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Parade and Town Common Activities Add Up to "Summer Fun!"

n July 4th, Amherst resi- Everyone seems to like the bands dents and friends hopefully put aside thoughts of the economy long enough to enjoy the parade and activities that center on "Summer Fun", the theme for this year's Independence Day parade! The acactually tivities begin the evening of July 3 at Souhegan High School with fireworks sponsored by the Granite State Credit Union and extend through the early afternoon of July 4th.

On Wednesday, July 4, the Children's Bicycle Parade, with judging at 9:45, starts from Knight's Field at the top of Main Street at 10:00 a.m. and proceeds to the Town Hall under the direction of Amherst Lion Anne Hoag who has been overseeing this favorite event for many

The parade, with fire engines leading, steps off from Wilkins School at 10:00 a.m. Charlie Vars, last year's Citizen of the Year, is the Parade Marshall this year. Behind him will come state and local dignitaries and past Citizens of the Year, followed by clowns, minikars, bands, marching groups, Uncle Sam-on-Stilts, members of the Silver Lining Circus Camp, mini entries, antique autos, New Hampshire Revolutionary and Civil War Regiments, and more!

With the addition of the Westford Firefighters Pipes and Drums, there will be five bands this year. and the floats a lot. Amherst is fortunate that the Amherst Republicans and the Grella family, year after year, have been willing to put

forth the effort to have extraordinary floats in the parade. They are to be commended for their contribution to the town and its celebration. Although their entries tend to be elaborate, simpler en-

tries are also encouraged and appreciated. This year there are several float entries which should delight the audience.

On the Town Common, the annual Art Show will showcase the talent of twenty-five or more local artists. At 9:15 a.m. Uncle Samon-Stilts (Brad Odhner substituting for his father) will read the Declaration of Independence from the Reviewing Stand. Following the reading at 9:45 the Amherst Music Man Barbershop Quartet will sing, among other selections, an Oklahoma! medley from this year's Amherst PTA play. Animals on the Common will have lambs, Heritage Hens, goats, calves, dogs and more for the young to enjoy and the Bedford Animal Rescue League will have a few adoptable animals for people to meet.

At the Brick School there will be an opportunity to hear some student music. We have talented students in our school—take the opportunity to hear what a few of them can do.

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On the Town Common there will also be booths for children's activities, food, drink, organizational literature, and political literature. Clowns will make balloon animals and do glitter tattoos and face painting, and Diane DeSimone and her faithful group of Pocket Ladies will be giving out small gifts to the children.

Fourth of July pins will be sold near the Information Booth for those who want to continue their collection. This year's winning design was by Sean Corrigan, a 6th grader at the Amherst Middle School.

Craftspeople will demonstrate old-fashioned crafts at the Town Hall end of the Common.

The craftspeople volunteering their time this year for the enjoy ment of the crowd include spinners, blacksmiths, beekeepers, shaker boxes and wooden ware crafters, and maple syrup makers. The Antique Auto Show will take place on the Church side of the Common before the reviewing



Families enjoy the parade opposite Reviewing Stand

stand ceremony. During the reviewing stand ceremony dignitaries will be introduced, the Citizen

Amherst Garden Center

of the Year will be announced, and the Souhegan Valley Chorus will



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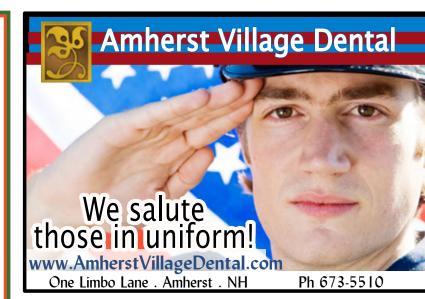
Hollis \$425,000

Mont Vernon \$59,000

Landscape Design & Installation



Milford \$95,000



The dog show, Dog Tales, which

requires no registration and will

be on the reviewing stand after the

ceremony, will follow the same for-

mat as last year when owners were

asked to talk about their dogs and

Thanks are due to the Fourth

worked many hours to make the

celebration work: Kimberly Ay-

Charlene Carper, George Cod-

Marcy LePage, Katherine Lock-

wood, Mary Mahar, Joe McCool,

holt, Liz Overholt, Reed Panasiti,

Gretchen Pyles, Bob Schaumann,

Paula Schmida, Phil Sellers, Debbie

Spellman, Peggy Stokes, and Noel

Liz Morgan, Jeff Odhner, Bill Over-

ers, Christy Belvin, Mary Bevers,

dington, Diane DeSimone, Doffie Farrar, Lydia Greene, Nancy Head,

the dogs' accomplishments!

of July Committee which has

