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Election Day Office Closing

The Town Clerk's office will be closed all day Tuesday, November 4th , Election Day. We'll be working at the polls at Souhegan High School from 6Am to 8PM. We will open at 9AM on Wednesday, November 5th.

AMHERST REPUBLICANS

Monthly Meeting

Saturday, November 1, 8:00 AM

Joey's Diner, Route 101A, Amherst

Guest speakers include our candidates for state and county office and representatives from our federal campaigns and NHGOP Field Operations. Join us to discuss how we can win big on November 4th!

For more information please visit www.amherstrepublikans.org

Halloween and Dinner Oct. 31 in Amherst Village

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.

Food for Fines at the Amherst Town Library

The Amherst Town Library will collect "food for fines" from November 1st through November 15th. Please generously donate canned goods, paper products, diapers, cereal, pasta or packaged mixes and your fines will be waived. These items will be taken to SHARE to benefit families in our community. Help support SHARE and clear all your fines during the library's amnesty week.

FINAL Household Hazardous Waste-Event for 2014

Saturday November 1, 8:00AM-12:00PM at Nashua Public Works Garage, 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua. For residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham. \$10 user fee per vehicle, additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds, additional charges for electronics recycling. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, visit: http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call 424-2240.

Talk by Yankee Magazine's Edie Clark, November 19

On Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 9:30 a.m., Edie Clark, columnist for Yankee magazine, will speak on "Baked Beans and Fried Clams: How Food Defines a Region" at Messiah Lutheran Church, 303 Rt. 101 in Amherst, N. H. This free event is hosted by Nipmugs Questers of Amherst. See page 15.

Military Heroes and Veterans Honored at Veterans Day Observance

Medal of Honor recipient Ryan Pitts, Army Band members, and VFW Color Guard participate in ceremonies; ConVal alum, Brandon Garabrant honored

AMHERST – Souhegan football team hosted ConVal on Friday, October 24th in a special ceremony to honor local Veterans for their service to our nation. All Veterans and active-duty service members and families were encouraged to attend. The communities of Amherst and Mont Vernon honored two local heroes, Medal of Honor recipient and Souhegan High School graduate, Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts, as well as ConVal graduate LCpl. Brandon Garabrant, who gave his life in Afghanistan. While honoring a U.S. service member always holds profound significance for the gravity of responsibility he or she carries, it is the rarest of occasions when a community must recognize two veterans for their extraordinary contributions. "This small tribute will hopefully remind us all of the magnitude of Ryan's courage, the heartbreak of Brandon's sacrifice, and the profound contribution of each member of our Armed Services," said Souhegan principal, Rob Scully. "The game is never just about the game," said Dick Miller, Souhegan High School Athletic Director, highlighting the importance of young athletes and musicians in connecting with the larger community. "This tribute reminds our students of their role in bringing together a community – playing their part, not just playing their game." A moment of silence in honor of LCpl. Brandon Garabrant as well as special recognition of Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts was held prior to kick-off. "Our entire community was deeply saddened with the loss of Marine Brandon Garabrant last June," said ConVal Athletic Director, Mark Swasey. "We are forever grateful for his service to our community and country, and we are very appreciative of Souhegan's gesture to honor Brandon, our fallen hero, on this special occasion."

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U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts

Amherst Town Library

Anna Boardman Concert to Feature Laszlo Gardony and John Lockwood

Pianist/composer Laszlo Gardony

AMHERST – The Anna Boardman Concert at the Amherst Town Library will be on Sunday, November 2, and will feature jazz pianist/composer Laszlo Gardony and bass player John Lockwood in an intimate and inspiring performance of both solos and interplay between instruments. The performance, the 20th in the series, will begin at 5:00 pm and be followed by refreshments. Laszlo Gardony is a renowned artist and winner of the Great American Jazz Piano Competition. He has released ten albums, appeared at major jazz festivals and jazz clubs, and performed with the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall in Boston and the Utah Symphony in Salt Lake City. He has been a professor at Berklee College of Music since the 1980's. John Lockwood, well-known in jazz circles, has been a member of the Boston group, The Fringe, for many years. He has toured the United States and Europe with various bands and has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Boston Pops, and MIT Symphony. He is an associate professor at Berklee College of Music. To learn more about Laszlo Gardony and John Lockwood and to hear clips of their music, visit www.lgjazz.com. Helen Rowe and Don Holden, former trustees, will be the guests of honor at the concert. Trustees will be available to showcase the recent library renovations and answer questions. The concert is free and open to the public but tickets, available at the library, are required due to limited seating.

Perfect day for a picnic on the Common.

Bill Graham to be Amherst Garden Club November Speaker

AMHERST – Bill Graham, a favorite speaker of Amherst Garden Club members, will be talking on "Balsam Bling: the Holiday Version of The Little Black Dress" at the November 6 daytime meeting of the Amherst Garden Club at the Messiah Lutheran Church. The program will feature floral designs com-

Members of Amherst Police Command Staff Participate in Leadership Development Training Courses

AMHERST - In September and October of this year, three members of the Amherst Police Department's command staff attended leadership development programs at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. The First Line Supervisor and Mid-Management Command Training programs are sponsored by the New England Association of Chiefs of Police, and are hosted by the Justice System Training & Research Institute at Roger Williams University. The programs are two weeks in duration, and provide sworn public safety professionals with contemporary, relevant concepts of management and leadership appropriate to the roles of first line supervisors and mid-level managers in modern criminal justice agencies. Sergeant Patrick Webster attended the First Line Supervisor course in September, while Lieutenant Anthony Ciampoli and Lieutenant Chad Blake attended the Mid-Management course in October. The graduates received intensive instruction in areas such as Organizational Culture and Change, Conflict Management, Situational and Crisis Leadership, Performance Appraisals, Leadership and Management Principles, and Ethical Decision-making. The Command Training Series at Roger Williams University is the preeminent training program for police supervisors in New England, and has traditionally been attended by all Department command staff for the last 14 years. However, several personnel transitions in the recent years created a backlog of supervisors yet to attend the training. As part of the Amherst Police Department's strategic plan one year ago, additional funding was sought and approved for fiscal year 2015 in order to maintain professional standards within the agency and provide this valuable training to our police leaders.

Amherst Police Sgt. Patrick Webster, Lt. Anthony Ciampoli and Lt. Chad Blake

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