#### **Nashaway Chapter of the NH Audubon Society**

**Upcoming Events** 

The Demise of the Ash Tree?

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7pm, the Nashaway Chapter of NH Audubon welcomes insect pest specialists Molly Heuss, from NH Division of Forests and Lands, and Jon Nute, from UNH Cooperative Extension Service. They will discuss the Emerald Ash Borer, the most destructive forest pest in North America, which could be responsible in the future for the elimination of ash trees from New Hampshire forests. Nashaway Chapter's Ralph Andrews will offer a local birder's perspective on the Ash Borer's impact on birdlife. This program takes place in the downstairs theater room of the Nashua Public Library and is free. Registration is not necessary. For more information, contact Richard Maloon 424-5621 or rich-

#### **Local Spring Bird-Watching Walks**

The Nashaway Chapter of NH Audubon will hold a series of early morning field trips around the Greater Nashua region in early May. Join us as stroll and hike through some excellent bird habitats that typically attract migrating birds, many of which are just stopping over as they continue northward to their breeding grounds. Each walk begins at the locations and times listed below. Contact Richard Bielawski at 429-2537 or rbielawski@mac.com for more information or directions.

On Saturday May 16, 2015, consider participating in ASNH's annual fundraising event, NH Audubon Birdathon/Bloomathon. For details, go to www.nhaudubon.org/ events-and-news/annual-birdathon-bloomathon-fundraiser/

#### **Ponemah Bog Walk**

On Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 AM Bog Walk at Audubon's Ponemah Bog on Rhodora Drive off Stearns Road in Amherst. The walk will be on a path and the boardwalk, presented by Jack Gleason, Audubon Steward for Ponemah. The subject will be bog formation and the identification and adaptation of the plants in this unique ecosystem. The prolific native rhododendron, Rhodora, should be in bloom as well

#### **Boy Scout Troop 22's Annual Yard Sale**

Boy Scout Troop 22's annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 7:30 am until 1:30 pm at the Meeting Place Plaza, 199 Route 101 in Amherst. Donated items will be accepted at the Meeting Place Plaza on Friday, May 29 from 3 pm to 8 pm. The proceeds from this annual fund raiser are used to purchase the equipment and supplies needed to sponsor activities for the boys to advance through the scouting ranks. Email yardsale@amhersttroop22.org to schedule an early pickup of your donated items.

#### **Open to All Southern New Hampshire Women**

The Amherst Area Newcomers Club has been an active social organization in

The club is open to all women in the Souhegan Valley, regardless of how long she has lived in the area. We hold monthly general events on a wide variety of topics along with smaller special interest groups which cater to socializing with others of similar interests. The club is a great way to meet new people, get to know the area if you're new, or cultivate a new passion. We currently host interest groups for crafts, knitting, bunco, walking, charity, lunch, poker, healthy eating and golf. For information and a calendar of events visit: NHNewcomers.com

#### **Amherst Junior Women's Club Seeks Volunteers**

The Amherst Junior Women's Club is an organization of energized, dedicated Amherst-area women who volunteer their time, energy and talent to the community. Our mission is focusing our efforts on civic needs, educational advancement and those less fortunate. Our goals are achieved with the assistance and generosity of businesses, organizations and individuals and fundraisers.

We are in need of women with motivation and dedication to join us in growing our mission even further within our surrounding communities. If you have that energy and would like to "burn it off", we would love to have you join us to accomplish these goals. The advantage is the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends at the same time.

This is a great opportunity especially for, but not limited to, those with children in the school system. The AJWC sponsors several of the elementary and middle

If you are interested in joining or just learning more about Amherst Junior Women's Club, visit: www.ajwcnh.org or look for our Facebook page at www.facebook. com/AmherstJuniors. Also, please feel free to contact the membership chair Susanne Lynch at ajwcmembership@gmail.com. Thank you!

## Amherst Lions Club 2015 Amherst Citizen of the Year

Nomination Form

The Amherst Lions Club invites nominations for the 40<sup>th</sup> Amherst Citizen of the Year. The award will be presented at the Fourth of July celebration on the Common following the parade. All citizens of Amherst are invited to submit nominations for the individual(s) who best manifest good citizenship through volunteerism, participation, concern and actions to help make Amherst the great community that it is today.

Past Citizen of the Year honorees include: 1975 Roy E. Maston; 1976 Elizabeth Arnold; 1977 Barbara H. Landry; 1978 Robert Crouter; 1979 Dorothy Davis; 1980 Richard Crocker; 1981 Ann and Peter Bergin; 1982 Louise Ainsworth Marley; 1983 Marshall D. Strickland; 1984 Marion and Harding Sortevik; 1985 F. Tenney Clough; 1986 Louis Heaton; 1987 Elliot and Jean Lyon; 1988 Arnie Wight; 1989 Thomas Grella; 1990 Jean Pituck; 1991 Peg Jones; 1992 Jean Butler; 1993 Ann C. Bergin; 1994 Elizabeth (Pixie) Lown; 1995 Buck Buchanan; 1996 Dave Hanlon; 1997 Doug Kirkwood; 1998 Janet Woodbury; 1999 Bonnie and Harold Struss; 2000 Bob Schaumann; 2001 Helen Burns; 2002 Donald Young; 2003 Marie Grella; 2004 Charlie Duval; 2005 Bruce Beckley; 2006 Lee Slocum; 2007 Bill Wichman; 2008 Nancy Johnson Head; 2009 Vern and Christina Trudo; 2010 Carolyn Quinn; 2011 Charlie Vars; 2012 May Balsama; 2013 Tom Partridge; 2014 Marti Warren.

# Nomination for Amherst Citizen of the Year – 2015

| Nominee:                                 |                    |  |
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# Bulletin Board Town News

**Historic Amherst** 

# Overview of the Town's Industries in 1895

Did prospects justify Milford-Manchester railroad with two new Amherst stations?

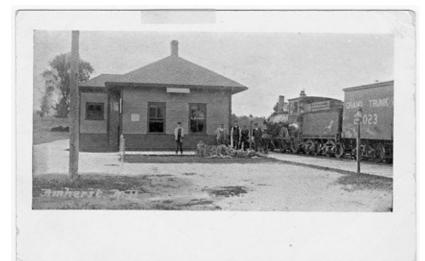
BY KATRINA HOLMAN

Amherst's first train station opened at Danforth's Corner in 1848, making it quick and easy for residents to get to Boston and Lowell via Nashua; and for farmers to transport goods to market. And making it convenient for summer boarders from Massachusetts urban areas to rusticate in an Amherst farmhouse, in the pretty Village, or at Baboosic Lake where the hotel opened in 1873. Of course, to get to or from the station, one had to take the stagecoach to/from Amherst Village (including the one preserved in the Wigwam historical museum), or use a private or hired horse-drawn carriage or wagon. That station, which was renamed Ponemah in 1900, was in the far south part of town, south of Souhegan River, near today's intersection of Routes 101A

& 122. In some cases, a station at Milford was preferable for Amherst folks, giving them access to both this line as well as a different route into Massachusetts. But that wasn't enough for Amherst's businessmen. They were sure that a station closer to the Village, with a northerly connection, would boost the town's declining economy. In 1895, 48 men thirteen of them from Amherst - petitioned the N.H. Legislature to charter their "Manchester and Milford Railroad Company" for a track about 16 miles long. Although the Legislature promptly shot them down, the petitioners also had their say before the Court. In vetting the claims of the petitioners, the court-appointed "referees" provide an interesting snapshot of local industry - or lack thereof. Let's examine just the aspects that pertain directly to Amherst.

At this time, "Amherst Village [was] from two and one half to three miles from the station called Amherst (formerly Danforth's Corner) and about the same from the station at Milford, on the Wilton Railroad, and the station at Milford, the present terminus of the Fitchburg Railroad, and thirteen miles from the station at Manchester."

The "petitioners claimed that the construction of the proposed railroad [line between Manchester and Milford] would largely in-



Amherst train station on Depot Road, now Thornton Ferry Road One, just east of intersection with Courthouse Road, on Boston & Maine Railroad's Manchester & Milford line, 1900-1925. The next stop on this line was Baboosic Lake. (Postcard printed by Crusers-Gardner Cal. Co., Montrose, Pa.)

> crease the value of the wood, lumber, farm products, and real estate of the towns of Bedford and Amherst; would revive the large brick industries formerly located within their limits; induce the opening and operation of their many granite quarries; restore to Amherst its former thrift and importance, bringing a large number of summer boarders to the village and to the shores of the neighboring Baboosic pond; cause the building and operation of large ice plants at that pond; [and] give their citizens and the citizens of Manchester, Milford, and towns in the southwestern portion of the state increased and needed railroad facilities."

The referees responded:

"Amherst contains 1000 inhabitants, and is a thriving farming community. It has no unusual natural resources, and no manufacturing except a saw and grist-mill, such as are ordinarily found in a small country town. [Whereas] Milford has fair water power and, for a town of its size, considerable manufacturing."

Lumber

The area of Amherst is about 22,000 acres; the sawable lumber in Amherst was estimated by one witness for petitioners at one hundred million feet, and by witnesses for Boston & Maine Railroad [the opposition] at

from ten to fifty million feet. [The referees found] that the last estimate of fifty million feet [was] nearer correct; [and] further that the best markets for Amherst lumber [at that time were] Manchester, Reed's Ferry, Nashua, and Lowell, and that the proposed railroad would not increase its value for the three last named but might slightly increase the value of a part of it for the Manchester market, and would tend to increase its value for any markets which may be found on the line of the Fitchburg Railroad, but not largely."

**Granite Ouarries** 

"In the towns of Amherst and Bedford there are quarries of granite of considerable but undefined extent. several of which have been opened and worked, but not

successfully, as while it appeared that a very small proportion of the granite taken from some of them is of such exceptionally fine texture as to create a demand for it for the best grade of monumental work, the formation of the quarries is such, the strata of such superior quality being thin and interspersed with conglomerate and white seams, that a sufficient quantity of this superior quality could not be obtained to make their working profitable, and it is not probable that the proposed railroad would make it so, nor is it likely that the granite of inferior quality in these quarries fit for street work, cellars, and underpinning can, under any circumstances, be profitably worked, except for local demand, coming in competition, as it would with the like quality from the quarries of Concord and Manchester.'

Right around the time of this report, there was a quarry being worked in Amherst. On 16 April 1896, the Farmers' Cabinet reported: "At the Davis and Belden quarry, they are employing six men. We hope that experiment will be a success." On 6 July 1899: "At the Belden ledge large pieces of granite are being gotten out. One that weighed 11 tons was recently carried away and now they have one

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### AMHERST RECREATION <u>DEPARTMENT</u>

4 Cross Rd, Amherst, NH 03031 603 673-6248 **Peabody Mill Environmental Center** 66 Brook Road 603 673-1141 www.amherstrec.org

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# **NEW Programming**

**NEW Story times at Baboosic** 

Miss Sue from the Amherst Town Library will be returning again this summer to read some AMAZING books on Thursdays at 12noon (weather permitting). Fun for all

Dates: June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Aug 6

**NEW High School Summer** Soccer

Boys entering 9th grade through graduating 12th graders are invited to join this summer soccer league and play 10 season games with teams from both NH and Vermont. Summer Fee: \$68

# **NEW Summer All Star Baseball**

If you are a baseball age 9 or 10 and want to play summer baseball, think about trying out for our summer All Star team! Amherst Recreation will have its own All Star team this summer. We are planning on taking the best 12 players to form a

Tryout date: Sunday, May 17, 2-4pm @ Bean Field 4 Pre-registration is required

# **NEW Summer Concert Series**

Grab your family and head on down to the village green for some family fun this summer! Our FREE summer concert series will be taking place on Tuesdays evenings.

7/7 6:30-8:00pm Studio 2: A **Beatles Tribute Band** 7/14 6:30-8:00pm Robert Allwarden and Friends 7/21 6:30-8:00pm Amherst Town Band

7/28 6:30-8:00pm The Bel Aires:

**NEW England's Award Winning Doo** Wop Vocal Quintet 8/4 6:00-7:00pm UNH's Little **Red Wagon Performing Company:** Puppet Show "What's the com-

# **Amherst Recreation Programs and Events**

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School Event

8/11 6:30-8:00pm FolkSoul Band 8/18 6:30-8:00pm **Town Band** 8/25 Time TBA Our Back to

All programs are free of charge Our rain location is Wilkins Elementary, 80 Boston Post Road

# **NEW Sessions of Karate**

Who: Ages 4 and up (adult too!) What: Beg./int. Karate lessons Where: Amherst Karate Studio Fee: \$59 Please visit www. amherstrec.org for Schedule Options

# **Baboosic Lake Happenings**

Beach Yoga

Start your weekend off with a relaxing and rejuvenating yoga class on the sand with a beautiful view of Baboosic Lake.

Please view our website for schedule and pricing option.

#### Baboosic Lake Swim Team **Join the Baboosic Lakers!**

vide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills in order to achieve success at his or her level of ability, make NEW friends and have a great deal of fun!

The goal of our team is to pro-

Who: Ages 4-19 When: 6/22-8/14 M-F from 9-10am Where: Baboosic Lake Town Beach Fee: \$45R; \$70NR

#### Swim Lessons at Baboosic Lake

Take advantage of our American Red Cross swim lessons. All instructors are ARC Water Safety certified. Swim lessons are scheduled for a 30 minute time period between 10am-2:00PM, Monday -Thursday at Baboosic Lake.

Please visit www.amherstrec.org for schedule options

# **Summer Camps**

Start thinking summertime in Amherst! This year we will be offering two full day summer camps. Each week at camp will be centered around a theme. Both camps will take part in weekly field trips, all on Wednesdays

2015 Field Trips include: Canobie Lake Park, Roll On America,



Women enrolled in Rec Dept. C25K Program (Couch to 5K-a walk to run program). They train a couple of mornings a week and eventually run a 5K race with coach Amy Hull. Next session begins in June.

Sky Zone, Circus Smirkus, Seacoast Science Center, Hampton Beach SP, and Water Country! **Baboosic Lake Summer Camp** 

Who: Entering grade 1-7 Where: Baboosic Lake When: 6/22-8/14 Fee: \$135R; \$175NR per week \$870R; \$1190NR Full Summer

# **Baboosic Lake CIT Program**

Volunteer Counselors in Training will work with our camp counselors to provide a fun camp environment for all children. A ticket to that week's field trip is included.

Who: Entering grades 9 and 10 Where: Baboosic Lake When: 6/22-8/14 Fee: \$35R; \$45NR

#### **Outdoor Discovery Summer** Camp (grades 1-5)

Who: Entering 1-5 Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC) When: 6/22-8/7

Fee: \$145R; \$185NR \$825R; \$1105NR Full Sum-

**Outdoor Discovery Summer** Camp (grades 6-8) Includes all field trips! Who: Entering 6-8
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental

Center (PMEC) When: 6/22-8/7 Fee: \$179R; \$219NR

\$1063R; \$1343NR Full Summer Rate **Outdoor Discovery Mini Camp** 

Who: Ages 4&5 Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC) When: 6/22-7/31 Fee: \$105R; \$120NR \$460R; \$550NR

**Cheer Camp** Who: Grades 1-8 Where: Bean Fields When: 6/22-6/25

Fee: \$100R; \$120NR **Challenger British MultiSport** Camp

Sports covered may include tag rugby, cricket, soccer, rounders. kickball, netball and handball.

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No later than June 19, 2015