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Merry Christmas/Happy Hanukkah

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Amherst Patriot Cheerleaders Bring Home State Titles



The Junior Pee Wee, Junior Midget and Pee Wee teams all earned bids to the regional competition held in Springfield MA at the Mass Mutual Center. All three teams performed their routines in front of a crowd of over 1,000 spectators and the Junior Pee Wee team took home the fourth place trophy. Congratulations to all of the 2014 cheerleaders!

November marked the end of another successful Amherst Patriots Cheerleading season. The girls began working hard in August to perfect the routines they performed at the NH Pop Warner Fun Competition and the NH Pop Warner State Competition. Amherst entered four teams in this year's competition. The Tiny Mites (K-2 grades) performed

flawlessly in the non-competitive division. The Junior Pee Wees (3-4th grades) and Junior Midgets (7-8th grades) took home state runner-up titles while the Pee Wee team (5-6th grade) placed first in their division. The Pee Wee team also earned the grand champion title.

SHS's Moskowitz and Hunt Are Top Runners in NH



Eli Moskowitz and Madeleine Hunt of Souhegan High School were honored at the NH Cross Country Banquet. New Hampshire Cross Country honors the top 10 runners in each division (no second team, no honorable mention). Madeleine was awarded All-State Honors for Division II. Eli received both All-State and Runner of the Year for New Hampshire, for having won every race he competed in the state this season, including victories at both the Division II Championships and the NH Meet of Champions! Also pictured are SHS Cross Country coaches Jeff Wilson (left) and Dave Salvas.

Amherst Town Library Programs

Art Security Expert Anthony Amore On International Art Crime

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library presents Anthony Amore, international art security expert and Director of Security at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, in the program, "Notorious Art Heists," on Tuesday, January 6th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Amore's presentation kicks off the January series for adults entitled, Boston History Comes Alive!

Protecting cultural property is a never-ending job for any art museum. But despite advanced security technologies, thieves are still able to slip past security and steal precious and highly valuable pieces. We are accustomed to hearing stories about bank and jewelry store robberies, but we are often shocked when an art museum is the target of a successful heist. What drives a thief to steal a piece of art-



Anthony Amore

work right off the museum wall, often in broad daylight? What really happens to the artwork after it is stolen?

Anthony Amore, Director of Security at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, and an art crime expert, will be speaking about notorious art crimes and thefts. Amore's program will include details about the world's most significant art crimes, including the unsolved Gardner museum heist in 1990, when two thieves—disguised as policemen—stole 13 pieces of artwork, valued at \$500 million. Amore has been leading the efforts to track down the missing artwork since joining the museum in 2005. Prior to his present position at the Gardner Museum, Amore was an Assistant

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Succeeding On Craigslist

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library welcomes business and technology professional Greg Page presenting, "Succeeding on Craigslist," on Wednesday, January 21st from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. as part of the Library's series for adults entitled, Tackling Technology...and Winning. From a simple, low-



Greg Page

tech e-mail distribution list created in San Francisco in 1995, Craigslist has grown to become a household name in more than 50 countries for people seeking jobs, information, and goods to buy or sell. During this interactive seminar, we will cover all the key points related

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Facebook Workshop: Going Beyond Getting Started

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library welcomes technology professional Kim Reddington presenting, "Facebook Workshop: Going Beyond Getting Started," on Wednesday, January 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. as part of the Library's series



Kim Reddington

for adults entitled, Tackling Technology...and Winning.

You may have a Facebook account, you probably have a few "friends" and maybe you've even posted a few things, but you still get confused when you are

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Did you know...?

The second in a series of articles about Amherst by the Ways & Means Committee

The Town of Amherst is one of the few remaining towns in New Hampshire with a population over 10,000 people that continues to provide fire protection with a traditional, primarily volunteer fire department. The Amherst Fire Department (AFD) motto is "Pride, Spirit and Tradition."

The Amherst Fire Department currently maintains two full-time employee positions (Chief and Deputy Chief) and one part-time employee position (Administrative Lieutenant). These AFD salaried staff work Monday through Friday providing immediate response during daytime hours, managing administrative responsibilities, and performing routine operational tasks. The remaining approximately 50 members are all "on-call" personnel who work other jobs and respond to emergencies when they are in town and are available. A team of senior officers and lieutenants assume rotating duty shifts at night and on weekends with at least one senior officer and one lieutenant available and in town (though not generally at the stations) at any given time to maintain leadership continuity 24/7 for all events.

Amherst on-call firefighters receive an hourly wage for responding to emergency calls, but they also spend thousands of hours each year attending training and departmental meetings, checking equipment, performing maintenance, preparing for major storms, and providing community services such as fire prevention education in the schools. Under a town initiative in 2014, our on-call firefighters now receive some compensation for their training hours, but the majority of their time remains essentially volunteer time.

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