Hartshorn Summer Program. Programs will be held at the PMEC located at the end of Brook Road in Amherst. Programs are offered by grade and the grade is the grade your child will be entering in the Fall of 2012. The weekly classes are offered 9am-12pm daily with extended day options available. Be sure to register early as classes fill quickly. Classes will begin Monday 6/25 and continue through 8/17. Programs are available for toddlers through eighth graders. Extended day programs are not offered for children younger than those entering 1st grade. Please visit www.amher-

strec.org for details. Volunteer Opportunities: Our Hartshorn Environmental Camp utilizes the help of many volunteers each week of the program. Students entering high school in the fall are welcome to volunteer in the program in the capacity of teacher's helper. This volunteer opportunity will allow students to begin earning their community service hours required by many schools prior to graduation. Volunteers can register for the weeks they are interested in working on the Recreation Department's website.

Youth Programs

Art, Naturally

Nature has long been a source of inspiration for artists! Together we'll explore the great outdoors gathering ideas and materials to incorporate into our own art. We'll explore clay, wearables, installation art as well as creating 2d images with paper and paint.

Who: Grades 4-5 When: 7/30-8/2 Time: 9:00-12:00pm Where: Amherst Middle School Fee: \$110 Amherst Resident, \$120 Nonresident

Summer Basketball Camps

Basketball skill building camps are available for the youth of our community. We will create a positive environment with the proper balance of instruction, competition, and fun. In addition to teaching the fundamentals of the game, each day will feature time for game play.

Fundamentally Fun Basketball Camp

7/9 -7/12 9:00am-12:30pm, Amherst Middle School Gym

Boys & Girls entering grade 2 and girls entering grades 3 - 6 Saber Hoops Boys Basketball

7/16 - 7/20 9:00am-2:00pm Soughegan High School Gym Boys entering grades 3-5

Tennis Instruction

Come and join our instructor who will introduce you to the fundamentals and fun of tennis at the Amherst Middle School Courts. Bring your own racquet and we'll provide tennis balls.

Fee: Beg. /Inter. \$50 Resident, \$60 Nonresident Preschool \$35 Resident, \$45 Nonresident

Weekly Tennis Sessions Session 2: July 2 – 6 (not 7/4) Session 3: July 9 - 12 Session 4: July 16 - 19 Session 5: July 23 - 26 Note: Friday is the makeup day for

Beginner 9:30-10:15am

Intermediate 10:30-11:15am

Preschool (ages 3-5) 11:30-noon Private lessons

Private lessons can be scheduled for adults and children. Give us a call to schedule a lesson!

Summer at Baboosic Lake

Baboosic Lake

Escape to the Lake. Join us for a summer filled with lake side activities. Bring the whole family for swimming lessons, beach volleyball, fun on the play-scape, build sandcastles, picnic under the canopy of the pines or just enjoy a warm summer day on the beach. The beach is guarded daily 10am-6pm. The season opens June 16th and closes August 18th.

Amherst Town Beach Season Pass

Amherst Resident Family - \$90 Nonresident family - \$130

With the purchase of a session of swimming lessons, the seasons pass to the Lake for the balance of the summer is discounted \$20 Daily Gate Fee: \$4 ages 12+, \$2 ages 3-11

(2 and under & age 65+ free)

Swim Team

Swim team is open to all ability levels for ages 4-19. Participants must be able to float on their front. The first practice is June 25th, 9-10am for all levels. The Swim Meet schedule is available on our web-

Fee: \$45 Amherst Resident/\$70 Nonresident

Swim Lessons

Take advantage of our American Red Cross swimming lessons administered by our experienced returning staff. All instructors are ARC Water Safety certified. Swimming lessons are scheduled for a 30 minute time period at the Baboosic Lake Beach. Visit www.amherstrec. org for details.

Session 2 Mon-Thur. 7/9-7/19 Session 3 Mon-Thur. 7/23-8/2 Fridays used for makeup classes Fee: \$45 session/ Amherst Resi-

dent; \$55 session/Nonresident.

Private Swims Lessons

One on one in water instruction will be provided and our instructor will work with you to meet your swimming goals. We welcome all ges and abilities. Private lessons will be offered each of the three sessions at either 9-9:30am or 9:30-

Fee: \$65 Amherst Resident/\$75 Nonresident

Baboosic Lake Summer Camp The Amherst Recreation Depart-

ment is proud to announce that we will once again offer our summer day program. Baboosic Lake Summer Camp is an opportunity for kids to join old friends, make new ones, develop new skills, be a kid and most of all have fun. Children will participate in many engaging activities; arts and crafts, games, stories, beach volleyball and campers can take advantage of swimming lessons at an additional fee. Sign up early for this fun and affordable weekly program. Don't miss out on the excitement that waits......

Who: Grades 1-6 When: 9:00am-3:00pm daily. Before/After Care available 7:30am - 5:30pm

Where: Baboosic Lake Pavilion Fee: \$110 Per Week, \$30 Per Day **Weekly Themes***

Week 1: June 25-29 Fun in the Sun Week 2: July 2-6 Happy Holidays (not 7/4)

Week 3: July 9-13 Three Ring Circus Week 4: July 16-20 Cooking is Fun Week 5: July 23-27 Olympics Week Week 6: July30-August 3 Wipeout

Water World Week 7: Aug 6-10 Nature Week

Week 8: Aug 13-17 Baboosic Lake **Has Talent**

*Themes are subject to change. More information at www.amherstrec.org. Limited volunteer opportunities are available

Discounted Water Country Tickets

All day tickets for Water Country in Portsmouth, NH are available at the Amherst Recreation Department for only \$25 each. That's a savings of \$13 off the regular admission price! Purchase tickets in person at the Amherst Recreation Office, 4 Cross Rd, Amherst.

Concert Series on the Common

The Recreation Department is happy to announce that it will again sponsor a mini concert series this summer. We hope that you will join us as we enjoy lively music on the Town Common (Spalding Field for the Block Party). You're invited to come early, bring a picnic, chairs or a blanket, find a spot to dine, and settle in to be entertained. In the event of rain, an alternate location for the concert will be posted on our website and on Facebook the day of the concert.

June 19 - Teddy Bear Picnic Concert at 5:30pm followed by the Amherst Town Band at

Rick Goldin's performances feature singing with guitar accompaniment, puppets, movement activities, child-participation, and lots of silliness and fun for the whole family. Children are encouraged to invite their teddy bears (or any stuffed animal) so that they can enjoy the concert with them.

June 26 - Beatle Tracks at 6:30pm

Beatle Tracks is a Beatles tribute group based in Massachusetts. Beatle Tracks is known for its quality musicianship and renditions true to the original artists. We have the original Beatles to thank for sharing their genius and talent with the world. It is their passion that drives Beatle Tracks to keep their music

July 10 - Mink Hills Band at 6:30pm

The Mink Hills Band is a New Hampshire based acoustic band whose selection of music includes Bluegrass, Swing, Folk, and Original compositions. The stylistic range of material provides for an interesting and varied musical experience.

July 17 – Amherst Town Band at 7pm

This outstanding community band performs public concerts consisting of a wide range of instrumental compositions, such as classical, show tunes, big band, marches, polkas, contemporary and novelties

August 21 - WZID Block Party at 5pm (Spalding Field)

For the fourth summer in a row, 95.7 WZID is hosting parties and inviting everyone in the neighborhood to come and enjoy, for free! WZID Neighborhood Block Parties invite friends and neighbors for an evening of music, great food, activities and games for "kids" of all ages, all at no charge. A variety of vendors will provide information, food, and fun. And, of course, WZID will provide the music.

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