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BRIEFS

HOPE FOR GUS

Fundraiser at The River Card Room, 185 Elm St., Milford, NH 03055, Sat. March 21st, 6:30 pm.

Re-scheduled Historical Society Program

George Washington Spied Here: Spies and Spying in the American Revolutionary War (1776-1783) Monday, March 16 at 7:30 pm Congregational Church of Amherst (Village Common)

Douglas Wheeler presents an inquiry into the life and death of America's first spy, the patriot-martyr, Nathan Hale, of Coventry, Connecticut. Wheeler takes audiences on a journey through the spy world of the Culper Spy Ring of New York, Long Island and Connecticut, the most secret of the American spy rings and the most successful in getting useful intelligence to General George Washington.

This program is made possible through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Election Day, Tuesday, March 10, Polls open 6 a.m.

Voting for Town of Amherst, Amherst School District and Souhegan Cooperative School District Officers and warrant articles at Souhegan High School. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Amherst Garden Club Seeks Applicants for Charitable Fund Giving

The Amherst Garden Club has established a Charitable Fund and has funds available to distribute to mission related causes in our community. The club has many fund raising activities throughout the year and our mission is to give back to our community through this fund. Recently, funds raised from The Memory Tree have been added to the fund. The mission of the club is to provide education, resources and networking opportunities for our members to promote the love of gardening, civic landscaping and environmental responsibility. We welcome applicants for projects that coincide with our values. More information as well as an applicant form is available on our website www.amherstgardenclub.org.

Not Your Grandmother's DAR - How to Use the DAR Website to Research Your Ancestors

The Captain Josiah Crosby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring this free genealogy presentation for the general public. Jackie Marshall, NH DAR State Registrar, will explain how to use the DAR public website to find information about your ancestors. A lot has changed at DAR over the last few years. This program will be held in the Johnson Meeting Room at the Amherst Town Library on Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm followed by a discussion period for women who are interested in joining DAR. Seating is limited, so please either call the library at 673-2288 or go online at www.amherstlibrary.org to sign up for this interesting program. For more information call Jackie Marshall at 673-8029.

AMHERST REPUBLICANS

MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, March 7, 8:00 AM

Joey's Diner, Route 101A, Amherst

We will be joined by Selectmen Tom Grella and Mike Akillian discussing the proposed town budget, and Dr. Jon Vore will provide a pipeline update and take questions. Please join us for an informative discussion. For more information please visit www.amherstrepublians.org

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Amherst Town Library 3D Printing Initiative

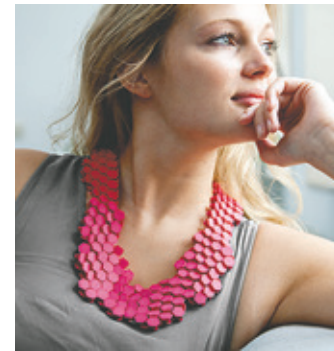
AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library is proud to announce that it has been awarded two competitive grants in order to bring 3D printing technology and training to the Amherst library, schools and community clubs and organizations.



Collage of 3D Systems examples

Thanks to generous funding by The Norwin S. and Elizabeth N. Bean Foundation, the Amherst Town Library will be offering hands-on training on this innovative technology.

In addition to regular classes at the library there will be a travelling printer with six laptop computers available to travel to local schools, after school clubs and local civic organizations that would like to learn more about 3D printing through hands-on experience. 3DSystems has donated two Cube2 printers to assist with the project. The Cube2 only prints plastic, but its low



3D Systems necklace

cost makes it ideal for iterative design. A 3D sketch can be drawn, printed, refined, and

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Rhodes Singers To Perform at Congregational Church

A concert of sacred and secular music from the Renaissance to today

AMHERST - On Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 PM, the Congregational Church of Amherst, United Church of Christ will welcome the Rhodes Singers, from Memphis, Tennessee, for a concert of sacred and secular music from the Renaissance to today. Led by Dr. William Skoog, the voices of these 50 young men and women of Rhodes College will fill the historic Meetinghouse with the magnificent sound of collegiate voices raised in song. The concert is free and open to the public.

Among the singers will be Jocelyn Labombarde, of Bedford, New Hampshire, a member of the Amherst Congregational Church, a 2013 graduate of Cushing Academy and a sophomore at Rhodes College.

Dr. William Skoog joined the Rhodes faculty in 2009 as Professor of Music, the Elizabeth Daughdrill Endowed

Chair of the Department of Music, and Director of Choral Studies. At Rhodes he conducts the Rhodes Singers, the Master Singers Chorale with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, and teaches conducting. He previously served as Director of Choral Activities at Bowling Green State University (OH), directing the

University Men's Chorus, University Choral Society and the Collegiate Chorale.

Rhodes College, founded in 1848, is one of the premier small private liberal arts colleges in the South. Located in Memphis Tennessee, it is renowned for its academic rigor, its honor code, and its stunning Collegiate English Gothic

architecture. It is consistently ranked among the most beautiful college campuses in the country.

Overnight housing is needed for the students on the night of March 11 - please call the church office at 673-3231 or Peter Labombarde at 714-2322 if you can help.



Rhodes Singers from Memphis will perform March 11 at the Congregational Church of Amherst

Tax Calculations

BY CLIFF ANN WALES

SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 2- Souhegan Cooperative Operating Budget \$18,161,347 (increase of \$37,845). \$17,992,364 is the default budget. Tax impact is \$0.07 for Amherst residents and a decrease of \$0.01 for Mont Vernon residents.

Article 3 - Souhegan Cooperative contract agreement with professional and support staff for first year - \$29,894. Second year, \$80,377. Tax impact: \$0.01 for Amherst, \$0.02 for Mont Vernon.

Article 4 - SHS track replacement - \$220,000 with \$110,000 to come from School Maintenance Trust Fund. Tax impact: \$0.06 for Amherst. \$0.07 for Mont Vernon

Article 5 - Maintenance Trust Fund - \$65,000 from undesignated fund balance. Tax impact \$0.03 for Amherst. Mont Vernon \$0.04 SCSD

Tax impact if all articles pass - Amherst \$0.17. Mont Vernon \$0.12.

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 12 - Amherst School District Operating Budget - \$25,016,262 (increase of \$306,454). Default budget is \$24,644,072. Tax impact is \$0.38.

Article 13 - To raise \$620,593 to fund the expansion of Kindergarten from a half day to a full day. Tax impact is \$0.39.

Article 14 - To include the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement with Amherst Support Staff Association for first year - \$40,660. Tax impact is \$0.03.

Article 16 - To raise \$50,000 from undesignated fund balance if available as of June 30, 2015, for educating students with disabilities. Tax impact is \$0.03.

If all articles pass the tax impact will be \$0.83.

TOWN OF AMHERST

Article 22 - Bridge Replacement Bond - \$3,324,108. This qualifies for 80% reimbursement from the State.

Article 23 - Town of Amherst operating budget: \$12,427,814 (increase of \$617,383). Default budget - \$12,064,726. The tax impact would be to raise the town tax to \$5.32.

Article 24 - Contingency Fund - \$100,000 to come from undesignated fund balance. No tax impact in FY16 because it was raised through taxation in FY15.

Article 25 - Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. \$25,000 Tax impact \$0.02

Article 26 - Communication Center Capital Reserve Fund \$15,000 Tax impact \$0.01

Article 27 - Fire Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund - To establish a fund with \$55,000 for renovating the fire station. Funds to come from Land Use Change Tax Fund. No tax impact.

Article 28 - Fire Truck Refurbish Capital Reserve Fund. \$150,000 Tax impact: \$0.10

Article 29 - Sidewalk Construction Project. To raise \$328,000 to construct residential sidewalks. Tax impact \$0.21

Article 31 - Mosquito surveillance and control program \$36,000 Tax impact: \$0.02.

If all articles and operating budget pass that the board of Selectmen support the tax impact is \$0.26. If the sidewalk project passes the tax impact would be another \$0.21 for a total of \$0.47. An increase of \$155 on a \$330,000 property.

Town operating budget and articles = \$0.26 without sidewalk project. Sidewalks add another \$0.21.

Amherst School District operating budget and articles = \$0.83. Souhegan School District operating budget & articles = \$0.17 Amherst.

The tax rate will increase \$1.26 if everything supported by the Board of Selectmen and the Amherst and Souhegan School Boards on town and school ballots pass.

For the typical \$330,000 home in Amherst the tax bill would rise by \$415.80. If the sidewalk project passes (\$0.21 tax impact) without support from the BOS or the Ways and Means the total goes up to \$485.10

All numbers and calculations are reported in the voter guides distributed by the selectmen and school boards.

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