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## Souhegan Veterans Tribute Football Game

Friday, October 24, 2014, 6:45pm  
Souhegan High School Stadium

Please join us as we honor all Veterans at the Souhegan vs Con-Val football game. In attendance will be Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Ryan Pitts, SHS Class of 2003. As a part of our program we will be recognizing the sacrifice of Brandon "TJ" Garabrant Con-Val Class of 2013. Free Admission for Veterans

## BRIEFS

### TOWN OF AMHERST

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Amherst Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Clerk's Office at the Amherst Town Hall on Saturday, October 25, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. This will be the last day for new voters to register at the Town Hall or for changes to be made to the checklist until Nov. 4, Election Day. New voters are welcome to register at the polls on Election Day as usual. Please address any questions about absentee voter registration and absentee ballots to the Town Clerk by calling 674-6041 Ext. 203.

If you're unsure of your current voter registration status, you may go online to check it at: <http://cfs.sos.nh.gov/app/Public/PartyInfo.aspx>

#### Halloween and Dinner in Amherst

Halloween will be celebrated in Amherst Village on Friday, October 31. No need to cook before heading out! Courtesy of Amherst Boy Scout Troop 613, dinner will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. on the common across from Moulton's Market. The Boy Scouts will be serving steaming bowls of chili, hot dogs, apple cider, hot chocolate, soft drinks and water at our Annual Hot Dog Fundraiser. Come join us for great food and drink on Halloween!

#### Halloween Candy Collection

Amherst Girl Scout Brownie Troop 20066 is collecting and distributing Halloween Candy donations to the residents of the Amherst Village for Halloween Trick or Treating. Please drop off your donations at the Amherst Library, or Moulton's Market through Wednesday, October 29th. Questions can be directed to troop leader Shannon Daniel at [smpdaniel@yahoo.com](mailto:smpdaniel@yahoo.com). The girls will be distributing plastic bags on October 22 with a notice on all doors/ mailboxes to homeowners in the village that are within the trick or treating route. If you are interested in receiving candy please put the bag back out on your door or mailbox on October 29th and we will be sure to stop by your home with candy.

#### Girl Scout Pamphlets On Locavorism

Girl Scout Troop 20697 has recently completed a Journey by the name of Locavorism in the 21st Century. The troop researched the importance and benefits of consuming local-grown produce and designed a brochure to inform the community. The aforementioned pamphlets have been distributed at Moulton's Market of Amherst and the Mont Vernon General Store.

#### Book Sale is a Huge Success

The Friends of the Library Book Sale 2014 was a success with gross proceeds surpassing \$8,800, which, in combination with other fundraisers and membership dues, will enable the Friends to make a substantial gift to the library. The Amherst Friends of the Library sale is considered one of the best in the area thanks to the sorting that is done all year long by Nancy and Vick Bennisson. The Bennissons have been doing this for over twenty-five years, lugging books from the library to their home, sorting them into categories, packing them in boxes, and taking them to the storage shed at Countryside Storage. See letter page 2

#### Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

As fall schedules have settled in and the leaves are starting to turn, we find ourselves offering a wider range of programming, especially for adults.

Find your "community" and joins something that interests you! Please see Fall Recreational Schedule on page 4.

### Clark-Wilkins School

## Lesson on How to Be a Good Citizen



"2014 Citizen of the Year," Marti Warren was invited to speak with the students in Mrs. Ireland's first grade class. The students learned about what it takes to be a good citizen and how volunteering is an important part of living in a community. Marti was awarded the Citizen of the Year at the July 4th celebration by the Lions Club.

### Amherst Town Library

## An Evening With Michael Blanding, Author Of "The Map Thief"

The Amherst Town Library presents "An Evening with Michael Blanding, author of The Map Thief," on Wednesday, November 5th at 7 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Library. In The Map Thief, award-winning investigative reporter Michael Blanding tells the true-life story of a map dealer-turned-criminal E. Forbes Smiley III, who stole more than \$3 million worth of antique maps from rare-book libraries including the Boston Public Library. Smiley was ultimately caught in 2005 when an attentive librarian spotted a razor blade he dropped on the floor, leading to the ultimate unraveling of his deceptions. With an exclusive interview with Smiley, as well as in-depth investigation involving map collectors, dealers, curators, and law enforcement, Blanding paints a compelling psychological portrait of an obsessive man who committed daring crimes against the backdrop of a quirky and cutthroat subculture. Alongside Smiley's confessions, he pins the backstories of the explorers and mapmakers who charted the history of North America through their maps, many of which are worth tens of thousands of dollars today. As Maxwell Carter states in The Wall Street Journal, "Blanding's most moving passages commemorate those who helped build and, bit by bit, envisage the world as we know it." Blanding is currently a senior fellow at the Schuster Institute for Investigative



Michael Blanding

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## Amherst Police Department Field Office Opens at Walmart

AMHERST - Beginning in early 2014, Wal-Mart and the Amherst Police Department began discussions regarding the installation of a Police Field Office within the WalMart Superstore. The concept was rooted in accomplishing two primary goals: increasing police visibility at WalMart, and improving police operational efficiency. Wal-Mart Store Manager, Tony Tiner, was eager to move the concept forward and quickly gained corporate approval for the project. Manager Tiner and his Wal-Mart team have worked closely and generously with the Amherst Police Department over the years, and this project was no exception. In fact, the installation of this Field Office represents the culmination of that longstanding partnership.



Jack Reed, Amherst Police Chief Mark Reams, Walmart Manager, Tony Tiner

The new Field Office provides officers and investigators with an alternate location to complete reports, make follow-up phone calls,

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## Debunking the Myths and Misinformation Surrounding Lyme Disease

The Amherst Garden Club will be sponsoring jointly with Amherst Recreation an evening program on Lyme Disease at the theater at Souhegan High School on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 P.M. David Hunter will be the speaker.

A Bedford, NH resident, he has been a long-time Lyme activist, advocating for patients on both the state and local level. In 2010, he was featured in a WMUR-TV Chronicle program entitled, Lyme: New Hampshire's Exploding Epidemic. Now

almost 5 years later, it seems everyone knows someone dealing with this disease. Mr. Hunter has served on the New Hampshire Legislature Committee that worked on the Lyme bill

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## Amherst History in Your Hands.

Metal Detecting Facts and Local Discoveries



Haitian Army Phoenix Button, c.1820

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Please join the Historical Society of Amherst in welcoming Mont Vernon resident and history enthusiast Michael Warren as he shares his experiences metal detecting in this area and showcases the many fascinating historical treasures he has uncovered. Michael has spent over 200 hours detecting and at least as many researching his finds. These long-lost items include, an 1858 flying eagle one cent (minted only from 1856-1858), a 1781 1/2 Real Spanish silver, a daguerreotype silver plated photograph from the mid 1800's, and a 1769 Irish half penny. Michael is available for public speaking engagements, private lessons, heirloom recovery, and private property histories. He is also interested in securing member permission to professionally detect historically interesting local properties.



Michael Warren, metal detectorist

PHOTO BY EARLE RICH

This exciting program happens at 7:30pm on Monday, October 20th, 2014 in the Vestry of the Congregational Church of Amherst. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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