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## BRIEFS

### Amherst Republicans Monthly Meeting

**Saturday, May 2, 8:00 AM**  
**Joey's Diner, Route 101A, Amherst**  
 Our guest speaker will be NHGOP Finance Chairman Dan Innis. Please join us for an informative discussion. For more information please visit [www.amherstrepublishers.org](http://www.amherstrepublishers.org)

### Democratic Presidential Candidate Visiting Milford

Amherst and Milford Democrats invite you to a potluck supper with guest speaker Lincoln Chafee, former governor of Rhode Island.  
 Governor Chafee is interested in hearing what grassroots Democrats hold as their most important values and concerns. His talk, followed by a Q&A session, will be held during the next potluck supper sponsored by the Amherst and Milford NH Democrats. For more information, visit <http://www.amherstnhdemocrats.org/>  
**TIME/DATE DETAILS:**  
 Wednesday, May 6 with Social Event: 6:00 - 6:30pm, Supper: 6:30 - 7:00pm followed by Talk & Discussion: 7:00pm - 8:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Milford, 20 Elm St, Milford

### Amherst Village Strategic Plan Input Session

Five Amherst Village Strategic Planning Committee working groups have been exploring potential strategic initiatives in:

- 1.) traffic & safety,
- 2.) community development,
- 3.) historic preservation,
- 4.) lighting & utilities, and
- 5.) recreation, attractions & events.

Come learn about, and offer your input on, these strategic alternatives for the Village (some can also be applied elsewhere in Amherst). Attend either of two public input sessions at the Clark School Multipurpose Room at 7pm on Tuesday, May 19th, or Thursday, May 21st 2015. The same presentation will be given on both days.

This is a strategic initiative of the Amherst Board of Selectmen ([www.amherstnh.gov/villageplan](http://www.amherstnh.gov/villageplan)). Project leader: Mike Akillian ([makillian@amherstnh.gov](mailto:makillian@amherstnh.gov)).

### Spring Concert at Souhegan

The SHS Music Department will present its annual Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 pm in the SHS Theatre. The concert will feature Concert Choir, Acappella, Handbells and Concert Band. Souhegan HS welcomes the community to this free event.

### 26th Annual CROP Walk for Hunger Scheduled for May 3

The annual Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, May 3. Each year hundreds of area residents rally to walk and to sponsor walkers to raise funds which go to world hunger relief and development assistance as well as to local hunger relief agencies.

The walk has two routes, 6.2 miles and 1.8 miles, and is for all ages. Strollers, wheelchairs and dogs are welcome. Both routes begin at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Milford.

Walkers can register online at the CROP Hunger Walk national website (click on New Hampshire and then Souhegan Valley). For more information on the local walk, contact Gene Heighton by email at [cptgene@comcast.net](mailto:cptgene@comcast.net) or call 673-6044.

### Are You a Vietnam Veteran?

Marie Grella is seeking the names of Amherst residents who served in the Vietnam War. Also residents who served in the Vietnam War but have moved away.

They can contact Marie at [mfg@aol.com](mailto:mfg@aol.com) or Marie Grella PO Box 86 Amherst NH 03031

## Leprechaun Leap 5k Pot O' Gold Trophy

AMHERST - Last week Team Earley presented Souhegan High School Athletic Director Dick Miller with the 2015 Leprechaun Leap 5k Pot O' Gold Trophy as they were the winners of the Inaugural Leprechaun Leap High Challenge. Local High School Teams of 5 or more runners were invited to register at a discounted team rate, and the top five runners of their team to cross the finish line scored and competed to win bragging rights to the Chocolate coin-filled trophy for one year. Next year they will need to compete again against the local competition to maintain their title, and at the same promoting sunsafe habits and Melanoma awareness.



David Salvas, Shannon Earley, Emily Ehrenstein, Kyle Manlogin, Greg Earley, Dick Miller, Ben Platt, Eli Moskowitz, Garrett Earley, Kathy Earley.

### Reminder

## Amherst Garden Club Annual Plant Sale May 9



Always a favorite, the Children's Potting Table where kids can pot something special for Mother's Day.

AMHERST - The slow snow melt, cool temperatures, and a 'sluggish' spring haven't stopped The Amherst Garden Club from digging and potting local perennials in preparation for their Annual Plant

Sale. Mark your calendars for May 9th the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. The sale runs from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on the field in front of Wilkins Elementary School at 80 Boston Post Road. **More on page 11.**

## Wildflower Meadows in the Home Landscape

AMHERST - UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialist, Amy Papineau will speak on planning and planting native wildflower meadows to support local pollinators at the May 7 morning meeting of the Amherst Garden Club at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Amherst.

Pollinators, including honey-bees and native bees, are essential to the success of our agriculture crops and

are vital to the maintenance of biodiversity in our natural ecosystems. Sadly, pollinator populations are in decline at the present time.

The meeting is at 9:00 am with a brief social time and business meeting. The program begins at 10:15 am.

At the evening meeting of the club on May 14 at 7:00 pm at Parkhurst Place, Anita Stevens of Bedford Fields will speak on "Gardening Made Easier."

## It's Time to Start Designing Your July 4th Float

AMHERST - A sweltering summer day was forecast. This was our first year entering a float in Amherst's 4th of July parade and we had not planned on it being so hot. How would people hold up in the heat wearing hip waders or dressed as the Statue of Liberty or wearing a cow costume? In the end, we survived the heat. I think the 'cows' even lost a little weight. We had a wonderful time and this started a family tradition of participating in the parade that lasted for years.

The building, painting, decorating, costuming, and ultimately marching together in the parade will forever be part of our family and friends' bit of Americana memories. Being part of a small-town Independence Day parade can truly make you part of that perfectly stereotypical American celebration. You are part of making our neighbors' and friends' July 4th memorable. It's really great to hear the laughter and "thank yous" from people

lining the parade route and seeing all of those cute red-white-and-blue kids waving happy hello's.

This year's theme, "New Hampshire Firsts", celebrates the many 'firsts' of our state. Whether it is the first state to declare its independence from England or home to the first American in space, there is much to honor. Or perhaps you'd want to have some fun and observe that New Hampshire was home to the first snowmobile or the first potato planted in America.

This theme offers families, neighborhoods, and friends a great opportunity to create your own 'first'. How about making this the first year you enter a float and start your own tradition of making a memorable day for your community?

Need some help? I will be happy to help you get started or answer any questions you have on the process. You can contact me, Jim Janson, at [jjanson@gmail.com](mailto:jjanson@gmail.com).



Walkers shown ready to start the 2014 Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Walk.

## CROP Walkers Step Off Sunday, May 3

MILFORD - May is almost here, and that means another Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk.

The date is Sunday, May 3. This will be the 26th year for the annual event. Why do people walk? One reason is that there are hunger challenges, both in this country and around the world. There are about 1300 CROP walks each year, and the funds raised in these walks are split between hunger relief and development efforts locally and abroad.

Last year's local CROP Walk raised over \$35,000, with 272 walkers participating. The local portion of the money raised went to SHARE Outreach in Milford and the Wilton Food Pantry.

This year's walk is open to walkers of all ages. Strollers, wheelchairs and dogs

are welcome. There will be two walking routes to choose from. One is about 6.2 miles, and the shorter loop is 1.8 miles. Sign-in for the walk will begin at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 34 Amherst Street, in Milford. There will be brief opening ceremonies, and walkers will step off about 2:00, rain or shine.

On the Wednesday following the walk, May 6, there will be a free celebration and awards pizza party where individuals and families will be recognized for their participation.

Registration and pledge forms are available from many local churches or online at the CROP Walk website: [www.crophungerwalk.org/milfordnh](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/milfordnh). Questions about the local walk can be directed to Eugene Heighton at [cptgene@comcast.net](mailto:cptgene@comcast.net) or 345-6044.



Joey Grassetto provides relief support in Sabers win.

## Souhegan Baseball Defeats Hollis / Brookline, 17-6

On a cold and blustery day, the Souhegan Sabers (3-1) bats came alive against Hollis / Brookline (2-2). The Sabers combined 13 hits, eleven base on balls and a batter to score seventeen runs. The Sabers had three multiple hitters ... Owen Batchelder (3), Thomas Bennett (two hits) and Bryce Reagan (2).

Souhegan opened the scoring with three runs in the first led by singles from Thomas Bennett, Owen Batchelder (rbi) and Max Benevides.

A nine run third inning was highlighted by Souhe-

gan running a chain of nine consecutive successful batters.

Four more runs scored in the fourth. Owen Batchelder pitched 2 and 2/3innings before Joey Grassetto came in and pitched 2 and 1/3 innings. Joey allowed no runs, struck out three, walked one and gave up two hits.

Souhegan's defense was led by catcher Caelan Behn, rightfielder Max Benevides and thirdbaseman Bryce Reagan.

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